



St. Bavo Parish

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Monday thru Friday

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Mass Times

Sunday

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

5:00 PM (in the chapel)

Friday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

Saturday

8:15 AM (in the chapel)

5:00 PM (Vigil)

Confession

Saturday

9:00 to 10:00 AM

Mishawaka Catholic School

St. Bavo Campus

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Mishawaka, IN 46544

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Prayer Line Requests

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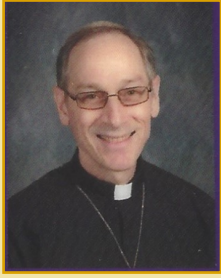
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January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord

Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Bavo Parish are committed to be the living presence of Christ in the world today. Empowered by the Spirit, we strive to live our shared commitment through liturgical celebrations, prayer, education, spiritual growth, bearing witness to faith and service to all.



During this week between Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord, all thoughts of the baby Jesus are quickly left behind. The gospel readings, selected from the early chapters of all four gospels, recall the very beginnings of Jesus' public ministry, according to the four evangelists — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Remember, these

authors were attempting to present Jesus *truthfully* to their readers, so that all could come to know Jesus as the Incarnate Son of God and believe in him. However, they were not terribly concerned about giving a *historically accurate* account of his activities. So, we should not be surprised that the order of events differs from one gospel to another, or that some of the stories which appear in multiple gospels are placed in different contexts and convey slightly different messages.

All the first readings for this week come from the First Letter of John. The Apostle recalls Jesus' commandment to his disciples to love one another as he loved them. And John assures the faithful that if they keep the Lord's commandments, then Christ will remain in them. His Spirit will help them to discern the truth and avoid getting confused by any false teachings. This is important, because Christ's disciples must live in the real world, with all its complexities and uncertainties. The Spirit will empower them not only to hold fast to the truth, but to profess it convincingly, so that others may be brought to the truth, as well.

John also explores the theme of God's love, looking at it from various angles. For example, he famously declares that "God *is* love." Hence, the one who does not love others does not know God. Recall how Jesus said that the commandments to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves are essentially two sides of the same coin. John would say that the reason these two commandments are inseparable is because God is the *source* of love. Hence, our love for God and our love for our neighbor are both a reflection of God's perfect love.

John emphasizes that God's love for us is unconditional and gratuitous. God proved his love for us by sending his Son into the world to die for our sins. We did nothing to deserve such a wondrous gift, nor could we ever offer anything of equal value in return. However, the gift does merit a *response*, and it's precisely the one that Jesus commanded. John says: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another." As a bonus, John promises that *when* we love our neighbors, the love of God is brought to perfection in us. He says that we will become in the world as God is in heaven. In other words, we will become a true reflection of God's love in the world. By contrast, however, the one who *claims* to love God, but does not love his neighbor, is being dishonest with himself and with God.

Fr. Pete

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 4th • The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6;	Eph 3:2, 3:5-6;	Mt 2:1-12;
7:00 AM	For the People of St Bavo	
9:00 AM	Mary De Cloedt	
11:00 AM	George De Meyer	

Monday, January 5th

1 Jn 3:22—4:6;	Mt 4:12-17, 23-25;
5:00 PM	The Deceased Family of Tao Vu

Tuesday, January 6th

1 Jn 4:7-10;	Mk 6:34-44;
8:15 AM	Joseph Calderone
5:00 PM	David Michaels

Wednesday, January 7th No Chapel Mass

1 Jn 4:11-18,	Mk 6:45-52;
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Thursday, January 8th

1 Jn 4:19—5:4;	Lk 4:14-22;
5:00 PM	Agnes Brunner

Friday, January 9th

1 Ln 5:5-13;	Lk 5:12-16;
8:15 AM	Stephanie Jakubowski

Saturday, January 10th

1 Jn 5:14-21;	Jn 3:22-30;
8:15 AM	Vilma Zieke
5:00 PM	Ida & Yates Forbis

Sunday, January 11th • The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7;	Acts 10:34-28;	Mt 3:13-17;
7:00 AM	For the People of St Bavo	
9:00 AM	Gerri Papp	
11:00 AM	Michael Galinowski	

This Week In Our Parish

Saturday and Sunday, January 3rd & 4th

At All Masses	MAC Food Collection — Church
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Monday, January 5th

6:30 PM	Band of Brothers—Meeting Room A
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Tuesday, January 6th

4:00 PM &—7:00 PM	Rosary — Church
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Thursday, January 8th

12:30 PM -3:00 PM	Knitting & Crochet Group—Meeting Room C
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Saturday, January 10th

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM	Confessions — Church
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Saturday, January 10th

10:00 AM—12:00 PM	Church Cleaning—Team 1
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Collection for the week of December 14th and December 21st

Adult Envelopes \$ 6,499.00	Adult Envelopes \$10,450.00
Loose \$ 287.00	Loose \$494.00
Electronic Transfers 2,097.00	Electronic Transfers \$ 1,757.00
Total \$ 8,883.00	Total: \$ 12,701.00
Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00	



For those who were unable to attend the Synod presentation, The meeting notes are available on our website. We strongly encourage everyone to read them and consider participating.



Las Vegas Night



The Mishawaka Catholic Athletic Association will host It's Annual Las Vegas Night

**Saturday, January 31st
6:30 PM—11:30 PM**

Marian High School BCAC Gymnasium

Plan on joining us for fun and games at this annual event and help support Mishawaka Catholic Athletics. You can purchase a Reverse Draw Ticket for a \$25.00 Donation. Only 500 Reverse Draw tickets will be sold. First and every 50th ticket drawn wins a prize. This ticket includes FREE pop, beer, and food for the individual owner. The last ticket drawn wins \$2,000. We also have "THE HOLT/WHITFIELD" 50/50 Tickets for sale for a \$100 donation. Only 250 tickets will be sold, with a \$12,500 TOTAL payout. This ticket also gets 2 people into the Las Vegas Night.

For additional information, please contact Nikki O'Hara at 574-229-9113.

Pray the Rosary

**Every Tuesday
4:00 & 7:00 PM
in the Church**



**MAC Food Pantry
Saturday and Sunday,
January 3rd & 4th**

*Suggested Food Items:
Canned Tomatoes, Chili
Beans and Toothpaste*



**January and February
Ministry Schedules have
been emailed and published.**

**Copies are available in the
back sacristy for those
wanting a printed version.**

Catholic in Recovery A Season of Hope and Healing in Christ

During Advent, we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming, uniting the hope of recovery with His redeeming love. Through Scripture and the sacraments, we encounter Emmanuel, God with us, bringing light and healing to every darkness.

Whether you or someone you love struggles with addiction, compulsions or the pain of codependency, you are not alone. Come experience God's mercy and the transforming power of His love within a supportive Catholic community.

To learn more or find a meeting, visit stpius.net/catholicinrecovery.



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"WE PEOPLE OF MICHIANA
LOVE AND DEFEND HUMAN LIFE
FROM FERTILIZATION TO NATURAL DEATH."



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education

Save the Date
Sunday, January 18th
4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Meeting Rooms ABC

Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday, January 10th and January 11th

Usher

5:00 PM Nicole McKee, Gary O'Dell, Theresa Verslype
7:00 AM Dave Schwier, Michael Bowling
9:00 AM Tom Hunsberger, Chuck Bultinck, James Chilambe
11:00 AM Shari Spitaels, Richard Spitaels

Servers

5:00 PM Beth Schwier
7:00 AM Mike Langenbrunner
9:00 AM Sydney Kuminecz
11:00 AM Abby Freeman, Emily Freeman

Eucharistic Ministers

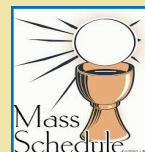
5:00 PM Gina Mynsberge, Mark VandePutte*
7:00 AM Ted Alwine*
9:00 AM Jenny Hunsberger, Paul Mannia *
11:00 AM Jennifer Pankiewicz, Quinn Pankiewicz*

Lectors

5:00 PM Liz Mazurek, Margaret Rach
7:00 AM Sue Alwine
9:00 AM Beth Kuminecz, Angie Layman
11:00 AM John Roggeman, Cara Coppens Clark

Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Verslype Family
7:00 AM Sue & Ted Alwine
9:00 AM Gantz & Brooke Families
11:00 AM Quinn & Mara Pankiewicz



Special Collection for January 2026

**Church in Latin America
January 18th**

*For those not receiving envelopes, please use the
collection envelopes in the pews*



**When submitting your
church donations,
remember to date your
checks for 2026 !!**

Band of Brothers

Monday, January 5th
6:30 PM
Meeting Room A



Church Cleaning

Saturday, January 10th
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
Church



STUFF A TRUCK FOR MOMS AND BABIES

*Help Local Moms and Babies By
Donating Essential Items*

When: Now thru Jan. 23, 2026
Where: Right to Life Building
2004 Ironwood Circle, Suite 130

For a complete list of Essential Items, go to prolifemichiana.org/truck