

February 23, 2020

# St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

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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

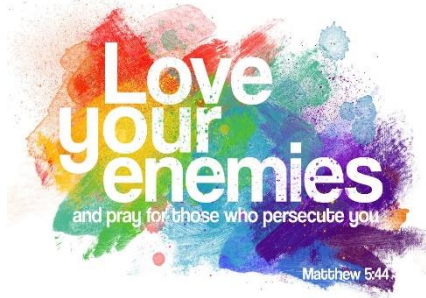
**Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.  
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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 23, 2020

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE Love and Forgive

...If God did not forgive sinners, heaven would be empty.

...When a deep injury is done to us, we never heal until we forgive. (Nelson Mandela)

...Life becomes easier when you learn to accept the apology you never got. (R. Brault)

...Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That is why it is such a powerful weapon. (Nelson Mandela)

...Forgiving others creates a channel of blessing instead of a circle of messes.

### BULLETIN REFLECTION

The readings for this week are about loving others, no matter who they are. However, it is important to note that loving someone does not require that you love their sin. Also, the first reading stresses the difference between reproofing someone for their sin, and falling into sin yourself "because of him." There is a middle ground between hatred and celebrating someone's sinfulness.



### *"Forgive and Love Your Enemies"*

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to a higher love. Jesus calls us to forgive and love our enemies. Clearly, this is no small task. St. Francis de Sales stresses that perhaps the best way to be instruments of God's merciful, forgiving love is to first accept that same divine merciful and forgiving love ourselves.

Truly in no way must we lose heart. For even though we are weak, our weakness is not nearly as great as God's mercy toward us. All of us are subject to some passion or changes and ups and downs. Do not worry about these feelings. Persevere in your call to holiness. In all good faith, you are trying to do all for God. It is God's merciful love that constantly transforms us, so let us do what we can.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Which passions weigh down my heart?
- How can I use human and spiritual means to point my heart and mind in a healthier, God-focused direction?

## PRAYER

Lord, you command me to love my neighbor. May your love dispel the hatred and resentment in my heart so that I may love all people unconditionally.

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

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.



*Homily in the Central African Republic  
November 29, 2015*

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### Return to Me with ALL your HEART.

Lent calls us to a radical and lasting turning of our hearts - a conversion. This journey of Lent can be difficult - a time of repentance, of giving up things that tie us to this world and looking instead of the life and teachings of Jesus. But when we courageously examine within, name what is broken within us, turn away from it, and turn toward what is truly good, we will find ourselves living the fullness of life that God wants for each of us.

And this fullness of life involves *forgiveness*. How will you include *forgiveness* in your Lent of 2020? As you receive and carry the small crucifix in your pocket which you will receive, believe ever more deeply in a merciful, forgiving and loving God! Joyful Lenten Season!

MASS: February 26, 7:00 PM at St. Maurice

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 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 5:00 PM Mass that same evening.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP... PILLAR OF HOSPITALITY In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to love those who hate us. The reward for doing so, according to Our Lord, is great! This week refrain from speaking ill of anyone, no matter what they have done to you. Be hospitable to people that make it very difficult to be hospitable!

MARCH 1 – SPECIAL ENVELOPE FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE. The funds collected in this collection are used to grant monies to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church construction and renovation and Catholic communications projects.



## **PARISH SUPPORT** February 16, 2020

Sunday Collection \$2,406.00  
Christmas 20.00

“Thank You!”

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

February 22, 6:00 PM – Emily Mathes  
February 23, 6:00 PM – Pat Schuman  
March 1, 6:00 PM – John & Tina Lynch  
March 7, 12:00 Noon – Dale Young

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



**Saturday, February 29, 6:00 PM**

**Coordinator:** Ron Miller

**Lector:** Andy Miller

**Greeters:** Ron Miller/Steve Mathes

**Servers:** Jolie McCain/Angel Tunny

**Wine:** Bob Green/Ron Ebinger

**Sunday, March 1, 12:00 Noon**

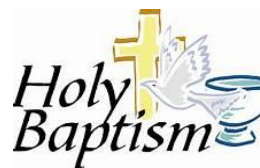
**Coordinator:** Ted Wissel

**Lector:** Pat Graves

**Greeters:** Ted Wissel/Lois Lunsford

**Servers:** Samantha Colyer

**Wine:** Jessica Gorman – VOLUNTEER!



## BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Congratulations to **Gabriella Grace Tunny**, the daughter of Jesse and Jennifer Tunny, who was baptized Saturday, February 15. May her God delight in her as she walks faithfully in His ways.

WAY OF THE CROSS – Friday, February 28,  
6:00 PM at St Maurice Church.

## 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 23, 2020 Local News & Events



**K of C - St John, Osgood Fish Fry Schedule.** Friday, March 6, March 20 and April 3 at Osgood. 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Cost \$10 adults, \$5 kids. Serving fish, hushpuppies, mac & cheese, green beans, coleslaw and dessert.



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### **OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER**

**Various Programs Available February through June.** See [www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org) or call 812-933-6437 for more information.

**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.

**ST LOUIS SUPER SUNDAY BINGO** St Louis, Batesville, Sunday March 8. \$15,000 Total Pay Out. Cash raffle, door prizes, pull tabs. Ticket package play all day for \$50. Doors open at 11AM. Games begin at 1PM. Visit [STLBingo.org](http://STLBingo.org) to register online or call 812-93-BINGO. All proceeds benefit St Louis School.

### **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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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**

**PLEASE SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR MORE EVENTS HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE**