

*April 25 & May 2, 2021*  
*St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood*

**The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana**

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**MASS: Saturday 6:00 PM**

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**Sacrament of Baptism** is scheduled by appointment.

Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.

Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.



## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

Lover of Poverty

“Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but *contemplate, study and adore* Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model.”  
(St. Madeleine Sophie Barat)

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25*

I am the Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd knows his sheep and calls them each by name.  
They listen, they wait for the sound of his voice.

We are so like them.  
O Jesus, Shepherd, we long to hear you call us.

Hold us in your arms awhile. Then help us take your unconditional love  
-the lay-down-your-life kind of love that you got from your Father –  
and wrap it around us into the lives of all people every where.



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### Sunday Readings

#### Acts 4:8-12

Peter said, “He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.”

#### 1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.

#### John 10:11-18

Jesus said, ‘I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.’”

*Jesus tells us that you and I are the utter focus of his heart and life.*

#### Reflection Question:

- Jesus, how well do I imitate your love by sacrificing for others?
- Do I seek salvation, peace, and healing from Jesus?

#### Living Stewardship – Pillar of Service

In today’s first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus Christ, who was recently rejected and killed, is where our salvation lies.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, loves us more than we can ever imagine. Let us return this love to Him by performing good works for our brothers and sisters.

*For the lonely, that they may feel Jesus’ love and compassion.*

*We pray to the Lord....*

**PRAYER** Risen Lord, you are the Good Shepherd who watches over us and protects us from all harm. Give me the courage to be a loving shepherd and advocate for the poor and vulnerable.

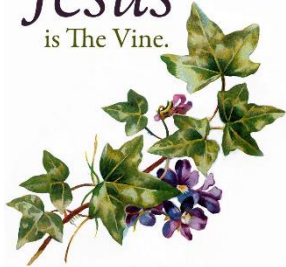
*From Hopeful Meditations for Every Day of Easter throughout Pentecost.  
Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

#### A Word from Pope Francis

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels, but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

*General Audience  
September 5, 2018*

# Jesus is The Vine.



*We are the branches.*

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## *Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2*

**“I am the Vine, you are the Branches.”**

Last week we pondered the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who tenderly cares for his sheep. Today’s gospel invites us to consider how we “remain” in Jesus, the true vine. The second reading from St. John, however, offers us one way to discern our own “remaining” in Jesus. He writes, “Those who keep Jesus’s commandments, remain in him, and he in them. Instead of thinking of a laundry list of rules when considering the commandments, there is really only one St. John proposes that encompasses all others: the command to “love one another.”

If you remember, we carried a coin in our pockets during the Lenten season reminding us to love one another. Maybe we need to continue carrying that coin as we continue the Church year.

### Sunday Readings

#### Acts 9:26-31

The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

#### 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

#### John 15:1-8

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.”

*Jesus guarantees that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will bear much fruit.*

### Bulletin Reflections

- Do I find ways to regularly read and hear the word of God?
- What symbols would sincerely represent the way I live my life?

## PRAYER

Risen Lord, your abiding presence gives us hope. Help me to be a loving presence to others.

*From Mindful Meditations for Every Day  
of Easter through Pentecost.  
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### Living Stewardship – Pillar of Service

In the second reading, John reminds us that we are to love others as Jesus commanded us. Whenever you make a sacrifice for others, be it from your time or money, you are not only practicing the

stewardship pillar of service, but also loving others as Jesus commanded.

*For those who have left the Faith, that they may come back to the Church  
And experience God’s loving mercy.  
We pray to the Lord....*

### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life’s uncertainties.

*First World Day of the Poor  
November 19, 2017*

### *Mass Intentions* For the Month April/May

April 24	Phil Wittich
May 1	Tom & Linda McCain
May 8	Barbie Meister Sloan
May 15	Marlene Jones
May 22	Emily Mathes
May 29	Jeff & Gene Ogden

### PARISH SUPPORT

April 10	\$ 3,062.00
April 17	\$ 2,444.00
Easter	\$ 435.00
Criterion	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 32.00



**May God Bless you With New Signs of  
Easter Life!**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## Pre-School through Grade 5

Wednesday April 28 Class. May 5, 7:00 PM there will be a Mass with May Crowning.

*Parents who have children in the program are encouraged to attend the Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend.*

## Junior High/High School

Classes on Sunday April 25 & May 2, 8:30AM

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

Once again, congratulations to our youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 24. **May the Holy Spirit inspire and guide you in all your life's decisions!**

**ST JOHN LADIES SPRING 2021 RUMMAGE SALE** *We will be postponing our Spring Rummage Sale.*

**FINANCE MEETING** Members of the Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 27, 6:00 PM**. Thank you for your understanding in having to change this date so many times.

**PARISH COUNCIL** Members of the Parish Council will meet on the following **Tuesday, May 4, 6:00 PM**. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

## Prayer Requests

Amy Castner	Randal Simon	Becky Ogle
Paul Fullenkamp	Carol Holzer	Todd Castner
Dottie Fullenkamp	Jeff Haaft	Tim Castner
Katie Spreckelson	Lois Lunsford	Glenna Ward
Bob Voegeli		

For additions contact Sharon.

Call or text: 513-505-8884



The Knights of Columbus are putting on their annual Golf Outing for the benefit of the Pregnancy Care Center S.E. IN again this year on

May 10th. This is a combined event with the Lawrenceburg and Bright Councils. If you have any questions you can reach me (Jeff Weber) at (812) 221 1193.

**CEMETERY** Moving Season - Please see that items are not placed anywhere in the grassy area of the plot of your loved one. You are also asked to clean up around your family site. Anything left unattended or unsightly will be disposed of. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** Some parishioners have asked about the lessening of social distancing in church. This will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting which is after the meeting with the Archbishop, Priests and PLC's.

## THE NEW SERENITY PRAYER

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone since I'm clearly not you, God.**

**At least not the last time I checked. And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.**

**It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people.**

**Who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway.**

**Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me,**

**Or that I alone have all the answers.**

**Basically, God, Grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you. Amen.**

(America/Media, A Jesuit Ministry)

## Race for Vocations – May 8<sup>th</sup>

*"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7*

Join us to participate in the annual Race for Vocations, part of the Indianapolis 500 Mini-Marathon and 5k Race. Help us pray for and promote a culture of vocations in Indiana! For updates and to register go to either <http://HearGodsCall.com/2021-race-for-vocations/> or <http://raceforvocations.org/>

Why, Why, Why?

- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know its batteries need to be replaced?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the bottle it's in?