

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

St John Committees

Parish Council

Rosalie Calhoun
Jessica Gorman
Melissa Grable
Bill McDonald
Roger Miller
Pam Thomas
Vickie Tunny

Ladies Society

Rosalie Calhoun
Janice Wilson
Melissa Grable
Toni McDonald
Sharon Voegeli

Finance Committee

Janice Wilson
Steve Mathes
John Holzer

Liturgy Committee

Billie Sue Ebinger
Lana Miller
Ted Wissel
Sharon Voegeli
Stephanie Miller

Funeral Committee

Rosalie Calhoun

Website Admin

Sharon Voegeli

+ **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 9, 2025 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“I will be your God and you will be my people.”
This is what we’ve all been called to
experience, then sent to proclaim—first Isaiah, †*

power

How often our own doubts or negative attitudes cause us to miss the of Christ in our lives! Mindful of this, Christ commands: “Put out into the deep.” In faithful obedience to Jesus, our nets become full with the effects of God’s love and care for us. Our sins and failings should not cause us to flee or fear Jesus, but instead to cry out: “Stay with me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” The Gospel that is being preached to us saves us from what would otherwise shame us. Our sin is purged; our wickedness is removed. *Magnificat February 2025*

Do not be afraid, the Gospel reading reports of Peter, James, and John. After showing that he was able to fill the nets of these fishermen, even to the breaking point, Jesus offered them the opportunity to attract (catch) men and women.

Again, almost without thinking, “they left everything and followed him” (Luke 5:11). In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul explains to the “fish” (his converts) how this message is communicated, how fish are caught, how the gospel is preached: “I handed on to you... what I also received” (1 Corinthians 15:3). In all cases, the message is basically the same: “I will be your God and you will be my people.” *Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA Bringing Home the Word*

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 6:1–2a, 3–8

“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” “Here I am [Lord],” I said; “send me!”

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11

He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

Luke 5:1–11

Simon said, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”

30 Days of Reflections & Prayers Entitled

*Week 1 - “Walking with Pope Francis
in the Sacred Heart”*

Pausing to Reflect - We all need to rediscover the importance of the heart.

We live, says Pope Francis, in a world of frenetic speed, dizzying complexity, and so much noise from all sides that it is impossible to find quiet space just to gather our thoughts. We are constantly at the mercy of marketing campaigns designed to make us consume ever more things that we do not really need and that don’t satisfy us once we have them.

Ponder – What one distraction in my life can I remove today to make room to heed God’s voice?

Pray – God of love and goodness, open my heart to accept yours.

Gracious God, open our hearts to know your will for us and give us the grace to love you and the people you place on our path. **Amen.**

PRAYER

The Redeptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - ISAIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, “Here I am, Lord.”

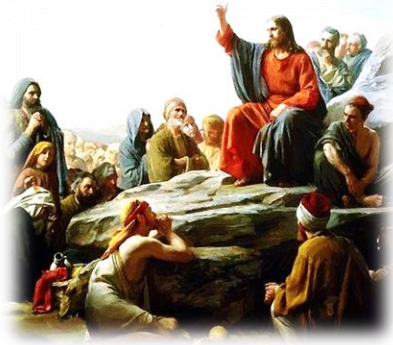
Bulletin Reflection: In the Gospel reading, the future Apostles of Jesus listen to His instructions on catching fish. Despite not catching anything all day, they do as He says—and their catch is miraculously large.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: This week, develop a habit of praying AND listening. Each morning, ask Jesus to show you the way throughout the day and for the wisdom and courage to follow His way.

General Intercession: For the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and all who are served by its funding. We pray to the Lord...

*That we reflect God’s wisdom, pray to God and unite
our sufferings with Jesus’ every day.*

February 16, 2025 ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



***That we have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith,
especially in uncomfortable situations. †***

From a stretch of level ground, Jesus reveals that sanctity is attainable by all. Rather than an esoteric doctrine for a spiritual elite, Jesus declares blessed the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated—all whose hearts cry out in longing and expectation for what can only be satisfied by God. Blessed are those who trust not in themselves but in the Lord, refusing to be discouraged by their own fragility, limitations, and needs.

Because our hope rests on a fact—“Christ has been raised from the dead”—we need not fear the heat, distress, or droughts that afflict us. In Christ, we will bear unfading fruit and share in his Resurrection.

Magnificat February 2025

At the heart of Jesus’ ministry was an invitation to join and spread the reign of God. Acceptance of this invitation could at times exact a dear price. Using metaphoric language, he sketched the blessings and the woes that would follow acceptance or rejection of that invitation. Again, the decision is ours. What is your choice? †

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA Bringing Home the Word

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 17:5–8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; / the Lord will be their trust.

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20

Now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Luke 6:17, 20–26

And raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

30 Days of Reflections & Prayers Entitled

Week 2 - “Walking with Pope Francis in the Sacred Heart”

Pausing to Reflect ~ Start by looking within – Instead of chasing the superficial and playing a role for the benefit of others, think about the important questions in life.

Pope Francis suggests that we take time to consider life’s deepest questions: Who am I? Who am I for others? Who am I for God? At the end of my life, how have I treated others, and how have I treated myself? All these questions, the pope says, lead back to the heart. We find God’s love when we remember that God is present with us. Then we can peel back the superficialities that often shield us from seeing who we really are.

Ponder -Have I pondered whether God finds in me someone worthy of love?

Pray – God of love and goodness shine your light of love in my heart!

Prayer Loving God, help us to quiet ourselves and listen for your voice amidst all the voices in our world.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man.” - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn’t want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

Bulletin Reflection: Blessed are the poor!

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: Think of others this week. Do something nice for someone and offer it up to God. If possible, do it anonymously.

General Intercession: For all those negatively affected by the winter weather. We pray to the Lord...

***That we have the strength and courage to joyfully
proclaim our faith,
especially in uncomfortable situations.***



St. Maurice Church, Napoleon, is hosting a Community Blood Drive in their Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 18 from 12:00 until 5:50.

Schedule an appointment online at hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene at 812-614-3388. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)

Mass Change March 5

5:00 PM St John

7:00 PM Immaculate Conception



Parish Support

January 26 Regular	2,542.00
February 2 Regular	13,082.00
Solemnity of Mary	50.00
Latin America	50.00
Criterion	81.00
Mass stipend	1,461.31
Share Your Faith	463.00
Votive Candles	312.00
Building Fund	75.00

2025 United Catholic Appeal UPDATE

United in Christ St. John Parish

Number of donors: 40
 Amount pledged: \$12,455
 Parish goal: \$12,022
 Percentage to goal: 104%

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

Saturday	Feb 8	5:00 PM	† Gary Taylor
Sunday	Feb 9	7:30 AM	† John & Lou Miller
Wednesday	Feb 12	8:00 AM	† Paul Fullenkamp
Friday	Feb 14	8:00 AM	~Special Intention
Saturday	Feb 15	8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Saturday	Feb 15	5:00 PM	† Gary Taylor
Sunday	Feb 16	7:30 AM	† Marlene Jones
Wednesday	Feb 19	8:00 AM	† Kenneth Runyan
Friday	Feb 21	8:00 AM	† Helen Amberger
Saturday	Feb 22	8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Saturday	Feb 22	5:00 PM	† Emily Mathes
Sunday	Feb 23	7:30 AM	† Paul Miller

Bulletin Cover Page

Please take note that we have added St John's Committees and the Members.

<u>Please Remember in Prayer:</u>			
Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Robert Hillenburg
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Todd Holzer
Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe	Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Eileen Ogden
		Diane Menchhofer	Margaret Cord
			Susie Huff
			Pavi Pathak Family
			Candy Reidenbach

Church Cleaning Schedule

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

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>February 15</u>	<u>February 16</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wesse;
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Melissa Grable
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Melissa/Bob G
	<u>February 22</u>	<u>February 23</u>
Coordinator	Kris Taylor	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Stratton Family	Rosie C/Felie C
Lector	Gary Payne	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Kris T/Susan B	Bill M/John K

Volunteer Opportunities

In the pews for the next few weeks there will be information on the many volunteer needs for our parish. Please take a few minutes to look over these opportunities to be involved in our parish family. Put your completed papers in the collection basket. Thanks to all who are already volunteering for these tasks and to anyone who wishes to become involved.

One-Liners

Right before the clock strikes midnight on December 31, make sure you lift your left leg; that way you'll start 2025 on the right foot!

—via Lorene Irving

Lutherville, MD

Nobody really cares if you're miserable, so you might as well be happy.

— Cynthia Helms

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It is already tomorrow in Australia.

— Anon.

To carry a grudge is like being stung to death by one bee.

— William Walton

If confusion is the first step to knowledge, I must be a genius.

— Larry Leissner

"Billy Graham once said, 'I've read the last page of the Bible and it's all going to turn out all right.'