

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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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

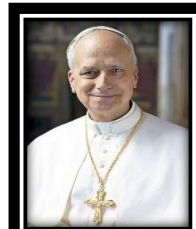
## ROSARY

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

**March 8 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**March 13 ~ Way of the Cross 6PM**  
**March 15 ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Special Collections:**  
**March 15 ~ Catholic Relief Services**  
**St John Parish Mission March 15-17, 6PM**  
**March 16 ~ Penance Service 7:15PM**  
**March 20 ~ Way of the Cross 6:00 PM**  
**April 8 ~ Bible Study Begins 5:30 PM**  
**Pope Leo XIV**



**Knights of Columbus Meet in  
Batesville 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## March 8, 2026 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### A Fountain of Life

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

The lovelorn column in the local newspaper shared a letter from someone who felt adrift. She had everything she needed or wanted—a marriage, a job, a home. Yet, she felt there had to be more to life, but she didn't know what it was or where

to go. She wondered, *Could anyone help me?*

Like the woman from Samaria who happened upon Jesus when she came looking for water at the local well, she and the letter writer were both eager for “living water.” The woman at the well would no longer need to come each day for her household needs, and the letter writer would have her deeper thirsts quenched. Both wanted something more out of life, not unlike most people at one time or another.

Long before Jesus encountered the woman at the well, the people who were led by Moses through the desert grumbled to him about their thirst, which triggered Moses to grumble to God about the people. The result was finding water in the desert, the most unlikely of places. As a result, they realized that God was taking care of them and that God was ultimately their source of life.

We may decide what will bring new life—a new relationship, a new job, a new home. Yet, just as often, the answer comes from totally unexpected sources: the deserts of our lives. Also, just as often, we somehow miss the answer. When we do recognize it, however, we say, “Thanks be to God.” †

**Bringing Home the Word**

We see God begging for a drink of water from a human being, and a sinful one at that. On the cross, too, he will exclaim, *I thirst*, and soon after, as the surprising result of that thirst, water and blood flow from his Heart. Indeed, he is a thirsty God, a tired God, a God looking for the companionship and dialogue of one of his creatures.

We see clearly here that Jesus' human thirst is the means God uses to manifest himself to us, to communicate to us his divine desire to give himself to us, and this real, human thirst of Jesus is the condition, as it were, for God to be able to give us the divine water of his grace and life.

**Magnificat**

### A Word from Pope

#### Leo XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations! Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.



HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025

### Sunday Readings

#### Exodus 17:3–7

The Lord answered, “Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.”

#### Romans 5:1–2, 5–8

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

#### John 4:5–42 or John 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42

Jesus said, “The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

*So that we may recognize you wherever we are and proclaim your presence to all those we meet, we pray—Lord, let us be like you. Amen*



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS QUESTION REFLECTION

~ Have you ever found grace in an unexpected place?

~ Have you ever missed unexpected grace?

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”*  
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

**Bulletin Reflection** ~ In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the woman at the well.

**Living Stewardship** ~ Pillar of Formation: We are called to bring others to Him. When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well and revealed to her the wrongness of her ways, she believed Him to be the Christ and brought her people to Him.





## March 15, 2026 ~ The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*The story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is.*  
*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*  
**Coming of Age, Coming of Faith**

*Fr. Joseph Juknialis*

It is said we never become believers before age thirty-five. I don’t think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week’s gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says that the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting—sometimes trusting an unseen power who feels absent at times—and about surrendering control over our lives to God as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way.



*Bringing Home the Word*

### A Word from Pope Leo XIV



Lord will hear us.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them, too, and we will be certain that the

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025

### Sunday Readings

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a**

God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The Lord looks into the heart.

**Ephesians 5:8–14**

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather, expose them.

**John 9:1–41 or John 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38**

Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.”

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- ~ Where am I on the journey of faith?
- ~ How open are my eyes?



We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

So that our eyes may be open to your presence everywhere and in everyone, we pray— Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

### “Surely We Are Not Blind, Are We?”

*The Redemptorists*

As Jesus and his disciples walk past a man blind from birth, the disciples ask, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus’ reply shifts the conversation: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him” (John 9:3).

That statement opens our eyes to something deeper. This man, blind from birth, is more than just an individual in a miraculous healing story. He represents each one of us. All of us, in some way, are blind—unable to see God, others, or ourselves as we truly are.

The Pharisees in the gospel could see physically, but spiritually they were in darkness. They saw the healed man and rejected the miracle. They questioned his story, interrogated his parents, and remained blind to the truth standing before them—Jesus, the Light of the World. Their pride made them certain of their own vision, and that very certainty made them blind to grace.

They ask, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” (John 9:40). But that’s the irony: until we recognize our blindness, we cannot be healed. And true blindness isn’t about our eyes. It’s not about poor sight or darkness around us. It’s the darkness within us—the pride, fear, and assumptions that distort our vision.

How we see others, how we interpret life, and how we understand God all depend on the condition of our heart. As the saying goes, “We don’t see things as they are; we see them as we are.” Until Christ opens our inner eyes, our seeing remains clouded. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if Jesus healed us all from this inner blindness? †



**PARISH SUPPORT**

February 22	2,523.00
March 1	3,186.00
Capital Campaign	2,043.00
Central & Eastern Europe	270.00
Home Missions	252.00
Criterion	10.00

# 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	Mar 07	5:00 PM	~ Special Intention
Sun	Mar 08	7:30 AM	† George Poling
Mon	Mar 9	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Wed	Mar 11	8:00 AM	† Eileen Ogden
Fri	Mar 13	8:00 AM	† Chris Ziegler
Sat	Mar 14	8:00 AM	† Herman Douglas
Sat	Mar 14	5:00 PM	† Samantha Toops
Sun	Mar 15	7:30 AM	† Al Mathes
Mon	Mar 16	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Wed	Mar 18	8:00 AM	† Terry Wissel
Fri	Mar 20	8:00 AM	~ Special Intention
Sat	Mar 21	8:00 AM	~ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 21	5:00 PM	† Sandra Meisberger
Sun	Mar 22	7:30 AM	† Ken Colyer

**Lenten Schedule**

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**

**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 Eileen Kieffer who died recently. Grant to her eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**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	Pavi Pathak Family	Candy Reidenbach
		Melanie Givan	Judy Lingerich		

Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan ~ Michael Schmitt

**EXCITING NEWS** ~ Time is getting close for our **Parish Mission** on March 15, 16 & 17. Please make time to grow in your faith. Mark your calendars now and come rekindle your Catholicism!



**The Topic will be the 3 Pillars of Lent**

Sunday, March 15: 6PM, Prayer & Devotion to Our Lady.  
Monday, March 16: 6PM, Fasting & Penance  
Tuesday, March 17: 6PM Almsgiving & Works of Mercy

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

	<b>March 14</b>	<b>March 15</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Jansing	Chris Horton
<b>Eucharist</b>	Jill Jansing	Chris Horton
<b>Wine</b>	Susan B/Doug W	Roger M/John K
	<b>March 21</b>	<b>March 22</b>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Mary Ann W	Kris Taylor
<b>Greeter</b>	Stratton Family	Jill Jansing
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Grable	Jill Jansing
<b>Eucharist</b>	Ron Ebinger	Ron Miller
<b>Wine</b>	Susan B/Doug W	Bill M/Roger M

**Ensuring the Future Update**

Our Capital campaign is progressing nicely - there are 79 pledges totaling \$445,660. We have received \$334,812.41 into our Campaign account which includes pledge payments, the cash from the second collections, amounts given above the initial pledge amounts and memorial gifts.

Completed work - ramp, fry room roof, rectory steps, side walls for the rectory steps.

In process work - west wall masonry, dry wall in connector hallway.

Upcoming - towers repair. More information on this work will follow when details are finalized.

**March 15, 2026 – Special Collection**

**Catholic Relief Services** ~ Supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, legal and support services for the immigrants.