

December 8, 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 8, 2019



THE SECONDE SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Second Sunday of Advent

ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE

**I will listen to what God, the Lord, has to say; surely he will speak of peace to his people and to his faithful.
May they not turn to foolishness!**

Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him; glory will dwell in our land.

Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss.

Truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven. (Psalm 85: 9-12)



FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

+ **Blame keeps wounds open. Only forgiveness heals. (Thomas Merton)**

+ **You will know that forgiveness has begun when you can recall those who hurt you and feel the power to wish them well.**

+ **To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. (C.S. Lewis)**

+ **Forgiveness is the fragrance that the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. (Mark Twain)**

Advent Pondering

We prepare for Christmas in so many ways. Is God desiring us to prepare our hearts with the action and prayer of forgiveness?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- How does John the Baptist's call to repentance challenge me?
- Where do I need to ask for God's mercy?

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

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one does not understand love for thy neighbor, one does not understand love for thy brother if one does not understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.



*--Visit to Pentecostal Church of Reconciliation
July 28, 2014*



FEAST OF MARY The Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Monday, December 9. This year it is not a holyday of obligation but it is a day to ponder the gift our Blessed Mother gave to the Church and to us - her Son, Jesus. You might gift her today with the praying of the Rosary.

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 15 if possible and definitely by December 22.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE The Advent Penance Service scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM is for the children in our Religious Education classes. If you were not able to attend the penance service last week, you are welcome to come to this one. The children will approach the sacrament first and then anyone else who desires to do so.

St. Mary's Greensburg will celebrate their Penance Service on Tuesday, December 10, 7:00pm.

Living Stewardship... Pillar of

Service A popular saying around this time of year is "Keep Christ in Christmas." This is true in so many ways, and one way is to do good to others. We have been given gifts by God to use for the service of others; there is no better time to start than now. Consider donating a gift to the parish's Giving Tree for someone in need.



PARISH SUPPORT
December 1, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$2,476.00
Campaign for Human Dev	40.00
Immaculate Conception	117.00
"God Bless Your Generosity!"	

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Updated Report – Amount Pledged: \$12,860.00
Our Goal: \$14,365.00 *Almost There!*

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)

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 7, 6:00 PM – Jennifer Sloan
December 8, 12:00 Noon – Diane Earls
December 14, 6:00 PM – Pat Hermesch
December 15, 12:00 Noon – Dale Young

WEEKEND
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 14, 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Sharon Voegeli
Lector: Gary Payne
Greeters: Bob & Sharon Voegeli
Servers: Ben & Mark Miller
Wine: Ron Ebinger/Stephanie Green
Sunday, December 15, 12:00 Noon
Coordinator: Jeff Greiwe
Lector: Jill Jansing
Greeters: Jeff & Robyn Greiwe
Servers: Samantha Colyer
Wine: Jill Jansing/Jessica Gorman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY Wednesday 6:45-8PM
Dec 11– Class/Meal
HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM
December 10- Class 10th Grade Mass

ST JOHN LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come, join the ladies of the parish for their annual Christmas Party this Sunday, December 8, following the noon Mass.

CHURCH SECURITY

Beginning this weekend 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. 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 Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Mary Bruns	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
Kelly Spiller	Tammy Meister	Henry Peters	Eileen Ogden	Stanley Greene	Ron Hensley

December 8, 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.

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.

COFFEE TALKS PRAYING WITH AGING, Sunday, December 15th, 10:45 to Noon. Freewill Donation. Join us as we take time to remember and appreciate our faith journeys throughout our lives. See how embracing changes can deepen our personal relationship with God. Come and celebrate aging and God-with-us this Advent/Christmas season.

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.