

September 13 and September 20, 2020
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.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

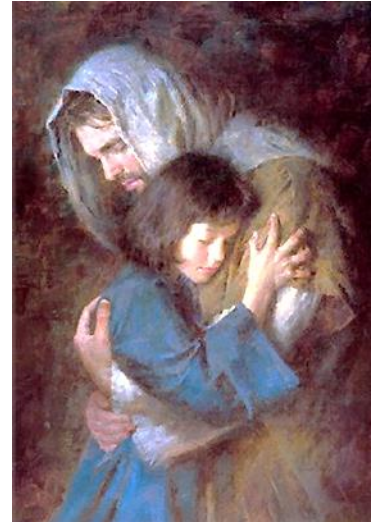
“Lord, How Often Must I Forgive”

To receive forgiveness can be cheerful for us.
We can feel great peace and joy,
like walking out of jail!

But forgiving others, not so easy.
Jesus, please help us break those bonds
of our refusal to forgive!
Grant us your strength to remove our shackles.

Teach us to forgive others in the way that you forgive us.

**Forgive and then forget.
No strings attached.**



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Sunday Readings

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook faults.

Romans 14:7-9

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” We are all sinners who have offended God and our neighbors. However, God forgives us our trespasses when we ask for His mercy and forgiveness. The Gospel message today is about a man who, having owed a large debt, was forgiven by his master but did not forgive his fellow man.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation

We have all been wronged and hurt by someone else. However, as Catholics, we should learn to forgive. This week pray for someone who has hurt you and forgive them.

For the conversion of heart, for those who struggle to forgive. We pray to the Lord...

Good Judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law.

Reflection Questions:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

- How forgiving, patient and kind am I on a regular basis?
- How forgiving, patient and kind would others say I am?

PRAYER Lord, I am grateful for your endless mercy. Give me the humility and courage to forgive those who have hurt me.

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

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The increase in the rates of suicide in your cities, as well as bullying and various kinds of neediness, are creating new forms of alienation...I ask you to pay special attention to the young and their needs. Try to create spaces...of generous and selfless love...to everyone, and not only to those who have “made it.”



*Meeting with Bishops, Tokyo
November 23, 2019*

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The Lord is Near to All who Call upon Him.”

Today’s psalm refrain proclaims, “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.” These words are a gift and a challenge. We are assured of God’s help and nearness to us at all times, especially when we are in need. And we also must proclaim with words and actions that this is true for everyone else too. For God, there is no “us and them.” Each person he has created is beloved and precious in his sight, including those who have hurt us. Our greatest prayer should be that those who do evil will be converted

but sometimes it seems easier to desire the downfall of those who wreak havoc on the world. But this is not God’s dream. Instead, he desires to gather all people to Himself.

May we take time to pray this week that all people would turn toward the Lord and enter into the kingdom of God.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

For to me life is Christ and death is gain.

Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus said, “Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

***If you want power, it’s the power to serve
that requires true conversion and
embracing the cross.***

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Prayer

“Seek the LORD while He may be found, call Him while He is near.” This week spend some time in silence in front of the Lord in the Tabernacle or ask the Lord to speak to you while you read from your Bible. Seek Him out this week and listen to what He has to say.

***For those is our community who are trying to
find their way back to God. We pray to the
Lord...***

PRAYER Lord, I am grateful for the gift of your compassion. Help me to be more generous in sharing your compassion with others.

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Reflection Questions:

We have a loving God who wants us to walk with Him and call upon Him:

- Do I love without strings attached or do I love to get something in return?
- What is holding me back from reforming my life?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard...It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because He wants life for each of us.

Angelus, September 24, 2017



Prayer as I Put on my Mask

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world,
Help me to see the **sacrament** in the wearing of this cloth -



Let it be “**an outward sign**” of an “**inward grace**”
A tangible and visible way of **living love** for my **neighbors**.

As I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, **uncover my heart**,

That people would see **my smile** in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled – help me to speak clearly.

Not only with my words, **but with my actions**.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears,

Remind me to listen carefully – **and full of care** –

To all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be **shield** and **banner**.

And each breath that it holds, **be filled with Your love**.

In Your name and in the **name of love** I pray.

May it be so, may it be so.

(Anonymous)

MASS INTENTIONS

September 12 John and 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

PARISH SUPPORT

August 30 \$ 1,670.00

September 6 \$ 1,695.00

Assumption \$ 25.00

Capital Imp \$ 25.00

Votive Candles \$ 107.00



GRADESCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have a child for the PreSchool religious education classes please call Patty Simon at 689-4100 to register your child. Classes for all grades begin on Wednesday, September 23.

JUNIOR HIGH AND HS RELIGION

Confirmation Class will start on Sunday, September 13. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Thompson on April 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary, Greensburg.

Grades 6 through 9 will begin on Sunday, September 20th. You will receive information in the mail.

CELEBRATION FOR FR. JOHN – Remember Father John's celebration during Mass on Saturday, September 19th. Your many cards and well wishes

can be placed in a basket as you come into church. If you won't be at Mass, please send his card to the parish and I will put it in the basket we will present to him. Our address is: 331 S. Buckeye St., Osgood, IN 47037. The parish, Ladies' Society and the Knights of Columbus will present gifts to him also.

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**

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

CHURCH PICNICS

St. Louis, Batesville, September 20, Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Holy Family Church Festival, Oldenburg on October 4, Drive-Thru Fried Chicken, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

ROSARY RALLY OCT 10 – 12:00 NOON

At St John's Blessed Mother Grotto Susan Banta would like to invite everyone to join in praying the Rosary together on October 10 at 12:00 Noon.

CHURCH CLEANING We have found ourselves in need of Cleaning Volunteers for the Church for the next month or so. If anyone could help out it would be appreciated. It will only be one weekend a month and include disinfecting the pews and vacuuming. Please contact Lois Lunsford for more information. 812-689-5134. Thanks

FR FRANK ECKSTEIN IS CELEBRATING HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON SEPTEMBER 25

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