

December 16, 2018

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

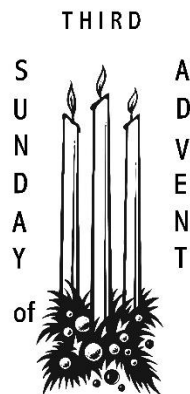
Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

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 16, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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What Should We Do?

What should we do to ready our hearts
O Lord, for your coming?

Your Baptist says, we must
give away our coat,
share our food,
make justice
for all.

Lord,
baptize us in the fire of the Holy Spirit,
burn the chaff from our wheat,
gather us into your kind
and loving arms.
Warm our
hearts
to share your
love with everyone.

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LIVING IN HOPE

..."Always have your answers ready for people who ask you the reason for the HOPE that you all have." (1Peter 3:13-17)

..."Take a firm grip on the HOPE that is held out to us." (Heb. 6:9-29)

..."With God on our side who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31-39)

..."Put your HOPE in God, be strong, let your heart be bold." (Psalm 27)

... They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them...(Acts 14:19-28)

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

YOUTH

The admonitions of John the Baptist can apply today to youth situations. Advice to the crowd: Share! Example: What wireless, electronic device, etc. can you not wait to buy yet in no way do you truly need? Whom do you know who would be overjoyed if you spent some time with them now and then? Advice to tax collectors: Don't use your position as an athletic star, straight-A student etc. for personal glory or for unjust or dubious gain. Advice to soldiers: Don't be a bully! Do not be harsh with your authority over younger siblings or classmates. Do not pass blame on to them when it is yours or when you both should share it.



CONNECTIONS

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist invites the people to make a peaceful world of harmony and sharing. He told them to be honest and fair and also satisfied with what they have. Because this was John's message, they began to regard him as the Christ, which he denied, announcing the one to come and the one whose sandal straps he was unworthy to loosen. In a world of nuclear warheads, we need peace and harmony. In a world where politics, power and position seem to rule, we need to be honest and fair and willing to share. And, instead of being driven by greed and an unending quest for "more," we need to be happy with what we have.



REMEMBER

Remember and pray for Ailene Richey, a former member of St. John parish, whose burial service was celebrated on Monday, December 10. May she enjoy the Eternal Presence of God!

SANCTUARY LIGHT The Sanctuary Light burns from December 16 through December 22 for Jack Newhart.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 15, 6:00 PM
 + Geneva Tunny
Sunday, December 16, 12:00 Noon
 + Art Simon
Saturday, December 22, 6:00 PM
 + Nic Meister
Sunday, December 23, 12:00 Noon
 + Eddie Olinger



Saturday, December 22, 6:00 PM
Coordinator: Ron Miller
Lector: John Holzer
Greeters: Ron Miller, Steve Mathes
Servers: Volunteers!
Wine Ministers: Ron Miller, Andy Miller
Sunday December 23, 12:00 Noon
Coordinator: Ted Wissel
Lector: Jill Jansing
Greeters: Ted Wissel, Jill Jansing
Servers: Samantha Colyer
Wine: Rebecca Young, Jessica Gorman



STEWARDSHIP Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

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2019 ENVELOPES Have you gotten your 2019 envelopes? And have you picked up a copy of "Living Faith", a wonderful, short reflection for your daily prayer time?



PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collection \$ 2,963.00
Retirement for Religious 936.00
Votive Candles \$ 103.00

"God is Good!"

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL "ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS." As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$8,104** which is 54% of our goal. 30 households have responded thus far which is 23% of parish participation. Thank you to all who have responded.

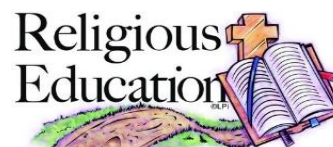
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Class will be held Sunday, January 7, 9AM to 12:00 noon at St. Louis, Batesville in the Deanery Resource Center. Fee is \$40 for books and materials. Call 812/212-4951 to register.

LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY Christ made His presence known to us at the Ladies' Christmas party! Thank you, Ladies!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Please check the liturgical ministers' list as to when you serve during the holyday, holidays. If you are unable to be present, please find a substitute or call the office and we will contact someone.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Linda Bear	Joe Kelly
Drew Willa	Tammy Meister
Urban Johannigman	Simon C Allison
Susan Huff	Peggy Lewis
Pat Grieshop	M/M/ Tom Murray
Evelyn Nimeskern	Kelly Spiller
Henry Peters	Katie Smith
Donnie Hoffrogge	Mary Bruns
Glenna Ward	Brenda Wetzler
Amy Castner	Natalie Brown
Todd Castner	Madeline Ronaldson
Katie Warner	Maesha Meister
Gerald Hermesch	Pat Schuman
Gary Payne	Joe Pesec
Molly Ronaldson	
Phyllis Hellmich	
Mike Raney	



CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 6 to 12 (Sunday 8:30AM to 9:45AM)
 December 16 – Class for grades 6-11
 Breakfast & Movie.
 Dec 23/30 No Class
Elementary (Wednesday 6:45– 8:00PM)
 December 19 – Elementary Christmas Party
 Next elementary class will be January 9.

December 16, 2018 Local News & Events

Growing in *FAITH*
Living in *HOPE*
Acting in *LOVE*

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 PM
"Safe and Secure" Speaker - Kyle
Black - All Talks Held
at St Maurice



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday December 24 4:00 PM
St Maurice & Immaculate Conception
Monday December 24 6:00 PM
St John & Immaculate Conception
Tuesday December 25 9:00 AM
St Maurice
Monday December 31 4:00 PM
St Maurice & Immaculate Conception



Volunteers Needed

December 25 – St John’s - Contact Keri Johnson at 812-689-3322 or email
ripleycountychristmasdinner@hotmail.com for more information. Charitable donations may be made to
Hunter & Minta Memorial, Ripley County Christmas Dinner, P.O. Box 82, Osgood IN 47037

Deanery & Beyond Events



Oldenburg Franciscan Center
Retreat • Renew • Rejoice! ♥

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 22nd: Praying with the Seasons: Winter Blessings 10AM to Noon

With S. Marty Dermody, SC, to register call 812-933-6437 (\$15)

We are all aware of the gifts of the seasons with each new day of our lives. Here in the Midwest, we experience the changes of nature on a daily basis. Using photographs and the outdoors we can get in touch with our loving God. This program will allow us to observe and experience some of the ways nature shows forth those day to day changes.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29th: Audubon Bird Count at Michaela Farm- 7:30AM to 1:00 PM

\$10 includes lunch. Join us in tabulating species and number of birds for use in a national database that helps determine trends in bird populations. Beginners welcome. Meet at Michaela Farm at 7:30 AM.



E6 CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE

ARMOR UP

FEBRUARY 23TH, 2019

The Catholic Men's Conference is coming up. Just 30 minutes northwest of Cincinnati and one hour south of Indianapolis. NOW is the time for men to ARMOR UP! Improve your vocations and become better spouses, parents,

children, brothers and neighbors by growing in masculine virtue. Be the leaders, protectors and providers Christ calls you to be. LIKE and FOLLOW us for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/E6Mensconference>. Please visit www.e6catholicmensconference.com for more information.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. Nicholas School is looking for a part-time (one day a week) music teacher beginning Jan. 9th, 2019. Contact Sherri Kirschner, principal, at principal@stnicholas-sunman.org or (812) 623-2348 for more information

Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN - 22143 Main Street

Full Time QMA or Medical Assistant - 3 – 11 Shift; Health and PTO Benefits - Every other Weekend

Call Diana at 812-933-6402 or Beth at 812-933-6496

General Housekeeper - 20 hours a week; 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM - For more details call S. Carolyn at 812-933-6465