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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)

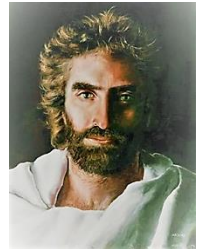
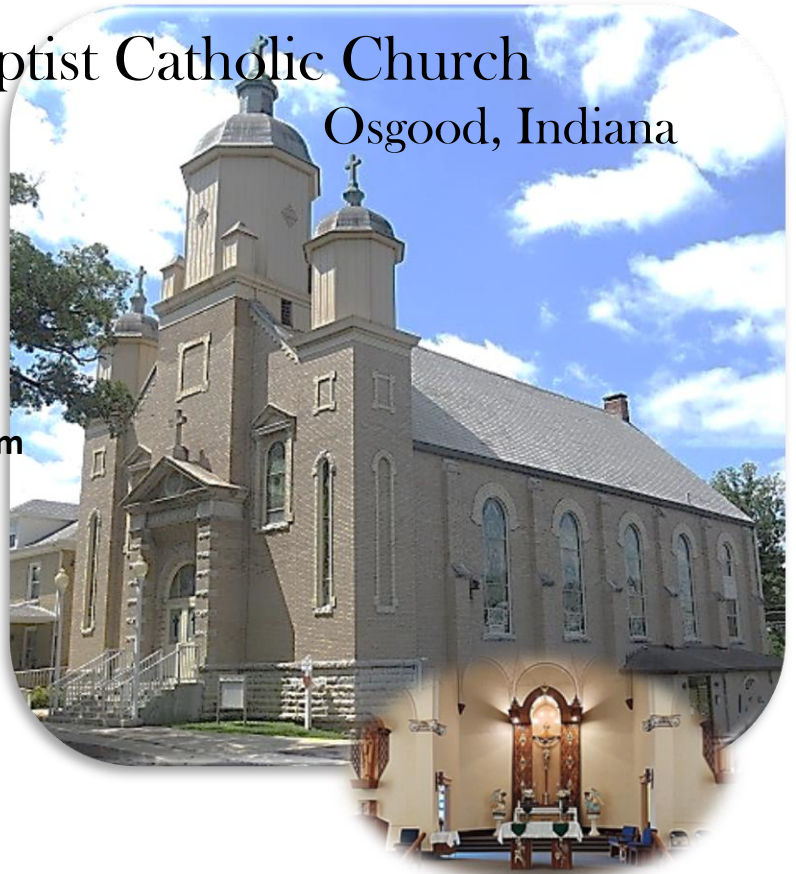
"Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God" states St Paul Romans 15:7. Our God is a welcoming God

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!



December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2021 The Nativity of the Lord

December 26, 2021 The Holy Family



December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb.

Treasurers spilling over, secrets pouring out in sheer delight.

The women hugging as the baby leaps for joy!

Holy Spirit fill us too. With yourself. Teach us to love. And let us cry out in joy, since the Lord has come to be within us and within all humankind.

Let our spirits jump for joy!

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Sunday Readings

Micah 5:1-4a

But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah/least among the clans of Judah/From you shall come forth for me/one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Hebrews 10:5-10

We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus did not wait until we were good before he loved us but gave himself freely to us. May we not wait for our neighbors to be good before we do good to them, for the Church to be perfect before we love her, for others to respect us before we serve them.



*Christmas Midnight Mass
December 24, 2019*

PRAYER Lord, your Word gives me life, joy, hope and peace. May your Word find a home in me and inspire me to live a life rooted in gospel values.

*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

In today's Gospel, Mary is greeted by her cousin Elizabeth. Even St John the Baptist, as a child in the womb, recognized Jesus and Mary (who was carrying Jesus in her womb).

This week is Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Please remember to gather with your family to PRAY.

***For those who find this time of year to be difficult, perhaps because of financial or emotional issues or because of the loss of a loved one.
We pray to the Lord....***

December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

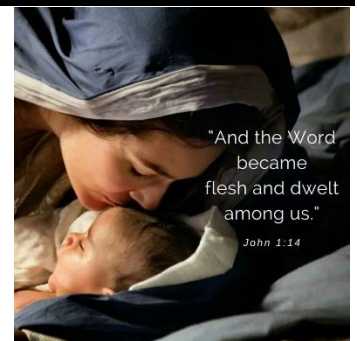
And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

God is Love.

Love came as a babe in Bethlehem to be there within us, so we could find him, let him hold our hand, know him better, love him more.

His name is Jesus

"We can only stand in awe-struck silence and wonder at this love that is beyond all telling."



The prologue of the Gospel of John states, "The Word was made flesh and it dwells among us!" Jesus came as our brother in the flesh; to save us, to love us, to just be with us.

The Word was made flesh and lives among us:

- Whenever or wherever two or more gather in his name
- Whenever his Word forms in our attitude and conduct.
- In Holy Communion: "The Body and Blood of Christ"

The last days of Advent can make your Christmas happier and brighter if you but give yourself the gift of time to unwrap the present God offers you through the Scripture readings at Mass. These final shimmering days of the season preceding the birth of our Lord offer what we long for so deeply; to enjoy the merriest of Christmases, with life and love everlasting.



December 26, 2021 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

“Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

May and Joseph searched everywhere with their whole hearts and with harrowing anxiety for you, Jesus. And they found You.

Let us all find you wherever we search: in your Father’s House, or in the faces of the poor—in songs we sing together, in searching for answers to end all racial injustice, to find climate solutions; to look into the deep thoughts of others; and in poetry.

Let it all be prayer. Come to us, Lord Jesus.

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Sunday Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

My son, be steadfast in honoring your father, do not grieve him as long as he lives.

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Put on them, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Luke 2:41-52

And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Bulletin Reflections

- Does one of the virtues mentioned by St Paul catch my attention.
- Should I pray for and practice that virtue a little more?

*There is joy in having Jesus in our midst,
And no sacrifice is too great
When He is present.*

A Word From Pope Francis

The works of mercy reawaken in us the need and the ability to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced



that, through these simple, daily action, we can achieve a true cultural resolution...If everyone of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world.

General Audience, October 12, 2016

PRAYER

Lord, through your Word we receive the knowledge and wisdom of God. May your Spirit lead me to your sacred Word and guide me in my search for knowledge and truth.

*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 Hospitality

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is separated from His parents while in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This event is also the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary.

Share the joy of Christmas to others this season! Fill our community with love, by being hospitable to all around you.

*For the New Year of 2022
That our church may grow and
Bring more souls to Christ
We pray to the Lord....*



PARISH SUPPORT

December 5	\$ 2,614.00
December 12	\$ 3,564.00
December 8	\$ 276.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 205.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 500.00
Votive	\$ 74.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00

TORNADO VICTIMS We received a letter from the Archdiocese requesting donations to the Catholic Charities USA Disaster Operations. A copy of the letter is included in this bulletin. We will be taking up collections for the next few weeks to send to the Catholic Charities via the Archdiocese. **Donations may also be sent** directly to the Catholic Charities USA, 2050 Ballenger Avenue, Alexandria VA 22314 or via <https://catholiccharities.us>

2022 Contribution envelopes are available on the registers.

Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24	Christmas Eve	4:00 PM - St Maurice	9:00 PM - St John
Saturday, December 25	Christmas Day	8:30 AM - St Maurice	10:30 AM – St John
Sunday, December 26	Holy Family	8:00 AM – St John	10:00 AM – St Maurice
New Year's Masses		Dec 31-4:00 PM – St Maurice	Jan 1 – 9:00 AM St John
January 1 & 2 – Regular Weekend Schedule			

MASS Intentions

Sat	Dec 18	8 AM	In Memory † Mr Mathew
Sat	Dec 18	6 PM	In Memory † Deceased Members of The Meister Family
Sun	Dec 19	8 AM	In Memory † Jeff & Gene Ogden
Mon	Dec 20	9 AM	In Memory † Mr Mathew
Tue	Dec 21	8 AM	In Memory † Dova Hunter
Wed	Dec 22	8 AM	In Memory † Nic Meister
Thurs	Dec 23	6 PM	In Memory † Mary Jane Jansing
Fri	Dec 24	9 PM	In Memory † Fr Bernard Voges
Sat	Dec 25	10:30 AM	In Memory † Emily Mathes
Sun	Dec 26	8 AM	In Memory † Tom McCain
Tues	Dec 28	8 AM	In Memory † Glenna Ward
Wed	Dec 29	8 AM	In Memory † Cletus & Rosella Holzer

NO Thursday December 30 Mass

Sat	Jan 1	9 AM	In Memory † Clara Galle
Sat	Jan 1	6 PM	In Memory † Jeff & Gene Ogden
Sun	Jan 2	8 AM	In Memory † Janet Ward

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.

The Indiana Disaster Response Team along with

our Santa will be delivering Christmas toys/gifts to the children in Kentucky on December 22nd. If you would like to help with this project donate to our Charity Fund Inc., memo Christmas or deliver gifts to Santa Bill McDonald at 5756 W Fairground Road, Osgood, or call 812-689-6699 to arrange pick up.

Prayer for Disaster Relief (CCUSA)

God of hope and mercy, we lift up to you all victims of natural disasters and those responding with assistance and aid. Protect all who are in any form of danger; provide practical help to those in need; strengthen the weary, console the grieving, heal the suffering; and bless those engaged in disaster relief efforts with safety and courage. Help all people of good will respond with compassion and generous hearts. Amen.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	<u>Dec 24 (9PM)</u>	<u>Dec 25 (10:30AM)</u>
Coordinator	Jeff Greiwe	Ron Miller
Greeter	Jill Jansing	Steve Mathes
Lector	Gary Taylor	Jennifer Tunny
Eucharistic M	Jessica Gorman	Ron Miller

December 26 (8:00 AM)

Coordinator	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Jill Jansing
Lector	Jessica Gorman
Eucharistic M	Stephanie Green

January 1 (9AM) **January 1 (6PM)**

Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Achleigh Simon
Greeter	Robert Voegeli	Jeremy Simon
Lector	Gary Payne	Pat Graves
Eucharistic M	Andy Miller	Ron Ebinger

January 2 (8AM)

Coordinator	Ron Miller
Greeter	Jill Jansing
Lector	Andy Miller
Eucharistic M	John Holzer

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.**

Hunter & Minta Christmas Dinner

is served/distributed from our parish. Pie donations are always needed. Contact Keri Johnson (812-689-3322). A flyer with the historical information about the dinner is on the bulletin board.

Amy Castner
Tim Castner
Todd Castner
Becky Ogle
Keith Jarvis
Jeff Haaft
Lily Handt
Amy Graham



Gene Wagner	Eileen Ogden
Lois Lunsford	Seth Hull
Randy Simon	Francis Vawter
Phil Mohr	Betty Castner

For Additions Contact Sharon Voegeli 513-505-8884