

December 1, 2019

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
Sunday **Mass:** 12:00 noon

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM
Sunday: 11:30-11:45 AM

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.

DECEMBER 1, 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent Pondering

How would you like to prepare spiritually for the feast of Christ's nativity? What is Jesus calling you to "wake up" to this Advent?

Bulletin Reflection

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, therefore they strive to live in readiness for His coming. This Advent we wait patiently for Christ and prepare ourselves for His coming.

PRAYER Lord, give me the courage to disarm my heart from the feelings of anger, resentment and revenge that foster so much pain and division in my life. Instill in me a spirit of gratitude and joy that I may become your instrument of peace and reconciliation whenever conflicts arise.

From Joyful Meditations for Every Day of Advent and the 12 Days of Christmas
Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney

THE SANTUARY LIGHT burns for Jack Newhart from December 8 until December 21.

COME, LORD JESUS

The "ripe time" has come, the time to wake up for the coming of the Lord! We do not know exactly when He will come, but we do know that the time is already ripe, so we must "stand up now for Jesus!"

Advent is a time of expectancy. We wait for the next step in the Lord's plan for His creation and for each of us. He came once as a baby, He comes to us in our worship and daily lives, and He will come again in full power, glory and majesty. *Are we, are you ready to meet Him face to face?*

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What can I do to prepare myself and my family for Christ's coming on Christmas?
- How do I prepare for Christ's coming in the Eucharist and at other times in my life?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We can ask ourselves: Is this sacrament fulfilled in me? More concretely: Do I just like to be served at the Lord's table or do I get up to serve like the Lord?...And as a church let us ask ourselves: After receiving Communion many times, have we become people of communion?



--Eucharistic concelebration April 20, 2018

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE The Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception, Millhousen. On Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM Fr. John and Fr. Bill will hear confessions here for the children in Religious Education classes. Adults are also welcome to come to this time of penance.

GIVING TREE Part of our Advent preparation is our annual Giving Tree. Our gifts this year will go to the Pregnancy Care Center in Lawrenceburg and Manderley Nursing Home in Osgood. Please return all packages by Sunday, December 22.

Living Stewardship... Pillar of Formation

Let us use the season of Advent to prepare for Christ's coming, by learning to recognize Him more closely in the world today. Let us use this time to increase our prayer life as we prepare for Christ's coming.



PARISH SUPPORT
November 24, 2019

Sunday Collection \$2,036.80
Campaign for Human Dev 360.00
"May God Bless You!"

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

We have received our first report from the Archdiocese on the amount given thus far from our parish toward the United Catholic Appeal. Our goal is **\$13,364.00** and the amount pledged thus far is **\$12,860.00**. This amount is from **26** households. Let us support this appeal for our needy, for our families and for our clergy.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

St. John's Hall for the Community Christmas dinner will be in use from Dec 22 through the 25th. The refrigerators will be used beginning Dec 19th.

OUR SHUT-INS Please consider sending a card to our shut-ins this Christmas season? They are: Joe Kelly (1825 N Old Michigan Rd, Holton 47023), Katie Smith (St Andrews Health Campus, 1400 Lammers Pike, Batesville 47006), Imogene Heber (5888 W Hopewell Rd, Holton 47023), Teresita Noah (108 David Lane, Versailles 47042)



November 30, 6:00 PM – *Pat Schuman*
December 1, 12:00 Noon – *James McCain*
December 7, 6:00 PM – *Jennifer Sloan*
December 8, 12:00 Noon – *Diane Earls*



Saturday, December 7, 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Ron Miller
Lector: Andy Miller
Greeters: Ron Miller/Steve Mathes
Servers: Samantha Colyer
Wine: Ron Ebinger/John Holzer
Sunday, December 8, 12:00 Noon
Coordinator: Jeff Greiwe
Lector: Jane O'Grady
Greeters: Jeff & Robyn Greiwe
Servers: Peyton Owens/Aaron Greiwe
Wine: Teresa Kappes/Jessica Gorman

ELEMENTARY Religious Education
Wednesday 6:45-8PM – Dec 4 – Class/Meal
HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM
December 10-Class 10th Grade Mass

PARISH COUNCIL Members of the Parish Council will meet **MONDAY, December 2, 6:00 PM**. Please Note: This is a change for our previous meeting date of December 3.

ST JOHN LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY
Come, join the ladies of the parish for their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, following the noon Mass. What a wonderful time to gather with one another celebrating the birth of Jesus, becoming human for us!

CHURCH SECURITY Beginning the weekend of December 7/8 the ushers will begin locking all the doors to our buildings **five minutes after Mass begins except the main doors of Church in the back of the vestibule**. The detective who conducted a five-hour seminar and the Archdiocese strongly suggested to begin this procedure. **Two of the ushers will remain in or near the vestibule during Mass**. If your child needs to use the restroom during Mass please have one parent accompany him/her.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Susan Huff	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 Hermes
Natalie Brown	Mary Bruns	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
Kelly Spiller	Tammy Meister	Henry Peters	Eileen Ogden	Stanley Greene	Ron Hensley

December 1, 2019 Local News & Events

Christmas Holyday Masses

Christmas Eve – St Maurice 4:00 PM
Christmas Eve – St John, 6:00 PM
Christmas Day – St Maurice, 9:00 AM
New Years' Eve – St Maurice, 4:00 PM



Deanery & Beyond Events

33RD ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY

St. Anthony Church in Morris will host its 33rd Annual Live Nativity on *Friday and Saturday, December 13 & 14th* from 5-9PM. There will be a live manger scene, live animals, local church and school choirs performing both indoor and outdoor throughout the evenings. Sweet treats and hot beverages will be served. Crafts & activities for kids. All are welcome to this free event. 4773 Church Rd., Morris, IN



A DAY OF QUIET RENEWAL

December 10. 9AM to 4PM, \$20 includes lunch. \$70 with Spiritual Direction.

Experience a day of renewal and relaxation. Spend time to center and renew yourself.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Wednesday, 3 to 4:30 PM, December 4. We practice contemplative prayer, share God's movement in our lives and reflect on our experiences through the process. All are welcome! Spiritual Direction and Counseling by appointment.

MOVIE NIGHT – Friday, December 13. 6:30 to 9:00 PM. ***BREAKTHROUGH*** – is based on the inspirational true story of one mother's unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith's adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John's recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction.

For more info call us at (812) 933-6437 or visit our website: <http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org>



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<https://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/index.html>

A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication and nourish the spirituality in your Sacrament. Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Dates: Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis - *February 14-16 (2020)*. Mt St Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany - *April 24-26 (2020)* - For more information: www.wwme.org.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA February 1, 2020, St Malachy, Brownsburg; March 2, 2020, Nativity, Indianapolis.

VIGIL FOR LIFE – January 21, 7 to 9PM, beichhorn@archindy.org. - St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 126 W Georgia St, Indianapolis. Come pray for a greater Respect for Life with Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions and worship.

INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE - Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 12:00 PM. March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building. ***Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children*** – January 22, Brie Ann Varick, 317-236-1543, beichhorn@archindy.org.