

January 5, 2020

# St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

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### Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM  
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM  
Sunday **Mass:** 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM  
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

**Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.  
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.  
Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.

# JANUARY 5, 2020

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



**AT HOME WITH GOD** Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. In Christ the Christian has disposed of a thousand enemies that other people must face alone and unprepared. A Christian can face their tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday they turned their feet into the ways of peace and today they live for God. The person who has made God their dwelling place will always have a safe habitation. (A.W. Tozer)



### **FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE**

"When you go into God's Kingdom, you go through the door of forgiveness," says author Dwight Moody. Are you unable to grow spiritually because you hold bitterness in your heart? Are you harboring any hard feelings toward another? Give yourself a gift during this year of 2020 and release your ill feelings into the hands of a loving God. Allow God to turn your heart of stone into a heart of flesh.

**BULLETIN REFLECTION** The Three Wise Men in today's Gospel reading are perfect examples of stewards. They traveled from afar to pay homage to the Christ Child. They brought their gifts to Him as a way to show their homage. We, too, have been given gifts that we can present before the Lord and use for the betterment of others.

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

#### ***Lord, Every Nation on Earth will Adore You***

Look! Look up, O Jerusalem! The Lord is coming, running to walk in your light.

We are the sparkling and dull, the border agents and the undocumented, the kings and the hobos.

Lord, please shine your light upon us all. Let your star chase away our darkness and fill us with your radiant love.

Make us into epiphanies overflowing with care for each other.

*Anne M Osdieck, Used with permission.*

Do we know how to dream, to long for God...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.



*Epiphany homily, January 6, 2018*

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

- Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God?
- From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?

**PRAYER** Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace and love within myself and others.

*Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas*

*Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** We give thanks to all who added to the beauty of this Christmas season especially those who decorated the church; our liturgical ministers, Mass Coordinators, greeters and musicians whose gift of service brought beauty to our services. We give you thanks!

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP... PILLAR OF SERVICE**

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we have been given the gift of the Faith to go out and spread the Good News. We are in church today because of someone who spread the Word to us. Let us be at God's service and spread the Word to someone else this week.



**ELEMENTARY Wednesday 6:45 to 8PM**  
**January 8 – Class/Meal**  
**HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM**  
**January 12 - Class**



**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**December 29, 2019**

**Sunday Collection \$1,999.00**  
**Christmas Collection 2642.00**  
**Votive Candles 109.00**  
 "Thank you for your generosity!"



**January 4, 6:00 PM – Peace Throughout the World**  
**January 5, 12:00 Noon – Emily Mathes**  
**January 11 6:00 PM – Roy Bohman**  
**January 12, 6:00 PM – Pat Schuman**



**Saturday, January 11, 6:00 PM**  
**Coordinator:** Sharon Voegeli  
**Lector:** Andy Miller  
**Greeters:** Bob & Sharon Voegeli  
**Servers:** Ben Miller/Mark Miller  
**Wine:** Stephanie Green/Ron Miller  
**Sunday, January 12, 12:00 Noon**  
**Coordinator:** Jeff Greiwe  
**Lector:** Jane O'Gracy  
**Greeters:** Robyn & Jeff Greiwe  
**Servers:** Peyton Owens/Aaron Greiwe  
**Wine:** John Kappes/Jessica Gorman

**WORDS OF THANKS** "It is only with gratitude that one's life becomes rich." Thank you for your generous parish Christmas gift and all other gifts this Christmas. I am indeed grateful and with your prayers will continue to serve you. (Sr. Shirley)

Both Fr. John and Fr. Bill wish to thank you for your generous gifts. Fr. John writes, "It is a blessing to be able to serve the parishes at my age."

And the following thank you from the Pregnancy Care Center: "Thank you so much for your Christmas gifts for our clients. They will certainly bless clients. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!"

**OFFICE** Sister Shirley will be out of the office on Wednesday, January 8 attending a Parish Life Coordinator meeting in Indianapolis.



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**January 18, 7:00 PM**  
**Free Will Donation**

**The Lighter Side**

- o Who is never hungry at Christmas? The turkey. He's always stuffed!
- o Four year old to her two year old sister: Let's play Christmas. I'll be Santa Claus, you can be a present, and I'll give you away."
- o I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me, "Nothing would make me happier than a diamond necklace." So I bought her nothing.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Susan Huff	Pat Grieshop	Molly Ronaldson
Natalie Brown	Amy Castner	Todd Castner	Brooke Teer	Dennis Sanders	Madeline Ronaldson
Mike Raney	John Newhart	Gary Payne	Jennifer Hayness	Marsha Meister	Gerald Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Mary Bruns	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
Kelly Spiller	Tammy Meister	Henry Peters	Eileen Ogden	Stanley Greene	Ron Hensley

# January 5, 2020 Local News & Events

**WELCOME  
2020**



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## **OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER**

### ***Praying Your Dreams: Finding the God***

***Within.*** Saturday, January 11, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Dreams are messages from God. We will look at the individuation process through our dream experiences. Come for a retreat with your inner guide! Email: [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com) or 812-933-6437. [Oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://Oldenburgfranciscancenter.org) for more information.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Wednesdays, 3:00 to 4:30PM – A Olga Wittekind. OSF. Guided by modern contemplatives like Merton, Keating and Rohr, we practice contemplative prayer, share God's movement in our lives and reflect on our experiences through the process.

**VIGIL FOR LIFE** – January 21, 7 to 9PM, [beichhorn@archindy.org](mailto:beichhorn@archindy.org). - St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 126 W Georgia St, Indianapolis. Come pray for a greater Respect for Life with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and worship.

**INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE** - Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 12:00 PM. March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building. ***Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children*** – 10:30 AM, Mass/Memorial Service with Archbishop Thompson & Bishop Doherty, St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, W Georgia St. Memorial Service at the Indiana Convention Center. Contact: Brie Ann Varick, 317-236-1543 or [beichhorn@archindy.org](mailto:beichhorn@archindy.org).

**2020 POLAR PLUNGE TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS, INDIANA.** February 15, 2020 Versailles State Park. Southeastern Indiana will be Feezin' for a Reason again this winter! Mark your calendar today and visit [PolarPlungeIN.org](http://PolarPlungeIN.org) to learn more or register.

**OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE:** Marriage Preparation Retreats offered in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis: [archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana](http://archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana) or Abby Lasher 317-592-4011 or Keri Carroll 317-236-1521

### **Pre-Cana Retreat Dates for 2020**

- **February 1, 2020 - St. Malachy, Brownsburg**
- **March 7, 2020 - Nativity, Indianapolis**
- **May 30, 2020 - Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, Bloomington**
- **June 20, 2020 - St. Simon the Apostle, Indianapolis**
- **August 8, 2020 - St. Mark, Indianapolis**
- **September 12, 2020 - St. Agnes, Nashville**
- **November 21, 2020 - Ss. Francis & Clare of Assisi, Greenwood**

