

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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**Weekday Mass Schedule**  
**Monday thru Saturday**  
**7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass**

**Sunday Obligation**  
**Saturday 5:00 PM**  
**Sunday 7:30 AM**

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
**See Below for Schedule**  
**for Lent**

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent	Eucharistic Adoration 12 to 6PM	3PM Divine Mercy Chaplet	4PM Rosary
	Way of the Cross	6:00 PM Every Friday St John	
Holy Thursday	6:00 PM St John		
Good Friday	3:00 PM Immaculate Conception		
Holy Saturday	7:00 PM St John		
Easter Sunday	10:30 AM St John		

**"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God" states St Paul Romans 15:7.**

**Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church. Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community. May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!"**

***March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent***  
***March 19, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Lent***



**March 12, 2023 - Third Sunday of Lent**

***“If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”***

In the Gospel reading today, we hear about the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus said to the woman, “Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Like the Samaritan woman, you and I are thirsty for the Living Water. We will never find fulfillment in pleasures or money or fame. We won’t even find our hearts’ desires in our families. We will only quench our desires when we seek the Lord and find Him. St Augustine said it well: “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”

And as much as we thirst for Jesus, He feels the same way about us. St Teresa of Kolkata, who often meditated upon the thirst of the Lord for souls, wrote: “He longs for you, He thirsts for you!”

When we seek Him, He’s going to pour His Living Water onto us. At that point, our deepest thirst, that no earthly reality can satisfy, will be satisfied.

Today, let your thirst be quenched by drinking deeply in heartfelt prayer and by reading today’s Gospel slowly and prayerfully. Jesus longs for you, He thirst for you!

*Magnificat, March 2023*

**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.”

**A Word from Pope Francis**

Like the Samaritan woman, whoever personally encounters the living Jesus feels the need to talk about him to others, so that everyone might reach the point of proclaiming that, Jesus “is truly the savior of the world”, as the woman’s fellow townspeople later said....We too are called to witness the life and hope that are within us.



*Angelus, Rome  
March 15, 2020*

**Reflection Questions**

- What is the deepest longing of my heart?
- Have I overlooked a blessing, an answer to a prayer?

**PRAYER**

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. We pray in Jesus’ name. AMEN

*The Redeemers*

**Living Stewardship – Pillar Of Prayer:**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. As stewards of the Faith, let us listen to the words we hear at Mass and let them burn within us so that we may go out into our lives and spread God’s word to all we meet.



**General Intercession:**

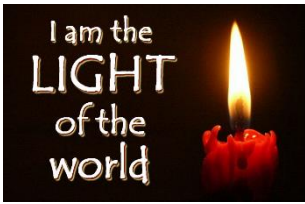
For our parish, that we may spread God’s word throughout our community.

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

**March 20, Feast Day of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Joseph, the “foster father of our Lord”, was the legal father of Jesus. Through his genealogical line Jesus is said to be of the house of David. In his self-gift to Mary and Jesus, Joseph “fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the mission of a father in the family” (Saint John Paul II). In 1870, Pius IX declared Joseph the patron of the Universal Church. Many saints have recommended his patronage. According to Teresa, “To other saints our Lord has given power to help in one sort of need, but this glorious saint, as I know by experience, helps us in every need.”

***O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ.***



*March 19, 2023*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*"I am the light of the world"*

Dear friends, the Sacraments are ways in which Jesus, today, continues to touch and bring healing to our human lives, touching our bodies and our souls. During this week, trust that for whatever is sick in you – that Jesus is THE remedy. Meeting Him changes everything. If you are away from the Sacraments or haven't prayed for some time, this is THE time to return. Let us follow the Lamb wherever He goes.

In today's Gospel reading, we hear of the man who was born blind and Jesus restored his sight. Jesus also takes this opportunity to speak of spiritual blindness.

The Pharisees, who believed themselves to be very holy, were in fact blind to the Lord. Though the Second Person of the Trinity was in their midst, they were most concerned that He had healed on the Sabbath, caring little about the Lord and others. Why? Earlier in John's Gospel He had said, "I know that you have not the love of God within you."

They were unable to recognize God in their midst, because of their insistence that God had to act in a particular way in accord with their will, not His. The love of God will be within them.

Earlier in today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world." Like the young man, we can choose the light—to open our eyes to the truth of the Gospel—so that the love of God will be within us.

Jesus asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" How will you answer this question?

*Magnificat Reflections, March 2023*

**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 7:1-41 or 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**

There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed.

- Do I blame others for their ill health or misfortune?
- Does bias or prejudice make me blind to the gifts of others?

**A Word from Pope Francis**

The first Christians...used to say that the community of Christians, that is the Church, is the "mystery of the moon," because it gave light but it was not its own light, it was the light it received from Christ. We too can be "mystery of the moon," giving light received from the Son, which is Christ, the Lord.



*Angelus, Rome, March 22, 2020*

**PRAYER** So that our eyes may be open to Your presence everywhere and in everyone. We pray in Jesus's name. AMEN

*The Redemptorists*



**Bulletin Reflection:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of the man born blind. There are many in our lives, our parish and our community who need assistance. This week, pray a decade of the Rosary for someone you know who is in need of prayer (perhaps someone struggling with mental or physical health issues).

**General Intercession**

For all the sick in our parish, that they may feel God's healing touch.

**We pray to the Lord**

**Special Collections**

**March 19 – Catholic Relief Services**

Support for 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 poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

# MASS Intentions

## Praying for In Memory

**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 11	8 AM	 Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 11	5 PM	 Betty Castner
Sun	Mar 12	7:30 AM	 Arthur J Simon
Mon	Mar 13	8 AM	 Fr's Special Intention
Tues	Mar 14	8 AM	 Helen Smock
Wed	Mar 15	8 AM	 Bill & Delma Schmidt
Thurs	Mar 16	8 AM	 Bernard Pfeifer
Fri	Mar 17	8 AM	 Bill & Edwina Purdy
Sat	Mar 18	8 AM	 Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 18	5 PM	 Emily Mathes
Sun	Mar 19	7:30 AM	 John & Lou Miller
<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mar 20</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b>	 Fr's Special Intention
Tues	Mar 21	8 AM	 Betty Castner
Wed	Mar 22	8 AM	 Paul Miller
Thurs	Mar 23	8 AM	 Alfred Diekhoff
Fri	Mar 24	8 AM	 Paul H Wissel
Sat	Mar 25	8 AM	 Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 25	5 PM	 Jeff & Gene Ogden
Sun	Mar 26	7:30 AM	 Bill & Edwina Purdy

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Mar 18 (5PM)</u>	<u>Mar 19 (7:30AM)</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Payne	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Stephanie Green	Jessica Gorman
	<u>Mar 25 (5PM)</u>	<u>Mar 26 (7:30AM)</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Achleigh Simon	Ron Miller
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeremy Simon	Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Jennifer Tunny	Andy Miller
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Bob Green	Andy Miller

## Weekly Collections

February 25	1,236.00
March 5	4,151.00
Black & Indian Mission	461.00
Central & Eastern Europe	253.00
Cemetery Fund	550.00
Church in Africa	155.00
Capital Improvements	35.00
Catholic Relief	10.00



## INTENSE YOUTH CONFERENCE

June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, St Leon

Information on the Bulletin Board as you leave church.



## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

**Suggested Items for**

**March: Crackers, Cookies, Soup, Tuna (No glass, please)**

## PALM SUNDAY CANTATA ON APRIL 2, 2023

The Golden Gates Singers will perform "One Day" at 7:00 PM on April 2 at the Damm Theatre in Osgood. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Palm Sunday performance.

## BIBLE STUDY 3.0

will resume on April 18, so anyone interested should sign up beginning the weekend of March 18/19. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles; cost is absolutely free! Please give prayerful consideration to joining our group as new or returning members. **All Are Welcome!**

## MARK YOU CALENDAR

This is just a reminder to mark your calendar for May 7 as we will be celebrating Father Binu's Jubilee, 25 years as a priest.

## BATESVILLE DEANERY

### EUCCHARISTIC

### ADORATION

During Lent, the deanery will offer a period of 24 hours of public Eucharistic Adoration in each of our counties to pray for revival and renewal in belief and worship of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Adoration will begin on Wednesday evening at 7PM and will end on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM with a closing prayer service, reflection and benediction.


Mar 15-16 St Mary, Aurora

Mar 22-23 St Louis, Batesville

**Mar 29-30 St Nicholas, Sunman (Ripley)**



Rita Bedel  
 Gary & Paige Byard  
 Amy Castner  
 Tim Castner  
 Todd Castner  
 Melissa Chapman  
 Elliott Elkins  
 Paul Fullenkamp  
 Dottie Fullenkamp  
 Amy Graham  
 Lily Handt  
 Seth Hull  
 Keith Jarvis  
 Larry Kendall  
 David Lewis   
 Linda McCain  
 Mark Meister  
 Teresita Noah  
 Tom Noah  
 Bill Oeffinger  
 Eileen Ogden  
 Gary Patton  
 Pavi Pathak Family  
 Randy Simon  
 Dolores Simon  
 Pam Thomas  
 Ben Zigan 

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