

*February 28 and March 7, 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.

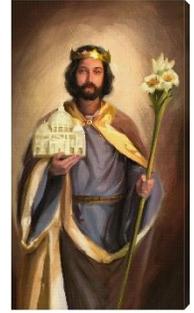
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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***  
**Most Valiant Protector of the Church**



St. Joseph had the entire Church under his protection since the Holy Family was the Church. Our Lady is the Mother and Image of the Church, the Holy Spirit the soul of the Church and Christ the Church's head. To Joseph this treasure was entrusted and by his wit, his obedience and his sacrifice he valiantly defended them.

*St. Joseph, Valiant Protector of the Church, pray for us!*

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***Second Sunday of Lent***  
***February 28, 2021***

**“Because You acted as you did in not withholding from me your son, your only one, I will bless you.”**



In today's first reading, Abraham had to make a life-and-death decision. God put Abraham to the test asking him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Abraham had to decide whether he would sacrifice his son. God was testing him and Abraham chose obedience to God. Yet God intervened and Isaac lived. Fr. Thomas Connery says that we, too, are called to face daily decisions of whether to obey God or to choose our own path. Putting anything before God simply doesn't make sense. May we, like Abraham, give our life to God in obedience.

God will bless us for it.

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***Sunday Readings***

***Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18***

I will bless you and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.

***Romans 8:31b-34***

He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

***Mark 9:2-10***

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

***Abraham understands that no godly gift should take God's place in the human heart.***

***Reflection Questions:***

- Are we willing to lay peacefully within God's plan, even if it means sacrifice? Do we trust his plans more than our own?
- Is anything more important than God's loving plan for us?

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***Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality***

It can take only a small gesture of kind word to brighten someone's day. This week be polite and compassionate to all those you come across.

***For those who do not feel loved.***

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

**PRAYER** Lord, you watch over me and love me as your child. Help me to see all people as your children and treat them with gentleness, love and respect.

*From Mindful Meditations for  
Every Day of Lent & Easter.*

*Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

***A WORD from POPE FRANCIS***

We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father; to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.

*General Audience, June 3, 2020*

## WALKING WITH CHRIST

This Lent, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will join together to reflect on the Scriptural Stations of the Cross that were celebrated by Pope John Paul II. Through 14 Podcasts, the listener will have an opportunity to practice the three pillars of Lent – Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Each reflection will be led by priests from this Archdiocese. New “Walking With Christ” podcasts will be uploaded every Tuesday and Thursday of Lent, and can be found by searching for “Walking With Christ” on the Apple Podcast and Spotify app, or by following the link to South Cloud at <https://soundcloud.com/sean-hussey-904281910>. Additional Lenten resources can be found at [www.archindy.org/Lent2021](http://www.archindy.org/Lent2021).



### *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*

Friday, February 26, 6:00 PM at St. John Church  
Friday, March 5, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice Church  
Friday, March 12, 6:00 PM at St. John Church  
Friday, March 19, 6:00 PM at St. Maurice Church  
Friday, March 26, 6:00 PM at St. John Church



Please Note: The first time you come to this Lenten devotion, pick up a Way of the Cross booklet and after the service take it home. If you remember, bring it back to the next service. Thanks.



## *Third Sunday of Lent - March 7, 2021*

**“The Precepts of the Lord are Right,  
Rejoicing the Heart.”**

Today’s psalm is a litany of praise for the words and laws of the Lord. They are not a restriction placed upon us, but a way that leads to the fullness of life in God’s kingdom. In them we find refreshment, joy and perfection. In the second reading from St. Paul, we are told that the wisdom of the law finds its fulfillment in Jesus.

The words of God contained in the Bible, and the Word of God made present in Jesus Christ, are our greatest treasure. How do we and how will we, during this Lenten season, relish these gifts of God in our own life?

### Sunday Readings

Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

You shall not have other gods besides me.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified.

John 2:13-25

Jesus said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

*For those who do not trust in God, that they may understand His love and finally trust in Him.*

*We pray to the Lord...*

### Bulletin Reflections

- How does my faith foster humility in me?
- Are my Lenten practices helping me to be purified from sin?

### Living Stewardship - Pillar of Formation

Jesus defends the holiness of the temple. This week, try to learn more about the holiness of the Church. Familiarize yourself with the terminology for the various items used during Mass. Do you know what a Purificator is?

# PRAYER

Lord, you instill within me your power and wisdom. Help me to discern more clearly how to use your power and wisdom in service of my brothers and sisters.

*From Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent & Easter.*  
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*Mass Intentions*  *For the Month February/March*

February 27 Dale young  
March 6 Lucy Simon  
March 13 Mary Jane Jansing

## PARISH SUPPORT

February 13 \$ 2,298.00

God Bless You!



## UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

\$11,562 has been pledged to the UCA from St John's Parish. This is **85%** of our goal. Let's see if we are able to continue increasing this percentage.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The weekend of March 6/7 is the collection for the Black and Indian Missions. Your support of this collection ensures that communities with limited resources receive assistance for Catholic religious formation, parish ministry and the promotion of religious vocations. On March 13/14 the second collection will be for Catholic Relief Services.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Pre-School through Grade 5 Classes will be held on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM. On March 17 Jac-Cen-Del begins spring break but if this day is used for a snow make up day, the children will have religion class.

The children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The original date had to be changed due to weather.

Junior High/High School March 7 spring break begins so no class is scheduled on that day. The next class will be Sunday, March 14, 8:30AM.

St John Ladies Meeting  
Tuesday March 9, 5:30 PM  
All Ladies of the Parish WELCOME!

## Prayer Requests

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

For additions contact Sharon. Call or text: 513-505-8884 or Email: [saavoegeli@gmail.com](mailto:saavoegeli@gmail.com).

## FISH FRY

Millhousen Knights of St. John: All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry March 5, 19 & April 2, 5:00 to 7:30PM. Dinners - \$10.00 for White fish, French Fries, Coleslaw and Applesauce. Carry Out with limited seating.



## Fasting from Criticalness

Most fasting involves temporarily giving up something you enjoy. When you long for a cookie or a favorite show, you instead turn your attention to God, reorienting yourself to his best.

Catherine Marshall, in *A Closer Walk*, presents a different approach she calls fasting from "criticalness." God dealt with her judgmental spirit by prompting her to spend 24 hours without criticizing "anyone about anything." At first, Marshall felt rather empty when she didn't engage in a heated political debate. But friends and family didn't seem to miss her comments. Plus, God replaced the energy she'd spent attempting to correct others with energy and creativity to positively influence them.

A critical spirit can make us lose perspective, joy and even relationships. It also can prevent the good work God wants to achieve through us. Consider what could happen as a result of your own "criticalness fast." Pray for God to do the correcting while you focus on building up others.

(Janna Firestone)

## The Lighter Side

- ♥ My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.
- ♥ I'm convinced that if you lose a sock in the wash, it comes back as a plastic lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.