

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

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

Sunday, May 12, 2024 • Ascension of the Lord

Website: www.stjohnspartans.com

Honoring Our Moms

*You have put
gladness in my heart.*

PSALM 4:7 (NKJV)

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.

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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/UCfHOJ2hdxM91-qPyj5UMg>

Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend



God is as caring as a mother, and even much more..

We celebrate the last Sunday before Pentecost. What a beautiful coincidence to also joyful mark Mother's Day 2024. This practice that was made popular about the nineteenth century was basically to commemorate those who have lost their mothers. Today it has gained universal appeal as a worthy time to honor motherhood and maternity, and it is right and fitting to do so. The church herself is a mother and teacher. I would imagine that for most of us, and if not all of us, a mother's love is the most vivid experience of a selfless person we all first had. This love gradually got perfected in our encounter with God's love as we grew older. A mother's love is anything and everything beautiful, sacrificial and totally self giving. Yet, God's unending love is as deep and even deeper than a mother's love. And so, in this mass we thank God for all mothers (even grand and great) and pray for them in appreciation for all you mothers who have brought God's love into perfection in our lives.

Our readings in this liturgy focuses on the role of the Holy Spirit in our growth in Christ. The priestly prayer of oneness is the fulfillment of the commandment to love one another, to be perfect and perfected by our consecration to the truth. The truth which is Jesus Christ and the call to love. By Living in Christ and being led by the same Spirit, we are thus transformed. We then are in turn able to impact those around us. How can we ever be able to do this without the help of the Holy Spirit? Only by remaining in fraternal love with one another, caring, protecting, supporting and providing for each other can we ever claim to be one. This example is presented to us in the replacement of Judas by the choice of Mathias and by the letter of John the beloved apostle. They depended on the Holy Spirit and deepened in love for each other as a community. We too must do the same. Jesus prays specially for all us today in the Gospel to remain in his love, to be faithful witnesses to his abiding presence in the Eucharist, in each other and in the world.

As we await a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the fire of his love, I invite you to consider wearing a touch of red next Sunday as the color of the weekend liturgy suggest. Peace be with you and have a beautiful Mother's Day celebration.

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From the Ecclesia de Eucharistia no.59.

Allow me, dear brothers and sisters, to share with deep emotion, as a means of accompanying and strengthening your faith, my own testimony of faith in the Most Holy Eucharist. Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine! Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world, the pledge of the fulfilment for which each man and woman, even unconsciously, yearns. A great and transcendent mystery, indeed, and one that taxes our mind's ability to pass beyond appearances. Here our senses fail us: visus, tactus, gustus in te fallitur, in the words of the hymn Adoro Te Devote; yet faith alone, rooted in the word of Christ handed down to us by the Apostles, is sufficient for us. Allow me, like Peter at the end of the Eucharistic discourse in John's Gospel, to say once more to Christ, in the name of the whole Church and in the name of each of you: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Scripture Readings

- Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday** Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
- Wednesday** Memorial of Saint Isidore
Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday** Pentecost Sunday **Mass during the Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Our Stewardship

Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult.....\$1,628.00
Loose\$194.00

Sunday 12:30 pm Spanish Mass

Adult.....\$106.00
Loose\$59.25

Grand Total.....\$1,987.25
Weekly Budget.....\$2,279.90
Weekly Variance..... **-\$292.65**

PARISH NEWS

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We will be serving coffee and donuts after the 10:00 am mass on May 26th. Please enjoy some fellowship with other parishioners while partaking in a donut and coffee.

ST. JOHN'S TACO SALE

We will be having a taco sale on Sunday, May 19, 2024 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. 3 taco's, rice and beans for \$10 per plate. Water and soda available for purchase. Please come out and support our church.

RIGHT TO LIFE CARNATION SALE

Right to Life will be offering a variety of carnations as a way for you to honor a special someone for Mother's Day. Flowers will be sold after all Masses this weekend. Suggested donation is \$1.00 per stem. All proceeds from the sale directly benefit Right to Life outreach, education and advocacy efforts.

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.

"Join the Knights of Columbus for a night of trivia and fun benefiting the life-saving work of Voices for Life on Saturday, May 25th at St. Joseph Catholic Church Mishawaka Gym. Individual tickets are \$18 and tickets for teams of 8 are \$145. Don't have a team? We'll pair you with a great group of folks! Dinner provided by the Knights of Columbus. Get your tickets at voicesforlife.com or by emailing tingolfeoin@gmail.com."



PENTECOST COLLECTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF SEMINARIANS

You are invited to support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians through the Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians. Give by responding to a letter being sent to all registered households from our diocesan vocation director, or give in-pew the weekend of May 18 and 19, or donate online at diocesefwsb.org/give. Your "yes" to supporting our diocesan seminarians empowers their "yes" to responding to God's vocational call in their lives. Thank you!



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

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 13, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:00 A.M. †James Fitzpatrick

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Tom Squier

Thursday, May 16, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Mary Cebulski

Friday, May 17, 2024

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

Saturday, May 18, 2024

4:00 P.M. †Patricia Ann Wawrzyniak

Sunday, May 19, 2024

10:00 A.M. †Bukowski & Ryan Families
 12:30 P.M. For Our Parish Community

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 18, 2024 • 4:00 P.M.

Ushers

Don Wesolowski & Oscar Nunez

Sunday, May 19, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.

Ushers

Bob Borlik & Chris Nyikos

This Week in Our Parish Community

Monday, May 13, 2024

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

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

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

Friday, May 17, 2024

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

Saturday, May 18, 2024

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024

12:30 P.M. La Misa en Española

SCHOOL NEWS

St. John's Baseball: Come cheer on our Boys Varsity on Wednesday, May 15th @ 6:15 pm at Chet Waggoner LL.

