

*February 14 & 21, 2021*  
*St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood*

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

**St. John the Baptist Church**

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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***

Pope Francis spoke of St. Joseph as an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. He turned his human vocation as the husband of Mary and guardian of Jesus into a total service of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of Jesus who was growing into maturity in his home.



***St. Joseph, lover of God's holy will, pray for us!***

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***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***February 14, 2021***

***"If you wish, you can make me clean."***



In today's gospel, a leper approaches Jesus and says, "If you wish, you can make me clean?" The leper does not ask Jesus a question: "Can you make me clean?" Or implore him for a favor: "Will you make me clean?" Perhaps this man has heard of the healings Jesus performed in Capernaum or maybe he had a sense of Jesus's closeness to God; in any case, this leper named Jesus as the one who possesses power over darkness.

Consider the broken and sinful places in our own lives and in the life of our community. What affliction might God be calling us to turn over to him and his infinite mercy. Do we have the faith to say to Jesus, "If you wish, you can make me clean?"

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**Sunday Readings**

**Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The individual shall cry out, "Unclean, unclean!"

**1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

**Mark 1:40-45**

"If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

***We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin  
that eats away at our heart and cripples  
our ability to love.***

**Reflection Questions:**

Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel. Whatever trouble you are facing today (be it mind, body or spirit), turn to Him in prayer and ask Him to heal you.

- How at peace am I with my own wounds, sins and imperfections?
- Am I mature enough to seek help and also help others through their suffering?

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**Living Stewardship – Pillar of Prayer**

This week set aside time each day and pray to the Lord. Thank Him for all the blessings in your life and do not be afraid to ask Him to help you with whatever issues you are facing.

***For our parish, that we may grow closer to  
the Lord this upcoming Lenten season.***

***We pray to the Lord....***

**PRAYER** Lord, your love transcends the boundaries of the human condition. Open my eyes to see your face in all people.

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

***Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney***

**A WORD from POPE FRANCIS**

Jesus says he is the real instrument of the Father's mercy, who goes to encounter everyone, bringing consolation and salvation, and, in doing so, he manifests God's justice. The blind, the lame, the lepers, the deaf regain their dignity and are no longer excluded because of their disease.

***General Audience, September 7, 2016***

## *CELEBRATING LOVE*

For 80 years, a couple in Ecuador was an exceptional example of marital love. Julio, 110, and Waldramina, 104, were wed on February 7, 1941. Until Julio's death they were reportedly the world's oldest married couple. Their large family includes nine great-great-grandchildren!

Julio fell in love with his wife's beauty, her conversation and her big heart. Meanwhile, she found him "a poet with a young spirit." The couple says the formula for a lasting marriage is "love + maturity + mutual respect," as well as patience, compassion and hard work.

That calls to mind Paul's words, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth."

What better words to reflect upon as we celebrate another Valentine's Day!



## *Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021* *A Time to Change*

The story is told of a man who was told by his doctor to give up red meat and so he stopped putting ketchup on his hamburgers! The season of Lent is all about making necessary changes in our life, not merely external changes, but sincere life-altering changes. Maybe for you it is about reducing stress, deepening relationships, focusing on prayer, giving up holding on to grudges. Maybe it is about... May Jesus bestow his grace of change upon you this Lenten season!

**MASS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 PM at St. Maurice. The children will be in the parish hall for the Mass so we will be able to accommodate more adults in church.

For the distribution of ashes Fr. Bill will speak the words over all of us one time and then we will mark the foreheads of all who come forward to receive the ashes. Two parishioners will be in the middle of the aisle handing each person a coin. This coin will remind us of God's deep love for us and that we are called to love one another.

**Please Note:** If you are unable to attend Mass at St. Maurice or another parish, Fr. Bill and I will distribute ashes before the Saturday evening Mass at St. John's on the first Sunday of Lent. The coins will also be distributed at the same time.

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE** Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional meals are permitted but should not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

## *Blessed Sacrament*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St Maurice  
on all Fridays during Lent from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

## *Way of the Cross*

The Way of the Cross will be held at St Maurice on Friday, February 19, 6:00 PM





# First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2021

Now is the Time

After the ark comes the rainbow that bridges God’s plan and human hopes. After the baptismal plunge into Jesus’ death and resurrection, Jesus says, “Now is the time for hope’s fulfillment – repent and believe. “Springtime Lent opens us to newness and possibility. The Holy Trinity patiently tends our hopes, nourishing us on the Eucharist. *Where do we set our hopes?* (Text, Philip J. Sandstorm, STD 1997, OCP, All rights reserved)

## 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

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

## Bulletin Reflections

In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God’s presence and victory.

- What important lessons have I learned from a challenge in my life?
- Can I share that lesson with a friend or family member?

## Living Stewardship – Pillar of Service

In today’s Gospel, we read about Jesus’ entrance into the desert to be tempted by Satan. As we begin our Lenten journey, what is one thing you can do throughout this season to serve your God and neighbor? Perhaps, if your means allow, give a little more in the weekly offertory or donate goods to a local food pantry?

*For the poor and needy in our community.  
We pray to the Lord....*

## *Mass Intentions* For the Month of February

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| February 13 | Mary Jane Jansing |
| February 20 | Emily Mathes      |
| February 27 | Dale Young        |

## SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week of February 14 & 21 Mary Jane Jansing

## PARISH SUPPORT



January 30	\$ 900.00
February 6	\$ 2,350.00
Criterion	\$ 22.00
Eastern Europe	\$ 10.00

**God Bless You!**

## UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

\$11,262 has been pledged to the UCA from St John’s Parish. This is 82% of our goal.

## RE<sup>+</sup>IGIOUS EDUCATION<sup>+</sup>

Pre-School through Grade 5 Class will be held on Wednesday, February 17 , 6:45PM. Please Note: the children will be attending the Ash Wednesday Mass in the parish hall on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to come to the church for this Mass. February 24, 7PM class, the children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Junior High/High School Classes will meet on Sunday, February 17 & 24, 8:45 AM

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; [chhoff@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:chhoff@oldenburgosf.com)

## Prayer Requests

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

If you have someone you would like to include please contact Sharon. Call or text: 513-505-8884  
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Fish Fry Drive Thru, Ash Wednesday, Batesville K of C Hall, 4 to 7:30 PM. Fish \$10, Pizza \$5