**Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Dec. 18th**

5:00 p.m. Becky Bullock, Bob & Bernice Bullock,

 Helen Ellis, Joe Ringwald, Peggy Guinn, Vonda Elliott

**Sunday Dec. 19th**

8:00 am.The deceased members of the Norbert Peter family

10:00 a.m. Wilma Bateman, Alice Matthews

4:00 p.m.Mr. Raphael & Mrs. Margaret Burch

 **Monday Dec. 20th**

 5:00 pm For the People**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Tuesday** **Dec. 21st**

9:00a.m. Melinda Gates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday St. Joseph Dec. 22nd**

12:00 noon \_\_\_\_\_Raymond McCann\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Dec. 23rd**

 9:00 am Deceased member of the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_William R. Cox family

6:00 pm Penance Service\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Friday Christmas Eve Dec. 24th**

4:00 pm see program

 12:00 Midnight see program\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Christmas Day Dec. 25th**

9:00 a.m. see program

5:00 p.m. see program

**Sunday Dec. 26th**

8:00 am. Carolyn S. Taylor

10:00 a.m. David Decker, Bob & Virginia Toy, JoAnn Toy, Gilbert & Rose Toy, Dellas & Anna Willams, Roberta & Gary Williams

4:00 p.m.Harry & Edith Ellis

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**SACRISTANS**

5:00 p.m. Rachel Doyle

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Natalie Willoughby, Alex Guinn

8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Brianna Eckerle,

 Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley

10:00 a.m. John Paul Hart, Clayton Miller,

Liam Todd, Sarah Todd. Ethan Todd

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. FD: Anne Marie Crays SD: Volunteer

8:00 a.m. FD:Jerry/Betty Huelsman SD: Volunteer

10:00 a.m. FD: Jeff/Micky Crew SD: Volunteer

4:00 p.m. FD: Chuck/Carolyn Buxton SD: Volunteer

**READERS:**

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade 8:00 a.m. John Vaupel

10:00 a.m. Tom Walker 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. Donna Ader 8:00 a.m. Bernie Smith

10:00 a.m. Bill Boyd 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**From Our Pastor**

**My dear friends in Christ,**

 I am very proud to report that **OUR PARISH FLOAT WON** the *Best Theme Award* in the Loogootee Christmas parade. As a matter of fact, the theme,*“Christmas ADVENTures”*, was the suggestion made by Jackie Esch. I am most thankful to our float committee: Sandy Woods, Jackie Esch, Paula Ringwald, Kay Summers, and Annette Taylor for all their hard work which gave us such a tremendous float. We are most grateful to Kirk Summers for allowing us to use his garage to decorate and house the float until the time of the parade. Also, a special thanks to Lance Mathias and Mathias Farms who supplied their hay wagon and to Brian Esch for using his truck and for driving the float. It was inspirational to have our youth participating in the parade. We are so blessed to have such wonderful children in our parish.

 This Wednesday evening December 22nd be certain to drive along the highway side of the church property to enjoy our life nativity scene: 6:30-9:00. A special thank you to Jackie Esch for involving our youth in this devotion.

 Please note the Mass schedule for Christmas. We will have a children’s Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Midnight Mass will be at midnight and then on Christmas Day, our Masses will be at 9:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the evening.

 A Blessed Christmas to all of you!! You and your families are being remembered in my Masses of Christmas.

**Our CPC amount**: $145,696.00

**Pledges received**: 144,916.99

We still need  **$ 779.01**

 Thank you for those who have already responded to our Catholic Parishes Campaign. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

 **May the Lord bless and keep you,**

**Father Walker.**

**Blessed Art will be here on**

**Saturday and Sunday -**December 18th & 19th after the Masses.

**Sunday Collection Dec. 11th /12th 2021 9**

**St. John 199 envelopes (869 families)** $10,100.00

**Retirement Fund for Religious** 500.00

**Forth Sunday of Advent Week Prayer**

O Wisdom, holy Word of God,

Jesus Christ,

all things are in your hands,

 come and show us the way to salvation.

**Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie FA** **ITH FORMATION** jesch@evdio.org

    Many thanks to all who were involved with the 2021 St. John the Evangelist Christmas Parade Float.  It looked amazing and our youth who participated had an unforgettable time representing our parish.  It is always such a wonderful way to celebrate this blessed time of the year together.  A huge thank you to Mrs. Sandy Woods, whose creativity, ingenuity, and hard work make the float incredible every year.  Sandy is a blessing to our parish in so many ways!  Also, a thank you to Jolene McAtee for allowing us to borrow her enclosed trailer to haul all of our costumes, props, and audio equipment over to the high school.  She is also allowing us to use it as a dressing room for our Living Nativity, which will take place on 12/22/21.  I hope you and your families will join us as we usher in the Christmas holiday together!

\*\*The **Altar Server dinner** has been rescheduled for **1/2/22** at 6:30pm at Los Bravos.  The Fr. Walker and the parish will be providing dinner for our servers in thanksgiving for their dedicated service.

 Save the Date .

**Confirmation/parent meeting-** Dec. 19th 11:00am

**Praise Choir**- Dec.19th at 6:30 & 24th –4:00

**K of C 4th degree**- Dec. 20th at 6:00

**K of C 3rd degree-** Dec. 20th at 7:00

**Senior Choir Practice-** Dec. 22nd at 6:30

**Living Nativity**-Dec. 22th - 6:30 -9:00

**Penance Service-** Dec. 23rd at 6:00

Thank you to all who donated stepping stools for the parade. They are now available to be picked up at the center.

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**SACRISTANS**

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**SERVERS:**

8:00 a.m. Matthew, Ashley, Brendan, & Savannah Green

10:00 a.m. Bryant Eckerle, Josie Mathies, Hailey Thomas

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**GREETERS:**

8:00 a.m. FD: Rita Porier

SD: Annette Taylor, Chris Bratton

10:00 a.m. FD: Lonnie Hawkins

SD: Volunteers Volunteer

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**READERS:**

8:00 a.m. Greg Potts

10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman

4:00 p.m. Owen Tompkins

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

8:00 a.m. Betty Huelsman

10:00 a.m. Dayne Holder

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

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| **praying-hands-2535750_960_720[1]** | **Saturday confessions, Dec. 25th** **No Confessions**Confessions by appointment  |

**Want to read the bible in a year?** There is a podcast available to do just that. The Bible in a Year (BIAY) podcast is sponsored by Ascension Press with Father Mike Schmitz. The BIAY podcast and reading plan can be found at ascensionpress.com.

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in the Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won’t just read the Bible …you’ll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

The podcast normally covers 3 scripture readings daily and you go at your own pace.

You can join Ascension’s Catholic Bible Studies Facebook Group to connect with others about the Bible in a Year podcast for daily prayers, questions, and just general discussions. The Bible in a Year podcast received the 2021- Gold Winner and was voted the #1 podcast in religion and spirituality.

In his classic work [*True Devotion to Mary*](http://enews.trinityroad.com/q/ZfuXiJ4gqXm0XdYeFvaJS0V38KyxSv0DWclZcOJa3dhbGtlckBldmRpby5vcmfDiAfYZa3D97cIuLPG93TelcFGHmEWg), St. Louis de Montfort explains that this devotion to Mary “leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin,” especially her ten principal virtues.

He lists them as:

* Profound humility
* Lively faith
* Blind obedience
* Continual prayer
* Universal mortification
* Divine purity
* Ardent charity
* Heroic patience
* Angelic sweetness
* Divine wisdom

As we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, we will explore these ten virtues and how they were manifested in her life. We’ll start with the first two today..

**Profound humility.** Our Lady was the most exalted of all creatures, yet also the most humble. “My soul doth magnify the Lord…” she said during her Visitation to St. Elizabeth, recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Not only did Mary attribute everything good to God and see herself as His creature, totally dependent on Him, but she also saw her life’s very purpose as glorifying the Almighty.

**Lively faith.** Our Lady believed everything God revealed and in all His promises, without faltering. And she did it with eagerness and joy, not with timidity or skepticism. She trusted in Him completely, He Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. “Blessed is she who believed that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled,” said St. Elizabeth to her at that same Visitation.

**Blind obedience.** Our Lady was perfectly obedient to God, as exemplified by her *fiat* at the Annunciation. Even at those times when the way ahead seemed uncertain or fraught with danger—such as when the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt—she always obeyed, trusting in God.

**Continual prayer.** Mary never stopped praying. She certainly set aside specific time in her day for prayer, to be alone with God and to converse with Him, but this prayer continued even amidst her other duties. Whether she was baking bread, preparing dinner, cleaning her house, or visiting a neighbor, all was done in union with God.

**Universal mortification.** *Mortification* is the denial of one’s own will and inclinations. Our Lady never followed after her own will, but continually united it to God’s will in every circumstance. She accepted patiently all contradictions, sufferings, and hardships with love, offering all things to God with perfect resignation and charity.

St. Louis de Montfort’s [*True Devotion to Mary*](http://enews.trinityroad.com/q/RhGjU4TxZjE0XVFj9Woh60oGPqq_kcXS7BuZcOJa3dhbGtlckBldmRpby5vcmfDiAYkbxJldUfq8LYZ1bUfQR-BWZE8Q) is a must-read for anyone desiring to deepen their love for Our Blessed Mother. Coming from one of her most ardent devotees, St. Louis’ insights are unparalleled. You’ll find that his devotion becomes your own as you explore the pages of this magnificent work. [Available today at The Catholic Company!](http://enews.trinityroad.com/q/XXKHhGjczHF0XNAIxRE1r7wSoXzWvOOaT2NZcOJa3dhbGtlckBldmRpby5vcmfDiA-uTbIi_8f4oLIuWpYbz1Nnf7m2w)

*December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish*

***December 1:***

Ron Boyd

Christina Bratton

Corey Jacobs

Audrey Robinson

Jalen Wildman

Jordan Wildman

***December 2:***

Gayle Berry

Adam Graber

William Hunt

Brenda Mathies

David Ramsey

Anderson Williams

***December 3***:

Ann Ackerman

Michael Wade

***December 4:***

Lisa Arvin

Rex Arvin

Scott Arvin

Savannah Harmon

Bobbi Sue Nonte

Jessica Padgett

***December 5:***

Jake Blackwell

William Boyd

Noah Hager

Lonnie Hawkins

Tim Miller

Alice Strange

James Vance

***December 6:***

Jake Carrico

Justin Clark

Cameron Hedrick

Donna Strange

Laura Willoughby

***December 7:***

Ryan Letherman

Lathen Letterman

Josie Mathies

Chris Mattingly

Clare Ringwald

Rachel Robinson

Caleb Sward

***December 8:***

Kevin Bateman

Ann Holland

***December 9:***

Marie Sue Jones

Brogan Parker

Nancy Smith

***December 10:***

Nicholas Bowling

Timothy Dant

Isabella Hager

Chelsea Lannan

***December 11:*** Debbie Christmas

Shirley Fellers

Susan Jacobs

***December 12:***

Lynn Bateman

Noel Harty

Thomas Michaels

Lori Wininger

***December 14:***

Liam Kluesner

Roger Slaven

Kay Summers

***December 15:***

Kevin Lents

Katherine Love

Charles Rasico

Whitney Wagoner

***December 16:***

Charles Bridgewater

Michael Coulter

Kyle Wade

***December 17:***

Talan Hayes

Georgette Sutton

Seth Taylor

***December 18***:

Sandra Burch

Jared Lee

Ryan Mathias

Brooklyn Summers

***December 19:***

Grace Foddrill

Susie Hager

Meagan Holder

Justin Horney

Martin Lannan

Mary Lannan

Sharon Sims

Olivia Smiley

***December 20:***

Maddelyn Dalrymple

Isaac Lagree

Emily Sutton

Gina Toy

***December 21:***

Mitch Jeffers

James Sullivan

Makenzie VanHoy

***December 22:***

Mattie Milligan

Donna Rayhill

***December 23:***

Aaron Dant

Barb Hyllested

***December 24:***

Dola Francyne Fegan

***December 25:***

Jessie Carter

Falicia Hollaway
Marilyn Horsting

Amy Williams

***December 26:***

Cathy Arvin

Marty Arvin

Angie Brookshire

Patrick Wagler

Rosie Wininger

***December 27:***

Andrew Burch

Luke Jones

***December 28:***

Megan Miller

Kristine Southard

***December 29:***

Marie Hawkins

Mary Sue Sterling

Sandy Woods

***December 30:***

Carolyn Buxton

Luke Callison

Erika Fellers

Amber Furhman

Melissa Hedrick

Landon Marks

Clint Williams

Julie Wittmer

***December 31:***

Vera Helderman

Julie Lagree

Garrett Williams