

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

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February 9, 2025 • 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Website: [www.stjohnspartans.com](http://www.stjohnspartans.com)



*They  
caught  
a great  
number  
of fish*

## St. John Parish Office

**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

## Sacraments

### 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 at either 574-233-5414 or 574-393-8320.

## 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

## Other

### 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-qPyj5UMg>

#### Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend

<https://m.facebook.com/61561017520975>



# Fr. Sunny...the Pastor's Pen

## Called to be his presence in the world.

As we celebrate God's unending love in the call of Isaiah the prophet, Peter the apostle and Paul the evangelist, we too are equally called each day to join the urgent apostolic age of the church urging us to go become fishers of men and women. In a world thoroughly broken and truly in need of healing, Jesus is the only solution to our many problems. So, we are all needed and necessary in the divine commission of Matthew 28.16-20 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

In the same vein, we hear our readings drawing our attention to this same central theme as pilgrims of hope CALLED BY CHRIST TO SAVE ALL HUMANITY. The first reading describes Isaiah's loving response to the same salvific invitation in the vision he had: Here am I, send me. Whenever and in whatever circumstance or whatever age the Lord desires and requires us to volunteer our services to the expansion and building of the kingdom or and to the proclamation of the Good news, the least He expects from us is a complete yes!

A yes, that could alter and change the whole course of our lives. This yes, like the disciples of our Gospel passage in Luke, may include: "they left everything, even their nets, and followed Jesus". **What in your own life are you willing to leave, in order to follow Jesus?** Tough I guess. For me as a priest, this yes brought me among you, from an 18 hrs long flight away. A journey of two days far from family, friends and the familiar, in order that He may offer me the opportunity of a newer family of faith, you my most cherished parishioners.

I had to shelve my own ambition of reading law and communication to become his priest. A simple yes that was not easy for me 30 years ago in 1995 when I left high school. But, a decision for which I have never regretted making for one day, 20 years after, for this coming July 23<sup>rd</sup> marks my ordination anniversary. It is indeed a huge privilege for me to be a priest of Jesus Christ. With David in the Psalm of today "I will sing your praises Lord before the Angels and before the world "Ps.138. For nothing else gives me greater joy than talking to people about Jesus and talking with Jesus about his people. I just love God passionately and his people compassionately.

None of us is ever worthy to be his representative or the representation of his presence in the world without him. We are called to try and hand on the baton of faith just as apostle Paul did with the Corinthian Church. The faith we have received, intact, undiluted and actively vibrant is the best and greatest gift we can ever hand over to the next generation of Christians, beginning with our children, our youths and young adults. The formation of the laity as the engine room of evangelization program is the invitation I throw to you all this Sunday to come on board.

Dear friends, the absence of these young people, many of them your children and grand or great grand children troubles me a lot, while I pray about it often, I think an investment in technology and media will make an in route to this target audience, because many of these netizens (citizens of the internet) spend a chunk of their time on the social media handles, especially YouTube, Facebook and TikTok among others. We are looking for donors, sponsors and gifted persons of talent and time to journey with me on this mission the Lord has laid upon my heart. With the many gifts buried in us, Christ has turned us into "fishers of men" and we cannot afford to fail him. Do not be afraid he says to us. Let us put out in to the deep waters of the world without fear. Like Peter reassured by the huge miraculous catch, the Lord rewards our little efforts to obedience by the witness of many miracles. No miracle is greater than that of a saved soul, because Jesus came to die just that we may be saved from our sins.

Finally, let also us not be hindered by anything as we respond to the Lord's call this day, we may be filled with fear or unworthiness, but it's not about us, we are just mere servants sent on mission by the Lord of the harvest, and He will be with us all the way. May the Church faithfully and joyfully carry out this mission of preaching the Good news calling all to repentance and new life. Amen

*Asante Sana, irañwu mę,* God bless and keep you safe: Hope the winter is keeping you all well, please accept from me peace and warmth from Africa.

## Scripture Readings

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin</b> Gen 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gen 1-20 – 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gen 2:4b-9; 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Gen 2:18-25; Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</b> Gen 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	Gen 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20

## Our Stewardship

### Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult.....\$1,175.00  
Loose .....\$109.00

### Sunday 11:15 am Spanish Mass

Adult.....\$90.00  
Loose .....\$145.00

**Grand Total**.....\$1,519.00  
**Weekly Budget**.....\$2,316.88  
**Weekly Variance**.....**-\$797.88**



## PARISH NEWS

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

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

### ROOF PROJECT

The roof on the school is underway. With the tear off we are experiencing several leaks, therefore we will not be able to rent out the social room until the roof project is complete. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### THANK YOU

A Big thank you to everyone that donates by using the Building Fund envelope. Your contribution to this fund helps with the cost of repairs and maintenance to our church and school. Just recently our drinking fountain broke and we have to purchase a new one. We have had many plumbing issues that have been very costly. We appreciate you all!!!

## NEWS & NOTES

### Catholic in Recovery comes to St Jude starting February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Meetings combine the sacraments of the Catholic Church and the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer.

*Confidentiality is protected.*

Whether you are dealing with Alcoholism, Drugs, Compulsive Overeating, Restricted Eating, Pornography, Lust, Gambling, Technology, Compulsive Spending, Codependency, Control, Fear, Resentment, or Grief. Please contact Joe: (574) 315 - 7284.

### CATHEDRAL HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Cathedral Holy Hour for vocations, sponsored by the diocesan Vocations Office, will be held on the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, following 5:30 p.m. Mass. This is a time change from past Holy Hours for Vocations at St. Matthew Cathedral and will be the new time going forward. Please join us in praying for vocations. To learn more about vocations in our diocese, visit [diocesefwsb.org/vocation](http://diocesefwsb.org/vocation).

## Mass Intentions

### Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Fred & Florence Widmann

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 P.M. †Bernice Hyduk

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:00 A.M. For Our Parish Community

11:15 A.M. †Pedro Uriostegui

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, February 15, 2025 • 4:00 P.M.

#### Ushers

Bob Krol & Ron Stopczynski

### Sunday, February 16, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

#### Ushers

Pete Gapczynski & Volunteer

## This Week in Our Parish Community

### Saturday, February 15, 2025

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

### Sunday, February 16, 2025

11:15 A.M. La Misa en Español

## Lecturas bíblicas

Lunes- Memoria de santa Escolástica, Virgen  
Gen 1,1-19; Sal 104,1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;  
Mc 6,53-56

Martes Gen 1-20 - 2:4a; Sal 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mc 7:1-13

Miércoles- Gn 2:4b-9; 15-17; Sal 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mc 7:14-23

Jueves- Gén 2,18-25; Sal 128,1-2.3.4.5; Mc 7,24-30

Viernes-Memoria de los santos Cirilo, monje, y Metodio, Obispo  
Gén 3,1-8; Sal 32,1-2.5.6.7; Mc 7,31-37

Sábado- Gen 3,9-24; Sal 90,2.3-4abc.5-6.12-13; Mc 8,1-10

Domingo- Sexto domingo del tiempo ordinario  
Jer 17,5-8; Sal 1,1-2.3.4.6; 1 Cor 15,12.16-20; Lc 6,17.20-26



### 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