

February 16, 2020

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Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

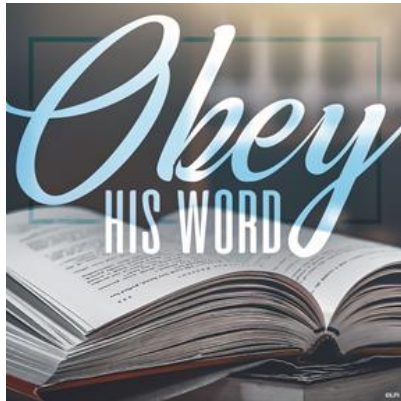
Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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.

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I Have Come to Fulfill the Law and the Prophets"

Jesus, let us comprehend the law: justice, love and compassion.
Let the law make us holy.
Not like the Pharisees, and blow horns before they give anything.
You showed us with your every breath just
what it means to be holy.
You are the wonder, the goal and the summit of the law.
Teach us.
Turn all of our law-keeping into love.

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FORGIVE:

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

Love and Forgive

Prayer opens a way forward which leads us to love and to forgive. Forgiveness can change both our heart and our life and leaves room in our hearts for goodness and kindness. And we become capable of seeking to understand rather than to be understood.



However meager our resources, one of today's most urgent tasks is to bring about understanding where there are oppositions. When we seek tirelessly to forgive and to be reconciled, a future opens up beyond all our expectations. (Brother Roger of Taizé - Essential Writings)

BULLETIN REFLECTION

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that make our offering acceptable.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20 – Before everyone are life and death, whichever they choose will be given them.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 – But as it is written: "What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard...what God has prepared for those who love him."

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37 – Jesus said, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Do you cherish every child as belonging to God?
- How have you made your world better.

PRAYER

Lord, you reveal the mercy of God in the world. Forgive me for the times I've hurt others out of anger and resentment.

*Peaceful Meditations for
Every Day in Ordinary Time
Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney*

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Address to Catholic Biblical Federation, June 2015



LENTEN TALK ON FORGIVENESS - Sister Norma Rocklage will give a presentation on the theme of forgiveness in St. Maurice Parish Hall on **Sunday, March 1, 3:00 PM**. She is an excellent presenter so consider making this a part of your Lenten practice.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Because Father John has two Masses scheduled for Ash Wednesday, February 26, there will not be a Mass at St. John's that day. There will be a Mass at St. Maurice at 7:00 PM so that the children in the Religious Education program are able to attend. St. Charles, Milan will also have a 7:00 PM Mass that same evening.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP... PILLAR OF PRAYER

The First Reading today tells us that we have a simple choice: to follow God or not. Sometimes, however, we may not know what God is asking of us or we may be tempted to chose to disobey God. This week, ask the Lord in prayer to show you the way.



PARISH SUPPORT
February 9, 2020

Sunday Collection **\$1,346.00**
"Thank You!"



February 15, 6:00 PM – Pat Hermesch
February 16, 12:00 Noon – Dale Young
February 22, 6:00 PM – Emily Mathes
February 23, 6:00 PM – Pat Schuman

PARISH COUNCIL Members of the Parish Council made the decision to accept the estimate of Jeff Werner for \$9,700.00 for the repair of the church steps. The work will be completed sometime this spring or summer.



***ELEMENARY* Wednesday 6:45 to 8 PM**
February 19 – Class (no meal)
Feb 26 Class (no meal) Ash Wednesday Mass
HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM
February 23 – Class
March 1 – Class – Senior Class



Saturday, February 22, 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Ron Miller
Lector: Nancy Obermeyer
Greeters: Ron Miller/Lois Lunsford
Servers: Ben/Mark Miller
Wine: Bob Green/John Kappas
Sunday, February 23, 12:00 Noon
Coordinator: Jeff Greiwe
Lector: Jessica Gorman
Greeters: Jeff/Robyn Greiwe
Servers: Aaron Greiwe/Peyton Owens
Wine: Jill Jansing/Jessica Gorman

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Bad Timing.... A man exited an antique shop carrying an expensive mantel clock. As he crossed the sidewalk to his car, an intoxicated man bumped into him. The collision jarred the clock free from the man's grasp and sent it crashing to the pavement. As the man surveyed the broken pieces strewn about, he shouted: "Look what you have done to my clock! Why don't you watch where your are going?" To which the intoxicated man replies: "Why don't you wear a wristwatch like everyone else?"

Stamp of Approval A woman went to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas Cards. "What denomination?" asked the clerk. "Oh, good heavens! Have we come to this?" said the woman. "Well, give me 30 Catholic, 10 Baptist, 20 Lutheran and 40 Presbyterian."

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Amy Kinker	Pat Grieshop	Molly Ronaldson
Natalie Brown	Amy Castner	Todd Castner	Brooke Teer	Dennis Sanders	Madeline Ronaldson
Mike Raney	John Newhart	Gary Payne	Jennifer Hayness	Marsha Meister	Gerald Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Mary Bruns	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
Kelly Spiller	Tammy Meister	Henry Peters	Eileen Ogden	Stanley Greene	Ron Hensley

February 16, 2020 Local News & Events



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE at St Maurice, Napoleon. Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 12:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Call Arlene 812-852-4394 for an appointment or schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon Walk-ins are always welcome.



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Various Programs Available February through June. See www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org or call 812-933-6437 for more information.

E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE February 22nd, 8AM to 4PM - East Central High School, St Leon IN. Tickets on sale now at www.e6catholicmensconference.com. Flyer on bulletin board. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession, celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. **DO NOT MISS THIS**

ST MARY GREENSBURG PARISH MISSION February 23-25, 6:30 PM. Fr Vincent Peterson "Prayer: The World's Best Wireless Connection" See Bulletin Board for more information.

TOUR OF EWTN STUDIOS AND SHRINE OF BLESSED SACRAMENT St Michael's Parish in Brookville is organizing a St Jude Tour, **Monday April 27 through Thursday April 30**. Leave Brookville or Batesville. See Flyer on Bulletin Board.

Indiana Catholic Women's Conference 2020

Saturday, March 21, 2020 – Indiana Convention Center - Give yourself the gift of taking time out of your busy schedule and join with hundreds of other Catholic women of all ages for a day of building your faith and experiencing the Sacraments and fellowship! Look online to see our great lineup of speakers at www.indianacatholicwomen.com or call 317-373-2125. Discover what God wants for you! This conference is held at the Indiana Convention Center and is sponsored by the Marian Center of Indianapolis in partnership with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



RELAY FOR LIFE is a 24-hour fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This year will be the 25th year for Ripley County Relay for Life. The relay will take place June 13-14, 9AM to 1PM, at Batesville High School. St. John the Baptist church has a team registered for this event. Now is the time to sign up team members. If you would like to be a part of the team, you can register online at www.relayforlife.org/ripleycountyin. Please consider joining in this fight against cancer. If you are unable to join the team, you may make a donation to any team member, make a donation online at the above website,

or put your donation in an envelope, mark **Relay** on the outside, and drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Wilson at 689-5172. Thank you for your support of this important project.

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE: Marriage Preparation Retreats offered in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis: archindy.org/marriageandfamily/marriage-precana or Abby Lasher 317-592-4011 or Keri Carroll 317-236-1521 - **Pre-Cana Retreat Dates for 2020**

- **March 7, 2020 - Nativity, Indianapolis**