

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ST. MAURICE, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**TUE: 6:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**WED: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**THUR: 6:00 PM** at IC  
**FRI: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
**SAT: 8:00 AM** at St. John  
(Holy Hour One Hour Prior to All Masses Listed Above.)

### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

**4:00 PM** at St. Maurice  
**5:00 PM** at St. John

### **SUNDAY OBLIGATION**

**7:30 AM** at St. John  
**9:00 AM** at IC  
**10:00 AM** at St. Maurice

## **ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY**

9:00 AM-12:00 PM at St. Maurice  
12:00 PM-3:00 PM at IC  
3:00 PM-6:00 PM at St. John

## **ROSARY**

Mondays 10:30 AM  
at Immaculate Conception

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

**ST. JOHN:** Friday 3:00-4:00 PM  
Saturday 4:45 PM

**IC:** Thursday 5:10 PM-5:25 PM  
After Sunday Mass

**ST. MAURICE:** 15 minutes before  
weekend Masses

## ***Together in Holiness Marriage Conference***

Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual marriage conference on April 27 from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM at St Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis IN. For more information visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org)

## **Jesus Is Calling Us Deeper HE PROMISES TO RESTORE AND RENEW HIS PEOPLE**

National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis IN

[www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org)

At the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, (July 17-21) our Catholic family will gather to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like a new Pentecost, this transformation will flow out from Indianapolis to bring *revival* in our communities as the Church returns to her first love—the source and summit of our faith.

- + **Baptism** is scheduled by appointment. Call your parish office for information about sacramental preparation.
- + The Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months of preparation. Call your parish office before setting your wedding date.
- + The Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request. Please call your parish office to schedule a visit.



## April 7, 2024 – Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

*Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the words of others.*

# I Want Proof

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands, "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof!"

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is revealed in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity. †

### A Word from Pope Francis



Today is the day to ask, "...Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?" Let us not remain indifferent. Let us not

live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give....

*HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 11, 2021*

*We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The community of believers "was of one heart and mind" and "they had everything in common." They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they dedicated themselves to the good of the other; they were selfless and generous. They lived with the faith that "conquers the world." That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side. "The secret of Christ's heart is revealed to us through the clefts of his body" (Saint Bernard).*

### Reflection Questions:

- Were there people who taught you your faith just by how they lived?
- Who looks to you as a person of faith in the risen Jesus?

**PRAYER** Lord Jesus, as you promised mercy, live in us that we may forgive those who wronged us and seek forgiveness from those we have wronged, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

*The Redemptorists*

### Sunday Readings

#### Acts 4:32–35

With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

#### 1 John 5:1–6

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

#### John 20:19–31

[Jesus said,] "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

*On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Augustine: "mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to succor him if we can."*



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**Bulletin Reflection:** In today's Gospel, we hear the story of Doubting Thomas. May we learn to put all of our faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, learn about the extraordinary graces that are available to you on this day. Also, take time to read about St. Faustina and Jesus' Divine Mercy.

**General Intercession:** That those who have been away from the confessional for a while may come back to Jesus' mercy. We pray to the Lord...



**April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter**

*Let us hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace, alleluia.*

## What Will It Take?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today’s Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn’t realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord’s presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord’s appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn’t that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?



### Sunday Readings

**Acts 3:13–15, 17–19**

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from death; of this we are witnesses.

**1 John 2:1–5a**

Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not obey his commandments, is a liar.”

**Luke 24:35–48**

[Jesus] asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

### A Word from Pope Francis



Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is a living relationship with him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by him and, transformed by his Love, we

look at, touch, and nourish others as brothers and sisters.

*REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 18, 2021*

### Reflection Questions:

*What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst?*

- Do you look for the presence of Christ in the faces of those you encounter every day?
- Is there anyone you refuse to see as a brother or sister in Christ? Why?



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God’s Gifts To Us*

***“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you. But they were startled and frightened...” - Luke 24:36- 37***

In today’s Second Reading, we are reminded to not only believe in Christ but to act according to His will. It is one thing to *say* you are a Christian—it is another thing to *act* like a Christian.

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News. Perhaps this week, you can invite a friend to say grace with you before a shared meal or to accompany you to Mass. Your invitation may be the catalyst for something great in their lives.

***For the courage to spread the Good News throughout our community. We pray to the Lord...***

## PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, help us to recognize you in the faces of those we encounter in our daily lives, even those who are difficult for us to love, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!*

***The Redemptorists***

## Parish Support

Palm Sunday Weekly	1,956.00
Easter Sunday Weekly	5,367.00
Good Friday	505.00
Central Eastern Europe	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	25.00
Votive Candles	125.00

# MASS Intentions

**Mass Intentions Available.** Please stop in the parish office, mail, call or drop in the collection basket to have a Mass said for your loved ones. Mass stipends are \$10

Sat	Apr 06	5:00 PM	✠ Randy Simon
Sun	Apr 07	7:30 AM	✠ Todd Holzer
Wed	Apr 10	8:00 AM	✠ Special Intention
Fri	Apr 12	8:00 AM	✠ Michael McCain
Sat	Apr 13	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Apr 13	5:00 PM	✠ Ruth Cord Purdum
Sun	Apr 14	7:30 AM	✠ Allie Waechter
Wed	Apr 17	8:00 AM	✠ Special Intention
Fri	Apr 19	8:00 AM	✠ Living & Deceased members of Mike & Jenny Purdy Family
Sat	Apr 20	8:00 AM	✠ Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Apr 20	5:00 PM	✠ Randy & Philip Joseph Simon
Sun	Apr 21	7:30 AM	✠ Cheryl Hasty

## 2024 United Catholic Appeal

### United in the Eucharist Update

**Goal Amount \$11,929**

**Total pledged: \$16,885**

**Total donors: 42**

**Percentage of goal: 142%**

## Church Cleaning Schedule

Rosemary & Idona Newhart	1st Week
Ted Wissel & Mary Jane Hunter	2nd Week
Sue Gridley & Margaret Jarvis	3rd Week
Mary Ann W & Susan Banta	4th Week

**Thank you all for your time and hard work!**



On Easter Sunday, we welcomed Brian Thomas, Son of Pam and Gary Thomas into our St John family.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

Mary K Chambers	Elliott Elkins	Peggy Fear	Paul Graf	Amy Graham	Sam Conroy
Todd Holzer	Keith Jarvis	Larry Kendall	Mark Meister	Teresita Noah	Tom Noah
Eileen Ogden	Pavi Pathak Fam.	Louise Rohrig	Dolores Simon	Darin Toops	Peggy Wagner
Active Service Deployment				Mary Jane Geyman	
	Ben Zigan & Aaron Greiwe				

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	April 13	April 14
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ted Wissel
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Ron Miller
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	John Holzer
Eucharist	Bob Green	Ron Miller
Wine	Kris T/Ron E	John H/Roger M

	April 20	April 21
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	Jill Jansing
Lector	Sharon Voegeli	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jill Jansing
Wine	Ron E/Susan B	Melissa/Bob Grable

## Mary's Way - Women Answering Yes

St Louis Parish, Annual Mary's Way Dinner  
Guest Speaker - Danielle Bean. She is a Catholic speaker who encouraged women of all ages to find humor in daily challenges and the joy God intends for every one of us.

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 to 9:00 PM

St Louis Activity Center

Tickets - \$25. Call 812-934-3204



## St Maurice Church in Napoleon is

serving their **Spring Smorgasbord** on Saturday, April 13 from 4PM to 6:30PM. Menu includes turkey, roast beef, meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, dressing,

homemade noodles, German potato salad and a variety of vegetables, salad and homemade desserts. \$15 adults, \$5 children. Everyone is welcome!

## FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Any food and household cleaning items.



## St John's Ladies Meeting RESCHEDULED

**April 16, 5:00 PM - All Ladies are invited!!**



Two agenda items are a **Bake Sale for the Relay for Life** and Participating

in a program called **Hygiene Care Package Project** through Catholic Charities.

**We Plan to Have Many Projects this Year!!**