

# St. Bavo Parish

502 W. 7th Street • Mishawaka, IN 46544

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[www.stbavochurch.com](http://www.stbavochurch.com)

## Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday**  
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

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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

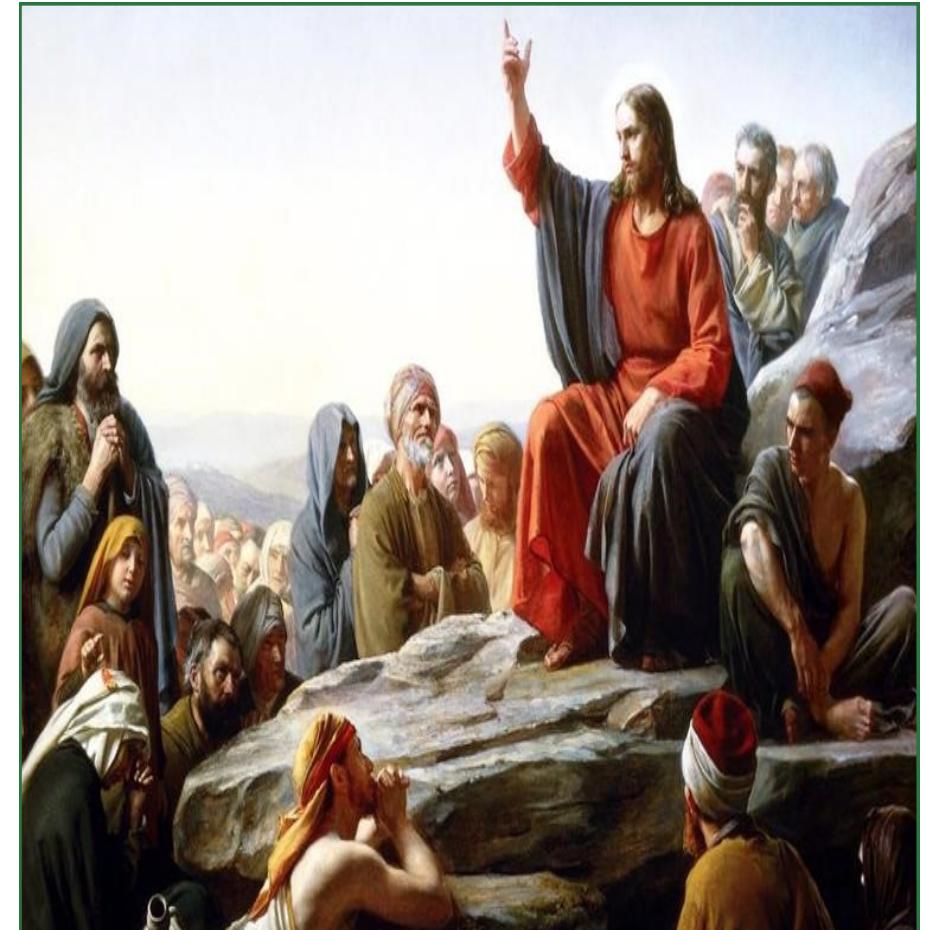
## Mishawaka Catholic School

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### Prayer Line Requests

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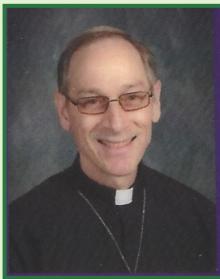


**February 1, 2026**  
***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## 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.*



This week we continue our personal reflection on Synod themes, using the reflection booklets provided by the Diocese. The first topic was Evangelization. This week our focus shifts to **Catechesis**, defined as "Forming Disciples of All Ages." Notice, we are talking about much more than doctrinal instruction for children. Rather, this topic includes instruction and

*spiritual formation* of people at all levels of development — children, young people, and adults. Formation in discipleship never ends. It is a lifelong task for those who take it seriously, and it is a matter of the heart as well as the mind. The reason for this is made obvious by a quote from *Catechesi Tradendae*: "At the heart of catechesis we find a person, the person of Jesus of Nazareth,... [T]he definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ." Growing in intimacy with Jesus Christ is the principal goal of discipleship and the best preparation for eternal life with our God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that the catechesis of children involves many people, all of whom must be willing and able to support the truth of their instruction by "the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel." In other words, we must practice what we preach, if we want our teaching to be effective. That is equally true for catechesis of teens and adults. If we hope to *form* disciples, we must *be* disciples first. Hence, this week's personal reflection questions delve into not just how we *teach* the faith to others, but also how we *live and grow in* our faith.

**How do I continue to grow in my knowledge and practice of the faith?**

What are the formal and informal ways that I attend to this regularly (reading, bible study, ongoing education, talks, retreats, etc.)?

If I do not attend to it regularly, what gets in the way?

**Who is it my responsibility to help to educate in the faith? Who is entrusted to my care in regards to catechesis?**

How do I fulfill this responsibility?

Who are my partners in this work?

**If I have children (add "grandchildren"), what time do I spend with them talking about the faith?**

How often do we pray together in our home?

**If I have siblings or a spouse, how do we grow in faith together?**

Can our faith, God, prayer be topics of conversation?

How can we help one another to grow in our relationships with God?

**What are the elements of faith — knowledge, practice, prayer, Scripture — in which I feel called to grow?**

How could I choose to engage one of these elements in the year ahead?

Would I do it on my own, with a friend or family member, or with the community in some way?

These questions should prompt all of us to explore our understanding of the faith more deeply. That, in turn, will help us to teach and share it.

**Fr. Pete**

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 1st • The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a;**  
7:00 AM For the People of St Bavo  
9:00 AM Doris Musary  
11:00 AM Diane Brioli

**Monday, February 2nd • The Presentation of the Lord**

**Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-3-40**  
5:00 PM Mary Richard

**Tuesday, February 3rd No Mass**

**2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43;**

**Wednesday, February 4th No Mass**

**2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6;**

**Thursday, February 5th**

**1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13;**  
5:00 PM Doroth Ally

**Friday, February 6th**

**Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29;**  
8:15 AM Fr. Joe Jacobs

**Saturday, February 7th**

**1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34;**  
8:15 AM Rita Bauwens  
5:00 PM Rachel Bellovich

**Sunday, February 8th • The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16;**  
7:00 AM For the People of St Bavo  
9:00 AM Delores Van Hove  
11:00 AM Brett Fine

## This Week In Our Parish

**Monday, February 2nd**

6:30 PM Band of Brothers — Meeting Room A

**Tuesday, February 3rd**

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Rosary — Church

**Thursday, February 5th**

12:30 PM — 3:00 PM Knitting & Crochet Group—Meeting Room C

**Friday, February 6th**

9:00 AM — 9:00 PM Adoration — Chapel

**Saturday, February 7th**

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM Confessions — Church

**Saturday and Sunday, February 7th & 8th**

At All Masses MAC Food Pantry Collection — Church

## Collection for the week of January 25th

Adult Envelopes	\$ 12,862.00
Loose	\$ 141.00
Electronic Transfers	\$ 2,252.00
Total	\$ 15,255.00

Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00

## Time and Talent Sign Up Sheets

Take a moment to ponder how you can serve the Lord, by serving your parish and your fellow parishioners. Ministry sign up sheets are available at all the church entrances, as well as the parish office. Please take a moment to complete and update a form for our records.



*Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly. If prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; is service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*Romans 12:6-8*



## The Synod

*We are entering a very special time of prayer and dialogue for our Diocesan Synod. This synod promises to be a great moment in our parish life to deepen our love. Even our physical longing for warmth during this winter cold snap reminds us of the deeper longings of our hearts for the fire of God's Love. We need to be willing to reach out in prayer to God and in meaningful communication with each other so that our lives may bear the fruit that God intends. No one should ignore this moment of profound renewal offered to the Church. We all know that the current tensions and tragedies in our world are crying out for the remedy of effective charitable communication. This Synod is offering us the very tools we will need to begin again to renew the kind of dialogue we all need. Stop by the Church or the parish office to pick up a reflection book to get started. Feel free to contact Gus Zuehlke at 574-255-1437 for more information*

# MISHAWAKA CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST  
10:00am - 12:00pm

Check out the great things happening at your parish school! Come see our classrooms, meet our dedicated teachers, and experience the faith-filled, nurturing environment where our students learn and grow. All parishioners are warmly invited; we'd love to share the joy of our school community!

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## 2026 Coupon Offers



**You Can Lend a Hand Booklets**  
will be sold at the MCS Open House after 9 & 11 Masses on February 8th and in the school office. Cost \$1.00

2025 donation tax statements are available for pick up in the back of church after weekend masses or in the parish office during the week from 8:00 AM — 4:00 PM  
If you have any questions or need to make other arrangements, please contact the parish office at 574-255-1437



The St. Bavo Social Committee will be hosting **BINGO** and **Potato Bar** Night

Saturday, February 14th

6:00 PM—8:30 PM

Meeting Room AB

Cost: \$10 per person **Potato Bar**  
\$5 per person **BINGO**



## Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday, February 7th and February 8th

### Ushers

5:00 PM Cindy Bodle, Nicole McKee, Mike Bellovich  
7:00 AM Preston Lievens, Michael Bowling  
9:00 AM Gary Weaver, Denise Weaver, Tom Torri  
11:00 AM David Voor, Todd Lehmann

### Servers

5:00 PM Beth Schwier  
7:00 AM Jeff Van Poppel  
9:00 AM Brielle Brooke, Laynie Kuminecz  
11:00 AM Abby Freeman, Emily Freeman

### Eucharistic Ministers

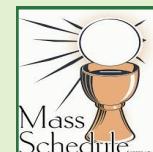
5:00 PM Mark VandePutte, Mary Ann Gast\*  
7:00 AM Deb Van Poppel\*  
9:00 AM Jenny Hunsberger, Nietta Wright \*  
11:00 AM Julie Voor, Gina Lehmann\*

### Lectors

5:00 PM Sue Baxter, Margaret Rach  
7:00 AM David Schwier  
9:00 AM Karen Zuehlke, Angie Layman  
11:00 AM Mike Langenbrunner, Allie Van Nevel

### Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Verslype Family  
7:00 AM Preston Lievens  
9:00 AM Chet & Brenda Jakubowski  
11:00 AM Karen Dwyer, Jo Coats



### Band of Brothers

Monday, February 2nd  
6:30 PM  
Meeting Room A



### Pray the Rosary

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



### Adoration

Friday, February 6th  
9:00 AM—9:00 PM  
Chapel



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next Religious Ed Retreat  
Sunday, February 16th  
4:00 PM — 7:00 PM  
Parish Center

### MAC Food Pantry Collection

Saturday and Sunday  
February 7th and February 8th

Church

Suggested Donation Items:

Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup  
Canned Soup  
Toilet Paper



### Special Collection for February 2026

Black & Indian Missions

For those not receiving envelopes, please use the donation Envelopes in the pews