

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**MON: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
(ADVENT ONLY - Dec. 4, 11 & 18)

**TUE: 6:00 PM** at St. Maurice

**WED: 8:00 AM** at St. John

**THUR: 6:00 PM** at IC

**FRI: 8:00 AM** at St. John

**SAT: 8:00 AM** at St. John

(Holy Hour One Hour Prior  
to All Masses Listed Above.)

### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

**4:00 PM** at St. Maurice

**5:00 PM** at St. John

### **SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

**7:30 AM** at St. John

**9:00 AM** at IC

**10:00 AM** at St. Maurice

## **ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice

12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC

3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

## **ROSARY**

Mondays 10:30 AM  
at Immaculate Conception

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

**ST. JOHN:** Friday 3:00-4:00 PM

Saturday 4:45 PM

**IC:** Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM

After Sunday Mass

**ST. MAURICE:** 15 minutes before  
weekend Masses

## **Note from Sister Shirley for the Sisters and Community of the Sisters of St Francis.**

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany and the Three Kings bringing their gifts to Jesus, I couldn't help but reflect upon your gifts to our Sisters and community - gifts we also treasure! This year I had the fun of unwrapping them.

On behalf of all our Sisters, I thank you!! We are so very grateful for your generous giving and do not take your kindness for granted. As we pray for our donors, we pray for you!

**Lent Begins February 14, 2024  
with Mass at 8:00 AM**

+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.

+ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



## January 28, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A sign of genuine authority is seen  
in the integrity of one's life.*

What or who can free us from being “anxious about the things of the world”? Jesus, at whose command “even the unclean spirits” obey. The people in the time of Moses begged for such a prophet. That promise is fulfilled definitively in Jesus Christ, whose authority astonishes the assembled crowd. “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts,” adhere “to the Lord without distraction.” “To him you shall listen,” because obeying the authority of Christ makes us more fully human and fills us with a burning desire for things truly great.

*Magnificat*

# Teaching with Authority

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: “The one with authority.” But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, “Who died and left you boss?” comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16). †

## A Word From Pope Francis

It is easy to be at peace with those we love and with those who do good towards us, but it is not easy to be at peace with those who have wronged us.... Let us ask the Lord, in silence, for the grace to give everyone, good and bad, the gift



of peace.

*“REGINA COELI” PRISON, ROME, MARCH 29, 2018*

## Sunday Readings

### **Deuteronomy 18:15–20**

If a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

### **1 Corinthians 7:32–35**

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

### **Mark 1:21–28**

Jesus...said, “Quiet! Come out of him!”...He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

## Reflection Questions:

- What is your attitude toward authority in the Church, in civil society?
- Do you exercise authority with patience and compassion?



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

*“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.”- 1 Corinthians 7:32*

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. Then spend your time praying instead of worrying.

***“Jesus is more powerful than evil, trust in Him and turn to Him always.”***



## February 4, 2024 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*To complain to God can be a profound prayer,  
For it admits our human inability to fix everything.*

Job asks, “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” We, too, often wonder if we will “see happiness again.” Jesus responds, “Let us go to the nearby villages.” The presence of Jesus is the antidote for our “months of misery.” When “the night drags on” and we are filled with restlessness, Jesus Christ allows us to arise with hope. The gracious God “rebuilds Jerusalem”—and our lives. To the weak he became weak to win over the weak. As Christ preaches, “he calls each by name.”

# Grin and Bear It

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today’s reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So, what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, laments. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God’s care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God’s hands and, therefore, safe. †

## A Word from Pope Francis



I turn a grateful thought to all those who, in their life and work, are close to the sick every day....And I pray in a special way for all the sick, in every

corner of the world, especially for those who are most alone and have no access to healthcare services.

*WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, FEBRUARY 11, 2022*

## Mark 1:29–39

[Jesus] told them, “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come.”



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God’s Gifts To Us*

***“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...”***

***He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38***

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer.

It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

***Merciful God, encourage those who are facing a long illness, strengthen those who care for the sick, and comfort those who must witness a loved one’s suffering. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

The Redemptorists

## Reflection Questions:

- Has hardship ever tested your faith?
- How has your faith helped you in difficult times?

## Sunday Readings

**Job 7:1–4, 6–7**

Is not life on earth a drudgery, its days like those of a hireling?

**1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23**

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me.



## Parish Support

January 14	Weekly	2,942.00
January 21	Weekly	1,966.00
Church in Latin America		265.00
Criterion		92.00
Yearly Check for Wkly Support		10,000.00

## MASS Intentions

**Mass Intentions Available.** Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Jan 27	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Jan 27	5:00 PM	Paul & Nic Meister
Sun	Jan 28	7:30 AM	Randy Simon
Wed	Jan 31	8:00 AM	Alfred Diekhoff
Fri	Feb 02	8:00 AM	Cletus Weseler
Sat	Feb 03	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 03	5:00 PM	Michelle Sloan
Sun	Feb 04	7:30 AM	For the Sick in the Parish
Wed	Feb 07	8:00 AM	Helen Amburger
Fri	Feb 09	8:00 AM	Brother Felix Maria (Joseph Taylor)
Sat	Feb 10	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 10	5:00 PM	Emily Huntington
Sun	Feb 11	7:30 AM	Kenneth Runyan

## CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE



Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

*Thank you all for your time and hard work!*

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Jan 27 5:00PM</u>	<u>Jan 28 7:30AM</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Mary Ann W
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharist</b>	John Holzer	Jessica Gorman
<b>Wine</b>	Kris T/Doug W	Bob G/Bill M
	<u>Feb 3 5:00PM</u>	<u>Feb 4 7:30AM</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Jill Jansing	Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Jansing	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Miller	Jessica Gorman
<b>Wine</b>	Susan B/John K	Melissa & Bob G

### **Please Remember in Prayer:**

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Lily Handt
Todd Holzer	Keith Jarvis	Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Fam.	Louise Rohrig	Dolores Simon	Darin Toops	Peggy Wagner
	Active Service Deployment				
	Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe				

## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



*Congratulations!!!*

### **2024 United Catholic Appeal**

#### **United in the Eucharist**

**Goal Amount \$11,929**

**Total pledged: \$16,575**

**Total donors: 37**

**Percentage of goal: 139%**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- **Liturgy Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00PM
- **St John Ladies Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00 PM  
All Ladies are Invited!
- **Ash Wednesday**  
February 14, Mass at 8:00 AM

The annual ***Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe*** will be held the weekend of February 10-11. Your generous support of this annual collection makes it possible to provide counseling to women experiencing the anxieties of unplanned pregnancies. It provides fund for programs to train catechists and other pastoral ministers to be active, faith-filled agents of evangelization and accompaniment to those who desire to know Christ and Church. It serves to bring relief and hope to those experiencing the desperation caused by war and conflict.

When you participate in the collection, you are helping the Church in 27 countries restore the faith and show our vulnerable brothers and sisters the love and mercy of Jesus.

## **Area Events – Details on Bulletin Board**

- 2024 Legacy Gala, February 9<sup>th</sup>
- E6 Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, February 17