

# 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

### 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

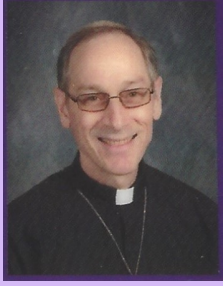


**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## 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.



The weekday readings for this First Week of Lent begin with a passage from the Book of Leviticus, a book which consists mainly of laws and ordinances that God gave to his people through Moses during their Exodus from Egypt. The week ends with an excerpt from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, in the Gospel of Matthew. Although

these teachings are separated by almost thirteen centuries, their core messages seem nearly identical. Through Moses, God introduces a list of commandments for his people by saying, "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." Jesus concludes his teaching by saying, "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

This similarity is no coincidence. It's a reminder for us that the heart of Judeo-Christian morality has *always* been the imitation of God's holiness and perfection. The Leviticus passage includes laws against theft, fraud, slander, and other forms of dishonesty, as well as prohibitions against abusing the weak and the vulnerable. The final set of laws warns against holding grudges and seeking retribution. However, after each set of three laws, God pauses to proclaim, "I am the Lord." The not-so-subtle message is that the one who obeys these laws will be *like God*, whose justice and mercy are reflected in his commandments.

Jesus directly states the imitation of God's holiness as our goal. After presenting some teachings which seem to demand almost superhuman virtue from his disciples, Jesus contrasts this level of perfection with the much lower standard of behavior that we typically see in sinful people. They love *only* the people who love them and show kindness *only* to people who are close to them. But God "makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust." In other words, God loves unconditionally. So should we, if we wish to be "perfect," as our heavenly Father is perfect.

The question confronting us every Lent is whether we want to pursue *that level of perfection*. Do we really want to be holy, as our God is holy, or are we content to reach a lower standard? For example, do we really want to learn how to love the just and the unjust, imitating God's unconditional love for all people, or would we rather love *more selectively*? It's a lot easier to love only those who love us and to be kind only to those who are kind to us.

With a little more effort, we might even learn to love strangers, as long as they haven't done us any harm. The commandments in Leviticus also seem pretty doable, until we reach that last group of laws, which includes, "You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart," and, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your fellow countrymen." And then there's the final commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." We know how radically Jesus interpreted that law. Remember the Parable of the Good Samaritan?

**Fr. Pete**

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, March 9th • First Sunday of Lent

**Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13**

7:00 AM Van Poppel and Vande Putte Families  
 9:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo  
 11:00 AM Sonny Bauer

### Monday, March 10th — Lv 9:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46

5:00 PM Margie, Jim and Mike Kish

### Tuesday, March 11th — Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

8:15 AM David Whitfield  
 5:00 PM Helen DeGeyter

### Wednesday, March 12th Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**No Mass**

### Thursday, March 13th—Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

5:00 PM Tim Price

### Friday, March 7th—Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

8:15 AM Sheila O'Dell

### Saturday, March 15th— Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

8:15 AM Shena Meyer, Shaley Charous & Thomas Basker  
 5:00 PM The Paiano Family, Margaret, John & Sandr Panzica

### Sunday, March 16th • Second Sunday of Lent

**Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36**

7:00 AM For the People of St. Bavo  
 9:00 AM Dennis Weaver  
 11:00 AM Ann LaCava

## This Week In Our Parish

### Monday, March 10th

8:30 AM to 9:30 AM **Return** Book Study—Parish Office  
 7:00 PM First Reconciliation—Church

### Tuesday, March 11th

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM **Return** Book Study—Parish Office  
 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Pray the Rosary—Church  
 7:00 PM West End Neighborhood Watch— Meeting Room A

### Wednesday, March 12th

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM Hope Food Delivery—Church Parking Lot  
 7:00 PM WINGS—Meeting Room A

### Thursday, March 13th

12:30 PM to 3:00 PM Knitting & Crochet Group—Room C  
 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM **Return** Book Study— Parish Office

### Friday, March 14th

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration—Chapel  
 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross — Church

### Saturday, March 15th

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

### Sunday, March 16th

4:00 PM—7:00 PM Religious Education— Meeting Rooms AB

## Collection for the week of 03/02/25

Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,912.00
Loose	356.00
Electronic Transfers	<u>1682.00</u>
	\$ 8,950.00

Amount needed each week for a balanced budget \$7,596.00



## Return Book Study

Chapters 5 & 6  
"Pray, Fast and Sacrifice"  
"Equip Yourself"

## St Bavo Parish Original Jonah Fish Fry

Friday, March 21st  
4:00 pm— 7:00 pm

Volunteer and Donor sign up sheets are available at all the church doors, on our church website and in the parish office



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent  
5:30 pm in the church

## Liturgical Ministers—March 15th and March 16th

### Ushers

5:00 PM Darci Urycki, Kathy Sobbecki, Cindy Bodle  
7:00 AM Ted Alwine, Dave Schwier  
9:00 AM Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig, Tom Hunsberger  
11:00 AM David Voor, Todd Lehmann

### Servers

5:00 PM Sarah Fairleigh, Gina Mynesberge  
7:00 PM Michael Bowling  
9:00 AM Sidney Kuminecz, Laynie, Kuminecz  
11:00 AM Anna Modlin, Madison Modlin

### Lectors

5:00 PM Liz Mazurek  
7:00 AM Gus Zuehlke  
9:00 AM Karen Dwyer, Phil Andrzejewski  
11:00 AM Cara Coppens Clark, Chris Eberhardt

### Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Diane DeBlock, Mark VandePutte\*  
7:00 AM Sue Alwine\*  
9:00 AM Adrian Andrzejewski\*  
11:00 AM Gina Lehmann, Tom Eberhardt\*

### Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Verslype Family  
7:00 AM Jeff & Deb Van Poppel  
9:00 AM Angie & Jessica Kindig  
11:00 AM Jo Coats, Karen Dwyer



## Pray the Rosary

Every Tuesday • 4 PM and 7 PM

Church will be open at 3:00 PM for quiet prayer. At 4:00 PM the Rosary will be recited. Church will remain open for prayer. You are welcome to join us in the Chapel for Mass at 5:00 PM. To close the evening, we will recite the rosary in Church at 7:00 PM

## First Reconciliation

Monday March 10th  
7:00 pm  
In the Church



## West End Neighborhood Watch Meeting



Tuesday, March 11th  
7:00 pm in Meeting Room A

## HOPE Mission Food Delivery

Wednesday, March 12th  
5:00 pm—5:30 pm  
Church Parking Lot



## WINGS

Wednesday, March 12th  
7:00 pm  
Parish Center Room A

## Adoration

Friday, March 14th  
9:00 am—9:00 pm in the Chapel



## Religious Education

Sunday, March 16th  
4:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Parish Center Rooms AB

## Liturgical Ministers Schedules

March and April 2025 Minister Schedules have been emailed  
Copies are available in the back sacristy for those who would like a paper copy.

## Special Diocesan Collections for March

Aid to Easter Europe—March 2  
Black and Indian Mission — March 9  
Catholic Relief Services — March 30