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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Monday Dec. 27th**

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

**Tuesday** **Dec. 28th**

12:00 noon \_John S. Bruner\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday St. Mary Dec. 29th**

12:00 noon \_\_Nicollette Smelser\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday Dec. 30th**

12:00 noon \_ Deceased members of the Dolle family

**Friday Dec. 31st**

4:00 pm J. W. & Sarah Bell Carrico, Ed & Hattie Green, Virgil & Alberta Burris Wedding Anniversary

**Saturday Jan. 1st**

12:00 noon Walter Horsting

5:00 p.m. Alonzo Bridgewater, Vonda Elliott,

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**Sunday Jan. 2nd**

8:00 am. Tom & Jean Ryan

10:00 a.m. Dick & Liz Walker, Virginia Cooper,

Carl & Louise Livers, Greg Sims

4:00 p.m.Ann Wallace

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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

**From Our Pastor**

**My dear friends in Christ,**

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

 This Sunday, December 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family which reminds us of the many gifts that God has given us to build up our families. One of the greatest opportunities we have is to pray together as a family; as an example, before meals and at night before going to sleep.

 The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Tuesday, December 28th, at 6:00 pm at St. John. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, this year we will be remembering children who were lost in death through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, and suicide. We want to reach out as a parish and support our hurting families.

 We stand in awe of the spectacular decorations in the church. I am most thankful to our church decorators Peggy & Charlie Lyon and Donna & Royden Graber. Also, a special thank-you to Tom McAtee and his committee which consisted of: Tom, Stephanie, T.J., & Breck McAtee; Mark, Judd, & Morgan Potts; Pete, Keaton, & Bennet Smith; Bruce Hawkins; Mark Jeffers for our beautiful nativity. It was wonderful having the children involved this year. I am most appreciative for their time, talent and generous spirit!

 As we welcome the New Year 2022, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday January 1st who is the Principal Patroness of our diocese. This day encourages us to have devotion in our daily life to our Blessed Mother. Our Mass schedule is 4:00 Friday evening and 12 noon & 5:00 on Saturday.

**Mary, The Holy Mother of God,pray for us.**

 Happy New Year to All of You!! You and your families are being remembered in my Masses of the New Year. **I would like to wish all of you a Blessed and Happy New Year!**

**May the Lord bless and keep you, Father Walker.**

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

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and were able to enjoy time with family and time reflecting on the tremendous love that God has for us.  He sent Jesus to teach us so many important lessons in His time here on Earth!  Our religion classes will observe Christmas Break and will begin our second semester of catechesis on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.  I strongly encourage you to think about our faith if you are contemplating one or more New Year’s resolutions.  Is there an area you could resolve to learn more about?  Could you incorporate more prayer into your daily life?  Could you focus on doing good for others by choosing one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy to guide your discipleship?  Often, we set goals for physical and health improvement and we forget about our mind, heart, and salvation.  They are important as well!

\*\*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.

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**SACRISTANS**

5:00 p.m. Brady Lents

8:00 a.m. Volunteer

10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Brady Lents, Matthew Vaal

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

10:00 a.m. Xavier Todd, Declan Todd

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. FD: Rachel Doyle SD: Volunteer

8:00 a.m. FD: John/Diane Vaupel

SD: Doug/Peg Neidigh

10:00 a.m. FD: Dan/Barbara Gregory

SD: Gayle Strange, Carolyn Norris

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**READERS:**

5:00 p.m. Pat Daugherty

8:00 a.m. Jerry Lubbehusen

10:00 a.m. Bobbi Sue Nonte

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. Linda Wickman

8:00 a.m. Tom Peter

10:00 a.m. Andy Ringwald

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

 **Sunday Collection Dec. 18th /19th 2021 9**

**St. John 197 envelopes (869 families)** $9,980.00

 Save the Date .

No religion classes on Dec. 26th, 29th & Jan. 3

Religion classes start again on Jan. 5th.

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| **praying-hands-2535750_960_720[1]** | **Saturday confessions, Jan. 1st** **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.

**Is Christ Calling You To Become**

**a Permanent Deacon?**

The Diocese of Evansville is seeking candidates for the Permanent Diaconate who will begin their academic formation in September 2022. Are you interested in learning more? There is an information meeting at the Catholic Center in Evansville on Saturday, January eighth at 9:00 AM (Central Time). If you are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in becoming a deacon, please contact Deacon Tom Evans by e-mail at tevans@evdio.org.

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

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

***January 1:***

Tenlee Mathias

Ameila Mudd

Peggy Padgett

Tracy Smith

Adam Wittmer

***January 2:***

Stacey Bowling

Richard Colvin

Casey Hamilton

Nickolis Milligan

Kallin Trambaugh

***January 3***:

Jule Beltz

Abigail Letterman

Jerry Padgett

Alecia Wagner

***January 4:***

Hallie Bratton

Trista Strange

Tylen Williams

***January 5:***

Brianna Eckerle

Linda Hagerty

Bob Miller

Bruce Rahman

Madelyn Smith

Sebastian Toy

Diane Vaupel

Vanessa Willoughby

***January 6:***

Daniel Lents

Magdalene Mattingly

Macy McAtee

Stephanie Norris

Reuben Ritchey

Zayne Roach

Jackie Swanson

Bob Toy

Jace Toy

***January 7:***

Michael Gates

Mike Guy

Cheri Kebert

Richard Lemmon

Michael Strange

Brian Walker

***January 9:***

Wendy Colgaizer

Andrew Kluesner

Madonna Mathies

Nancy Meyer

Paula Ringwald

***January 10:***

Brooklyn Carrico

Connie Padgett

Tina Dalrymple

***January 11:***

Jennifer Williams

***January 13:***

Alice Boyd

Suzettea Jones

James Niemeyer

Elaine Wade

***January 14:***

James Bratton

Michele Erler

Kai Harmon

Willow Graber

Haley Ann Hager

Emily Thomas

***January 15:***

Grace Arvin

Linda Jones

Delores Padgett

Elijah Wininger

***January 16:***

Richard Asbell

Sue Carrico

Beverly Miller

Douglas Strange

***January 17:***

Joan Dunning

Lynn Gee

John Lents

***January 18***:

Sue David

Mary Lou Harding

Jessica Parker

Ashley Roach

Terry Street

Hailey Thomas

***January 19:***

Greg Bechtel

***January 20:***

Craig Burch

Brayden Horsting

Ryan Johnson

Nicholas Toy

***January 21:***

Donna Lottes

Kylie Murray

Miranda Rehl

***January 22:***

Kevin Mathies

Carol Saul

***January 23:***

Ada Hager

Ryan Templin

Eula Traylor

Jeff Truelove

Larry Wininger

***January 24:***

Agnes Cooper

Kathy Fromme

Jo Ann Greenwell

Kaylin Harris

Maddie Strange
Adam Wallace

***January 25:***

Kevin Downey

Brenda Lythgoe

***January 26:***

Deborah Bledsoe

Richard Bowling

Terry Craney

Emily Johnson

Alan Toy

***January 27:***

James Hager

Dave Milligan

Emma Letterman

Whitney Pendleton

Jocelyn Strange

***January 28:***

Meryn Erler

Leela Franklin

***January 29:***

Cole Bartley

Lorissa Burch

Renee Burch

Sharon Fiabane

Linda Green

Brenda Jones

Britton Nonte

Marsha Street

***January 30:***

Lyrika Franklin Christopher Hogan

Natalie Willoughby

***January 31:***

Rick Bauer

Tyler Bratton

Alan Erler

Stephanie Nolan

Jill Wininger

Ted Yarnell