

*January 31 & February 7, 2021*  
*St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood*

**The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana**

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**MASS: Saturday 6:00 PM**

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**MASS: Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM**

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**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.



## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020 to  
December 8, 2021



As you may have read in your Criterion, marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to St. Joseph which began on December 8, 2020 and will conclude on December 8, 2021.

Some years back I received a Christmas card, which I made into a bookmark. It was a picture of Joseph leading Mary and Jesus into Egypt. The inscription above the picture was, “The hand of the HUMBLE Joseph guides that of the Almighty.” Awesome! St. Joseph was truly a humble man who, as Pope Francis stated, played an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

In the gospel on February 7<sup>th</sup> the apostles came to Jesus and said, “Everyone is looking for you!” Jesus simply replied by saying, “Let us go on to the nearby villages. I wonder if Joseph had anything to do with Jesus’ humble response. He indeed guided the hand of the Almighty!

*HUMBLE JOSEPH, TEACH US HUMILITY!*



## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 31, 2021*

“The People were Astonished at His Teaching”

Dear God, our hope is that you will amaze us;  
win us with your words;  
spellbind us with your love.

And let us, with you, cast our unclean spirits from this world:  
human trafficking, the pandemic,  
the climate crisis, racial bias,  
poverty, greed and war.

Make the unclean spirits obey you in our small efforts.

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### 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. The people in the synagogue hear Jesus’ teachings and understand that there is something powerful about Him.

*We must create unity,  
Not division within the body of Christ*

#### Reflection Questions:

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity’s complete health and happiness.

- Have I ever been tricked into eating spiritually unhealthy “moral junk food”?
- Have I thanked God for times of health and happiness?

## Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

One great gift we can give to another is prayer. This week, say a prayer for a family member or friend you have not specifically prayed for in a while; welcome them into your heart.

***For those who are sick, lonely or in great need. We pray to the Lord....***

## **PRAYER**

Lord, you created me to live in the freedom of your love. Give me the courage to share your love with all people.

*From Peaceful Meditations for Every Day  
In Ordinary Time.*

*Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*



## ***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*** ***February 7, 2021***

***“Rising very early before dawn, Jesus went off to a deserted place.”***

In today's Gospel we learn that Simon had a mother-in-law. In other words, we become aware that when Simon left everything behind to follow Jesus, that “everything” included family. Jesus the Healer cured Simon's mother-in-law and many in the town who were sick. Yes, Jesus responds to the universal longing for wholeness and healing. Yet after the many healings, Jesus did not wait for acclamations from the people. Instead, he rose very early before dawn and went to a deserted place to pray to search for his God in prayer. Jesus teaches us by example that it is important to take time to be alone to pray. From prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, most especially by showing our family in word and by deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a child of God.

### 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.

#### Mark 1:29-39

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

### Bulletin Reflections

In today's Gospel, Jesus heals many people including St Peter's mother-in-law. Do not be afraid to call upon the Lord in prayer and ask Him to help you in your needs.

- When you look around, what needs for the gospel of love do you see?
- Which of these needs can you fill as Jesus's apostle?

## A WORD from POPE FRANCIS



We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross.... Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

*Address to International Union of Superiors General*

*May 8, 2013*

## *Mass Intentions* For the Month of January

Jan 30 Michelle Sloan  
Feb 6 John & Lou Miller  
Feb 13 Mary Jane Jansing

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week of February 14 & 21 Mary Jane Jansing



### PARISH SUPPORT

January 16	\$ 1,160.00
January 23	\$ 2,125.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 50.00
Prop of Faith	\$ 220.00
Latin America	\$ 65.00
Criterion	\$ 102.00
Capital Imp	\$ 30.00

God Bless You!

**THANK YOU** From the staff of the Pregnancy care Center: "Thank you for your generous donation to the PCC Christmas project. Your donation alone enabled us to purchase items for eight families! What a sweet blessing this was! Thank you for being a bright light for Jesus in a dark world."



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Pre-School through Grade 5** will meet on Wednesday, February 3 & 10 at 6:45 PM.

**Junior High/High School** Classes will meet on Sunday, January 31, February 7 & 14, 8:30 AM

**Thank You to Jessica Gorman who continues to serve as a catechist in the program when needed.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** Remember and pray for Samantha Coyler and Olivia Kavanaugh who are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their class is a wonderful faith-filled group. They participated in the Rite of Entrance today in the parish hall. The Sacrament will be celebrated on April 24.

**BLESSING OF THROATS** There will be **NO** blessing of throats this year because of the pandemic.

### ST. MARY'S PRESCHOOL - Greensburg

If you are interested in the preschool program at St. Mary's, Greensburg, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule of church.

**JOB OPENING** Housekeeper for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg - Day Shift: Part time; 29 hours per week: every 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday; PTO benefits; Vision and Dental Benefits available.

For Information: Contact: S. Carolyn Hoff at 812/933-6465; [choff@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:choff@oldenburgosf.com)

### On 2-27-2021 the E6 Catholic

**Men's Conference** will be held at the All Saints Parish – St Joseph campus in St Leon Indiana. Flyer on Church Bulletin Board



<https://www.e6catholicmensconference.com>.



Amy Castner	Randal Simon	Becky Ogle
Paul Fullenkamp	Katie Spreckelson	Joe Peske
Jeff Haaft	Glenna Ward	
Marlene Jones		

If you have someone you would like to include please contact Sharon. Call or text: 513-505-8884 Email: [saavoegeli@gmail.com](mailto:saavoegeli@gmail.com).

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL** The latest report for the UCA shows that we have reached 82% of our goal from 36 pledges which totals \$11,242.00. Thank you to all who have donated to this appeal.

### WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis, before receiving the first dose of the vaccine stated, "I believe that ethically everyone should take the vaccine. It is not an option, it is an ethical choice because you are gambling with your health, with your life, but you are also gambling with the lives of others."

We are still months away from the end of the pandemic. I pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones; I pray for safety for our first responders and medical professionals; and I pray everyone does their part to bring about the end of the pandemic as quickly as possible.