

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

3526 St. John's Way • South Bend, IN 46628

Rectory: 574-233-5414 • www.stjohnspartans.com

Sunday, April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter

Website: www.stjohnspartans.com



3RD SUNDAY
of Easter

Pastor..... Fr. Sunday Akuh

Business Manager/

Secretary.....Mrs. Sue Cencelewski

Located at Holy Family Rectory

Office Hours 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

574-233-5414

Music Director : Mr. Ben Davis

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the rectory six months in advance. Catholic parties are expected to be registered parishioners and attending Sunday Mass regularly.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please call rectory any time of the day or night.

Communion Calls

Please keep us informed of the sick and the homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Prayer Chain

Are you aware of anyone in need of prayers? Call the Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the Prayer Chain. To start the Prayer Chain call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

St. John's School Office

3616 St. Johns Way
South Bend, IN 46628

574-232-9849

Office Hours.....7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Principal..... Mrs. Shannon Jones

Secretary.....Mrs. Maureen Kapica

Maintenance..... Mr. Mark Waite

New Parishioners

You are most welcome. Please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us of a change of address.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 12:00 P.M.

Live Streaming Links

YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfFHOJ2hdxM91-gPvj5UMg>

Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend



Our faith grows by facing our doubts!

We continue to encounter the risen Lord in the light of faith. Like St. Peter after his denial and post resurrection recovery, we must boldly now proclaim: He is Risen, truly He is alive! Christ calls us to spread this message of his resurrection to the ends of the earth. To preach repentance requires effective ministers who themselves have encountered this transforming power of the resurrection.

Repent! Everyone is called to repentance. This requires that daily we die to self, to sin and unbelief in order to live anew and be alive in Him. This type of daily death is called conversion. Together with his disciples who now are beginning to understand better all his teachings and revelation in the light of the resurrection, we must leap out in faith and throw our nets into the deeper mystery of faith. For whenever we are blessed to be called to eat this bread and drink his cup, we are proclaiming His death until he comes again.

Yet, the biggest challenge for us as Christians is the problem of sin and how to conquer and overcome sin, to be in the state of grace and growth in holiness. This is where in the power of the Holy Spirit, we must battle sin daily, draw nearer to Him and be nurtured by his presence in us. St. John the beloved says to us, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus our help and strength. Our expiation and burden bearer. Therefore, do not be discouraged by our weaknesses because we are not alone, the stranger wayfarer of Emmaus, was in fact, our own brother, our ‘viaticum’ and our strength. Always hidden in the bread broken but not divided, silent but never absent.

In the faith encounter of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, our fears experience faith, our own doubts receive clarity: do our own hearts not burn within us as he teaches us each day, nourishing us by his words and satisfying our hunger with the Eucharist? Let us not become too familiar with this encounters such that we fail to recognize Him walking beside us and working in and through us. The Lord will always assume and become united with the bread broken only to confirm our faith in his real presence in this sacrifice of love and sacrament of peace. Receiving Jesus again at this Mass, let us see beyond the appearances of bread and wine, for he is truly present, body soul and divinity.

From the undying words of Pope St. JPII we now seek more insight: EEno.9. “The Eucharist, as Christ’s saving presence in the community of the faithful and its spiritual food, is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history. This explains the lively concern which she has always shown for the Eucharistic mystery, a concern which finds authoritative expression in the work of the Councils and the Popes. How can we not admire the doctrinal expositions of the decrees on the Most Holy Eucharist and on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass promulgated by the Council of Trent? For centuries those Decrees guided theology and catechesis, and they are still a dogmatic reference-point for the continual renewal and growth of God’s People in faith and in love for the Eucharist. In times closer to our own, three Encyclical Letters should be mentioned: The Encyclical Mirae Caritatis of Leo XIII (28 May 1902),⁵ the Encyclical Mediator Dei of Pius XII (20 November 1947)⁶ and the Encyclical Mysterium Fidei of Paul VI (3 September 1965).”

And may Jesus, bread of life broken for you and for me, sustain us always as we become what we eat and Him we eat. Amen.

God bless you. *Fr. Sunny*

Scripture Readings

- Sunday Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
- Monday** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday** Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Our Stewardship

Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult	\$1,988.00
Loose	\$139.00
Sunday 12:30 am Spanish Mass	
Adult	\$110.00
Loose	\$105.00
Grand Total	\$2,342.00
Weekly Budget	\$2,279.90
Weekly Variance	\$62.10

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

There are still **plenty** of spaces left for your mass intentions. Please call the rectory at 574-233-5414 to schedule them.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Sunday would like to make communion calls to our homebound on the first Friday of the Month. If you know of anyone that would like a communion call from Fr. Sunday, please call the rectory office at 574-233-5414.

NEWS & NOTES

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY JOB OPENING

The Christ Child Society of South Bend is hiring a part-time (15-20 hrs/week) administrative assistant. CCS is a vibrant all-volunteer organization of over 350 members who collaborate to serve under-resourced children and families in St. Joseph County. Deadline to apply: April 30, 2024. If you would like more information or to apply please go to www.christchildsb.org and scroll to the job description link.

RETURN BOOK STUDY

Are you looking for a successful strategy to help your adult child return to practicing the faith? Gather with fellow parents like you for seven weekly sessions to discuss the book, "Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church" by Brandon Vogt. The sessions are on Thursdays, April 18-May 30, and will be held at St. Monica Church, Mishawaka, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. They will be facilitated by Sean Allen, Founder of Ablaze Mission, and Lisa Everett, Diocesan Director of Marriage & Family Ministry. The cost is free, including the book. Learn more and register: ablazemission.org/return.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Emilio & Esthela Montalvo

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:00 A.M. †James Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Sisters Maria & Rosairo Alban

Thursday, April 18, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Mary Cebulski

Friday, April 19, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

Saturday, April 20, 2024

4:00 P.M. For Our Parish Community

Sunday, April 21, 2024

10:00 A.M. †Pat Soboleski & Marie Kaser

12:30 P.M. †Gabriel Vela

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 20, 2024 • 4:00 P.M.

Ushers

Bob Krol and Ron Stopczynski

Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

Ushers

Bill Sorukas & John Leszczynski

This Week in

Our Parish Community

Monday, April 15, 2024

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Divine Mercy until 10:30 A.M.

Friday, April 19, 2024

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

3:00 P.M. Confessions (Until 3:45 P.M.)

Sunday, April 21, 2024

12:30 P.M. La Misa en Española



Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O Good Jesus, hear me.
 Within your wounds hide me.
 Separated from You, let me never be.
 From the evil one, protect me.
 At the hour of my death, call me;
 and close to you bid me.
 That with Your saints and angels,
 I may be praising You
 Forever and ever.
 Amen.



Fatima Eucharistic Prayer

Most Holy
 Trinity,
 I adore You!
 My God, my
 God,
 I love You
 In the
 Most Blessed
 Sacrament

Whoever keeps his word,
 the love of God is truly
 perfected in him.

1 John 2:5