

Michigan City Pastoral Planning Process - Second General Meeting

To ensure that all parishioners in Michigan City understand the issues being discussed and the models being proposed for consideration during the Pastoral Planning Process, there will be second open sessions for all Catholics of Michigan City to attend. The second general session will be on **Wednesday November 15th at 6:00pm.** The meeting will be held at Queen of All Saints Church with Fr. Kevin Huber, Fr. Chris Stanish and Deacon Dan Lowery facilitating the presentation.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
December 8*

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Robert J. McClory will join us on December 8th to celebrate our Parish feast day with

Mass at 5:00pm. The Bishop will join us for a catered dinner at the Scholl Center immediately following Mass. There is a sign-up sheet for dinner in the 10th Street vestibule. Please sign up as soon as possible!! We hope everyone will attend.

Kindness is in your blood



**Blood Drive
Queen of All Saints**

Legacy Center
606 S Woodland Ave
Michigan City

**Saturday, November 25
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



*Gift Giving Trees
Coming Soon!*

St. Mary's is partnering with the Salvation Army and the Queen of All Saints' Peace and Social Justice Commission to provide gifts for children in need. The trees will be up Thanksgiving weekend. Watch the bulletin for details.

**First Friday Memorials
August 2023 – July 2024**

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| Fr. Timothy Benante | Sharon Dickey |
| Michael Brady | Jack King |
| Vince Lynch | Charlene Lynch |
| John Lusk | Lupe Gibson |
| Judy Lusk | Jamie Torres |
| Terrance Murphy | John Griffin |
| Bob Woods | Lillian Morrissey Haag |
| Lana Asher Heitmann | Vasudera Keithreddy |
| Shirley Kmiecik | Fr. Kilian Knittle |
| Allison Mack | David Mantei |
| Frances Oberlie | Cynthia Ann Raheem |
| John and Jean Tapocik | Lupe and Santos Torres |
| Gail Walker | Dorothy Walker |
| Jack and Naomi Woods | Patty and Joe Slate |
| John and Norma Topa | Donald P. Sheehy |
| Patricia Sheehy | Kathleen Sheehy |
| Francis Sheehy | Robert G. Martin Sr. |
| Robert G. Martin Jr. | Henry and Mary Niec |

- Abraham and Shikany Families
- John Blonski Family
- Irons, Oshinski and Mark Families
- Halpin Family Living & Deceased
- Marciniak and Mecca Families
- Pachowiak and Bunner Families
- Retseck and Kreshock Families
- St. Arnault Family Living & Deceased
- Spychalski and Nelson Families
- Sypnieski and LeDuc Families
- Stahoviak and Yech Families
- Zink and Rudolphi Families

Bulletin for Sunday November 12th and November 19th, 2023



**My soul
is thirsting
for you,
O Lord
my God.**

Psalm 63:2b

*St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish
411 West Eleventh Street Michigan City, IN 46360
Phone: 219-872-9196*

*Mass Times at St. Mary
Sunday at 9 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Weekdays at 9 a.m. in English*

*Reconciliation
St. Mary: 1st Saturday at 8:30am
Queen of All Saints: M-W-F: 6:45am
Saturday: 2:30pm*

*Clergy
Father David Kime, Pastor
Father Jordan Fetcko, Sacramental Assistant
Deacon Michael Green*

*Email: saintmary.school@comcast.net
Website: <https://www.stmarynwi.org>
Facebook page: St. Mary the Immaculate Conception*

Interested in becoming a member of St. Mary the Immaculate Conception Parish?

Please call the Parish office at 219-872-9196 to register or fill out the information below and drop it in the mail or the Sunday Collection. We will contact you!!

Welcome to St. Mary!!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____ **City:** _____

From the Desk of Father Dave

The Act of Kneeling at Holy Mass

Although it will not directly affect us at Queen of All Saints and St. Mary Parish, nevertheless it is good to know that the Diocese will return to the practice of kneeling after the “Lamb of God” through the communion rite, beginning on the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. As I said, this will not affect us because it is already the practice at both of our parishes. It will, however, affect several other parishes around the Diocese who currently do not kneel at the same times as we.

The bishop, after receiving consultation from the Priest Council, made the decision to return to the practice – common in the United States - of kneeling from the time of the Lamb of God through the communion rite. The practice of kneeling has taken on many different forms throughout the centuries and in different part of the world. Even today, the current practice in the United States is not the common practice in many other countries throughout the world. Nevertheless, I am very happy with the bishop’s decision to extend the posture of kneeling for all the parishes in our diocese.

It is a good decision because it is the common practice of all the diocese which surround us. Because our parishes receive so many visitors from other places around the country, it can be confusing for visitors if our diocesan practice differs from the experience of their own communities.

I am also happy that we are returning to the practice of kneeling, because it allows people a fitting posture for reflecting on the gift that we receive in the Eucharist.

The act of kneeling is an act of adoration. It is an attitude of the body that bespeaks humility and reliance on God.

It seems to me that it is a very appropriate posture to adopt in the presence of Our Lord who is hidden - but fully present in the Eucharist. When the priest holds up the host and says, “This is the Lamb of God,” it makes sense that we would fall to our knees to worship. It makes sense that when we return from communion that we would adopt a position of humility to adore Our Lord who has humbled himself to be with us in the Eucharist.

Of course, more important than the posture of our body is the attitude of our heart and soul. I invite everyone to adore Our Lord in the Eucharist during the communion rite. When you receive holy communion, do not just return to your pew, and let your mind wander on a thousand trivialities. Take time to commune with Jesus. Talk to him! Welcome him into your heart and body! Share with him all your desires and fears and let him strengthen you. For a few precious moments after we receive holy communion, Jesus is sacramentally with us. It is the closest possible exchange between God and a soul while on this earth. Don’t waste those moments but rather sanctify them through a heart-felt conversation with the God of the universe who loves you so much that he has imprisoned himself in the Eucharist to be your food. Praised be Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

Peace,
Fr. Dave

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am:(DK) Paul Haas by Chuck Oberlie

5:00pm:(JF) Families of St. Mary Parish

Monday, November 13, 2023

9:00am: Bill Haynes by Mr. & Mrs. Ruben DeAvila

11:20am: St. Jude Novena

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

9:00am: Linda Blozis by family

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:00am: Sharon Dickey by family

Thursday, November 16, 2023

9:00am: Fr. Kilian Knittle by John & Mary Ellen Quinn

Friday, November 17, 2023

9:00am: Paul Haas by family

Saturday, November 18, 2023

9:00am: Mark Kniola by Gerry Marciniak

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 19, 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: (JF) Kellous White by Marlene White & Kelly

5:00pm:(JF) Families of St. Mary Parish

Monday, November 20, 2023

9:00am: Raymond Raffin by family

11:20am: St. Jude Novena

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

9:00am: Judith Kroczyk by Stephen

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

9:00am: Diana Pavlack by Gerry Marciniak

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Thanksgiving Day

9:00am: Families of St. Mary Parish

Friday, November 24, 2023

9:00am: Fr Kilian Knittle by Mary Murphy

Saturday, November 25, 2023

9:00am: Miles Kerrigan Jr. by Sally Piotrowski

Sunday Readings

November 12, 2023

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: St. Matthew 25:1-13

November 19, 2023

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 25: 14-30

Our Faith Response: Collection Totals for

October 29, 2023

Offertory 3537.62

Online Giving 117.08

Parish Improvements 25.00

TOTAL 3680.42

November 5, 2023

Offertory 4750.40

Online giving 430.10

Parish Improvements 719.00

TOTAL \$ 5899.50

Contributions may be mailed to St. Mary Parish, 411 W. 11th Street, Michigan City, IN 46360



Giving online is simple and secure through [Tithe.ly.com](https://www.tithe.ly.com). Through the online giving page you can make a one-time gift (credit and debit cards) or schedule an ongoing gift using your checking account, debit or credit card*.

Go to the St. Mary website at www.stmarynwi.org to get started.

