St. Bavo Parish

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Office Hours

Monday thru Friday
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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

574-255-1437
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November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Welcome back after our Thanksgiving celebration. I hope your days were filled with family, good food, gratitude, and rest. It is such a joy to see you all here again, gathered together as one parish family to begin a new season in our Church.

This weekend, we begin Advent — a holy season of waiting, of hope, and of preparation.
From the Gospel this Sunday — Mark 13:33-37:

Jesus says to His disciples, as he says to us: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Jesus compares us to a gatekeeper — a doorkeeper — left in charge while the master is away. Our job is not to sleep. Our job is to watch. And remain active.

Advent is God's wake-up call of love. It is a time for us to slow down, to quiet our hearts, and to make room for Jesus. In the midst of all the busyness, the shopping, and the noise, the Church invites us to stay awake — awake in prayer, awake in kindness, awake to the needs of those around us, and awake to Christ who comes to us every day: in the Mass, in the Scriptures, in our families, and in the poor.

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath — the candle of Hope, the Prophecy Candle — let us ask the Lord to renew our hope, to strengthen our families, and to fill our homes with peace. Like the prophets who waited in faith, let us wait with hope, because God always keeps His promise.

Thank you. Thank you for coming, thank you for your faith, and thank you for your continued love and support of our Church. Your presence, your prayers, and your generosity keep this parish alive and thriving. I am truly grateful for each one of you.

May this Advent be a time of blessing for you and your loved ones.

May Almighty God bless you and keep you.
May He fill your hearts with hope, your homes with peace, and your lives with His love.
May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who waited with such faith for her Son, watch over you and guide you through this Advent season.

With gratitude and prayers. **Fr. Francis**

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Weekly Collection
Parish Only Gifts
Fresh Altar Flower Fund
Building / Repair Relief
Education / School Subsidy
Utility Assistance

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 29th● *The First Sunday of Advent*
Is 6316b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37;
7:00 AM Michael & Patricia Sabbe
9:00 AM Vilma Zieke & June Tepe Bilancio
11:00 AM Barbara Varda

Monday, November 30th ● St. Adrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18; Mt 41:18-22;
5:00 PM Darlene Van De Voorde

Tuesday, December 1st
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24;
8:15 AM Larry Pethick
5:00 PM Ronny Maggioli

Wednesday, December 2nd
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37;
No Mass

Thursday, December 3rd ● St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27;
9:00 AM Frank Nagy

Friday, December 4th ● St. John Damascene, Doctor of the Church
Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31;
8:15 AM Bertha Van Loo

Saturday, December 5th
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35, - 10:1, 5a, 6-8;
8:15 AM Myra Nash
5:00 PM Ted & Vilma Zieke

Sunday, December 6th● *The Second Sunday of Advent*
Is 40:-1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8;
7:00 AM Bart Orr
9:00 AM Jo Ann Cummins
11:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo

Collection for the week of November 22nd

Adult Envelopes	$	13,705.00
Loose	$	298.00
Electronic Transfers	$	2,102.00
Total	$	16,105.00

Amount needed weekly to balance the budget $ 9,085.00

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, December 1st
4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Rosary - Church

Friday, December 4th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM Adoration - Chapel

Saturday and Sunday, December 5th & 6th
At all masses MAC Food Pantry Collection - Church

Grief Thru the Holidays

Groups Session will be held:

Sunday, January 10th
Sunday, January 17th
Sunday, January 24th
Sunday, January 31st
Sunday, February 7th
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Parish Office

"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend on material success; nor on sciences that cloud the intellect. Neither does it depend on arms and human industries, but on Jesus alone."

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

The Giving Tree is Here

We need volunteers for Sorting and Delivery of the Gifts
Saturday, December 12th
Sorting starts at 11:00 am
Delivery at about 12:00 PM
If interested in helping, contact Karen Austin 574-258-4472



In Loving Memory of those who passed away... Larry Pethick, Stephen Mott, Mary Ann Lawson, Tom Wojciechowski, Victor Sima Jr., Stephen Rethlake, Dorothy Tobolski, Elizabeth Portolese, Carol Griesinger, Darlene Van De Voorde, Michael Russo, Joan Carrico, Pia Perri, Joanne Dolbe, Richard Mynsberge, Joan Cummins, Caterina Multari, Basil Tudor, Marcia Micinski, Candace Van Lue, Douglas Bubick, Samuel Mercantini, Rita Bauwens, Ray Staples Sr., Jill Hunsberger, Richard Stillson, Sally Schrader and Barbara Varda



The 2027 Daily Mass Intention Book has arrived Please contact the Parish Office for to schedule your mass intentions for next year 574-255-1437

2026-2027 Bishop Appeal Update

Donations to date $67,908

For more information, please contact the parish office at 574-255-1437 or donate online **diocesefwsb.org/aba**

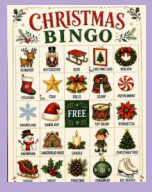
The St. Bavo 2027 Parish Guidebook and Directory

If you have moved, changed your email or phone number in the last year, please give the parish office a call to update our records



November Special Collections
Catholic Campaign

Mark your Calendar



BINGO Night
Saturday, December 12th
6:00 PM
Parish Center

Liturgical Ministers
Saturday and Sunday December 5th & December 6th

Ushers

5:00 PM	Gary O'Dell, Mike Bellovich, Cindy Bodle
7:00 AM	Micheal Bowling, Dave Schwier
9:00 AM	Ryan & Jenny Hunsberger. Mike Zengel
11:00 AM	Tim Clark, Harrison Coppens Clark

Servers

5:00 PM	Sam Fairleigh
7:00 AM	David Schwier
9:00 AM	Sydney Kuminecz
11:00 AM	

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM	Gina Mynsberge, Mark VandePutte, Beth Schwier*
7:00 AM	Ted Alwine*
9:00 AM	Cathy Feehly, Fred Wasoski, Angela Wright*
11:00 AM	Jo Coats, Jennifer Pankiewicz, Quinn Pankiewicz

Lectors

5:00 PM	Judy Cox, Ann Marie Lynch
7:00 AM	
9:00 AM	Beth Kuminecz, Tom Torri
11:00 AM	Diane Gorman, Cara Coppens Clark

Gift Bearers

5:00 PM	The Sample Family
7:00 AM	Kevin & Lorrainne Carner
9:00 AM	The Pickavet Family
11:00 AM	Jo Coats, Shirley Barkas



Adoration

Friday
December 4th
9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Chapel





Immaculate Conception Mass

Tuesday, December 8th

5:30 PM

We are in need of Liturgical Ministers volunteers for this mass. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office 574-255-1437

MAC Food Pantry Collection

Saturday and Sunday
December 5th and 6th

Suggested items: Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter & Jelly and Toilet Paper

