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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

Feb 22 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

March 1 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent

Feb 27 ~ Way of the Cross 6PM

March 6 ~ Way of the Cross 6PM

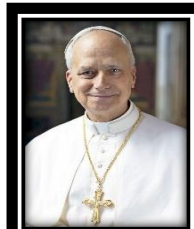
Special Collections:

**March 8 ~ Solidarity Fund for the Church
in Africa**

St John Parish Mission March 15-17, 6PM

March 16 ~ Penance Service 7:15PM

Pope Leo XIV



**Knights of Columbus Meet in
Batesville 4th Monday 7PM**

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+ **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 22 , 2026 ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

The Season of Lent is an Opportunity For us to Create a Desert for Ourselves

Pope Benedict XVI called the temptation of Jesus in the desert “a descent into the perils besetting mankind.” This happened so that we may be counted among those “who receive the abundance of grace, coming to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ.” The “one righteous act” that Saint Paul speaks about in the Letter to the Romans is Jesus’ unfailing fidelity to the Father’s will. As the serpent comes close, we will not be duped by the suggestion that somehow God is jealous at the prospect that we “will be like gods.” For God himself planted that hope in our hearts. The Lord’s greatest joy and glory is that we share his image and likeness, not through self-seeking but through the obedience by which “many will be made righteous.” †

Magnificat

Battling to the End

It is said there that after Our Lord had overcome his enemy and rejected his temptations, angels came and brought him heavenly food (Mt 4:11). What joy to find oneself with the Savior at this delicious feast! My dear friends, we shall never be capable of keeping company with him in his consolations, nor be invited to his heavenly banquet, if we are not sharers of his labors and sufferings. He fasted forty days, but the angels brought him something to eat only at the *end* of that time.

These forty days...symbolize the life of the Christian, of each one of us. Let us then desire these consolations only at the end of our lives and let us busy ourselves in steadfast resistance to the frontal attacks of our enemies. For whether we desire it or not we shall be tempted. †

Bringing Home the Word

A Word from Pope

Leo XIV

Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!



MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
ROME, JUNE 13, 2025

Sunday Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The snake said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened.”

Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

Through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all.

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus answered the devil, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’”



So that we may observe Lent with fasting, prayer, and sharing with those in need, we pray—Lord, let us be like you. That we prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things. **Amen**

The Redemptorists

*“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’”
MATTHEW 4:10*



In today’s Gospel, Jesus goes into the desert, fasts and is tempted by the Devil.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: During Lent, we are called to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Your parish and Diocese have many opportunities for you to grow in your Faith this season. Also consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as one way to practice almsgiving.

General Intercession: For a holy Lent for all our parishioners. We pray to the Lord...

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

Let us fear neither the temptation nor the tempter, for if we make use of the shield of faith and the armor of truth, they will have no power whatsoever over us.... And let us not entertain the vain hope of being or wishing to be saints in three months!



March 1, 2026 ~ The 2nd Sunday of Lent

Religious Experiences Change Our Understanding of What Life and God are About

Once Upon a Mountain Top

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

Many people, perhaps most people, have had a religious experience of some sort, something akin to that of Peter, James, and John atop the mountain with Jesus. It may or may not have included hearing a voice. Most often, it is a deep sense of God's presence beyond anything they have ever known, like a profound realization of what life is about or how it is laced through and through with God. It usually occurs as we are idle, not doing anything in particular, and often when we are younger, yet it is also something that changes our understanding of what life and God are about.

Most people do not talk about such experiences for any number of reasons, partly because there do not seem to be words to describe such a moment in a way anyone would understand, like trying to describe falling in love. Partly because, if we tried, we fear others would think us strange. And partly because we can find ourselves wondering whether it was real or simply our imagination. Yet we always remember the moment and know it to be true.

One additional characteristic of such moments is that they tend to take us to a new place in life, as with Abram in the first reading. For him, it was to pack up his life and move. More likely for us, it is to a life of service, caring, and treasuring all of life now in a new way. †

Bringing Home the Word

A Word from Pope Leo XIV



today's world.

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!" Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

Sunday Readings

Genesis 12:1–4a

The Lord said to Abram...I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you.

2 Timothy 1:8b–10

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Matthew 17:1–9

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Have you had a religious experience?
- Is there someone you can talk to about how it changed your faith?



Amen.

So that the world may know you by our words and actions, we pray— Lord, let us be like you. **We pray in Jesus' name.**

The Redemptorists

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."

GENESIS 12:1



In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the Transfiguration.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:

The Transfiguration appears in the Rosary as the 4th Luminous

Mystery. This Lent, take up praying the Rosary as a daily spiritual practice- you'll be happy you did.

General Intercession: For all those in need of rest. We pray to the Lord...

Preaching about the Transfiguration, Pope Benedict XVI once said: "This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses his glory to the apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus his beloved Son as he did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: 'Listen to him.' To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following him on the way of the cross, carrying in our heart like him the hope of the Resurrection." Taking to heart Jesus' example, we go forth unafraid, willing to bear hardship for the sake of the Gospel. O Lord, we place our trust in you.

That we may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.



PARISH SUPPORT

February 8	1,529.00
February 15	2,724.00
Capital Campaign	1,278.00
Central & Eastern Europe	220.00
Black & Indian Missions	10.00
Criterion	20.00
Funeral Meals	1,000.00
Donation - In Memoriam	190.00

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 21	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Feb 21	5:00 PM	† Samantha Toops
Sun	Feb 22	7:30 AM	† Ken Colyer
Wed	Feb 25	8:00 AM	† Eileen Ogden
Fri	Feb 27	8:00 AM	† Don Newhart
Sat	Feb 28	8:00 AM	~ Eileen Kieffer
Sat	Feb 28	5:00 PM	† Samantha Toops
Sun	Mar 01	7:30 AM	† Al Mathes
Wed	Mar 04	8:00 AM	~ Special Intention
Fri	Mar 06	8:00 AM	† Don Newhart
Sat	Mar 07	5:00 PM	~ Special Intention
Sun	Mar 08	7:30 AM	† George Poling

Lenten Schedule

Fri	Feb 27	3:00 PM	Adoration
Fri	Feb 27	6:00 PM	Way of the Cross
Fri	Mar 06	3:00 PM	Adoration
Fri	Mar 06	6:00 PM	Way of the Cross
Fri	Mar 13	3:00 PM	Adoration
Fri	Mar 13	6:00 PM	Way of the Cross
Sun	Mar 15	6:00 PM	Parish Mission
Mon	Mar 16	6:00 PM	Parish Mission
Mon	Mar 16	7:15 PM	Penance Service
Tues	Mar 17	6:00 PM	Parish Mission

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for 2026

Every month, Pope Leo asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention.

March: For Disarmament and Peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



The parish wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Wenker who died at her home in Florida on February 12, 2026. Her Mass will be on March 14, 2026 at 10:00 AM at St John. Her remains will be buried beside her husband Herman at St John's Cemetery.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	February 28	March 1
Coordinator	Mary Ann W	Ron Miller
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Bob Voegeli
Lector	Melissa Grable	Sharon Voegeli
Eucharist	Jill Jansing	Ron Miller
Wine	Kris T/Doug W	John K/Roger M
	March 7	March 8
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Kris Taylor
Greeter	Joan Carter	Ron Miller
Lector	Gary Payne	Chris Horton
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Chris Horton
Wine	Susan B/Kris T	Bill M/John K

Eucharistic Ministers: Father Binu has informed me there have been some masses recently where we have not had Eucharistic Ministers. Please find a replacement if you cannot make it, and then **inform the Coordinator** so they don't try and find a replacement at Mass. Let me know if you need an updated list of eucharistic ministers.

Thank you for your time and talent in keeping our parish a vibrant community. Sharon (text 513-505-8884)

Science Looks At Jesus

Science tells us we need four basic elements to survive:

Water ~ Air ~ Food ~ Light

Jesus tells us this:

1. I am the Living Water
2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

Science is right; we need Jesus to live.

March 8, 2026 – Special Collection

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

Through the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach program, schools, evangelization and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Abby Dicken	Melissa Chapman	Robert Hillenburg
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Susie Huff	Diane Menchhofer
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah	Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Family
		Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Candy Reidenbach	Judy Lingerich

Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan ~ Michael Schmitt