

February 25, 2018

# St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

## & the Catholic Cohort of Immaculate Conception, St. Maurice, St. John

*Three unique parishes joined in mutual support to live and spread the gospel, provide enhanced worship opportunities, further faith formation, welcome and reach out in love to those in need. (Cohort Mission Statement)*



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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: 5:30-5:45 PM  
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.

# FEBRUARY 25, 2018

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### ABRAHAM TRUSTED

**God asked the terrible of him!  
But Abraham recalled  
God's promise with Sarah.**

**Descendants would come from him  
as many as the stars in heaven.  
Gripping the knife in hand,  
holding it very tightly,  
but more tightly to  
God's strict promise,  
he made ready with trust to follow.**

**O God, help us trust too  
when your directions are so hard.**  
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### SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

(Comments from Fr. John's talk last Sunday)

...The Holy Spirit has had a great impact on Father's life especially during two retreats.

While in the seminary when he questioned his vocation, he heard the Holy Spirit speak the words "Are you also going to leave?"

During another retreat he experienced moments of contemplation which brought him great joy and peace.

...People of faith also inspire him to set his faith on fire especially seeing their faces at Mass. He said, "it fires me up."

...Father also spoke of the importance of and his belief in angels and related two incidents of when they were truly messengers of God for him.

...He spoke of his devotion to the Mother of God and how she helped him to make changes in his life. She is truly a "Lenten Companion" for him and for us.

### SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

#### CONNECTIONS

You don't have to be a rocket scientist or a biblical scholar to find the connections between the crucifixion of Jesus and God's command to Abraham to offer up his son Isaac as a sacrifice.

Both Isaac and Jesus were loved by their fathers. Both were on route to their death: Isaac carrying the wood for the fire; Jesus carrying the wood of the cross. Isaac's journey was three days. Jesus' from death to resurrection was also three days. The Genesis story concludes with God's last-minute change of mind. Isaac is spared. Abraham's unwavering faith is richly rewarded. In the account of the passion and resurrection, Jesus breaks the bonds of death and rises as the Redeemer of the world.



#### INCLUDING YOUTH

If you feel that God acted like a bully in the Genesis story, you are not alone. Consider this possibility: Your girlfriend or boyfriend says, "We should take a break, just for a while." Aach! Give this person up – even for a short while? That's nuts, that's wrong! Then a bit later, it turns out the break made the two of you even more devoted to each other. This story is a little like that.

Ever had a spiritual high – a time when God and faith made perfect sense and felt great? Then, you had to go back to regular old life – work, school, friends. Peter, James and John must have experienced that. But, regular old life is where faith in God is lived out.

**BAPTIZED IN CHRIST** - Congratulations to **Myla Grace Shadday**, the daughter of Benjamin and Olivia Newhart Shadday, who was baptized on Sunday, February 18. *May she remain ever close to God!*



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Carl Wagner  
 Phil Wittich  
 Pat Grieshop  
 Evelyn Nimeskern  
 Henry Peters  
 Donnie Hoffrogge  
 M/M/ Tom Murray  
 Glenna Ward  
 Sue Herbert  
 Drew Willa  
 Katie Smith  
 David Bedel  
 Brenda Wetzler  
 Natalie Brown  
 Gary Payne  
 Molly Ronaldson



Urban Johannigman  
 Joe Kelly  
 Linda Bear  
 Simon C. Allison  
 Kelly Spiller  
 Amy Castner  
 Mary Bruns  
 Katie Warner  
 Gerald Hermesch  
 Casey Simon  
 Madeline Ronaldson  
 Todd Castner



## PARISH SUPPORT

**Sunday Collection** \$ 3,321.00  
**Black & Indian Mission** 337.00  
 "Be Transformed in Christ!"



**Saturday, February 24, 6:00 PM**  
 + Emily Mathes  
**Sunday, February 25, 12:00 Noon**  
 + Art Simon

**ADORATION** There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament three times this week: Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:00 PM at St. Maurice; Friday, 8:00 AM to 12 noon at St. Maurice and **Saturday, 9:00 - 12:00 noon at St. John's.**

**WAY OF THE CROSS** - The Way of the Cross with Communion will be held at St. Maurice Church on Friday, March 2, 6:00 PM. There is also a Fish Fry in their parish hall from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Let's support the K of C members through our attendance! It will also help the youth in both parishes by raising funds for the next National Youth Convention.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 3, 6:00 PM

Coordinator Ron Miller  
 Lector Andy Miller  
 Greeters Lois Lunsford  
 Ron Miller  
 Servers Wyatt McCain  
 Eucharistic Ron Ebinger  
 Ministers John Holzer

### Sunday, March 4, 12:00 Noon

Coordinator Jeff Greiwe  
 Lector Jessica Gorman  
 Greeters Jeff Greiwe  
 Mary Jane Jansing  
 Servers Aaron Greiwe  
 Peyton Owens  
 Eucharistic Jessica Gorman  
 Ministers Jill Jansing



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

classes for **Grades 6 to 12 --**  
 Sunday, March 4, 8:45 AM.

**Children in Grades Pre School through Grade 5** - Your next class is Wednesday, February 28, 6:45 PM. Grades 3-5 will also attend a Lenten Penance Service. The Parishes' Lenten Penance Service is on Sunday, March 11, 1:30 PM.

## STEWARDSHIP

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His own Son." Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial?

**FOOD FOR THE POOR** - Please join us next weekend to hear Rev. Robert White speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. White will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Father was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego in 1970. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome. Join me in welcoming Father White.

## February 25, 2018 - Local News & Events



### **FRIDAY FISH FRY**

4:30 to 7:00 PM

St Maurice, Napoleon – March 2

St John, Osgood – March 23



February 25	The Vigil Project Oldenburg Leave St Maurice 6:00
March 18	Bowling at Parkside Lanes Greensburg - 2:00 to 4:00

### **ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Wednesday, February 28 – 7:00 to 8:00 St Maurice

Friday, March 2 – 8:00 to 12:00 Noon St Maurice

Saturday, March 3 – 9:00 to 12:00 Noon St John

## Deanery & Beyond Events

### **FISH FRYS**

St Mary, Aurora

March 9, March 16

4:30 to 7:00

Good Friday, March 30

4:00 to 7:30

Millhousen Vol FD

March 9

5:00 to 8:00

Breaded Tenderloin or Whitefish

Millhousen Knights of St John

March 16, March 30

5:00 to 7:30

**OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER** [www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://www.oldenburgfranciscancenter.org) or 812-933-6437

**Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide** presented by: Sisters' Women's

Issues Interest Group. Tuesdays: Feb 27, March 13, 27. 2:00 – 3:00 PM

**Dealing with Grief** Tuesdays January 30<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup> 2:30 to 4:30 or 6PM to 8PM. This 8-week process will provide you with a safe environment where you will be given specific tools to help you recover from loss and ultimately lead you back to a happier life.

**ST. ANTHONY'S PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will take place on Wednesday, March 7 from 2-7 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact us at [812-934-2789](tel:812-934-2789)."

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CHOIR EASTER CANTATA** Practice is 2:00 PM each Sunday. Join us at United Methodist Church, 213 S Walnut St, Osgood. Performance is Sunday, March 25. Information: Sharon Miller at 812-852-4936 or Cynthia Melton at 812-689-6646.

**You are invited to the Royal Ball and Pirate Cove** at the St. Louis Activity Center, Batesville, Sunday, March 4, 12:30-2:30 pm or 3:30-5:30 pm (target audience is children under 10, but all are welcome). \$10 per advance ticket. More information contact Carrie at [812-933-1519](tel:812-933-1519).

**Indiana Catholic Women's Conference – March 10 – [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com)**

**for registration and additional information. Mothers, wives, young adult & high school students:** Mark your calendars for March 10th of 2018; The Marian Center of Indianapolis and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are hosting the 13th Annual Indiana Catholic Women's Conference, which will be held in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center! Please check out the website at [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com) to register or find out more about the great line-up of national speakers and all the events the day offers.

**St Louis (Batesville) Super Sunday Bingo - Sunday, March 11**, Doors Open 11 AM. Play all day – Have a great time!! All proceeds benefit St Louis School. \$15,000 Total Pay Out. Pay ahead to reserve seats. Packages include: Paper Games, Bonsi Bingo Card, Door Prize & Raffle Ticket, Meal Ticket. [www.stlbingo.org](http://www.stlbingo.org) or 812-932-4646. \$5,000 Raffle, Door Prizes, Pull Tabs, Concessions.

**St. Peter's Ladies Sodality** will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fried Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, March 17, 2018** from 4:00-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 for Adults and \$6 for Children (12 & under). Carry outs will be available. For more information, please call 812-623-2878 or 812-576-3153. We would love to see you there.

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**Fr. Frank will retire on May 6th, 2018** from serving as Sacramental Minister at St. Charles Church after serving in the priesthood for 60 years! He was also a pastor of St. John's, Osgood for a number of years. Fr. will be moving to his farmhouse located in the Sunman area. This was the house that Fr. Frank grew up in and has had some updates along the way. Now is time to make the necessary renovations so that Fr. Frank has a safe and comfortable home to live in. Plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling and carport/driveway are some of the necessary updates that will need to be done.

If you would like to honor Fr. Frank in his retirement with a monetary gift that would help fund this renovation, please visit any United Community Bank(UCB) location and make a donation to the "Fr. Frank Eckstein Home Improvement Fund." This is a great way to show Fr. Frank how much we appreciate him!