

**December 6 & 13, 2020**  
**St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood**

**The Catholic Communities of Osgood and Napoleon, Indiana**

**St. John the Baptist Church**

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**MASS: Saturday 6:00 PM**

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**MASS: Saturday 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM**

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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.

December 6, 2020  
Second Sunday of Advent

“All the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
were being baptized by him.”



Now, we, everywhere, ache in holy hunger waiting for you.

Come to us all, Lord Jesus. Turn our crooked roads  
into smooth paths. Send gentle rain and teeming  
harvests of justice and healing.

Make all well and make each and every one a channel of your peace.

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Sunday Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of good news!

2 Peter 3:8-14

The Lord...is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Mark 1:1-8

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare our way. Do you share John the Baptist’s mission to proclaim Christ’s coming into the world? Do you do this with words or by the way you live?”

Reflection Questions:

John preached preparation, conversion and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting ready for Jesus.

- What distractions am I setting aside to make this Advent special?
- How is this time of repentance, fasting and almsgiving going?

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

In today’s Gospel, we are introduced to St John the Baptist. St John the Baptist came before Jesus to proclaim a baptism for the forgiveness of sins. God loves all of His children, and He showed this by sending His Son for each and every one of us. This week show kindness to all you meet and let God’s love shine through you.

*For those who do not feel loved.  
We pray to the Lord....*

**PRAYER** Lord, you are the compassion of God in the world. You never forget any of your people. Give me the courage to be the compassion of God for others.

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

DECEMBER 8, 2020 - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Lord our God, you have made the Virgin Mary the model for all who welcome your word and who put it into practice. Open our hearts to receive it with joy and by the power of your Spirit grant that we also may become a dwelling place in which your Word of salvation is fulfilled. Amen.



**HOLYDAY MASS** – Mass for this Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at St. John Church on Tuesday, December 8, 5:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE: The Mass begins at 5:30 PM and not 6:00pm.

**DECEMBER 13, 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**“A Man Named John was Sent from God.”**



**In John the Baptist we find the ultimate prophet. He points to Jesus in all that he does. The first reading from Isaiah describes what a prophet truly is: one who has been anointed by God to proclaim “glad tidings to the poor,” healing to the brokenhearted, and freedom to those imprisoned. We also have been anointed as “priest, prophet and king.” How do the words we speak and the life we lead bring the good news of Jesus to others?**

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**Sunday Readings**

**Isaiah 6 1:1-2a, 10-11**

I will rejoice heartily in the LORD, my being exults in my God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always.

Pray without ceasing

**John 1:6-8, 19-28**

John the Baptist said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the desert.. Make straight the way of the Lord.”

**A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS**

How beautiful it is to think of ourselves as proclaimers of the resurrection of Jesus, not only in words, but also in our conduct and testimony of life! Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas.

He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling and loving..



*General Audience  
October 4, 2017*

**Bulletin Reflections**

Let's leave our routines, go into the spiritual deserts of our hearts, and listen today.

- What makes you joyful? Would those same things make Jesus joyful, too?
- Do I point people toward the true source of joy with my words and example?

**PRAYER** Lord, you are the source of my strength, peace and joy. Send your Spirit to renew my trust and hope in you and give me peace.

**Living Stewardship – Pillar of Prayer**

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” These words are found in our Second Reading today. How often do you pray? Is God calling you to pray more? When you pray, do you thank God for your blessings.

This week be mindful of all the blessings in our life. When you pray this week, thank God for something different each day.

*On this Gaudete Sunday,  
that all the people of our parish may enter this  
week with joy in their hearts.  
We pray to the Lord.....*

**THROUGH THE SEASON OF ADVENT** there are many important feast days to celebrate. As we remember the saints, we know that their holy examples lead us to the Lord. So, as we honor them, we are actually honoring Jesus. Here are a few of the feast days that fall during Advent.

- St Nicholas – December 6
- Immaculate Conception – December 8
- St Juan Diego – December 9
- Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12
- St Lucy – December 13



**SPIRIT OF GIVING** During this season of giving you have the opportunity to gift the retired Sisters at Oldenburg. The ornaments on the windowsills are items for the Sisters. For those who are unable to attend Mass, you are welcome to send a gift card or monetary gift to the office and someone else will do the shopping Thank you.

*Mass Intentions*  For the Month of December

- 6 Jennifer Sloan
- 8 Clara Maire Wagner
- 12 Ruth Wenning
- 19 Jeff & Gene Ogden

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

Week of December 13 – Clara Marie Wagner



**PARISH SUPPORT**

November 21	\$ 2,375.00
November 28	\$ 2,095.00
Human Dev	\$ 115.00
Votive	\$ 48.50

**Thank You for Your Financial Gifts  
Are Gratefully Received!**

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL: HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

Your gift to the United Catholic Appeal 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. Send your pledge card and donation to the Archdiocese.



Elementary Class Wednesday, December 9 & 16, 6:45 PM. There will be a Christmas party on the 16<sup>th</sup> in the classrooms.  
Jr High & High School Class Sunday, December 6 & 13.

**FOR YOUR USE** Copies of “Today’s Missal” as well as Advent booklets are on the radiators of church for your home use.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Thank you for all who picked up their 2021 church envelopes. The remaining boxes can be found on chairs near the confessionals. If you can help deliver some to friends or neighbors, the Finance Committee would be most grateful.



**NURSING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following are Nursing Opportunities with the Sisters of St Francis at Oldenburg IN.

- Nurse Assistant 11PM to 7AM Shift 40 hrs/wk
- Nurse Assistant 3PM to 11PM Shift 40 hrs/wk
- Nurse Assistant 3PM to 11PM / 11PM to 7AM Part Time Hours
- LPN/RN 11PM to 7AM Shift 16 hrs/wk

Contact: Connie Luers, RN DON  
812-933-6402 or [cluers@oldenburgsf.com](mailto:cluers@oldenburgsf.com)

**PRAYER LIST**

I will be starting a new prayer list to be included in the bulletin. If you have someone you would like to include please contact me (Sharon)  
Call or text: 513-505-8884  
Email: [saavoegeli@gmail.com](mailto:saavoegeli@gmail.com).



*St John Christmas Eve – 6:00 PM*  
*St Maurice Christmas Eve – 4:00 PM*  
*St Maurice Christmas Day – 9:00 AM*  
*New Year’s Eve Mass will be at St. Maurice on Thursday, December 31, 4:00PM.*

**An Education of Being “Homeschooled,” aka Being “Schooled” in the Home**

My mother taught me **religion**: “You better pray that will come out of the carpet.”

My father taught me about **time travel**: “If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week!”

My mother taught me more **logic**: “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”

