

May 9 & 16, 2021
St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana

St. John the Baptist Church

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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

Model of Workers

We must not simply intend love. We must labor to fulfill love's demands. Beneficence, laboring for the good of another, in Joseph's case was direct labor for God. Working in Adam's curse by the sweat of his brow was replete with purpose as it was all done to feed, to clothe, to shelter God Himself.

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 9

"Love One Another as I Love You."

They were his close friends. He had chosen them.

But sad they were.

And sad was he. Risen, the Lord must leave the earth.

Yet he loved them so much he could not lose them from his life.

He would place his Spirit deep within them.



And within the rest of us. Soul of Jesus, constant companion, teacher of all good, remind us what Jesus said and did, and who he is; how he loves us and makes his home within us. And the only thing he asks is that we love one another.

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Sunday Readings

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

In the first reading, the Holy Spirit descends upon the Gentiles and they are baptized into the Faith. They could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

1 John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said, "Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

It's natural to want to love our own, but our love has to spread to all people, especially those in most need.

Reflection Question:

- Do I help those who disagree with me or my beliefs?
- Do I understand that God's love requires a generous response?

Faith grows only when it is stretched.

Living Stewardship - Pillar of Hospitality

Jesus commands us to "love one another as I love you." This may not always be easy, but if we ask God to help us be hospitable to our neighbors, we may be surprised to find that it is not so difficult at all.

For those who will be baptized in our parish this year.

We pray to the Lord....

PRAYER Risen Lord, you command us to love one another. Help me to show your love to all people.

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

A Word from Pope Francis

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal.....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent....that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

*Address to Apostolic Penitentiary
March 29, 2019*



The Ascension of the Lord - May 16

“What are you doing gazing heavenward?”

Fr. Ronald Witherup states in his book “Easter to Pentecost” that the Ascension was an extraordinary moment of leave-taking. The disciples most likely dreaded the event since they would be left alone with the mission. But Jesus tells them that he must go in order for the Spirit to descend upon them. What would have been your feelings in such a situation? How do you view your task on earth now? How will you go and teach all nations believing that God is with you always?

Sunday Readings

Acts 1:1-11

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight.

Ephesians 1:17-23

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness.

Mark 16: 15-20

Jesus said to them. “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.”

*Christ counts on us to go into the world
and bring his message to all his beloved children
just as He did.*

Bulletin Reflections

- Do I live as if I am Christ’s presence on earth, aware that I am his missionary?
- If Jesus were in my family, social and professional situations, what would He do?

PRAYER Risen Lord, your death, resurrection and ascension are good news for us. Help me to share this message of hope with all people.

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

The best way to grow as a steward of the Faith is to pray. It is in prayer that we listen to God’s call and invite Him into our lives.

After Mass today, examine your life and find out in which areas of your life have you not fully let God in.

*For Pope Francis, all bishops and priests.
We pray to the Lord....*

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

*Ascension Sunday
May 24, 2020*

Mass Intentions  *For the Month
May*

May 8	Barbie Meister Sloan
May 15	Marlene Jones
May 22	Emily Mathes
May 29	Jeff & Gene Ogden

PARISH SUPPORT

April 24	\$ 2,867.00
May 1	\$ 2,325.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 50.00
Home Missions	\$ 165.00
Future Priests	\$ 20.00
Communication	\$ 10.00



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

SECOND COLLECTION The second collection on May 15 and 16 is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Half of the collected funds remain in this Archdiocese and the other half supports communication projects in the United States and around the world.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT Archbishop Thompson has appointed Father Binu Mathew administrator of St. John Parish, Osgood. This appointment becomes effective on Wednesday, July 7. The last weekend Fr. Bill and I will be present for Mass there will be July 3. Your prayers are appreciated during this time of transition.

After 30 years of ministering in two and three parishes at a time, I look forward to returning to one parish. I have seen the face of Christ among all of us and I thank God for that.

MASS CHANGES – The holy water fonts are now in their usual places if you choose to bless yourself as you enter church. Greeters will begin to take up the collection following the Prayers of the Faithful; the gifts of bread and wine will also be brought forward; lectors will be assigned as well as one server.

At this time, there will be no social distancing on the St. Joseph side of church. We will continue to social distance on the Blessed Mother side. **This is to accommodate the needs of all parishioners and not to cause any separation. Mask wearing is still strongly recommended.**

BULLETINS – Beginning today, the bulletins will no longer be mailed but will be placed in the usual places in church and on the outside of the parish hall. You are also able to read the bulletin on-line.

WEDDING Sister Shirley will be away from the parish the weekend of May 22-23 attending the wedding of her nephew in Indianapolis.

FINANCE MEETING Members of the Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 18 to make complete the 2021-2022 budget.

PARISH COUNCIL Council members will meet again on Tuesday, May 25 to approve the final budget and to discuss any other necessary agenda items.

LADIES MEETING – TUESDAY MAY 11 AT 5:30 PM. We have important items to discuss so please plan to attend. Thank You.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The children will attend their last class for this year on Wednesday, May 12. The Awards Program will be held in Church at 7:20 PM.

Catechists will meet on May 19, 7:00 PM for an end of the year meeting.

JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGHSCHOOL Enjoy your summer months and stay close to God! Give thanks to God for ALL his gifts to you by attending Mass each week.

BOB RUST MEMORIAL DINNER – This drive thru dinner to be held on May 21, 4-7 PM will benefit the Decatur County Right to Life. Your choice of grilled pork or chicken breast. **Tickets are required.** Contact: Patricia at 812/614-2528; Carol at 812/614-0680 or Kate at 812/614-0987.

The Lighter Side

Show Me the Money

One Sunday, a pastor announced to his congregation: “I have good news and bad news.” He continued, “The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is;. It’s still out there in your pockets.”

Courtesy of Raymond Pierce

One Line Quips of Wisdom

- Some minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
- To make a long story short, don’t tell it.
- Be ye fishers of men. You catch them, He’ll clean them.
- People are funny....they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- God doesn’t call the qualified: He qualifies the called.
- When I say “the other day” I could be referring to any time between yesterday and fifteen years ago.

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	Seth Hull	

For additions contact Sharon.

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