

December 23, 2018

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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 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



When Elizabeth Heard Mary's Greeting, the Infant Leaped in Her Womb.

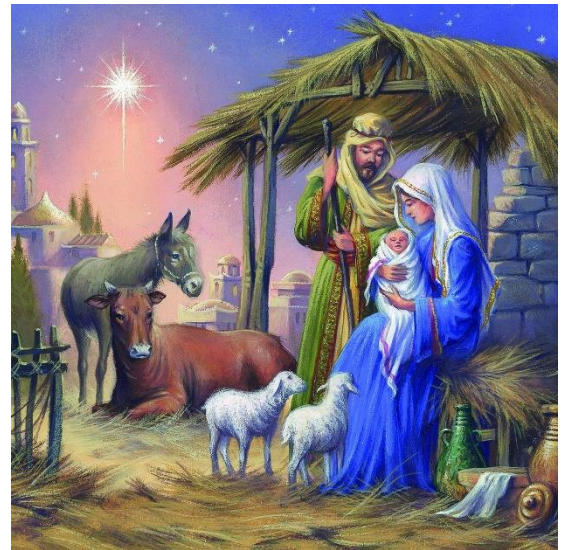
Treasures spilling over; secrets pouring out in sheer delight. The women hug and, baby leaps for joy. Holy Spirit, fill us too with yourself. Teach us to love and let us cry out in joy, since our Lord has come to be within us and within all humankind. Let our spirits jump for joy.

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CHRISTMAS

For a child is born to us, a son given us.
Mary gave birth to her firstborn son.
Upon his shoulders, dominance rests.
His victory is vast and forever peaceful.
You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes lying
in a manger.
This is the name they gave him: Wonder-Counselor,
God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace, Jesus.
Come, let us adore him.

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Growing in
Faith
Living in
Hope
&
Acting in
Love

**IT IS OUR FAITH
THAT ON THIS NIGHT
THE VERY HOPE OF
THE WORLD CAME
TO US
AS EMMANUEL, THE
INCARNATE LOVE OF
GOD.**

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses: St Maurice 4:00 PM
St John 6:00 PM
Christmas Day Mass: St Maurice 9:00 PM
New Year's Eve Mass: St Maurice 4:00 PM

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

In the Bible, travel seemingly just happens, as though it were easy. Yet it never was. It was about 80 miles from Nazareth to Elizabeth – as crows and airplanes fly. By road, easily over 100 miles. Not an easy trip to undertake with morning sickness.

Back in Nazareth, Mary had to set up a household with Joseph and then undertake the

journey we will commemorate in two days, from Nazareth to Bethlehem, also about 80 miles – late in her ninth month, due at almost any moment.

Youth should realize that Mary was sweet, pure, obedient, lovely, loving – and very strong. And actually, rather tough.



CONNECTIONS

When the angel Gabriel encountered Mary, perhaps during her evening walk, he told her of God's plan to birth the "Son of the Most High" into life through her body. It was an incomprehensible request of preposterous proportion. Mary could have said "No," but instead, she said "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Three months later; Mary's cousin Elizabeth said to her, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



In our lives, God speaks to us and we know what he asks of us. May our response be the same as Mary's so that the purpose of our lives could be also fulfilled.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 22, 6:00 PM

+ Nic Meister

Sunday, December 23, 12:00 Noon

+ Eddie Olinger

Monday, December 24

+ Jeff & Gene Ogden

Saturday, December 29, 6:00 PM

+ Phil Wittich

Sunday, December 30, 12:00 Noon

+ Darlene Huff



STEWARDSHIP The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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 \$ 2,562.75
Retirement for Religious 410.00
Immaculate Conception 5.00
Christmas Flowers 165.00

"Jesus is our Greatest Treasure!"

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL "ALL for the SAKE of OTHERS." As of today, the amount pledged to the United Catholic Appeal is **\$13,939.00** which is **93%** of our goal. **41** households have responded thus far which is **32%** of parish participation. We are only **\$1,036.00** from meeting our goal! That is great!



Saturday, December 29, 6:00 PM

Coordinator: Ron Miller

Lector: Nancy Obermeyer

Greeters: Ron Miller, Steve Mathes

Servers: Volunteers!

Wine: Stephanie Green, Ron Ebinger

Sunday December 30, 12:00 Noon

Coordinator: Ted Wissel

Lector: Jessica Gorman

Greeters: Ted Wissel, Jill Jansing

Servers: Samantha Colyer

Wine: Jill Jansing, Jessica Gorman



Linda Bear
Drew Willa
Urban Johannigman
Susan Huff
Pat Grieshop
Evelyn Nimeskern
Henry Peters
Donnie Hoffrogge
Glenna Ward
Amy Castner
Todd Castner
Katie Warner
Gerald Hermesch
Gary Payne
Molly Ronaldson
Phyllis Hellmich
Mike Raney

Joe Kelly
Tammy Meister
Simon C Allison
Peggy Lewis
M/M/ Tom Murray
Kelly Spiller
Katie Smith
Mary Bruns
Brenda Wetzler
Natalie Brown
Madeline Ronaldson
Maesha Meister
Pat Schuman
Joe Pesec

CLASSES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enjoy your Christmas Vacation!

OPEN DOOR TOUR Sunday, December 30, 1:00 - 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 dressed in their finest during this Christmas season and offer a family prayer while there.

December 23, 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

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COMMUNITY
Christmas
DINNER



Volunteers Needed

December 25 – St John's

Contact Keri Johnson at 812-689-3322 for more information.

Knights of Columbus
Chili Supper – Jan 19
After 6:00 PM Mass at
St John Church
Free Will Donation



Deanery & Beyond Events



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

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.

Upcoming 2019 Pre-Cana Dates (317)236-1521

January 11-12, 2019: St Barnabas, Indianapolis

February 22-23, 2019: Batesville, All Saints

March 1-2, 2019: St Michael's, Indianapolis

April 12-13, 2019: Batesville, Oldenburg Franciscan

April 27, 2019: Nashville IN, St Agnes



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Friday, January 18, 2019 - 6:30 pm - St Mary Parish, Greensburg, IN

Visit DynamicCatholic.com/events or call 859.980.7900 for tickets.