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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior
to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

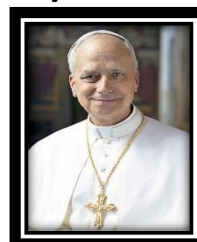
ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM
IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass
ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses

Nov 30 ~ 1st Sunday of Advent
Dec 07 ~ 2nd Sunday of Advent
Dec 08 ~ Immaculate Conception
Dec 12 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 14 ~ Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec 14 ~ Bambinelli Sunday
Dec 14 ~ Ladies Christmas Party
Pope Leo XIV



**Knights of Columbus Meet in
Batesville 4th Monday 7PM**

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+ **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.

+ The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.

+ The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



November 30, 2025

Maybe Advent is not about waiting for God, but about God waiting for us to recognize that he is with us here and now.

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

If Advent is a time of waiting, then our entire lives must be an advent, for we spend so much of our lives waiting— as children, for Santa to come with his sack of surprises and for the dizzying lure of summertime. Later, we eagerly wait to get our driver’s licenses and then to move out on our own and get our first real jobs and the independence this phase of life promises. We wait for love to find us and, for some, for love to return. Some wait for children, others for the empty nest, and others for retirement.

Our mothers told us not to wish our lives away, yet we did, and still we do, as we wait for life to be more than what it seems to be. Then, one day, we look back and wish we could have again all that once was. So, maybe Advent is not about waiting for God to make a splash in our lives. Maybe Advent is about God waiting for us to come around and recognize that he is with us here and now.

The question for each of us, then, is what are we waiting for at this point in our lives? There is no right answer, only the one each of us has for ourselves. Whatever it is, there is no doubt that there is love or joy or peace or meaning at the heart of it, all camouflaged by whatever we say we are waiting for. Beneath it all is the hunger for God- With-Us. †

Bringing Home the Word

Christmas Reflections

*By Fr. Joseph Mary Wolfe, MFVA
EWTN Chaplain*

“AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.”

In today’s First Reading, Isaiah foresees “in days to come” that “all nations” will “go up the Lord’s mountain” and that they will enjoy peace with one another, for “one nation shall not raise the sword against another.” Oh, how we long for such a peace in the world today. “The Little Child shall lead us.”

Little children find it easy to make friends—and the Child Jesus comes to be friends with us: “I have called you friends” (John 15:15). We also find wonderful examples of friendship in the lives of the saints. Erasmus, the friend of St. Thomas More, wrote of him: “He seems to be born and made for friendship.” Mike Aquilina, in his book, *Friendship and the Fathers*, points out that even when the early Church was enduring persecution, she continued to grow through friendship, even with those who were not Christians.

Today, in a world that is often painfully divided and full of contempt for the other, the Child Jesus leads us differently, in treating everyone with respect—for “if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us” (1 John 4:12). Hatred is not creative. Only charity is creative. “Love never ends” (1 Corinthians 13:8). Love is the one thing we will take with us after death.

*Lead us, Child Jesus, to friendship with You
and with one another.*

REMINDER

**Sign Up for the Ladies Christmas Party being
held on December 14, 12 Noon**



Lord Jesus, so that the world may know of your presence among us, we pray ...
Be born in us, be born in our world.

The Redemptorists

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

We are called to offer God’s love to everyone, in order to achieve that unity that does not cancel out differences but values the personal history of each person and the social and religious culture of every people. Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters.



Homily, Rome, May 18, 2025



STEWARDSHIP

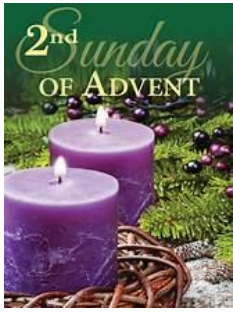
Managing God’s Gifts To Us

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” MATTHEW 24:42

General Intercession: In Thanksgiving for all we have. We pray to the Lord... November 30th – First Sunday of Advent

Bulletin Reflection: Advent starts today. The season of Advent is a beautiful liturgical season that invites us to grow in our Faith before Christmas. Let us wait in joyful anticipation for Our Lord!

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation: Do some reading about Advent traditions and pick some traditions up for this year (especially if you are a family with small children). General Intercession: For a holy Advent season. **We pray to the Lord...**



December 7, 2025 ~ Second Sunday of Advent
*If we acted the way we would like to feel,
 then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped.*

Pretend the Dream

Fr. Joseph Juknialis

When I was in college, we had a professor who would often say that if, instead of acting the way we feel, we acted the way we would like to feel, then we would soon begin to feel the way we hoped. Over the years, I've found a fair amount of wisdom in that advice, although I don't always remember to tap into it. I know it's all a kind of pretending, but somehow the pretending does seem to make a difference.

Each year, we make our journey into Christmas with a year's baggage. We come with good memories of fun times, sun-drenched summers, dappled autumns, vacations, and birthday parties. But we also make our way into this red and green season with a generous share of hurts and pains, failures, and even sins, just because most years are lived that way.

So, during this last month of each year, we play at being happy and pretend that all is good. We sing carols and toast friendships and wish each other blessings and goodness. And, we do it all with an unspoken honesty, knowing full well that life is not always so, but maybe by pretending, and by some freakish twist of godliness, we can find for some short time the harmony once prophesied by Isaiah. Maybe the wolf and the lamb will be kind, and the calf and lion will forget their history, and, for at least one brief shining moment, we will live in harmony with one another. †

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St. Augustine wrote that the birth of a child is a greater miracle than the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This is so because it is a greater thing to bring a person INTO existence FROM nothingness than it is to resuscitate a person who did exist, but then died, and was then brought back to life.

In today's First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah gives heart to a people who were questioning if David's kingdom could ever possibly be restored. It seemed that this glorious genealogical tree was cut off and that God's promise would not be fulfilled. Not so! "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse (David's father), and from his roots a bud shall blossom."

The birth of THIS Child will restore beyond all expectations the hopes of the people Israel. And the fact that God became "God with us, Emmanuel" (see Matthew 1:22-23); a child born of a Virgin (see Isaiah 7:14) confirms the truth that EVERY child, beginning in the womb, is worthy of love and respect and is a being loved by God and destined for life with Him forever.

Child Jesus, help us all to see more clearly the beautiful truth of the miracle of our own existence and that of others.

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10 ~ He shall judge the poor with justice and decide fairly for the land's afflicted.

Romans 15:4-9 ~ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:1-12 ~ John the Baptist said, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

December 8 ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass will be celebrated at St John at 9:00 AM

4:30 PM St Maurice

6:00 PM Immaculate Conceptions



The Don Newhart family wishes to offer their gratitude toward all who have supported them through prayer, cards, Masses & monetary gifts to the St. John's Building Fund. Thank you for your kindness & generosity as it is greatly appreciated!!
 God Bless You All!!

Fr. Binu and all the parishioners here at St. John are truly grateful to the **Samantha Toops & Don Newhart families** for supporting our Capital Campaign with a grand total of \$4,120. We wish to thank them very much for their generous giving to our parish!!



PARISH SUPPORT

November 16	5,432.00
November 23	2,751.00
Capital Campaign	57.00
All Saints	10.00
Human Development	263.00
Votive Candles	318.00

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	Nov 29	8:00 AM	† Charlie Kirk
Sat	Nov 29	5:00 PM	† Emily Mathes
Sun	Nov 30	7:30 AM	† Ken Collier
Wed	Dec 03	8:00 AM	† Terry Wissel
Fri	Nov 05	8:00 AM	~ Jason Allen
Sat	Nov 06	5:00 PM	† Jennifer Sloan
Sun	Nov 07	7:30 AM	† Al Mathes
Feast of the Immaculate Conception			
Mon	Dec 08	9:00 AM	† Terry Wissel
Wed	Dec 10	8:00 AM	† Bernita Baurley
Fri	Dec 12	8:00 AM	~ Steve & Mary Knies
Sat	Dec 13	8:00 AM	~Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Dec 13	5:00 PM	† Gene, Jeff & Jeremy Ogden
Sun	Dec 14	7:30 AM	† Arthur Simon

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	December 6	December 7
Coordinator	Kris Taylor	Ron Miller
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	Gary Payne	John Holzer
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	John Holzer
Wine	Susan B/Kris T	John K/Bob G
	December 8	
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	
Greeter	Joan Carter	
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	
Eucharist	Ron Miller	
Wine	Ron E/Kris T	
	December 13	December 14
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Zane Grable
Lector	Jill Jansing	Melissa Grable
Eucharist	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
Wine	Doug W/Ron E	Roger M/John K

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA will be taking place once again at ALL cemeteries in Ripley County on Saturday, December 13. The St. John Cemetery will need volunteers to assist in placing the wreaths at the graves of veterans. Anyone interested should be there by 2:30, or contact Steve Mathes 812-571-7374.



Renovation Update
As of November 16, 2025

Amount Pledged - \$464,040.00
Percentage to goal - 60%
Amount Collected - \$244,133.51
Percentage to pledged amount - 53%

Our fundraising progress is quite impressive. When we add in the amount from savings that the finance committee feels comfortable committing to the renovation (\$250,000), we have achieved 92% of our \$775,000 goal.

As a reminder, we will have a special collection each weekend specifically for the capital campaign. This is to provide an easy way to make your payment pledges and to donate toward the cause if you have not pledged. There are envelopes on the back registers for this purpose. If you complete the information on the envelope, your donation will be recorded as a specific part of your annual giving.

The rectory steps have been poured and look very nice. Many thanks to Graf and Byard Concrete. The tops for the side walls and the work on the masonry on the west wall should be completed soon by Shawn Halcomb Masonry.

We are still working on alternate solutions for the towers. MMI from Indianapolis will be coming with a lift to evaluate the possibility of using a special coating that may lower the cost of the repairs. The trade-off is that this solution will provide, at most, a ten-year life. This is compared to a thirty-year life for a complete replacement. We will determine our direction when this evaluation is completed, and we have a proposal cost.

We have applied for a grant from the Archdiocese to cover the cost of the ramp and steps. We will find out in January if we will be awarded any funds or not. We can apply for grant money each year. Next year we will apply for whatever repairs are in process or completed.

Penance Services in December

December 3 ~ St Maurice ~ 6PM Adult/7PM Children
December 11 ~ IC Milhousen ~ 6:30 to 8 PM
December 12 ~ St John ~ 6 to 8 PM

Full list of Deanery Penance Services is listed on the Bulletin Board.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Stanley Green	Abby Dicken	Melissa Chapman	Robert Hillenburg
Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Susie Huff	Diane Menchhofer
Dolores Simon	Peggy Wagner	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah	Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Family
	Shirley Robbins	Melanie Givan	Keith Jarvis	Bernita Baurley	Candy Reidenbach

Active Service Deployment - Ben Zigan