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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

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

National Eucharistic Congress, Indianapolis IN

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 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
*Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 I myself will pasture my sheep.”*

The Good Shepherd

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with illustrations of the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I’m not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty’s governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: “You shall shepherd my people Israel” (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: “I myself will pasture my sheep” (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd’s voice seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.* As “the Good Shepherd,” Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: *I am here for you because you are mine.* †

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep... and they will heed my voice.”

- John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

A Word from Pope Francis



How beautiful and comforting it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one, that we are not unknown to him, that our name is known to him! We are not a “mass,” a “multitude” for him, no.... He knows each of us with our own story.... Each of us can say: Jesus, knows me!

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday Readings

Acts 4:8–12

[Peter said,] “He is ‘the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.’”

1 John 3:1–2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

John 10:11–18

[Jesus said,] “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Reflection Questions:

God declared: “I myself will pasture my sheep.”

- How do you relate to the image of Jesus as a shepherd?
- Where do you hear the voice of Jesus who protects, knows, and loves you?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, amid many voices demanding our attention, help us recognize your voice, trust your love for us, and follow you, we pray. Alleluia! Amen!

The Redemptorists



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

Bulletin Reflection: In the First Reading, St. Peter declares that a man had been healed in the name of Jesus.

Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer: Remember that the Holy Name of Jesus is powerful. This week (and throughout your whole life), invoke the name of Jesus when faced with temptation, fear or worry. Silently call upon His name in faith and trust.

General Intercession: For all those in need of prayer in our community today. We pray to the Lord...



April 28, 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
*If we want to thrive, we must cherish our relationship with Christ,
 our source of life.*

“In” or Not at All

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The little word “in” appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel, and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us.

This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise, we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us. †

Sunday Readings

Acts 9:26–31

The Church...was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

1 John 3:18–24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in truth and deed.

John 15:1–8

Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.”

A Word from Pope Francis



Today the Gospel offers us the moment in which Jesus introduces himself as the true vine and invites us to abide in him so as to bear much fruit.... One of the ripest fruits that springs from communion with Christ is...the commitment to charity for our neighbor....

REGINA CAELI, ROME, APRIL 29, 2018

Reflection Questions:

In the Gospel, we are called to remain close to Christ—for this is how we grow.

- *In what ways does Christ live in you?*
- *How do you live in Christ?*



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God’s Gifts To Us

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

General Intercession: For all First Communicants in our parish, that they may always believe in the Real Presence. We pray to the Lord...

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!

PRAYER

The Redemptorists



Catholic Home Missions Appeal on the Weekend of April 27-28.

Your generosity to the annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal provides the financial help to sustain core pastoral services and mission of mercy that spread the Gospel of Jesus right here in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the appeal this year.

Parish Support

April 7	Weekly	3,976.00
April 14	Weekly	2,712.00
Family Who Lost Home		2,199.00
Cemetery Fund		225.00
Catholic Home Missions		10.00
Catholic Relief		10.00
Church in Africa		10.00
Good Friday		10.00
Votive Candles		82.00

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 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
Wed	Apr 24	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Fri	Apr 26	8:00 AM	Agnew Bauer
Sat	Apr 27	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	Apr 27	5:00 PM	Emily Mathes
Sun	Apr 28	7:30 AM	Gene Westerman
Wed	May 1	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Fri	May 3	8:00 AM	Judy Cole
Sat	May 4	8:00 AM	Fr Binu & All Priests
Sat	May 4	5:00 PM	William "Billy" Oeffinger
Sun	May 5	7:30 AM	For the Parish

Thank You!

Larry Hammon and his wife Debbie wish to express their sincere gratitude to our St

John's parish family for their extreme generosity!! \$2,100 was collected on their behalf to help them recover from a total loss in a house fire. They are so appreciative for this gift and ask for God's blessings to be bestowed upon you all!!

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!

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 27	April 28
Coordinator	Ted Wissel	Mary Ann W
Greeter	Steve Mathes	Jill Jansing
Lector	Gary Payne	John Holzer
Eucharist	Bob Green	John Holzer
Wine	Ron E/Susan B	Bill M/Roger M
	May 4	May 5
Coordinator	Sharon Voegeli	Ron Miller
Greeter	Bob Voegeli	
Lector	Jennifer Tunny	Jessica Gorman
Eucharist	Ron Ebinger	Jessica Gorman
Wine	Kris T/John K	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 encourages women of all ages to find humor in daily challenges and the joy God intends for every one of us.

Tuesday, May 7th - 6:30 to 9:00 PM
St Louis Activity Center
Tickets - \$25. Call 812-934-3204

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry send a lovely note:



"Thank you for the food donations. We are now serving 73 families in your community."

St Maurice Catholic Church in Napoleon is holding a Huge Spring Rummage Sale on **Friday, May 3 from 8AM to 6PM and Saturday, May 4 from 8AM until noon.** \$3 Bag Day on Saturday. Plants, garden items, furniture, household items, toys, shoes, purses, seasonal items, clothing.

The Pregnancy Care Center in Lawrenceburg Annual Walk 4 Life

Friday May 3rd, 6PM, 2 Mile Family Friendly Walk/Run at the Ivy Tech Community College on Walnut Street.

Intense Youth Conference

June 7-9th - St Leon, Indiana

An amazing weekend to discover, encounter and live the life Jesus has planned for you! To learn about this event - www.intenseconference.net.