

# St. Bavo Parish

502 W. 7th Street • Mishawaka, IN 46544

Phone: 574-255-1437

[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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### Director of Faith Formation

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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

524 W. 8th Street

Mishawaka, IN 46544

574-259-4214 — [info@mcmish.org](mailto:info@mcmish.org)

Prayer Line Requests

574-255-1437

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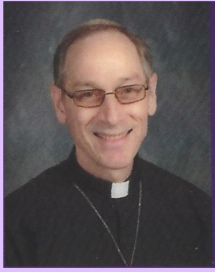


**December 14, 2025**

*Third 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.*



For those who attend daily Mass or pray the Liturgy of the Hours, December 17 marks a major shift in the Advent Season. Regardless of where December 17 falls within the third week of Advent, the sequence of readings and prayers for the week is suddenly suspended, and an entirely new sequence begins. Up to this point, the Advent liturgies

have tried to maintain a healthy tension between looking *back* at the Incarnation and looking *forward* to the Final Judgment, while acknowledging that the Church and the whole Christian era exist *in between* those two events. It's a delicate balance, epitomized by the first Advent Preface for the Eucharistic Prayer, which is used from the beginning of Advent through December 16. It recalls how Christ assumed the lowliness of human flesh at his first coming, so that he might fulfill God's plan for human salvation, and then pivots to the Lord's second coming, when all at last will be made manifest, and all our hopes will be realized. From December 17 onward, we use the second Advent Preface, which recalls the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, the longing of the Virgin Mary to give birth to the Savior, and John the Baptist's announcement of his arrival as an adult. In other words, the focus shifts to Jesus' presence and ministry *on earth*, as opposed to his first or second coming *to earth*.

The Gospel readings also change markedly at this time. Throughout Advent, the gospels have featured a variety of stories from Jesus' public ministry, many of them recalling signs that revealed his identity as the Messiah. On December 17, we shift to the infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke. Starting with Matthew, we read from the beginning of the gospel until just before the birth of Christ. Then we start over with Luke and do the same thing, saving Luke's account of the birth itself for Christmas Eve. The two evangelists set the stage for Jesus' arrival in very different ways. Matthew focuses on Jesus' lineage as a Son of David, while Luke emphasizes the crucial relationship between Jesus, the Messiah, and his Herald, John the Baptist.

The Liturgy of the Hours, prayed by all priests and consecrated religious, as well as quite a few lay people, also enters a new phase on December 17. The most notable change is in Evening Prayer (or "Vespers"), in the antiphons sung before the "Magnificat," Mary's famous canticle from the Gospel of Luke. The seven evenings from December 17-23, leading up to Christmas Eve, feature the "O" Antiphons. These are seven titles for Christ, which many people might recognize from the hymn, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Each verse of that hymn is a slightly modified version of an O Antiphon. The order from the Liturgy of the Hours is as follows: O Wisdom, O Sacred Lord, O Flower of Jesse's Stem, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O King of All the Nations, O Emmanuel (meaning "God with us").

**Fr. Pete**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 14th • Third Sunday of Advent

|                        |                            |                    |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Is 35:1-6a, 10;</b> | <b>Jas 5:7-10;</b>         | <b>Mt 11:2-11;</b> |
| 7:00 AM                | Joseph & Betty Calderone   |                    |
| 9:00 AM                | Nino Stanisci              |                    |
| 11:00 AM               | For the People of St. Bavo |                    |

### Monday, December 15th

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| <b>Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;</b> | <b>Mt 21:23-27;</b> |
| 5:00 PM                   | Rose Niewalny       |

### Tuesday, December 16th

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| <b>Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;</b> | <b>Mt 21:28-32;</b> |
| 8:15 AM                 | Virginia Monti      |
| 5:00 PM                 | Edna Van Rie        |

### Wednesday, December 17th No Chapel Mass

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| <b>Gn 49:2, 8-10;</b> | <b>Mt 1:1-17;</b> |
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### Thursday, December 18th

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| <b>Jer 23:5-8;</b> | <b>Mt 1:18-25;</b>                         |
| 5:00 PM            | Joan McLane, Ronny Maggioli & Mark Fralish |

### Friday, December 19th • Our Lady of Guadalupe

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| <b>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;</b> | <b>Lk 1:15-25;</b> |
| 8:15 AM                    | Ann Kopsea         |

### Saturday, December 20th

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| <b>Is 7:10-14;</b> | <b>Lk 1:26-38;</b>                     |
| 8:15 AM            | Sistine Tagliaferri                    |
| 5:00 PM            | The Special Intentions of Pope Leo XIV |

### Sunday, December 21st • Fourth Sunday of Advent

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| <b>Is 7:10-14;</b> | <b>Rom 1:1-7;</b>          | <b>Mt 1:18-24;</b> |
| 7:00 AM            | Don Brackevelt             |                    |
| 9:00 AM            | Roberta Bokhart            |                    |
| 11:00 AM           | For the People of St. Bavo |                    |

## This Week In Our Parish

### Tuesday, December 16th

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| 4:00 PM &—7:00 PM | Rosary — Church |
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### Thursday, December 18th

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| 12:30 PM—3:00 PM | Knitting & Crochet Group — Room C |
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### Saturday, December 20th

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| 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM | Confessions — Church |
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### Saturday, December 20th

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| 10:00 AM—12:00 PM | Church Cleaning (Team 3) |
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### Sunday, December 21st

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| 4:00 PM—7:00 PM | Religious Ed — Meeting Rooms ABC |
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## Collection for the week of December 7th

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| Adult Envelopes      | \$ 9,303.00  |
| Loose                | \$ 284.00    |
| Electronic Transfers | \$ 2,187.00  |
| Total                | \$ 11,774.00 |

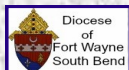
Amount needed each week to balance the budget \$ 8,342.00



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.

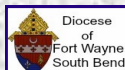
### Pray the Rosary

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



### ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

#### 3 ways to contribute



1. Pledge online at [diocesefwsb.org/aba](http://diocesefwsb.org/aba). Do not submit a pledge card. All scheduled payments using a credit card, debit card or electronic funds must be set up here.
2. Make a one-time gift by check. Submit a pledge card and your check for the full amount of your pledge to the Parish.
3. Pledge now, pay by check in monthly installments. Submit a pledge card to the Parish, with no money enclosed. The Diocese will send monthly bills to your home address.



### 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, you can contact Nikki O'Hara 574-229-9113.

### SIGN THE 2026 PRO-LIFE SIGNATURE AD

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



[PROLIFEMICHIANA.ORG/AD](http://PROLIFEMICHIANA.ORG/AD)

### 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 [stpious.net/catholicinrecovery](http://stpious.net/catholicinrecovery).



The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers to ring the **Red Kettle Bells.**

If interested, please reach out to Linda  
574-367-2346

### 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](http://prolifemichiana.org/truck)

### Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday, December 20th & December 21st

#### Usher

5:00 PM Gary O'Dell, Nicole McKee, Cindy Bodle  
7:00 AM Preston Lievens, Dave Schwier  
9:00 AM Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig, Tom Hunsberger  
11:00 AM Shari Spitaels, Richard Spitaels

#### Servers

5:00 PM Sarah Fairleigh, Sam Fairleigh  
7:00 AM Michael Bowling  
9:00 AM Sydney Kuminecz  
11:00 AM Braxton Kendall

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Mark VandePutte, Beth Schwier\*  
7:00 AM Monica Santa \*  
9:00 AM Angela Wright, Fred Wasoski\*  
11:00 AM Quinn Pankiewicz, Jennifer Pankiewicz\*

#### Lectors

5:00 PM Richard Baxter, Margaret Rach  
7:00 AM Sue Alwine  
9:00 AM Beth Kuminecz, Tasha Eizinger  
11:00 AM Cara Coppens-Clark, Allie Van Nevel

#### Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Verslype Family  
7:00 AM Preston Lievens  
9:00 AM Marty & Brent Gill  
11:00 AM Karen Dwyer, Jo Coats



### Special Collections for December

Giving Tree — December 2025

Retirement Fund for Religious — December 14, 2025

Catholic Charities — December 25, 2025

For those participating in our electronic giving program or not receiving envelopes, please use the collection envelopes in the pews

### Liturgical Ministers Needed

Christmas Morning Mass 10:00 AM

We are in need of Usher, Server and Lector ministers for Christmas Morning Mass. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office 574-255-1437



### Church Cleaning

Saturday, December 20th

10:00 AM—12:00 PM

(Team 3)



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 21st

4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Meeting Rooms ABC

Marian High School

## ADVENT HOLY HOUR for Families!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18  
6:30 - 8:00 PM

Make your Advent special! All local Catholic teens, families and alumni are invited to Marian High School for beautiful experience of prayer! The cafeteria gets transformed into a candlelit chapel fit for all ages! Come steep your soul in Heavenly peace. Eucharistic adoration, praise & worship, student & parent witnesses, & more. We'll end with a cookie & hot cocoa party!

NEED MORE INFO? EMAIL [ccatolde@marianhs.org](mailto:ccatolde@marianhs.org)

Park in the North Lot & enter through Door #6.