

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

St John Committees

Parish Council

Rosalie Calhoun
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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.

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (no meat).

March 9, 2025 ~ First Sunday of Lent



It's All Gift †

Every event was God's work. The people did nothing to deserve it. It was all gift

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

There is one word that could almost be erased from our religious vocabulary. That word is “earn.” So many of us take on a Lenten program of penance to earn God’s forgiveness. Or we engage in prayer to earn indulgences that will lessen our time in purgatory. Somewhere along the line, we missed the class in which the primacy of God’s free gift of grace was taught. Consequently, we still might use language that emphasizes our own hard-won merit apart from God rather than freely given love as the basis of all that follows.

Today’s first reading refutes such thinking. The passage from Deuteronomy contains an important creedal statement, describing the heart of ancient Israel’s faith. The people were instructed by Moses to commemorate the event of their founding as the special people of God. The creedal statement was probably recited during that commemoration.

The statement itself describes how God called their ancestor and, from that ancestor, called forth a great people, delivered those people out of slavery, and then settled them in a land that became their own. Every event was God’s work. The people did nothing to deserve it. It was all gift.

Why did God choose these people, make them great, free them, settle them, and provide them with abundant harvests? Because they were good? No! Because God is good. They earned nothing, deserved nothing. It was all a gift. Why is it so difficult for us to realize that we really do not give gifts to God? It’s just the opposite. When it comes to God’s grace, it’s all gift. †

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA Bringing Home the Word

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4–10

Then the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders.

Romans 10:8–13

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him.

Luke 4:1–13

Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus... was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

30 Days of Reflections & Prayers



Week 5

***Where Everything Makes Sense
The heart is the place where
everything can make sense.***

Pope Francis uses the example of the Blessed Mother, who “kept” and “pondered” things in her heart. We too keep in our heart all the mysteries of our life, the things we have experienced or seen or heard that we do not fully understand. We keep and ponder them in the heart until they make sense. Mary was able to do this, he says, because she was open to God and trusted in God’s love for her. When we are open to God and trust in God’s love for us, we too can take time to stop and reflect on how God is speaking to us.

Ponder ~ Is there something nagging at my brain that my heart might solve if I take the time to let it?

Pray ~ God of love and goodness, please give me the patience to let my heart do its work.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

“I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me.” -

DEUTERONOMY 26:10

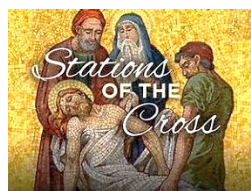
This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your “first fruits” - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren’t owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God’s gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Bulletin Reflection: As we begin Lent, we hear of Jesus’ time in the desert.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” This Lent foster a deeper prayer life. Check your parish bulletin for opportunities to spend more time with the Lord in prayer.

General Intercession: For our parish, that it may be filled with people yearning to grow closer to God this Lent.

We pray to the Lord...



Stations of the Cross During Lent

**Friday's Adoration 3-6 PM
Stations of the Cross 6PM**

March 16, 2025 ~ 2nd Sunday of Lent



Who Was This Man? †

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law; and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

Jesus’ own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state, he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man? It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean?

Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it’s likely the disciples still had to learn what being God’s Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus’ relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man? †

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA Bringing Home the Word

Sunday Readings

Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18

The Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: To your descendants I give this land.

Philippians 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 9:28b–36

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.

30 Days of Reflections & Prayers

Week 6



*The Core of Our Being
If love reigns in our heart, we
become the person we are meant to
be. Every human being is created
above all else for love.*

“In the deepest fiber of our being,” Pope Francis says, “we were made to love and to be loved.” He points out that the heart is our very core—where the body, mind and soul all come together to be the person God has created us to be. We are here to do something unique in God’s plan. When we take time to listen to what God is saying in our heart, we can discover how God’s love can become visible through us and shared with everyone.

Ponder ~ If I listen carefully to what God is telling me, are there people in my life to whom I should be showing God’s love?

Pray ~ God of love and goodness, fill my heart with your love so that I may share it unselfishly with others.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

“Lent Day by Day: A Call to Love and Forgiveness”

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI



The Israelites, led by God, wandered in the desert for forty years, undergoing many trials before entering the Promised Land. The desert came to be seen as the place that correctly shapes the heart. As the Scriptures developed, the desert came to mean more of a mystical place in the heart than a place on a map. Lent is time in the desert to courageously face the chaos and the demons within us, so the intoxicating joy of Easter might serve to bind us more closely to God.

March 23, 2025 ~ Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

You may wonder how is this collection different from those that provide funds for disaster relief, food, shelter and safe drinking water? Despite the physical needs of people in Africa, the Church has nearly tripled in size in the last 30 years. That growth means more pastoral leaders are needed to meet the social, spiritual and psychological care of individuals and families.

March 30, 2025 ~ Catholic Relief Services

- Aid victims of natural disasters and armed conflict
- Provide agricultural assistance, water programs and health care
- Resettle newcomers to the United States
- Provide legal support services for poor immigrants
- Advocate for policies and programs that provide global justice and peace



Parish Support

February 23	\$ 3,214.00
March 2	4,679.00
Building Fund	5,000.00
Central & Eastern Europe	438.00
Home Missions	10.00
Catholic Relief	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

Saturday	Mar 08	5:00 PM	✠ Michael McCain
Sunday	Mar 09	7:30 AM	✠ Pat Grieshop
Wednesday	Mar 12	8:00 AM	✠ Paul Fullenkamp
Friday	Mar 14	8:00 AM	✠ Alfred Diekhoff
Saturday	Mar 15	8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Saturday	Mar 15	5:00 PM	~ Special Intention
Sunday	Mar 16	7:30 AM	~ Carson Hughes Family
Wednesday	Mar 19	8:00 AM	~ Special Intention
Friday	Mar 21	8:00 AM	✠ Helen Smock
Saturday	Mar 22	8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Saturday	Mar 22	5:00 PM	✠ Sandra Meisberger
Sunday	Mar 23	7:30 AM	✠ Larry & Doris Frey

Church Cleaning Schedule

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Cathie Stratton	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

Stay Connected with Our Parish!

We're excited to announce our new Facebook page! Stay up to date with parish news, upcoming events and important announcements. To differentiate our new page from the old inaccessible ones, we've titled it **St John Catholic Parish Osgood** with profile & cover photos that have **2025** on them. Your contributions help increase the vibrancy of our parish life!

Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnOsgood/>



Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Robert Hillenburg	Margaret Jarvis
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Diane Menchhofer
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah	Pavi Pathak Family
Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe		Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Bernita Baurley
				Candy Reidenbach

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 16</u>
Coordinator	Kris Taylor	MaryAnn Westmeier
Greeter	Stratton Family	Steve Mathes
Lector	Gary Payne	Melissa Grable
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Melissa/Bob Grable

	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 23</u>
Coordinator	Ron Miller	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Kris Taylor	Rosie/Felie
Lector	John Holzer	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Ron E/Kris T	Roger M/Bill M



Calling All Singers!!!

We have started practices for our **Palm Sunday Cantata** which will be performed on **April 13, 2025**. We will be practicing at the United Methodist Church, 213 S Walnut St, Osgood. Practices will begin at 1:30 each Sunday until the performance. Come to as many practices as you are able.

Bulletin Board Notices

- **St Maurice, Napoleon Smorgasbord.** Saturday, April, 4 to 6:30PM. Dine in or Carry out.
- **Rise Up: Daily Lenten & Easter Reflections.** Text "Riseup" to 84576. All Saint's Parish.
- **Mass of Thanksgiving,** SS Peter & Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis. Dinner & Program on Thursday, May 8, 6PM

One Liners ~ The Stock Car Racing Season is upon us. Here is some wisdom from drivers from several laps ago, compiled by Criswell Freeman:

I led the lap I wanted to, the last one!

— Joe Weatherly

I feel safer on a racetrack than I do on Houston's expressways.

— A.J. Foyt

The value of making mistakes is to remember each one and to try not to make it again.

— Harry Hyde

I'd just like to be remembered as a man who drove every lap just as hard as he could.

— Cale Yarborough

If you don't have confidence in your ability, who will, or should?

— Lee Roy Yarbrough

St. John's Parish Council Information on the Renovation

St. John has received a total of \$28, 500 from the Center for Congregations, a grant program funded by Lilly which is an annual Archdiocesan-approved source for grants. This money addressed the following administrative costs incurred with our renovation project: Arsee Engineers, structural assessment (\$4,000 of the \$8,000 fee); the feasibility study (\$9,500) and the remainder applied to the \$40,000 cost for Arsee Engineers to create bid documents for each of the individual items identified in their assessment.

Results of the Feasibility Study

Results indicate that St. John should launch a professional capital campaign in late spring or early fall of 2025. This campaign provides pre- and post-campaign consultation, professional fundraising counsel during/after the campaign, clerical work, printing, collating, letter generation, inserting, folding, labeling, mailing, shipping costs, posters/banners, social media content and other services relative to the project. St. John would pay \$14, 500, which is a "set fee" based on 117 registered families.

Although all the administrative fees appear high, the Archdiocese assures us that these expenses are not only essential, but reasonable compared to other projects that they have seen. In addition to grant programs approved by the Archdiocese, other sources are/will be sought as long as there are no issues with the Archdiocese.

In conclusion, your input is welcome and necessary. The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is Tuesday, March 25 at 6:45 PM in the church basement. (This time has been set to allow Father Binu to return from his Tuesday evening Mass at Napoleon.)

If you would like to be on the agenda, please call Vickie at 812-621-1403 prior to Monday, March 24, by 3 PM.

Also, a question/comments/ideas box for your input will be placed on the shelving unit left of the front church entrance.