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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

LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday - February 14

St John 8 AM & 5 PM
IC 6 PM
St Maurice 7 PM

Stations of the Cross

St John - Fridays 6 PM
IC - Fridays 7 PM

Lenten Penance Services

IC March 13 6-8 PM
St John March 20 6-8 PM
St Maurice Before and After Masses
March 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

Palm Sunday - Regular Weekend Masses

**Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule is listed on
the Insert and in the Bulletin.**

+ **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.



February 11, 2024 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness.

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA (Bringing Home the Word)

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less? †

A Word from Pope Francis



Jesus extends His hand and touches the leper....To touch with love means to establish a relationship, to enter into communion, to become involved in

the life of another person even to the point of sharing their wounds. With that gesture, Jesus reveals that God, who is not indifferent, does not keep himself at a "safe distance."

ANGELUS, ROME, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Reflection Questions:

- Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- Is there someone I fail to recognize as a brother or sister in Christ?

PRAYER

Loving God, open our eyes to see in every person the face of your son whom you sent to

teach us to love as you love. We pray in Jesus' name.
AMEN

The Redemptorists

The Batesville Knights of Columbus will be hosting an initiation on February 26th starting at 6:30PM. We ask that all candidates be at the clubroom at 624 Delaware Rd by 6:00PM for registration and to bring \$45.00. If you have any questions, please contact Scot Harmeyer at 812-933-9046.

Lenten Events

Lent is a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with Him. In addition to your weekend Mass, consider going to Adoration or Mass during the week. The churches in our cohort offer many times of Adoration and Mass. Let joining in those times be a Lenten prayer.

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February 18, 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Lost at Sea

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually, that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God’s graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God’s protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn’t have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today’s Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one’s defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us— weakened, tempted, and perhaps even “lost at sea.” However, God’s protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God’s covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness. †

A Word from Pope Francis



True happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service....Let us take time for silence and prayer — just a little, it will do us good....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 6, 2022

Reflection Questions:

- Where do you look for God when life seems unfair?
- Do you ask for the grace to resist temptation?

PRAYER

So that we may enter this season of Lent with minds open to hear your word, and hearts open to the promise of Easter, we pray—

Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

Sunday Readings

Genesis 9:8–15

God said, “I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

1 Peter 3:18–22

Baptism is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience.

Mark 1:12–15

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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

On the First Sunday of Lent, February 18th, parishes in the Archdiocese will take up a collection for ***Black and Indian Missions***.

This collection provides support for parishes, schools, religious education programs and diocesan projects that focus on building up the Church in African American, Native American and Native Alaskan communities.

Parish Support

January 28	Weekly	1,900.00
February 4	Weekly	14,828.00
Church in Latin America		198.00
Central & Eastern Europe		10.00
Home Missions		10.00
Solemnity of Mary		35.00
Criterion		25.00

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	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
Wed	Feb 14	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Wed	Feb 14	5:00 PM	For the Parish
Fri	Feb 16	8:00 AM	J Buchanan
Sat	Feb 17	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 17	5:00 PM	Bro. Felix Maria (Josiah Taylor)
Sun	Feb 18	7:30 AM	Carl & Ruth Wenning
Wed	Feb 21	8:00 AM	For the Parish
Fri	Feb 23	8:00 AM	Bro. Felix Maria (Josiah Taylor)
Sat	Feb 24	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 24	5:00 PM	Emily Mathes
Sun	Feb 25	7:30 AM	Randy Simon

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>Feb 17 5PM</u>	<u>Feb 18 7:30AM</u>
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Ron Miller
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jill Jansing
Wine	Kris T/Susan B	Melissa & Bob G

Feb 24 5PM

Feb 25 7:30AM

Coordinator	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Gary Payne
Eucharist	Bob Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Ron E/John K	Roger M/Bill M



We would like to welcome

Penelope Faith Tunny to the St John parish family as she was baptized Sunday, January 28. She is the daughter of Jesse & Jennifer Tunny.

May the Lord Bless Her and Keep Her all the days of her life.

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28

Immaculate Conception – 6:00 PM

St. Maurice – 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29

St. Maurice – 9:00 AM (Stations of the Cross)

St. John the Baptist – 3:00 PM

St. Maurice – 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30

St. Maurice – 6:00 PM

St. John the Baptist – 7:00 PM

EASTER - MARCH 31

St. Maurice – 10:00 AM

Immaculate Conception – 8:30 AM

St. John the Baptist – 10:30 AM

† ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEBRUARY 14

St. John: 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

Immaculate Conception: 6:00 PM

St. Maurice: 7:00 PM

† STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT

St. John and St. Maurice: 6:00 PM

Immaculate Conception: 7:00 PM

† CONFESSION

ST. MAURICE: Before/After Masses on 3/9 & 3/10, 3/16 & 3/17, 3/23 & 3/24

IC: Penance Service March 13, 6-8PM

ST JOHN Penance Svce March 20 6-8PM

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Sam Conroy
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					

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St. John: 5:00 PM
Immaculate Conception: 6:00 PM
St. Maurice: 7:00 PM with Religious Ed Children
- STATIONS OF THE CROSS - EACH FRIDAY OF LENT St. John and St. Maurice:
6:00 PM
Immaculate Conception: 7:00 PM
- CONFESSION
ST. MAURICE: Before and After Masses on 3/9 & 3/10,
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ST. JOHN: Penance Service on March 20, 6:00-8:00 PM

AREA EVENTS

Please see the bulletin board for information on

- E6 Catholic Men's Conference, Saturday, February 17
- There is a flyer for Dancing with Royalty on the bulletin board. It is March 2, 5:00 to 7:00 PM for Ages 5-9 years old.
- A workshop for Homeschooling will be held Saturday, Feb 24 from 10 to 12PM. Check the bulletin board for more information.

All married and engaged couples are invited to attend the second annual **Together in Holiness** marriage enrichment conference on Saturday, April 27 at St Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis. See the bulletin board for more information

Please join us on a pilgrimage with Fr. Charles Robinson, F.I. to Fatima and Lourdes, with a stop in Avila Spain, as well as Azpeitia, Spain where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born, and more! Daily Mass. September 10-19, 2024. \$3595/per person. **\$150 early bird discount if registered by Feb. 15th, 2024.** For more information please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

Veronica Wendt

Queen of Heaven Tours

www.QoHTours.com

Support groups for caregivers of older adults in Marion and surrounding counties. The groups are not disease specific. (Sponsored by Catholic Charities, the groups are open to all.)

Tuesday Feb 20, March 19 from 5:30 - 7 PM. In person at St Jude's, 5353 McFarland Road. Registration required. Feb: Alzheimer's Association/difficult behaviors.

Thursday Feb 15, March 21 from 1 - 2:30 PM. In person at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street. Registration required. Feb: open discussion.

Contact Monica at mwoodsworth@archindy.org or 317-261-3378.

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is HIRING! We do great work!

2024 Summer Camp Counselors: Residential- located in Nashville, IN.

Begins: May 26, 2024. Starting pay: \$400.00 per week. Commitment: 5-9 weeks.

Internships available. Age 18 and up. Housing and most meals provided.

2024 Summer Day Camp Counselors: Grasshopper Day Camp- located in Indpls., IN.

Begins: June 19, 2024. Age: 16 and up. Starting pay: \$300.00 per week.

Commitment: 3 days of training; 2 weeks of camp.

2024-2025 School Year Program Staff: Residential- located in Nashville, IN.

Commitment: Fall (August-November), School Year (August-May) OR Spring (March-May).

Starting pay: \$500.00 per week. Internships available. Ages 19 and up.

Start dates negotiable. Housing and many meals provided.

Find more information and online applications at www.campranchoframasa.org