

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

Rectory: 574-233-5414 • [www.stjohnspartans.com](http://www.stjohnspartans.com)

Sunday, April 28, 2024 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

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**“I AM THE VINE,  
YOU ARE  
THE BRANCHES.”**

**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.

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-qPvj5UMg>

**Facebook**

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend



**“The vine and the branches”**

Spring is here upon us and everything is looking green and bright again. Like the crops, plants, trees and flowers everyday affords us as branches in the vine profound opportunities to bloom and bear more fruits in godliness. As we continually celebrate the joy of his resurrection to new life, may we respond to this sacrificial love with gratitude, trust and love by making sacrifices to help the least of our brothers and sisters. The best way to remain engraved and engrafted in Jesus is by allowing his words to dwell in us, to meditate upon it always and by acting upon it always. The second way is to stay connected to each other as the family tree members of Christ.

As we read from St. John’s letter and the Gospel, the image of the vine and the branches used by Jesus serves to describe God’s relationship with us. Periodically, he prunes us of our sins and bad habits and trims off our fears often, by the many challenges in our lives in order to bring out the best in us. He corrects our faults that we may produce better fruits in our relationship with him and with one another. Therefore, we must strive to always to remain in Him by keeping his commandments. Like Saul now turning to Paul, this kind of transition always requires fellowship of a faith community built on the consolation and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, nurtured by the true vine and the Father. We need to support each other fed by the living bread, the Eucharist.

Let us share more insights from the *Ecclesia de Eucharistia no.10*

***“Unfortunately...there are also shadows. In some places the practice of Eucharistic adoration has been almost completely abandoned. In various parts of the Church abuses have occurred, leading to confusion with regard to sound faith and Catholic doctrine concerning this wonderful sacrament. At times one encounters an extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet. Furthermore, the necessity of the ministerial priesthood, grounded in apostolic succession, is at times obscured and the sacramental nature of the Eucharist is reduced to its mere effectiveness as a form of proclamation. This has led here and there to ecumenical initiatives which, albeit well-intentioned, indulge in Eucharistic practices contrary to the discipline by which the Church expresses her faith. How can we not express profound grief at all this? The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 10).”***

Have a beautiful Sunday. God loves you and so do I.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION**

On Mother’s Day weekend, May 11 and 12, we will have an opportunity to reach out to others with the charity which is the essence of the Holy Eucharist through our annual Mother’s Day collection for Catholic Charities. As you know, Catholic Charities is the principal human service agency of the Church in our diocese. The money received in this collection will be used to help those who are in need right here in our own diocese. Through our food pantries, assistance with rent, utilities, and mortgage payments, job training and housing assistance for refuges, mentoring programs for at-risk teens, mental health counseling, and support for those experiencing an unexpected pregnancy, Catholic Charities strives to share the love of Jesus with our brothers and sisters who are most in need.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
FORT WAYNE + SOUTH BEND

Please give generously to this Catholic Charities Collection.

**Our Stewardship**

**Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass**

Adult.....\$1,700.00  
Loose .....\$59.00

**Sunday 12:30 am Spanish Mass**

Adult.....\$124.00  
Loose .....\$116.25

**Grand Total.....\$1,999.25**  
**Weekly Budget.....\$2,279.90**  
**Weekly Variance.....-\$280.65**

# 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helps keep our church and school looking good inside and outside. Your time and talents are much appreciated.

# NEWS & NOTES

## CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY DIAPER DROP

The Christ Child society will hold its annual Diaper Drop on **Wednesday, May 8 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm** at the Christ Child society Clothing Center in the Town and Country Shopping Center. Simply drive up and drop off your donation.

# Mass Intentions

## Monday, April 29, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

## Tuesday, April 30, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Dolores Cebulski

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

## Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

## Friday, May 3, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann  
11:30 A.M. †Joan Dudzinski

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

4:00 P.M. †John & Bernice Hyduk

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

10:00 A.M. For Our Parish Community  
12:30 P.M. †Norma Vela

# Ministry Schedule

## Saturday, May 4, 2024 • 4:00 P.M.

### Ushers

Don Wesolowski & Oscar Nunez

## Sunday, May 5, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

### Ushers

Bob Borlik & Chris Nyikos

# This Week in Our Parish Community

## Monday, April 29, 2024

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

## Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.  
9:45 A.M. Divine Mercy until 10:30 A.M.

## Friday, May 3, 2024

8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.  
12:00 P.M. Retirees Luncheon

## Saturday, May 4, 2024

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

## Sunday, May 5, 2024

12:30 P.M. La Misa en Española

THE SAINT HILDEGARD PROJECT PRESENTS

# TE DEUM


SACRED MUSIC OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH

FRIDAY, MAY 10  
7:00 PM

HOLY CROSS PARISH  
1050 WILBER STREET  
SOUTH BEND, IN 46628



THE SAINT HILDEGARD PROJECT

**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 remains in me & I in him*  
**WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT**