

St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – St Maurice 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass

Wednesday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Thursday – Millhousen 5PM Holy Hour – 6PM Mass

Friday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Saturday – St John 7AM Holy Hour – 8AM Mass

Sunday Obligation

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday - 3:00 to 6:00PM

Reconciliation

Saturday – 4:45PM

Friday – 3-4PM

**"Welcome one another as Christ has
welcomed you for the
Glory of God"**

states St Paul Romans 15:7.

Our God is a welcoming God and His Son, Jesus, also welcomes everyone into His presence. As parishioners of St John the Baptist parish we too wish to display this same welcoming attitude. And so we say, "Welcome to each of you who visit our Church.

Welcome into our lives of faith, of family and of community.

May God Bless You with Peace and All Good Gifts!

October 8, 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 8, 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus said, “I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Caring for God’s Vineyard

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Today’s readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God’s “cherished plant” (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn’t replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today’s Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God’s vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard? †

Bring Home the Word –October 2023

A Word from Pope Francis

In any age, those who have authority...may be tempted to work in their own interests instead of those of God. And Jesus says that true authority... is in serving, not exploiting others. The vineyard is the Lord’s, not ours. Authority is a service and...should be exercised for the good of all and for the dissemination of the Gospel.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 4, 2020



Reflection Questions

- We are the Church. Do you sometimes think of the Church as “them”?
- Do you pray for the leaders of the Church with sincerity?



Stewardship

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the

corner stone...” - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant

may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

PRAYER

Creator God, quiet our minds and open our hearts that we may become the holy person you created us to be. ***We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen***

The Redemptorists

World Mission Sunday

We celebrate World Mission Sunday on October 22, 2023. This Year’s Theme: “Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move”

On World Mission Sunday we will unite with the global Church in celebrating. As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ’s love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service.

Pray for the success of the Church’s missionary efforts, missionary priests, religious brothers and sisters and lay people.

www.onefamilyinmission.org

October 15, 2023 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said, "Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find."



Our Invitation from the King

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of *Star Trek* should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, "a feast of rich food and choice wines" (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today's Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of "calves and fattened cattle" (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palate, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch "the game." Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God's invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience. †

Bringing Home the Word, October 2023

Reflection Questions

When it comes to Sunday Mass, who are you in today's Gospel story? The ones who are too busy? The ones who show up yet unappreciative? Or the grateful ones?

A Word from Pope Francis

The Church is called to reach... those situations where the hopeless remnants of humanity camp out and live... Even those on the margins, even those who are rejected and scorned by society, are considered by God to be worthy of his love. He prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and sinners, good and bad, intelligent and uneducated.



ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 11, 2020

Prayer Holy God, help us to recognize your invitation in every task set before us, your face in every person we meet.

We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN

The Redemptorists



Stewardship

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." -

Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

***For all those living in need in our communities
We pray to the Lord***

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA



Join us for a rosary at the Grotto on **Saturday, October 14, at 12 Noon** in support of America Needs Fatima. This is a great way to honor our Blessed Mother and pray for the message of Our Lady of Fatima to be known by all.

Dolores Simon will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 26. Let's show her our love by sending her a card for her special day! Her address is as follows:

Dolores Simon
St. Andrew's Health Campus
1400 Lammers Pike
Batesville, IN 47006

Parish Support

September 24 Weekly	2,313.00
October 1 Weekly	3,450.00
Capital Improvements	3,100.00
World Mission Sunday	10.00

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

Sat	Oct 7	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Oct 7	5:00 PM	✚ Adam Oeffinger
Sun	Oct 8	7:30 AM	✚ Steve Tunny
Wed	Oct 11		NO MASS
Fri	Oct 13	8:00 AM	✚ Gary Patton
Sat	Oct 14	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Oct 14	5:00 PM	✚ Tom McCain
Sun	Oct 15	7:30 AM	✚ Charles & Lynn Baurley
Wed	Oct 18	8:00 AM	✚ Betty Cord
Fri	Oct 20	8:00 AM	✚ Judy Spencer
Sat	Oct 21	8:00 AM	✚ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Oct 21	5:00 PM	✚ Gary Taylor
Sun	Oct 22	7:30 AM	✚ Barb Givan

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>October 14</u>	<u>October 15</u>
Coordinator	Joan Carter	MA Westmeier
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
Lector	John Holzer	Gary Payne
Eucharistic M	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
	<u>October 21</u>	<u>October 22</u>
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
Lector	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
Eucharistic M	Jill Jansing	John Holzer

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	Week of Oct 1
Ted Wissel & MJ Hunter	Week of Oct 8
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	Week of Oct 15
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	Week of Oct 22

Thank you all for your time and hard work!

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



Special Thanks to All who helped make the St John Ladies Rummage Sale a Great Success! It takes many volunteers and many hours of work for this event. Thanks Again.

2024 United Catholic Appeal

United in the Eucharist

As a Church, we are stronger together. The impact of your gift is essential to the people of our archdiocese and the mission given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God is generous to us. All we have was given to us by Him. We may work hard and be responsible, but even our ability to do that is a gift from God.

St John's Goal \$11,929

PRAYER

Almighty Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you send us forth to love as you have love us.

United in Christ, grant us generous and faithful hearts, as we love our neighbor, as we clothe the poor, as we feed the hungry, as we care for the sick, as we speak our words to others, as we share your blessings.

Be our joy, strength and guide, that we may become one Body, one Spirit in Christ, to the praise of your glory. **AMEN**

Resuming Wine

Distribution at All Masses

On November 4th we are planning to resume wine distribution at all Masses.

Training for those who will be distributing wine will be after all Masses on the weekends of:

October 21/22 and October 28/29

Weighty Matters

- Laughter is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I had any loose-fitting clothing, I would not have needed to sign up for the exercise class in the first place!
- Ring your own doorbell on your way to bed. This will clear the dogs off the bed.



- Amy Castner
- Tim Castner
- Todd Castner
- Elliott Elkins
- Peggy Fear
- Paul Graf
- Amy Graham
- Lily Handt
- Todd Holzer
- Keith Jarvis
- Larry Kendall
- Linda McCain
- Mark Meister
- Teresita Noah
- Tom Noah
- Eileen Ogden
- Pavi Pathak Family
- Randy Simon
- Dolores Simon
- Pam Thomas
- Darin Toops
- Sharon Voegeli
- Ben Zigan

Denotes Active Service Deployment