

November 8 & 15, 2020
St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana

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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.

November 8, 2020
32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Behold the Bridegroom! Come Out to Meet Him.

**Lord, we trust you to be present for us.
Until then we try to catch just a glimpse of you:
in midnight stars, and geese in flight; planets on path,
a child's face; each sorrow and all joy.**



**We look for you in the homeless, hungry, in immigrants and
victims of bias, in caretakers of the environment and the sick.**

**Please bless our searching for you, flasks full and lamps trimmed.
Let us find you in all things.**

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Sunday Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is...found by those who seek her.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus said, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Why don't the five wise virgins share their oil with the five foolish ones? Because it is something that simply cannot be shared. The oil is our love for Christ. Such wisdom is not a secret commodity only attainable by a few, but is "readily perceived by those who love her; and found by those who seek her." If the foolish virgins only remained and confessed, "Lord, Lord, we have been foolish. But we know that you yourself can be our light! Have mercy on us!" Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, "with a word of command" can wake us up and take us to be with himself. If we bless him while we live and call upon his name, it will not be in vain.

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God." This week seek the Lord through Scripture. Read a few passages from the Bible this week.

***For our county, its leaders and its people.
We pray to the Lord....***

Reflection Questions:

Today's Gospel stresses the importance of being prepared for the coming of the Lord. We must always take care of our souls and do what is right.

- Am I constantly in contact with the mercy of God so I am always ready?
- How am I living now so that I am always prepared for the final encounter with Jesus?

PRAYER Lord, I am grateful for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help me to keep awake to the movement of your Spirit in my life.

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

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The study of the sacred Scriptures must be a door opened to every believer....Evangelization demands familiarity with God's word, which calls for dioceses, parishes and Catholic associations to provide for a serious, ongoing study of the Bible, while encouraging its prayerful individual and communal reading.



*Evangelii Gaudium
November 24, 2013*

***All of us know our final encounter
with Jesus is coming.
It would be foolish to ignore it.***

November 11, 2020 - Veterans Day:

A Prayer for Our Veterans



Loving God, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the Veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray especially for the young men and women, in the thousands, who are coming home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. We ask for, echoing John Paul II, an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace, as a way to honor all the veterans of past wars.

Have mercy on all our Veterans. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in. Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts; May their calling to service continue in their lives in many positive ways.

Give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, hear our prayer. Amen



November 15, 2020 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Value of a Worthy Woman is Beyond Measure.

In the readings from Proverbs, a man finds a trustworthy and praiseworthy partner, one whose value is “beyond pearls.” In the Gospel another man finds trustworthy and praiseworthy servants, one’s worthy of handling all his possessions. We would do well to look at ourselves. Does our spouse or close family member consider us trustworthy and praiseworthy? How about our employer? How about God? As we listen to these readings, let us consider how we can become more trustworthy and praiseworthy in the eyes of those whose perspective we value.

Sunday Readings

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Acclaim for her the work of her hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.

Matthew 25: 14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus said, “It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them.”

Parents, your job is to help your children develop their talents and dreams.

Bulletin Reflections

Today’s Gospel reading sums up the whole point of stewardship. God has given us gifts and talents; it is up to us to do well with them to honor God.

- What are the most important talents I have? Think of virtues, abilities, qualities, time.
- Which talent should I invest in more so I can enjoy the return God wants?

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

How can you serve God and our fellow man this week? In silence, pray to God and ask Him where He would like you to serve.

*For our parish’s volunteers, who give of their time and talent for the Church.
We pray to the Lord....*

THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

Dear God, we ask that you fill us with your Spirit of love and unity among believers all across this nation. We ask for your help to set aside our differences and look to the greater cause, the cause of Christ. We ask that you would help us to truly live a life of love. We know that this is only possible through the power of your Spirit, so we pray for your Spirit to move across our land in fresh ways. Turn your people back to you. Draw others to come to know you. Thank you that you are always with us to give great purpose and hope. Amen.

THANKSGIVING MASS

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at St. John Church, Osgood, on Wednesday, November 25, 5:30 PM.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER

7 Cletus & Rosella Holzer
14 Paul Miller
21 Jim & Geneva Tunny
25 Clara Maire Wagner (Thanksgiving Mass)
28 James McCain

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Week of November 8 Clara Marie Wagner
Week of November 15 & 22 Phil Wittich



PARISH SUPPORT

October 24	\$ 1,715.00
November 1	\$ 2,742.00
Missions	\$ 3.00
Cemetery	\$ 50.00
All Saints	\$ 30.00

Thank You!

May all your gifts be acceptable to God!

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL: HOPE FOR TOMORROW

You have received or will soon receive your United Catholic Appeal pledge card. The goal for our parish is \$13,683.00. Please respond as you are able. Your gift will give hope for tomorrow to those who lack the basic necessities for life; to seminarians and future priests; and to children and adults seeking to love and serve Jesus.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Due to the shut-down of schools there will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday, November 11 or 18 for Pre School through Grade 5. Classes will resume the Wednesday after Thanksgiving, December 2. *May God bless us all with good health.*

JUNIOR HIGH/ HIGHSCHOOL Class is canceled for this Sunday, November 8 and will likely be canceled for the following Sunday, November 15.

FINANCE COMMITTEE The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 PM.

LADIES SOCIETY MEETING All the ladies of the parish are invited to our meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 5:30 PM in the Church Basement.

TURKEY DINNER

St. Maurice, Napoleon will have a drive-through turkey dinner on Saturday, November 14, 5:00 to 7:00pm. The parish hall will not be used for Mass that evening.

SOLITUDE AS SOUL CARE Richard J. Foster (*Celebration of Discipline*) says solitude is “more a state of mind and heart” than a place: “There is a solitude of the heart that can be maintained at all times. Crowds, or the lack of them, have little to do with this inward attentiveness.”

Although Jesus preferred crowd-free alone times, that’s not always feasible. But no matter your surroundings and responsibilities, you can carve out intentional time to “be still” (Psalm 46:10). Try these tips for adding solitude to life’s rhythms:

- Take an hour. Treat this time as an important calendar appointment. Keep it free to protect your solitude.
- Take a minute. Before a big meeting or as you’re answering the phone, breathe deeply and invite God into the moment.
- And what about a day of solitude – a real luxury!

Humor for the Times (Joyful Noiseletter)

Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine I’d go to a bank teller with a mask on and ask for money.

Quarantines turn us into dogs. We roam the house looking for food. If we get too close to strangers, we are told “NO!” And we get overly excited about car rides.

Today’s quarantines have created role reversals. Older people sneak out of the house and their kids yell at them to “stay indoors!”