

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

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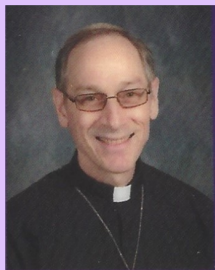
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December 21, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.*



Christmas is almost here! The Church is about to celebrate and *contemplate* the birth of Christ, the Savior of the world. Considering the immense importance of this event, you might expect all four gospels to provide a consistent and compelling description of what happened. They offer a fairly consistent story of Jesus' passion

and death, despite some subtle differences in how the four evangelists see Jesus. However, that is not the case with his birth. Remember, by the end of his life on earth, Jesus was a very public figure, commanding a huge amount of attention wherever he went. His every move was noted, and remembered, by many. His *birth*, by contrast, did not command nearly as much attention. In fact, it appears that the Savior of the world was born in utter obscurity and continued to live in obscurity until his baptism at about age 30.

The Gospel of Mark, the first attempt to tell the story of Jesus, doesn't even mention his birth. Mark proclaims, "Here begins the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God," and then proceeds immediately to Jesus' baptism by John. All he says about Jesus' origins is, "During that time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee." There's no mention of how the Incarnation came about, where Jesus was born, who his parents were, etc. Either Mark didn't know any of those details, or he didn't think them relevant to the topic of his gospel — *salvation through Jesus Christ, the Son of God*.

Matthew and Luke both begin their gospels with "infancy narratives," which attempt to provide some context for the story of Jesus' adult life. However, they tell *wildly different* narratives, which conflict with each other in almost every detail. The only points on which they agree are that Jesus was miraculously conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, that she was betrothed to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David, that Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, and that he was raised in Nazareth, in Galilee. Nothing else matches up. For Luke, the home of Mary and Joseph was in Nazareth, both before and after Jesus' birth. For Matthew, they lived in Bethlehem before Jesus' birth, and remained there for a couple more years, until they were forced to flee to Egypt. Then, a few years later, when they came back to Israel, they chose to settle up north in Galilee instead of returning to Judea in the south. Interestingly, the few points on which Matthew and Luke agree seem to align perfectly with Old Testament prophecies about the birth of the Messiah.

John's gospel doesn't say anything about Jesus' *birth*, but it says a great deal about his *origins*. John's famous "Prologue" describes Jesus as the Divine Word which became flesh and dwelt among us. John doesn't really care *how* the Incarnation took place. What matters is that it *did* take place. God became human, so that human beings could be united eternally with God.

Fr. Pete

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 21st • Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28;	Lk 1:46-56;
5:30 PM	Rose Mary Pacini

Tuesday, December 23rd

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;	Lk 1:57-66;
5:00 PM	Myra Nash

Wednesday, December 24th

Is 9:1-6,	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
4:00 PM	Nino & Lina Stanisci	
10:00 PM	Kish and Meersman Families	

Thursday, December 25th • The Nativity of the Lord

Is 9:1-6,	Ti 2:11-14	Lk 2:1-14
10:00 AM	Michelle Griesinger	

Friday, December 26th

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59;	Mt 10:17-22
8:15 AM	Louise Derksen

Saturday, December 27th

1 Jn 1:1-4;	Jn 20:1a, 2-8;
8:15 AM	Patrick Hyska
5:00 PM	Jack Schultz

Sunday, December 28th • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;	Col 3:12-21;	Mt 2:13-15, 19-23;
7:00 AM	Kristi Melser, Bert Nowakowski, Bob Klimek	
9:00 AM	Floyd & Marge Austin	
11:00 AM	For the People of St. Bavo	

This Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, December 23rd

4:00 PM &—7:00 PM	Rosary — Church
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Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 PM and 10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Masses
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Thursday, December 25th

10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
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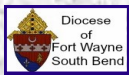
Saturday, December 27th

9:00 AM — 10:00 AM	Confessions — Church
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Collection for the week of December 14th

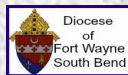
Adult Envelopes	\$ 6,309.00
Loose	\$ 277.00
Electronic Transfers	\$ 2,071.00
Total	\$ 8,657.00

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



ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

3 ways to contribute



1. Pledge online at 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.



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



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, please contact

Nikki O'Hara
574-229-9113.



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

Special Collections for December Giving Tree Religious Retirement Catholic Charities

For those not receiving envelopes, please use the collection envelopes in the pews

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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 stpius.net/catholicinrecovery.



Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 PM

Ushers: Gary Weaver, Denise Weaver, Nicole McKee
Servers: Luca Wright, Enzo Wright
Lectors: Angie Layman, Beth Kuminecz
Eucharistic Ministers: Jenny Hunsberger, Mark VandePutte, Nietta Wright
Gift Bearers: The Kuminecz Family

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Eve Vigil

Wednesday, December 24th at 10:00 PM

Ushers: Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig, Theresa Verslype
Servers: David Schwier
Lectors: Diane Gorman, Liz Mazurek
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane DeBlock, Jo Coats
Gift Bearers: Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

Usher: Paul Fenimore,
Lectors: Tom Torri, Margaret Rach
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Sweeney, Maryanne Gast
Gift Bearers: Jennifer Pankiewicz, Quinn Pankiewicz

Liturgical Ministers Saturday and Sunday, December 27th & December 28th

Usher

5:00 PM Gary O'Dell, Mike Bellovich, Allen Schlemmer
7:00 AM Michael Bowling, Ted Alwine
9:00 AM Deb Gantz, Chuck Bultinck, Tom Torri
11:00 AM David Voor, Todd Lehmann

Servers

5:00 PM Gina Mynsberge
7:00 AM Jeff Van Poppel
9:00 AM Brielle Brook, Laynie Kuminecz
11:00 AM Emily Freeman, Abby Freeman

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 PM Sue Schlemmer, Mark VandePutte*
7:00 AM Deb Van Poppel*
9:00 AM Nietta Wright*
11:00 AM Pat Sweeney, Gina Lehmann*

Lectors

5:00 PM Sue Baxter, Judy Cox
7:00 AM David Schwier
9:00 AM Karen Dwyer, Phil Andrzejewski
11:00 AM Mike Langenbrunner, John Roggeman

Gift Bearers

5:00 PM The Mazurek Family
7:00 AM Ted & Sue Alwine
9:00 AM Angie Kindig, Jessica Kindig
11:00 AM John & Bev Roggeman



The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24th,
Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th
in observance of the Christmas Holiday.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education
Sunday, December 21st
4:00 PM—7:00 PM
Meeting Rooms ABC

Christmas Choir Practice Monday, December 22nd

6:30 PM—8:30 PM
Church

