

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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MASS SCHEDULE

TUE: 6:00 PM at St. Maurice
WED: 8:00 AM at St. John
THUR: 6:00 PM at IC
FRI: 8:00 AM at St. John
SAT: 8:00 AM at St. John
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

SATURDAY VIGIL

4:00 PM at St. Maurice
5:00 PM at St. John

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

7:30 AM at St. John
9:00 AM at IC
10:00 AM at St. Maurice

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

ROSARY

Mondays 10:30 AM
at Immaculate Conception

CONFESSION TIMES

ST. JOHN: Friday 3:00-4:00 PM
Saturday 4:45 PM

IC: Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM
After Sunday Mass

ST. MAURICE: 15 minutes before
weekend Masses

AREA CHURCH NEWS

ST. NICHOLAS EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, Indiana 47041

Join Fr. Whittington for a Eucharistic Healing Service on Tuesday, May 21, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Sunman, IN. Confessions 6:30-8:30 PM; praise & worship music at 6:45 PM; and the service at 7:00 PM. Prayer will be offered by prayer teams.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

"Do we really think we can build peace by destroying the other? In the name of God who created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity...I make an appeal for calm and, for those who are responsible to put a stop to the clamor of weapons and to follow the paths of peace." (*Regina Caeli, May 16, 2021*)

- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.

MAY 12 ~ FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

UP IN HEAVEN



The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also indicate that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally, the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The responsorial psalm refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is “above” means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance, but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

† Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS

MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
Al & Myrna Kohlman	Allie and Anna Walke	Dale & Debbie Young

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11 – David & Jenny Hardesty 50th Anniversary
Sunday, May 12 – Gary & Dot Stier
Tuesday, May 14 – Amelia Wolter
Saturday, May 18 – Maurice Eckstein
Sunday, May 19 – Randy Simon
Tuesday, May 21 – Mary Gilland

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$4370.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 27.01
Loose Collection	\$ 241.00
Total Regular Collection	\$4638.01
Capital Improvement	\$730.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$85.00
Cemetery	\$25.00
Catholic Comm. Campaign	\$35.00
Smorgasbord Donation	\$50.00
Pickpockets	\$340.34
Rummage Sale	\$5035.43

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

	Saturday, May 18 4:00 PM	Sunday, May 19 10:00 AM	Saturday, May 25 4:00 PM	Sunday, May 26 10:00 AM
GREETERS	Ken Hellmich Eric Busch	Tom & Joyce Muckerheide	Gary Wagner Steve Gilland	Paul & Arlene Gehl
SERVER(S)	Morgan Busch Allie Harmeyer	Mason Ryder	Sam Simon Allie Harmeyer	Mason Ryder
LECTOR(S)	Tara Johannigman	Susan Schutte Joyce Muckerheide	Jack Ferkinhoff	Julie Stephens Donna Harlemert
GIFTS	Chris & Valorie Parker	Graduates	Mitchell & Lindsay Wagner	Matt & Leslie Hicks
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	⊕ Terry Harmeyer Roseann Wirth (Hall) Beth Simon Rita Kress	⊕ Cindy Weisenbach Dana Newhart (Hall) Vicki Wagner Amanda Schutte	⊕ Judy Steuri Terry Harmeyer (Hall) Janet Wagner Rita Kress	⊕ Susan Schutte Amanda Schutte (Hall) Katie Spreckelson Cindy Weisenbach



If you would like to add someone to the prayer line, please call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) or Marita Billman (812-593-4674).

Please Remember in Prayer: Rosemary Mistler, Frances Borgman, Frances Werner, Eileen Wagner, Sue Tunny, Evette Jackson, Sandy Wenning, Donnie Kohlman, Kathy Bedel, Dana Newhart, Lisa Wallpe, Regina Lowe, Albert Meyer, Pat Schrank, Mike White, Tim Schutte, Larry Gerth, Jim Lamping, John Glick, Marsha Meister, and Jim Tunny.

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to the family of Janice Simon, who died on May 4 and whose Mass of Resurrection was celebrated on Thursday, May 9. May Janice experience the fullness of God's love for her.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY – Congratulations to David and Jenny Hardesty on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary! Thank you for your witness of 50 years of faithfulness to God, to one another, and to the Church. May God continue to bless you in every possible way.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN – This weekend, parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of the collected funds stay right here in the Archdiocese, and the other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States. Thank you for your generous support of this collection.

PICKPOCKETS – Thank you to our Pickpockets last weekend: Jackson, William & Leo Parker and Mason Busch on Saturday night, and Maria, Addi & Neil Harlemert on Sunday. Two checks were presented from the total amount of money raised by the Pickpockets this past school year. The Ripley County Food Pantry and Fishes & Loaves each received a total of \$1,508.74. Wonderful job by all!

RUMMAGE SALE – "God's blessings to all who donated or helped in any way with the spring rummage sale. Thank you to the young adults who helped with the hall setup the Sunday before. Thank you to Ann, Elizabeth, Rita, Debbie, and Cathy for being there almost every day. Thank you to Mary for the Facebook pictures and advertising. Thank you to the volunteers who worked a two-hour shift on Friday and on Saturday morning. Lastly, thank you to the fabulous clean-up crew we had Saturday afternoon. It was rewarding to see so many helping hands. Everyone's hard work paid off, netting us a profit of over \$5,000. Hope we can do this again for our fall rummage sale on October 4 and 5!" ~ Roberta Bohman

CATECHISTS NEEDED – High School Religious Education is looking for 2 catechists (7th and 9th Grades) for the next school year. Please prayerfully consider helping with the education of our youth.



A "woman by her very nature is maternal - for every woman, whether married or unmarried, is called upon to be a biological, psychological, or spiritual mother — she knows intuitively that to give, to nurture, to care for others, to suffer with and for them — for maternity implies suffering — is infinitely more valuable in God's sight than to conquer nations and fly to the moon."

~ ALICE VON HILDEBRAND

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN – Our church has been asked by Clarity Pregnancy Services in Decatur County to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money and materials for the center. Starting next weekend, you will be able to take home a bottle and place money in it throughout the month. OR if you prefer, Clarity is in great need of baby wipes, diapers, and formula, which you can purchase and then bring to church. All donations will be due by June 16, and there will be an area in the front of church to place them.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of this charitable giving. Clarity has volunteers and staff trained to help women with the decisions they are facing in a loving, nonjudgmental environment, and donations are greatly appreciated.

GRADUATION MASS – Next Sunday, May 19, at the 10:00 AM Mass, we will be acknowledging our three seniors: Emma Wagner, Landon Kohlman, and Brady Borgman.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS – Who witnesses to God's goodness in my life? Am I such a witness by how I live?

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The warden of a prison let his friends know his daughter fell in love with a prisoner, to which he objected. They accused him of being biased and not accepting everyone as equal.

"What's the matter," they asked him, "don't you like prisoners?"

"It isn't that my daughter married a prisoner that I object to. It's just the way they did it," the warden said.

"How's that?" they asked.

Replied the warden, "They eloped!"

(via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE, The Joyful Noiseletter)

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THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH

For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Mass at 10:00 AM	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Preparing for Rummage Sale Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Preparing for Rummage Sale Elementary RE Classes - 6:45 PM  <i>Mass with Crowning of Mary</i> 7:00 PM	Preparing for Rummage Sale	Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Rummage Sale 8:00 AM - Noon Cleaning Up After Rummage Sale Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Pickpockets
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
JH/HS Religious Ed <i>Last Class</i> 8:30 - 9:45 AM Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM Pickpockets		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Elementary Religious Education Classes 6:45 - 8:00 PM <i>Last Class</i> <i>Attendance Awards Given at 7:20 PM</i>		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
 Ascension Day Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY	 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA <i>"Pray, pray much, and sacrifice for sinners."</i>	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	Catechist Meeting 7:00 PM		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	ARMED FORCES DAY Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
 Pentecost Celebration of Mass <i>Graduation Mass</i> 10:00 AM		Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	FEAST OF ST. RITA		Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
TRINITY SUNDAY Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM	 MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR	Holy Hour 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Celebration of Mass 6:00 PM	First Communicants Banner Party in Parish Hall 7:15 PM		VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:00 AM - Noon	Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM