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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

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

**April 12 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday and
Second Sunday of Easter**

Special Collections:

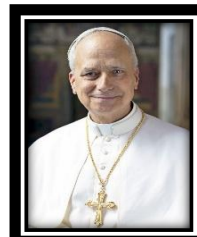
April 26 ~ Catholic Home Missions

April 8 ~ Bible Study Begins 5:30 PM

**April 27 Begin Organizing for Rummage
Sale**

April 30, May 1 & 2 Rummage Sale

Pope Leo XIV



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**Knights of Columbus meet in
Batesville 4th Monday 7PM**

+ **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.

April 5, 2026 ~ Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Jesus is risen! As Pope Francis said, “This message resounds in the Church the world over, along with the singing of the Alleluia. He remained two days in the tomb; but his death contained God’s love in all its power, released and made manifest on the third day, the day we celebrate today: the Easter of Christ the Lord. The words heard by the women at the tomb are also addressed to us: Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Death, solitude, and fear are not the last word. There is a word that transcends them, a word that only God can speak: it is the word of the Resurrection.” Christ has made good on all he promised. He is truly risen.

Magnificat

Life Is Triumphant

For us death is not the end of the roadway. It is only a turn in the road. We hold it not as though it were the journey’s end. The journey ends not in death, but in life. Indeed the journey has no ending.... Thus did Christ our Lord vanquish death. He taught us how to vanquish it by not being afraid to die. And death being vanquished, what other evil can we ever really fear? Death, the long undefeated foe of man, God made Man has conquered for himself and all the world. It is because of that...because death has been met and answered, that every Christian soul should know that there is nothing that cannot be firmly and properly dealt with. No problem can utterly be insoluble. There is a remedy for all things. To all things there is an end.

Men talk, and rightly, I suppose, of the problems of our time, and wonder how they are to be solved and dealt with. In consequence, people looking out into the future are a little afraid. How is this problem to be solved, they ask? What is to be the end of that? Now it is part of the spirit of the followers of Christ never to be afraid of the future, or of whatever the future may bring. There are dark clouds and difficulties beyond us always. Yet there must always be victory for good, for the good is God. God is triumphant. Life is triumphant. Every lesser thing shall fail. †

Father Bede Jarrett, OP
Bringing Home the Word

A Word from Pope

Leo XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ’s] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised that it cannot be touched by mercy.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Sunday Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

This man God raised (on) the third day and granted that he be visible... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance.

Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 20:1–9

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.


PRAYER

Lord Jesus, call us out of the darkness and rise in us, that we may be saved and witness to your glory, we pray.

Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorist

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “*Restoring Hope: Healing When You Have Been Hurt by the Church*” by Paige Byrne Shortal

When someone has been hurt by the Church, perhaps the deep-down source of the pain is that they couldn’t find Jesus where they were told to look. What if we substitute another word for Jesus? What if we substitute “love”? Is there no love in the men and women who kneel and say their prayers? In the 2,000-year history of Catholic education, hospitals, ministries to the needy, and teaching on justice for the poor? Surely, love is there. And God is love. And Jesus is God. When we’re looking for Jesus in the Church, the word we cannot substitute is “perfection.” We won’t find perfection in the Church—not because Jesus isn’t perfect, but because we aren’t. None of us.



April 12, 2026 ~ Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter

The Mystery of His Mercy

The Gift of Doubts

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. “Reflect on your doubts,” I say. So very often, the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they’re not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don’t believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who “allows” children to die of cancer and “permits” wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don’t understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week’s gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet, when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. †

Bringing Home the Word

A Word from Pope Leo XIV



The Lord shows us his wounds and says: *Peace be with you.* Do not be afraid to show your wounds healed by mercy. Do not be afraid to draw close to those who are trapped in fear or guilt. May the breath of the Spirit make us, too, witnesses of this peace and this love that is stronger than any defeat.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Sunday Readings

Acts 2:42–47

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

1 Peter 1:3–9

You may have to suffer through various trials, so...the genuineness of your faith...may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

John 20:19–31

These [signs] are written that you may [come to] believe that Jesus is the Messiah...and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Our doubts ask us to rethink our understanding of who God is.



- ~ Do I think of doubt as an invitation or a temptation?
- ~ Has my understanding of God changed over the years?

Divine Mercy Sunday ~ Jennifer Hubbard

All I could think of when we entered the church that morning was the splintered cross. It could no longer remain simply a symbol—not after we’d seen the mercy within the agony. On that splintered cross carried by His beaten and bruised back, His palms were stretched open and pierced with nails. And even there—on Calvary—in sheer agony, there was tenderness. This is mercy. This is love.

My thought turned to His palms—spread open for me—and to my own, clenched tightly around sharp words, disappointments, and betrayals. Knowing I would keep account of all who hurt me, still He willingly opened His palms—for me, for mine.

There was a time when I would have chastised myself for not instantly lifting my palms heavenward, lesson learned, forgiveness freely given. But I know now His love is patient and tender, understanding my heart’s need to linger on the lesson. Transformation takes time. So I sat there, wanting to release every finger from the accounting I carried, knowing I could not—not yet—except with His mercy.

And that is enough. Because He knows. And so I bowed low, hands trembling, knowing the words to come, and whispered: “Father, please, help us trust you.”

Jennifer Hubbard, author of Finding Sanctuary, resides in Newtown, Connecticut. The younger of her two children, Catherine Violet, was a victim of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. †

Magnificat



PARISH SUPPORT

March 22	1,317.00
March 29	2,873.00
Capital Campaign	2,547.00
Easter Flowers	422.00
St John	250.00
Parish Mission	475.00

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

Holy Saturday

Sat Apr 04 8:00 PM † Al Mathes

Easter Sunday

- Sun Apr 05 10:30 AM † Ken Colyer
- Wed Apr 08 8:00 AM † Jeremy Ogden
- Fri Apr 10 8:00 AM † Robert Mrockowski
- Sat Apr 11 8:00 AM ~ Fr Binu & All Priests
- Sat Apr 11 5:00 PM † Ruth Cord Purdum
- Sun Apr 12 7:30 AM † Terry Wissel
- Wed Apr 15 8:00 AM † Eileen Ogden
- Fri Apr 17 8:00 AM † Don Newhart
- Sat Apr 18 8:00 AM ~ Special Intention
- Sat Apr 18 5:00 PM † Samantha Toops
- Sun Apr 19 7:30 AM † Philip Joseph Simon

Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intentions for 2026

April ~ For Priests in Crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>April 11</u>	<u>April 12</u>
Coordinator	Mary Ann W	Ron Miller
Greeter	Zane Grable	Rosie/Felie
Lector	Gary Payne	Chris Horton
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Chris Horton
Wine	Susan B/Kris T	John K/John H
	<u>April 18</u>	<u>April 19</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Joan Carter
Lector	Melissa Grable	John Holzer
Eucharist	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
Wine	Ron E/Kris T	Bill Mc/Roger M

If you could not make the **Parish Mission** you can see it on YouTube – Fr Terrance Chartier – 3 Pillars of Lent.

St John Parish Council News

The Church Parish Council Meetings schedule is listed below and are open to any parish member wishing to attend. In order to properly prepare our agenda, we ask that you notify us of your intent to attend and if there are any issues you would like to discuss.

Please contact Bill McDonald at 812-689-6699

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026

All meetings are at 6:45 PM

Apr 28 (upstairs)	May 19	June 30
July 28	Aug 25	Sept 22
Oct 27	Nov 17	Dec 15

Bible Study Wednesdays Schedule

April 8, 15, 22, 29

5:30 ~ 5:45 Social Time, 5:45-6 Rosary

Discussion/Video 6-7

May 6 ~ 5:00-5:15 Social Time, 5:15-5:30 Rosary

5:30-6:30 Discussion Video

St John Ladies Update

Rummage Sale ~ April 30, May 1 & 2. It is time to get together the items that you would like to donate to our Spring Rummage Sale. Please do not leave items without contacting Rosie (812-621-1389) or Sharon (513-505-8884).

Funeral Contact List

We are updating our funeral contact list. Please sign the form on the Register in the rear of the Church. Volunteers are always needed both for working and for donating desserts.

Special Collection for April 26

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the US for particular projects and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work. It principally focuses on (1) evangelization activities, (2) religious education, (3) ministry training for priests, deacons, religious and lay people (4) support of poor parishes across the country.

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