

# St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00 PM  
Sunday, 8:00 AM

Weekdays: T-W-F-Sat 8:00 AM, Thursday 6:00 PM (Holy Hour prior to all Weekday Masses)

"A Holy Hour will give you more strength, life and more consolation at the hour of your death and eternity. (St Alphonsus Ligouri)

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:30 to 5:45 (or by appointment)

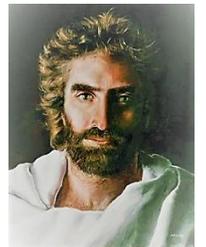
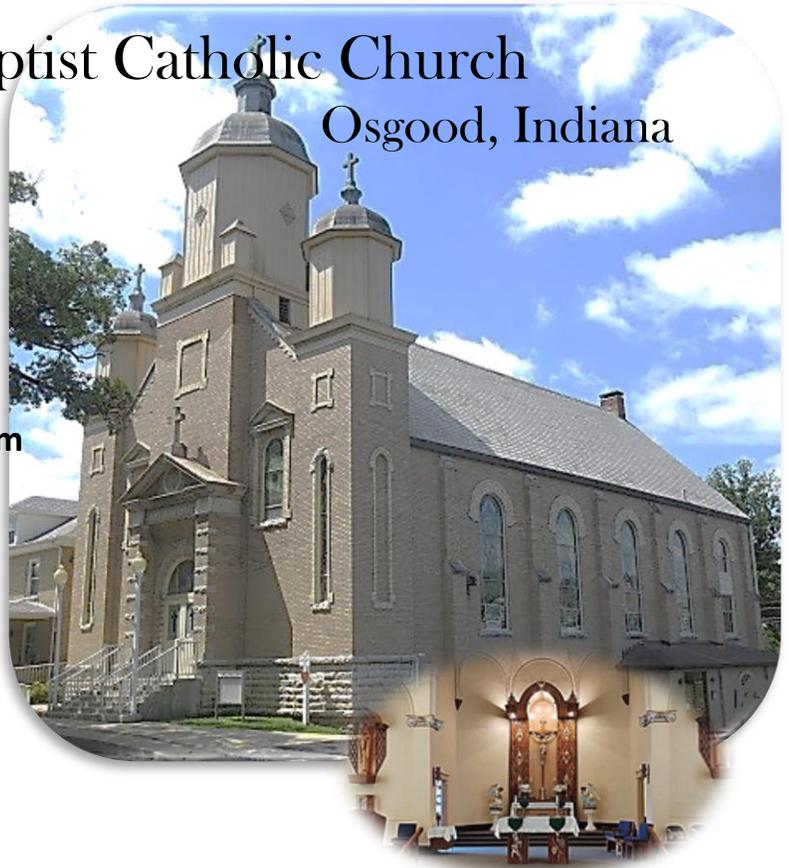
**"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God"** states St Paul Romans 15:7. Our God is a welcoming God

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!



January 1, 2022 🛎️ Solemnity of Mary  
January 2, 2022 🛎️ Epiphany of the Lord  
January 9, 2022 🛎️ Baptism of the Lord



## January 1, 2022 🛎️ Solemnity of Mary

On this day, the birth of a new year, let us pray for a world renewed in the peace of God through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God: Son of God and Son of Mary, let your face shine upon us and be gracious to us! At your birth was born the new age of salvation. At your birth was born the fulfillment of all human hope. At your birth was born the world true peace.

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us, poor sinners.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*The Magnificat 2022*

## January 2, 2022 🛎️ Epiphany of the Lord

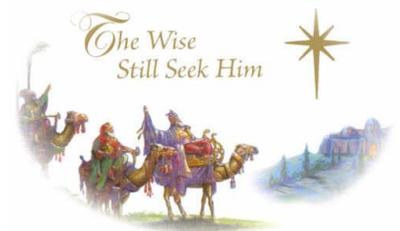
King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader. Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

*Bringing Home the Word, Liguori Publications*



### Sunday Readings

#### Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

#### Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

The Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus.

#### Matthew 2:1-12

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

### WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Lord is our light; a light that does not dazzle but accompanies and bestows a unique joy. This light is for everyone, and it calls each one of us....At the beginning of each day we can welcome this invitation; arise, shine and follow today—among the many shooting stars in the world—the bright star of Jesus.



*Angelus on Epiphany Sunday  
January 5, 2017*

**PRAYER** Lord, your light gives us strength and shows us the way to God. Remove my blindness that I may see the light of goodness, peace and love within myself and others.

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

### Living Stewardship - Pillar of Prayer

The Magi travelled to see Jesus; this week how can we encounter Jesus? Take time to attend Mass during the week or visit Him in an Adoration chapel or let Him show His mercy to you during the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*For all babies who will be baptized in our  
church this year.  
We pray to the Lord....*



# January 9, 2022 🎄 Baptism of the Lord

## *Renewal by the Holy Spirit*

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" Yet, this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So, ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

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### Sunday Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

I, the Lord, have called you for justice. I have grasped you by the hand.

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John said, "I am baptizing you with water, but...he will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire."

### Bulletin Reflections

- When was the last time I prayed to the Holy Spirit? He is a real divine person; talk to him.
- Do I have courage to ask the Holy Spirit to come down and touch my soul with his fire?

**PRAYER** Lord, give me a shepherd's heart so that I can show your love and compassion to someone in need.

*From Peaceful Meditations for Every Day in Ordinary time.*

*Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney*

### A Word From Pope Francis

After these thirty years of hidden life, Jesus' public life begins. And it begins precisely with his baptism in the River Jordan. But Jesus is God; why does Jesus get baptized?...Because he wants to be with the sinners. For this reason, he gets in line with them and does the same thing they do.



*Angelus, Baptism of the Lord  
January 10, 2021*

### Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

As baptized Catholics, we are on a mission to spread the Good News to all those we meet. One of the ways we can do this is by lending a hand to someone in need. Perhaps you have an elderly friend, neighbor or relative who could use a hand around the house this week? Reach out to them and honor God with your works.

*For all adults  
who will be baptized in our church this year.  
We pray to the Lord....*



### PARISH SUPPORT

December 19	\$ 3,209.50
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December 26	\$ 1,401.00
Christmas Offerings	\$ 1,816.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 125.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 30.00
Tornado Victims	\$ 314.00

United Catholic Appeal We have 33 gifts totaling \$10,185. Which is 78% of our goal. Just a little more to reach our goal! We are so very proud of our parishioners. *Thank you.*

**2022 Contribution envelopes  
are available on the registers.**

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday-Saturday

7AM Holy Hour, 8AM Mass.

Thursday 5PM Holy Hour, 6PM Mass



## MASS Intentions

Sat	Jan 1	9 AM	In Memory † Clare Galle
Sat	Jan 1	6 PM	In Memory † Jeff & Gene Ogden
Sun	Jan 2	8 AM	In Memory † Janet Ward
Mon	Jan 3	8 AM	In Memory † Ruth & Richard Lengerirch
Tue	Jan 4	8 AM	In Memory † Fr Bernard Voges
Wed	Jan 5	8 AM	In Memory † Glenna Ward
Thurs	Jan 6	6 PM	In Memory † Mary Jane Jansing
Fri	Jan 7	8 AM	In Memory † Cletus & Rosella Holzer
Sat	Jan 8	8 AM	In Memory † Glenna Ward
Sat	Jan 8	6 PM	In Memory † Tom McCain
Sun	Jan 9	8 AM	Praying for St John Parishioners
Mon	Jan 10	8 AM	NO MASS
Tues	Jan 11	8 AM	NO MASS
Wed	Jan 12	8 AM	NO MASS
Thurs	Jan 13	6 PM	NO MASS
Fri	Jan 14	8 AM	NO MASS
Sat	Jan 15	8 AM	NO MASS
Sat	Jan 15	6 PM	Praying for St John Parishioners
Sun	Jan 16	8 AM	In Memory † Father's Special Intentions

**January 17 to 21 NO (Mon to Fri AM & Thurs PM) Mass**

**Saturday January 22 AM Mass Schedule Resumes**

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 in 2021/22. Mass stipends are \$10.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for the wonderful supply of items for the Sisters of St Francis, Oldenburg. You have been so kind, thoughtful and generous which is a big savings for us. May God bless you now and throughout the new year. – Sr Juanita Koors



*God's never gonna  
have to retire, is he?"*

### WORDS TO START THE NEW YEAR

“A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.”

*Winston Churchill*

“You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.”

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude.”

*Rev Martin Luther King, Jr.*

“Even in this age of inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.”

*Via Rev Robert E Harris*

### Short New Year's Prayers to End all Epidemics

- We pray to You to put an end to the COVID-19 epidemic, as You have put an end to the many pandemics of past centuries. We mourn the loss of so many of our friends and neighbors.
- Help us to lead holier and healthier lives to strengthen our immune systems against all diseases.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Jan 8 (6PM)</u>	<u>Jan 9 (8AM)</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Jeff Greiwe	Ted Wissel
<b>Greeter</b>		Steve Mathes
<b>Lector</b>	Jill Jansing	John Holzer
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Bob Green	Jessica Gorman
	<u>Jan 15 (6PM)</u>	<u>Jan 16 (8AM)</u>
<b>Coordinator</b>	Achleigh Simon	Sharon Voegeli
<b>Greeter</b>	Jeremy Simon	Bob Voegeli
<b>Lector</b>	Gary Taylor	Jessica Gorman
<b>Eucharistic M</b>	Stephanie Green	Andy Miller

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