

August 30 & September 6, 2020

St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

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Sacramental Ministers: Father John Geis and Father William Turner.

Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM

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.

August 29, 2020 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

St John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Messiah both in life and in death., He leaped in the womb and later preached the repentance that prepared the way for Christ. Then, by dying for the truth, he prepared the way for the Lord's Passion. John the Baptist was, through and through, a "righteous and holy man," and the Gospel for August 29th reveals that Herod, even while being rebuked, "liked to listen to him." This can only be accounted for by the Baptist's great love. All of us find in John the Baptist an inspiration to live with courageous love. "Life," as Pope Francis once preached on this day, "has value only in giving it, in giving it in love, in truth, in giving it to others, in daily life, in the family."



August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *Salvation*

God labors for us so that we might work for Him. Gently, the Lord encourages us to take up the cross of our baptismal initiation and follow Jesus. This encouragement takes many forms tailored to each of our weaknesses and strengths. By pushing us, encouraging us, and helping us, the Lord points us toward the goal of salvation. Jesus seeks us out; he pulls us toward him by many paths. *Be quiet and feel his tug!*

**"Whoever Loses His Life for My Sake
Will Find It."**

**Swift, And reckless, We flee the cross
Whenever it comes close.**

Lord, out of love you gave up everything on behalf of us.

Be with us now. Show us a way to carry our cross.

**Show us how to lose ourselves, and find ourselves
in you, in love.**

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Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 20:7-9

All day long I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Romans 12:1-2

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God.

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

When Peter tries to deny the Lord his Passion—"God forbid that such a thing every happen to you!"—the Lord rebukes him. Why? Because Christ's death on the cross would fulfill the "good and pleasing and perfect" will of the Father for our salvation. In union with Jesus, we offer our bodies

as a living sacrifice to God. And no matter how much our sharing in Christ's cross may make us an object of the world's laughter and mockery, the love of God is like a fire burning in our heart. "True glory is the glory of love because that is the only kind that gives life to the world" (Pope Francis). It is the life-giving of love which Christ reveals on the cross.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Service

As Christians, we are called to be at the service of others. There are so many ways to care for your brothers and sisters. Ask yourself, what is one way you can serve others this week?

**For those who are hungry on our Island,
we pray to the Lord...**

Reflection Questions:

Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God.

- How are you tempted by the enemy of your soul?
- Are you ever convinced you aren't being tempted at all?

PRAYER Lord, your resurrection conquered sin and death. Give me the strength to overcome pride so I can become a humble servant of your love and peace.

*From Faithful Meditation for Every Day
Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected...It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children; sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!



*Meeting with the elderly
September 28, 2014*

ADORATION There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 4 at St Maurice Church. Rosary will be prayed at 7:45 am followed by Morning Prayer. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will continue until 12:00 noon.



September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Harden Not Your Hearts."

The psalm for this Sunday tells us what is needed in order to live well in a community of peace and reconciliation. Sometimes God's messages of correction and encouragement will come from the mouths of our brothers and sisters. When this happens, our psalm urges us not to harden our hearts with pride and anger. When we are secure in God's love and our own preciousness in God's sight, we can let go of pride and anger. Then we can take feedback with the goodwill it was intended and strive to be better as we continue on the journey of faith.

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

I have appointed you as a sentinel for the house of Israel.

Romans 13:8-10

The commandments...are summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

***For those who feel they are not loved.
We pray to the Lord...***

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

In today's readings, we are called to love and forgive our brothers and sisters. Perhaps this week you could reach out to a lonely family member or friend and just

chat with them. If you are holding a grudge against someone, let this be the week you let it go.

PRAYER Lord, I am grateful for your gifts of love, mercy and forgiveness. Help me to share these gifts with those who have hurt me.

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Reflection Questions:

As humble Christians, we should accept corrections when they are done correctly.

- Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?

FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could; Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, you shall begin it well and serenely. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)



Forgiveness is letting go. Prayer readies our heart and mind to let go of what diminishes our love and squashes our kindness. With God's grace let us all *Forgive, for Heaven's Sake.*

This reflection concludes our year of reflecting upon the gift and grace of forgiveness but the work of forgiving continues on in our lives. *Lord, have mercy on us!*

CELEBRATION FOR FATHER JOHN

We want to celebrate Fr John's goodness to us over these past years as our Sacramental Minister. This celebration will be during Mass on Saturday, September 19th. Let us present him with many cards and well wishes. We will have a basket available for the next few weeks, if you would like to bring a card, or send his card to the parish and it will added to the basket. The Church address is: 331 S. Buckeye St., Osgood, IN 47037. The parish, Ladies' Society and the Knights of Columbus will present gifts to him also.

THE LADIES SOCIETY AT ST JOHN'S will be having a September 15th meeting at 5:30 PM. We will be discussing our Rummage Sale and other end of the year events.

PARISH SUPPORT

August 16	\$ 1,622.00
August 23	\$ 1,480.00
Assumption	\$ 73.00



Mass Intentions

August 29	Ruth Wenning
September 05	Cletus & Rosella Holzer
September 12	John & Lou Miller
September 19	Dale Young
September 26	Pat Schuman

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week of September 20 – Bernie and Randy Ward
Week of September 27 – Bernie and Randy Ward

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Pre-School Religious Education on September 5 & 6 or you can call Patty Simon at 689-4100.

JR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGION

There will be a meeting for catechists on Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 PM.

Confirmation Class will start on Sunday, September 13. Grades 6 through 9 will begin on Sunday, September 20th. This week you will receive information in the mail.

MASS SCHEDULES

Immaculate. Conception,	
Millhousen	Sunday, 8:30 AM
St John, Osgood	Saturday, 6:00 PM
St. Maurice, Napoleon	Saturday, 4:00 PM
	Sunday, 10:00 AM
St. Charles, Milan	Saturday, 5:00 PM
	Sunday, 08:30 AM

**This schedule begins on the weekend of
September 12-13**

For Those who would like to contact Ted Wissel during his recovery his address is:

759 Willow Ridge Ct, Plainfield IN 46168, c/o Brent Wright

POSITION AVAILABLE The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN are looking for an LPN or RN for the 3PM – 11PM shift; Eligible for Health, Dental and Vision Insurance. If interested contact Connie Luers at 812/933-6402 or cluers@oldenburgosf.com

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Amy Kinker	Pat Grieshop	Molly Ronaldson
Natalie Brown	Amy Castner	Todd Castner	Brooke Teer	Dennis Sanders	Madeline Ronaldson
Mike Raney	John Newhart	Gary Payne	Jennifer Hayness	Marsha Meister	Gerald Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Tom Noah	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
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