

December 15, 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

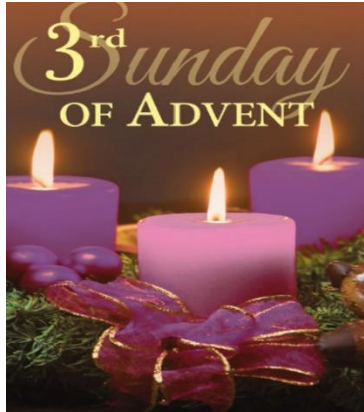
Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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 15, 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Third Sunday of Advent

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BE PATIENT

Imprisoned John the Baptist sends his disciples with a question: Are you *really* the one? Jesus answers by listing the works of the Messiah. "Happy the person who does not lose faith in me," he adds. Jesus praises John as the greatest child born of woman, but notes that the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John. As the end of time draws closer, do you keep faith in Jesus? Are you patient until he comes? Can you dare to be one of the least in the kingdom?

FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

"Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him/her that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses." (Mark 11:25)

We all know forgiveness is important, and we know we're commanded to give it, but it's easier said than done. Yet Jesus was crystal clear. After all, forgiveness was why he was born, why he suffered and died and why he rose. Jesus frees us from our sins and our forgiveness frees us from anger, resentment and broken relationships. Even Jesus' most difficult commands are for our good...so forgive, for heaven's sake!



Advent Pondering

"Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child." (Pope Benedict XVI)

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What doubts about God arise in my heart?
- How do I deal with these moments of uncertainty?

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."

James 5:8

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.



*--International meeting of choirs
November 24, 2018*

PRAYER Lord, you are patient with me and give me time to correct my faults and become a better person. Help me to be more patient and loving toward others.

THE SANTUARY LIGHT burns for Jack Newhart from December 15 until December 21.

DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES -

December 17, 7:00 PM Holy Family, Oldenburg;
December 18, 7:00 PM St Louis, Batesville;
December 19, 6:30 PM, St Catherine of Siena;
Dec 20, 9AM to 9PM, St Joseph, Shelbyville.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy!

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Wow! Congratulations! You have surpassed your goal! Our second report was sent this week. Our parish goal was **\$14,364**. **\$15,520** has been received from **38** pledges. Of that amount **\$13,460** has been received. I am confident that the remaining pledges will be fulfilled. *I am truly grateful for your generous giving.*

GIVING TREE If you have not returned your gifts, please do so by December 22.



PARISH SUPPORT
December 8, 2019

Sunday Collection	\$2,726.00
Retirement Fund	1,069.00
Immaculate Conception	35.00
Christmas Flowers	20.00

“God Bless Your Generosity!”

CHRISTMAS PARTY Thank you to the ladies who worked in any way to make the Ladies' Christmas party such a wonderful time enjoyed by all. It was good to come together and celebrate not only the coming birth of Jesus but also to celebrate the gift of the women of the parish! May God come to you all this Christmas of 2019! Also, a special thanks to Bob Voegeli for his excellent waiter services.

CHURCH SECURITY Last weekend we began locking all the doors to our building five minutes after Mass began 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.

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)



December 14, 6:00 PM – Pat Hermesch
December 15, 12:00 Noon – Dale Young
December 21, 6:00 PM – Jeff & Gene Ogden
December 22, 12:00 Noon – Nic Meister



Saturday, December 21, 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Ron Miller
Lector: John Holzer
Greeters: Lois Lunsford, Ron Miller
Servers: Wyatt & Briar McCain
Wine: John Holzer/John Kappes
Sunday, December 22, 12:00 Noon
Coordinator: Jeff Greiwe
Lector: Jane O'Grady
Greeters: Jeff & Robyn Greiwe
Servers: Peyton Owens/Aaron Greiwe
Wine: Jill Jansing/Jessica Gorman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ELEMENTARY Wednesday 6:45-8PM
Dec 18 - Elementary Christmas Party
HS & JR HIGH Sunday 8:30 to 9:45 AM
December 22 - No Class

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 15, 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



Lights of Christmas Open Door Tour – Sunday, December 29, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

The Batesville Deanery welcomes you and your loved ones to tour the 19 beautifully decorated churches of our Deanery. Bask in the sacred spaces of our adored Savior dressed in their finest during this Christmas season. Address are as follows:

All Saints – St John Campus, 25743 SR 1, Guilford	St Lawrence – 542 Walnut St, Lawrenceburg
All Saints – St Paul Campus, 9788 N Dearborn Rd, Guilford	St Louis – 13 St Louis Place, Batesville
All Saints – St Martin Campus, 8044 Yorkridge Rd, Guilford	St Mary Immaculate Conception - 203 Fourth St, Aurora
All Saints – St Joseph Campus, 7536 Church Ln, West Harrison	St Mary, 208 S East St, Greensburg
Holy Family – 3027 Pearl St, Oldenburg	St Maurice – 8874 Harrison St, Napoleon
Immaculate Conception – 2081 E County Rd 820 S, Greensburg	St Michael – 145 St Michael Blvd, Brookville
St Anthony Padua – 4773 E Morris Church St, Morris	St Nicholas – 6461 E St Nicholas Dr, Sunman
St Catherine of Siena – 9995 E Base Rd, Greensburg	St Peter – 1207 East Rd, Brookville
St Charles Borromeo – 213 Ripley St, Milan	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - 23455 Gavin Ln, Lawrenceburg
St John the Baptist – 331 S Buckeye St, Osgood	The Oratory of Saints Philomena & Cecilia 16194 St Mary's Rd, Brookville
St Joseph – 125 E Broadway, Shelbyville	
St Vincent de Paul – 4218 E Michigan Rd, Shelbyville	



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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA February 1, 2020, St Malachy, Brownsburg; March 2, 2020, Nativity, Indianapolis. For more information: www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily.