

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
Jessica Gorman
Melissa Grable
Bill McDonald
Roger Miller
Pam Thomas
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Funeral Contact

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Website Admin

Sharon Voegeli

+ **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.

NOTE: Saturday, April 5 – 8AM mass will be at Immaculate Conception and not St John.

**April 11 – Adoration 3:00 PM ~ Stations 6:00 PM
Penance Service 6:15 PM**



March 23, 2025 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

The name "I AM" indicates that God is the power of existence.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

If you have ever tried to explain a profound experience of love, fear, or excitement; of music, nature, or life itself, you know that no words can adequately capture the essence of that experience.

If it is thus with a human experience, what must it be like with an experience of God? Such was the situation with Moses. He came upon a bush that was burning yet not burning up. He probably thought that this was an unfamiliar natural phenomenon. It was only as he got closer, and a voice spoke to him that he realized it was not natural at all. It was a sacred event unfolding at a sacred place. There, God said, "I am the God of your father" (Exodus 3:6). This was an identification, but not a name. It was only later, when Moses asks for God's personal name, that God's real identity was revealed. Or was it?

Scholars agree that the name given is some form of the verb "to be," but they are not in agreement as to which form. Is it "I am who I am," "I will be who I will be," or "I cause to be what has come to be"? The name indicates that God is the power of existence, but it is not clear what this means or how it works. Some commentators maintain that God is telling Moses and us this is as close to my full identity as you can come. You wouldn't understand it anyway. Be satisfied knowing that "I Am." †

Bringing Home the Word

Sunday Readings

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

God replied to Moses: I am who I am... This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Luke 13:1-9

"Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."



Walking with Pope Francis in the Sacred Heart ~ 30 Days of Reflections & Prayers ~ Week 7 ~ Living in Love.

When we contemplate the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question is, "Do I have a heart?"

We have all had those, moments when we come to grips with who exactly we are -what our purpose is. Pope Francis says those are the moments when we need to realize that love is our driving force. That is when we come closest to truth, to sensing things coming into place. As Pope Francis says, "Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony." When we take the time to discover the heart that is the core of our being, we come face to face with love, the driving force that lives in us always.

Ponder ~ Do I make an effort every day to center myself in love?

Pray ~ God of Love and Goodness, help me to live in your love.



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Managing God's Gifts To Us

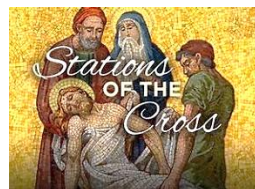
"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

Bulletin Reflection: This Lenten season, consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal as your way of practicing almsgiving.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality: Hospitality helps bring others to the Lord. How are you hospitable to your neighbors, co-workers, pupils, etc.?

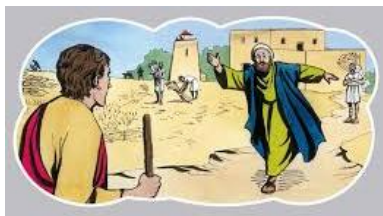
General Intercession: For protection of the unborn in our country. We pray to the Lord...



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

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March 30, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



Rejoice!

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life.

Today is Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred.

All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion. The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrate the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation.

This, too, is reason to rejoice. Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing. God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice. †

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA Bringing Home the Word

Sunday Readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10–12

On the day after the Passover [the Israelites] ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain.

2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

Luke 15:1–3, 11–32

Jesus said, "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Walking with Pope Francis in the

Sacred Heart ~ 30 Days of Reflections & Prayers ~ Week 8 ~ 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

There was a pop theatre production...about the Prodigal Son.... [The son writes a letter:] "Father, I have repented, I want to come back home.... If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window..." And when he was near home...what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere!

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

April 18, 2025 Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Each year the Holy Father asks every Catholic parish to take up the collection to support and aid the Christian community in the Holy Land. Not only does this collection support the work of the Franciscans in maintaining the sacred shrines but also supports the daily needs of the people who live in the Holy Land. I urge you to please be as generous as you can.



Knights of Columbus Council 1461
Meet the 3rd Monday of each month
7:00 PM
Hall in Batesville ~ 926 Delaware Rd



Parish Support

March 9	\$ 1,812.00
March 16	2,104.00
Ash Wednesday	402.00
Building Fund	100.00
Black & Indian Missions	307.00
Church in Africa	10.00
Votive Candles	180.00

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 22 8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 22 5:00 PM	† Sandra Meisberger
Sun	Mar 23 7:30 AM	† Larry & Doris Frey
Wed	Mar 26 8:00 AM	~Jason & Ebony Allen
Fri	Mar 28 8:00 AM	† William Smock
Sat	Mar 29 8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Mar 29 5:00 PM	† Emily Mathes
Sun	Mar 30 7:30 AM	~ For the Parish
Wed	Apr 02 8:00 AM	† Todd Holzer
Fri	Apr 04 8:00 AM	~Jason & Ebony Allen
Sat	Apr 05 5:00 PM	~ For the Parish
Sun	Apr 06 7:30 AM	† Cletus & Rosella Holzer

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!

RENOVATION UPDATE

- Capital Campaign being organized. Agreement signed with Our Sunday Visitor
- Coordinator Appointed - John Holzer
- We are entering the planning stage with Vendor selection. Arsee Engineering working on bid documents to distribute to potential vendors.

UP COMING AREA PENANCE SERVICES

April 1, 6:30 – 7:30 St Michael Brookville
April 4, 9AM-9PM St Martin, All Saints Parish

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>March 29</u>	<u>March 30</u>
Coordinator	Kris Taylor	MaryAnn Westmeier
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Rosie C/Felie C
Lector	Jill Jansing	Melissa Grable
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Melissa/Bob Grable
	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 6</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Steve Mathes
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Susan B/Doug W	Bill M/John K

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.



Eucharistic Adoration Fridays 3-6
Way of the Cross 6:00

PENANCE SERVICE REMINDER 6-8 PM

April 9 – St Maurice April 11 – St John
April 10 – Immaculate Conception



EASTER WEEK SCHEDULE

April 17-20

Holy Thursday

5PM St John
6PM St Maurice
7PM Immaculate Conception

Good Friday

3:00 PM St Maurice & St John
5:00 PM Immaculate Conception

Holy Saturday

6:00 PM St Maurice
8:00 PM St John

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM Immaculate Concep
10:00 AM St Maurice
10:30 AM St John



St John Annual Rummage Sale

May 1, 2 3

Now is the time to begin cleaning out any usable items to donate to our Rummage Sale. We accept clothes, kitchen items, books, shoes, etc. Contact Rosie Calhoun (812-621-1389) or Sharon Voegeli (513-505-8884) to drop off items or if you need assistance to move larger items. Please do not leave items outside the church.

Please Remember in Prayer:

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