

St. Bavo Parish

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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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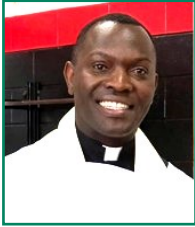
September 27, 2026

The Twenty Fifth 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



Peace be with you my dear family of St. Bavo.

First, I want to appreciate you for your strong faith. Every day I see your commitment to prayer, to Mass, and to serving our community. Thank you. Your faith keeps our Parish alive.

**THEME OF THIS SUNDAY: ACTIONS
SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**

Our readings today give us one clear message: God looks at what we DO, not only what we SAY.

In the First Reading, Ezekiel 18:25-28, God tells us each person is responsible for their own life. The sinner who turns away from sin and does what is right will live.

In the Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32, Jesus tells of two sons. One says "NO" to his father but later goes to work in the vineyard. The other says "YES" but does not go. Which one did the father's will? The first one. God wants a YES that becomes action.

St. Paul in Philippians 2:1-11 shows us Jesus Himself - He did not just say He loves us, He humbled Himself and acted, even dying on the Cross.

So my question for us: Is our faith a "yes" on Sunday only, or a "yes" that we live every day in our good actions?

My First American Football Experience: On this note of action, I share my joy with you! On Saturday, September 19th, I experienced my first ever American Football game - Notre Dame vs Michigan. I was so excited and happy.

I received a full tour of the beautiful Notre Dame campus the Basilica, the Grotto, and the stadium. The joy of thousands of fans cheering together as one family was unforgettable. I felt so good and happy.

Watching the game, I saw our Sunday Gospel in action:

Teamwork: No player wins alone, like our Church.

Discipline: They keep training and getting up when they fall - just as we must persevere in our faith journey.

Focus on the Goal: Their eyes are on the touchdown. Our eyes must stay on Christ.

Let us be God's team - where our faith is not just words, but action on the field of life. Finally, I invite you to prepare well for **our Feast of St. Bavo on October 4th. Let us prepare in prayer and joy. Let our "yes" to our patron saint be seen in our actions.**

May Almighty God bless you, your families, and your work. May Mother Mary and St. Bavo pray for us. I wish you a blessed week and good luck.

God bless you all!

Fr. Francis

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, September 29th

4:00 PM & 7:00 PM Rosary—Church

Friday, October 2nd

9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration—Chapel

Saturday, October 3rd

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM Confession — Church

Saturday and Sunday October 3rd & 4th

At all Masses MAC Food Collection—Church

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 27th • Twenty Sixth Sunday

Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28;	Phil 1:1-11;	Mt 21:28-32;
7:00 AM	Robert & Maxine Klimek	
9:00 AM	For the People of St. Bavo	
11:00 AM	Frank Severa	

Monday, September 28th

Jb 1:6-22;	Lk 9:46-50
5:00 PM	Henrietta Himschoot

Tuesday, September 29th

Rv 12:7-12ab;	Jn 1:47-51;
8:15 AM	David Whitfield
5:00 PM	Maurice Bokhart

Wednesday, September 30th

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16;	Lk 9:57-62;
No Mass	

Thursday, October 1st

Jb 19: 21-27;	Lk 10:1-12;
5:00 PM	Tom Wojciechowski

Friday, October 2nd

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5;	Mt 18:1-5, 10;
8:15 AM	Joan Carrico

Saturday, October 3rd

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;	Lk 10:17-24;
8:15 AM	Mary Ann Lawson
5:00 PM	Sheila O'Dell

Sunday, October 4th • Twenty Seventh Sunday

Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7;	Phil 4:6-9;	Mt 21:33-43;
7:00 AM	Bert Nowakowski Jr.	
9:00 AM	Norbert Rethlake	
11:00 AM	For the People of St. Bavo	

Collection for the week of September 20th

Adult Envelopes	\$ 3,531.00
Loose	\$ 286.00
Electronic Transfers	\$ 1,812.00

Total	\$ 5,629.00
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Amount needed weekly to balance the budget \$ 9,185.00

Prayer for Peace in the Park

Every Saturday 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Central Park Main Stage 295 E. Mishawaka Ave. Mishawaka

Use this QR code to
make your parish donations



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

Word of the Week:

*"When we attend to the
needs of those in want, we
give them what is theirs,
not ours. More than
performing works of
mercy, we are paying a
debt of justice"*

*Pope Saint Gregory the Great
St. John Baptist de la Salle*

St. Bavo Parish is Hiring! Maintenance & School Custodian

We are looking for a dependable,
hard working individual who takes
pride in maintaining a clean, safe,
and welcoming environment for our
school and parish community.

This is a part time position.
Interested candidates can contact
the parish office 574-255-1437 or
email tbavoffice@gmail.com



The Rosary Challenge starts soon!

We need sponsors for all
Mishawaka Catholic students and staff.
Information and sign-ups will be shared at
Masses the weekend of September 26th.

*Grow your prayer life and support a great cause as we raise funds
for the Bugumira Foundation of Uganda.*



The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites each of us to
participate in the life and mission of the Church across our
diocese. Your generosity helps strengthen our parishes and
schools, provide formation for seminarians and clergy, and
serve those most in need through diocesan ministries and
Catholic Charities. As Bishop Rhoades reminds us, we are
called to be the "salt of the earth and light of the world. "
Thank you for your generosity and for helping our diocese
continue this mission together.

Learn more and make your gift at diocesefwsb.org/aba



Feast of St. Bavo Celebration

Sunday, October 4th
4:00 PM Concert in Church
5:30 Dinner in the Gym

RSVP for dinner by completing
the reservation card in the
church pews or by calling the
parish office
574-255-1437

**October
Special Collection**
World Mission
Propagation of Faith



Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday October 3rd and October 4th

Ushers

5:00 PM Gary O'Dill, Mike Bellovich
7:00 AM Michael Bowling, Dave Schwier
9:00 AM Gianfranco Wright, Jessica & Angie Kindig
11:00 AM Tim Clark, Harrison Coppens Clark

Servers

5:00 PM Gina Mynsberge
7:00 AM David Schwier
9:00 AM Luca, Enzo, Nico Wright
11:00 AM Abby Freeman, Emily Freeman

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Mary Ann Gast, Mark VandePutte,
Diane DeBlock*
7:00 AM Ted Alwine*
9:00 AM Cathy Feehly, Jennifer Hunsberger,
Angela Wright
11:00 AM Tom Eberhardt, Jennifer Pankiewicz,
Quinn Pankiewicz*

Lectors

5:00 PM Mary Ann Cavanah, Jerry Cavanah
7:00 AM Sue Alwine
9:00 AM Nicole Garcia, Tom Torri
11:00 AM John Roggeman, Christine Eberhardt

Gift Bearers

5:00 PM Patty Cocquyt, Erna Biesbrook
7:00 AM Kevin & Lorraine Carner
9:00 AM Brett & Marty Gill
11:00 AM John & Bev Roggeman



Pray the Rosary

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

Adoration

**Friday,
October 2nd**
9:00 AM—9:00 PM
Chapel

MAC Food Pantry

**Saturday & Sunday
October 3rd and 4th**
At All Masses

Suggested Items:
Boxed Pasta
Rice
Dish Soap