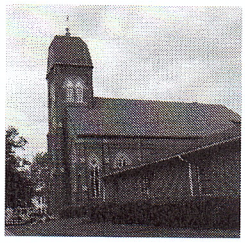
Father Peter F. Logsdon, Pastor
Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23, 2018
This Week's Schedule

St. Mary Catholic Church
Corner of Plum & Hickory Streets, Union City, Indiana



Tues., Dec. 25th	Midnight	The Nativity of the Lord	Fr. Tim Kroeger
	9:00am	The Nativity of the Lord	Mark Neff
Wed., Dec. 26th	8:00am	St. Stephen, The First Martyr	Mary Staugler
Fri., Dec. 28th	8:00am	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Ken & Susan Richman
Sun., Dec. 30th	7:30-7:50am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	8:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	For the Parishes
	6:00-6:20pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6:30pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Bilingual)	Dale & Karen Dircksen
	7:30pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

St. Joseph Catholic Church
514 West Washington Street, Winchester, Indiana

Mon., Dec. 24th	5:30pm	Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord	Leo Staugler
	(At St. Joseph Church)		
Thur., Dec. 27th	8:00am	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	Staugler Relatives
	(At St. Vincent-Randolph Hospital Chapel)		
Sat., Dec. 29th	4:00-4:20pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:30pm	Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Wayne & Kenny Staugler
Sun., Dec. 30th	10:00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Chaffee-Coffman Families
	11:00am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	

St. Mary's

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, December 30th - 8:00am
Greeters: Jeff & Lori Cox
Reader: Rick Brooks
Servers: Ryan Burnett, Aldon Edger
EMHCs: Jack & Jodi Cotter
Ushers: Jeff Cox, Keith Fields, Julie Bayless, Mike Winner
Counters: Rick & Elaine Brooks

Sunday, December 30th - 6:30pm (Bilingual)
Greeters: 2 volunteers
Reader: Homer Stammen
Servers: Gabriella Elizondo, Alex Boze
EMHCs: Isabel Walls, Joni Milner
Ushers: Homer Stammen, 3 volunteers
Counter: Homer Stammen, Joni Milner

Stewardship Report - Last Week's Deposits

Regular Envelopes	$	905.00	Regular Loose	$	284.00

St. Joseph's

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 22nd - 4:30pm
Reader: Ceil Martin
Sunday, December 23rd - 10:00am
Reader: Connie Davis
Servers: Knights of the Holy Temple
EMHCs: Jeff Kinney, Mary Jo Shockley
Gift Bearers: Bastian Family
Coffee & Rolls: Brenda Morrison, Kathy Wallace
Counters: Connie Davis, Nicole Lumpkin

Saturday, December 29th - 4:30pm
Reader:
Sunday, December 30th - 10:00am
Reader: Jeff Kinney
Servers: Michael Dirksen, Owen Walker
EMHCs: Julie Lambert, Jill Morrison
Gift Bearers: Davis/Lumpkin Family
Coffee & Rolls: Janice & Heidi Wiwi
Counters: Nicole Bastian

Stewardship Report - Last Week's Deposits

Regular Envelopes	$	2,447.00	Regular Loose	$	673.00
Coffee & Rolls	$	28.00	Building Fund	$	105.00
Heating Repair	$	50.00	Christmas Flowers	$	185.00
Immaculate Conception	$	20.00			

Next Week's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

Announcements

Adult Education at **St. Joseph's** continues on **Thursday, December 27th**, at **6:30pm** and ends at **8:00pm**. If you have any questions, please call Tom Herold at (765) 857-2373.

For those wanting to become Catholic, the **RCIA** (process by which one becomes Catholic) group will meet in **Union City** in **January** on Thursdays the 10th, the 17th, and the 31st at 7:00pm. Please invite anyone who has asked you questions about your faith to attend.

The **Campfire Conversations** youth group will be singing Christmas Carols on **Thursday, December 27th** -- time and location to be announced.

St. Joseph Parishioners - The new liturgical schedule for January through June 2019 is available at the entrances of church. Please pick up your copy today.

The **Community Help Center** in Union City is in need of soup, instant potatoes, fruit and meat this month. Thank you.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Flower Memorials/Honorariums

Deceased Members of Binkley Family
Ronald Moore
Marie Francis
James & Elsie Hart
Owen (Johnie) Mangas
Chesley & Anne Boze
Kurt Johnston
Clete & Angie Koverman
Martin & Freda Mae Shumsky
Sherry Shumsky
Nancy Overbey
Charles Robert DeBolt
Etta Louise Hart
Mary Devor
Walter & Ruth Schleich
Cinde Bergmann
Janet Pratt
Larry & Mary Boze
Jerry Koverman
Frank & Rose Warner
Randy Coker
Michael Milner
Anna Marie Francis
Ralph & Ida Yount
Carl Francis
Don & Caroline Gates
Maurice Mangas
Sheryl Brinley
Henry & Alvina Kuether
Otto & Beatrice Bentz
Shirley & Dick Buemer
Kyle Vandervest
John A. Clark

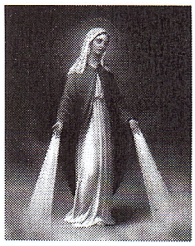
Father Logsdon logging in...

The most famous Advent hymn that has been sung every year in every church is… *Oh Come, Oh Come Emanuel*. Now that you have it playing in your head I ask, do you know where the song originated? The song developed out of a poem which is based upon the "Great 'O' Antiphons". The 'O' Antiphons date back to at least the 6th century when they are referenced by a Christian martyr named Boethius. They are used in the Liturgy of the Church from December 17th through December 23rd. They may sound familiar starting with O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dawn from on High, O King of the Nations, and O Emanuel. They become more interesting when in Latin: Sapientia, Adonai, Radix, Clovis, Oriens, Rex, and Emmanuel. Don't know who came up with them, but because of their order, taking the first letter of each word in order, and flipping the order you would get ERO CRAS. That means tomorrow, he comes. Unlocking some secret that has always been something familiar can be exciting, but it cannot compare to the excitement of understanding the Incarnation of God in the birth of Jesus.

This is a time of year when we can all feel excitement like little children. When something that children don't know about happens or as they grow and experience repeated traditions, they should be curious and desire to learn more about the traditions we celebrate. Questions like, 'did Jesus have a Christmas tree?', or 'why are people afraid of the angels?', or 'did Jesus cry?'. I love these types of questions because it shows that the children have a desire to engage the stories and traditions we pass on to them. I also like these questions because they get me thinking, which helps me to engage in this beautiful event of Jesus' birth.

I would like to repeat my gratitude to all who have worked hard to make our Christmas celebration beautiful. May the love of God, who became flesh and was born into our world on this day, surround each one of us as we offer this love to the whole world.

Offering Christ to the world,
Father Logsdon



St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Rectory

425 West Hickory Street, Union City, IN 47390
Phone (765) 964-4202
Parish Cluster Website: StMUC-StJW.org

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Parish Registration
New members are always welcome. You may register by calling or stopping by the rectory for a registration form, or pick one up after Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage
Please call the rectory at least six months in advance to begin preparation.

Sacrament of Baptism
Please call the rectory to schedule an appointment for parents' preparation and date of baptism.

R.C.I.A.
Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic may call the rectory at any time of the year.

Ministry to the Sick
Please notify the Rectory of any parishioner in the hospital or nursing home; or who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or be placed on the Communion Call List.

Bulletin Announcements
Please submit in writing to Joni Milner **by NOON on Monday** for inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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Our Mission Statement:

Visibly seeking and teaching our community as sacramental servants of Christ

Our Vision Statement:

Seats and souls filled with Christ

Find us on

Saint Mary and Saint Joseph Parish Cluster

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Please remember in your prayers . . .

Stephen Anderson, Edna Barga, Nadine Bastian, Wendi Bastian, Craig Bland, Mary Doris Cook, James Cordrey, Antoinette Elliott, Doris Fields, Harold Goss, Valvina Gutierrez, Leah Homan, Shawn, Magen, John Henry Kaufman, Nancy D. Honenberger, Bob Koesters, Douglas Millares, Marcille Morrissey, Doris Nash, Ginny Nieport, Michael Pabst, Mary "Jo" Puccini, Carolyn Read, Ron Rinderle, Krista Rybak, Len Rybak, Leo Schwieterman, Phyllis Sheppard, Sally Skiver, Janie Smith, Joe Subler and Family, Gina Tangeman, Ginny Tangeman, Nathan Tangeman, Tony Topp, Peyton Wasson, Wanda Wilson, Tom & Henrietta Winner, Ben & Carla Wirkner, Jeff Wolfe, Elijah Woodworth, all victims of abuse and neglect, victims of natural disasters, those who have fallen away from our Catholic faith, and all others who need our prayers.

Please pray for our pope, bishop, priests, deacons and seminarians...

May the Virgin, who promptly answered the call of the Father by saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord," intercede so that we will not lack servants of divine joy, priests who announce the Gospel faithfully, celebrate the Sacraments devoutly, and are ready to evangelize all humanity. Mary, Mother of the Infant Jesus, watch over and guide our priests, deacons and those in formation during these seasons of Advent and Christmas, especially Fr. P. Baikauskas, OP & Deacon William Summerlin (24), Fr. James Bates & Liam Thompson (25), Fr. Joshua Bennett & Andrew Thornton (26), Fr. Robert Bernotas & Jeffery Todd, Jr. (27), Deacon Chris Bock & Elliot Zak (28), Deacon Ed Boes & Deacon Sean Aaron (29), & Fr. Gerald Borawski & Michael Block (30). *Amen.*