

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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

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Sunday, June 1, 2025 • Ascension of the Lord

Website: www.stjohnspartans.com



Jesus
was taken up into
heaven

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/UCfH0J2hdxM91-qPvj5UMg>

Facebook

St. John the Baptist Catholic School of South Bend

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



Fr. Sunny...the Pastor's Pen

ASCENSION OF THE LORD Yr C. 2025

I share with you joy and Peace on this solemnity of the Lord's ascension, may we continually be Christ's joyful witnesses to the ends of the earth. Let us also recall with praise and thanksgiving the many great things God has done and is doing in our midst. As we focus on the early church and the activities of the Holy Spirit among them, we hear the stories of the many martyrs of the church who through their unique suffering and martyrdom have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb.

Again, Jesus commissions his disciples and we who are lovers of God (O Theophilus), to baptize in his name, reminding us that he is always present with us through his spirit even as he ascended to his father. They returned with great Joy to Jerusalem to continue the mission mandate. May we like the Ephesian Church be grounded in our knowledge of Christ.

Through the imitation of his own supreme sacrifice, we too by our own little sufferings for the sake of his name in the world, may be counted among those he has chosen. This Solemnity of Ascension therefore is intended to remind us that **Heaven is our ultimate goal**. The sufferings and struggles of this present life, even torture and death to our bodies, are nothing compared to the glory that awaits us. The point here is this: are we willing and ready each day to pick up our crosses and follow in his ways by living for Christ? And if need be, to even lay down our lives for him? This question is personal, so too will the answer be. He has gone ahead to where we shall all go someday, always be prepared and as Christians and disciples.

On Friday the 30th, the church began a 9-DAYS NOVENA WITH FASTING AND PRAYERS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST

Let us:

- Pray for those who have heard the word of God but still find it difficult to repent nor practice it; that God would open their hearts to the wisdom of the Gospel of light.

- Pray also for our brothers and sisters who are struggling with the practice of in their faith. And for those who no longer go to church.

- Pray for the strengthening of new converts to Christianity and for those facing persecutions because of their faith in Christ, in parts of the world.

Peace be with you!

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I am sharing a simple guide for us here below

1. OPENING (Hymn to the Holy Spirit)

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.

V/. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created

R/. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let Us pray,

O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation, Through Christ Our Lord.

R/. Amen

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (7x)

2. ACT OF CONTRITION - O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they have crucified my loving Savior Jesus Christ, and, most of all, because they offend your infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of your grace, never to offend you again, and carefully to avoid the occasion of sin.

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST: (To be recited daily during the Novena)

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who before ascending into Heaven didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thine Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy Divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with Thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, Dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples, and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.

***PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Breathe into me Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit that my work too, may be holy.

Attract my heart Holy Spirit that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me Holy Spirit that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit that I may always be holy.

BIBLE READING: Romans 8: 6-11 and John 14: 16-17; 26-27

***CONCLUDING PRAYER**

LET US PRAY: (To be recited together by all)

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I know that my body is Your Temple. I believe and trust that You are the source of life, Almighty God, our Creator. My whole body is filled with Your life and love. Lord Jesus, touch me with Your Precious Blood and wash away all my sins.

I ask Your forgiveness for every sin of mine. Heal me of all the hurts, anger, guilt feelings and all painful memories that linger in my deepest being. I have sinned, Lord, against You and against my neighbor. Jesus, You are present in the Eucharist. Lord, do come into my heart. While You are in my heart, I have nothing to fear, for You are the Son of God, and in my heart You are near. In You is life, and in Your life, Lord Jesus, I find life. You touched the bleeding woman and healed her. Have mercy on me, Lord. It is You Who guide me with Your strength and make me righteous in Your presence. Lord, God, You are almighty. You are merciful. You have touched me and healed me of all my ailments of soul, mind and body. I thank You specially for bringing me closer to You, for loving and protecting me and for healing me completely. With deep faith in my heart, I adore You my loving Jesus Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are God for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Sunny

PARISH NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Join the School Board!

The terms of our current School Board members are coming to an end, and we are seeking new officers to help guide and support our school community. This is a great opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and make a meaningful impact on our students' education.

If you're interested in becoming a School Board member or would like to learn more, please contact us at sjones@stjohnsb.com. We'd love to hear from you!

Exciting News: Bathroom Renovations Coming This Summer!

We're pleased to share that our school has received a \$50,000 grant to renovate the bathrooms. The renovation work is scheduled to take place over the summer break to avoid any disruption to students and staff.

We look forward to unveiling the updated facilities when school resumes!

Student Registration Now Open

Registration fees for the upcoming school year are **\$40 per student**.

Please contact the school office to complete your payment as soon as possible. Early registration helps us plan more effectively for the year ahead—thank you for your prompt attention!

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 2, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Raymond Paczesny

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Florence Diaz

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:00 A.M. Sp. Int. Amparo

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9:00 A.M. †Bruce Hecklinski

Friday, June 6, 2025

9:00 A.M. Sp. Int. Amparo

Saturday, June 7, 2025

4:00 P.M. †Frank Kloski

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:00 A.M. For Our Parish Community

11:15 A.M. †Manuel Vasquez

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, June 7, 2025 • 4:00 P.M.

Ushers

Bob Krol & Ron Stopczynski

Sunday, June 8, 2025 • 10:00 A.M.

Ushers

Bob Borlik & Chris Nyikos

This Week in Our Parish Community

Monday, June 2, 2025

9:30 A.M. Legion of Mary

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

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

Friday, June 6, 2025

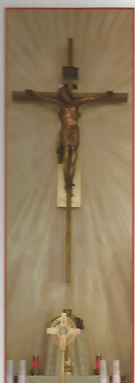
8:00 A.M. Adoration-until 8:55 A.M.

Saturday, June 7, 2025

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

Sunday, June 8, 2025

11:15 A.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

Our Stewardship

Saturday 4 pm & Sunday 10 am Mass

Adult\$1,755.00
Loose.....\$120.00

Sunday 11:15 am Spanish Mass
Adult\$93.00
Loose.....\$117.00

Grand Total.....\$2,085.00
Weekly Budget\$2,316.88
Weekly Variance-\$231.88