

# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday

5:00 p.m. Lee Jones, Harry & Bridget Bowling,  
Gil Toy, Deceased Members of the  
Jerome & Francis Matthews Family

Dec. 13th

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent  
Ed Fegan  
Donald Nolan  
4:00 p.m. Michael Elliott, Jr., Rick Hagerty,  
Donna Hyde, Carolyn Jean Bell

Dec. 14th

### Monday

10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass - Terese A. Hilderbrand  
(at Our Lady of Hope in Washington)  
2:00 p.m. Patrick Arvin (at St. Joseph)

Dec. 15th

### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Gil Toy

Dec. 16th

### Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Eric Baker

Dec. 17th

### Thursday

9:00 a.m. For The People  
1:30p.m. Nursing Home Mass - Waynette Pankey

Dec. 18th

### Friday

9:00 a.m. Stanley Hodges  
6pm - 9pm The Lights Are On

Dec. 19th

### Saturday

5:00 p.m. Ron Daugherty, Jason Bradley,  
Becky Bullock, Bob & Bernice Bullock

Dec. 20th

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Mary Cel Byrer  
10:00 a.m. Donald Nolan  
4:00 p.m. Vonda Elliott, Donna Hedrick,  
John Lannan, Carolyn Buxton

Dec. 21st

## Ministers for SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m. Susan Ackerman  
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee  
10:00 a.m. Angie Zins

## SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Keaton Smith, Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Brendan Green  
10:00 a.m. Kamila Wilson, Karmen Wilson,  
Kendall Wilson, Kamden Wilson  
4:00 p.m. Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Hattie Kluesner

## GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Joni Parker-Burch  
SD: Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. FD: Annette Taylor  
SD: Greg/Dottie Potts  
10:00 a.m. FD: Angie Zins  
SD: Gayle Strange

## READERS:

5:00 p.m. Kenny Inman  
8:00 a.m. Tom Peter  
10:00 a.m. Andy Ringwald  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Two Ministers needed - 1 assigned / 1 Volunteer if Deacon is not present  
5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade  
8:00 a.m. Betty Huelsman, Linda Wickman  
10:00 a.m. Greg Bateman

## From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

A special welcome to Dr. Jordan Divine! This weekend at the 4:00 Mass, Jordan will be brought into full communion with the Church. Dr. Divine was already Baptized, and he will now make his Profession of Faith, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and make his First Holy Communion. Bishop Siegel gave me permission for this celebration outside the Easter Season. Jordan has been preparing for a number of months through study and prayer. It has been an honor and joy for me to give him instructions in the Catholic Faith. Jordan is a tremendous person with a servant's heart. Please join me in wishing him a warm welcome!

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and is called Rose Sunday because we wear rose colored vestments. Formally, it was known as Gaudete Sunday from the first word of the entrance antiphon, which sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Lord's birth and His Second coming.

**OUR PARISH FLOAT WON** the Grand Marshall's *Rudolph's Red Nose Award* in the Loogootee Christmas parade. A special thank you to Bob & Sandy Woods, Mike & Paula Ringwald, Ashton Kahle, and Annette Taylor for making our beautiful parish float that was in the Christmas Parade, as well as Lance & Kelli Mathies for donating the hay wagon and pulling the float. It was inspirational to have such a wide range of our youth participating in the parade. We are so blessed to have such generous and talented children and adults in our parish. As well, it was inspirational to see many of our parishioners, neighbors and friends, who were there to celebrate our city and the Advent season.

We have mailed my Christmas cards featuring a number of our children. If you have not received a card, please let us know and we will send one as soon as possible.

## Opportunities for Reconciliation in the Confessional The Lights Are On

To help us spiritually to prepare for Christmas, we will have the second of two "The Lights Are On" on **Friday, December 19th** from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Also, there will be opportunities for private Confessions each Saturday of Advent from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., or by calling Father for an appointment.

As we continue through Advent, we give thanks to the response of Our Blessed Mother to Archangel Gabriel, "I am the maid servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Praying the Rosary is an opportunity for us to reflect on our Lord's life, death, and Resurrection and the important role our Blessed Mother has in salvation history.

If you have not received an envelope from the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please contact Adam at the rectory. Thank you for those who have responded! Your generosity is very much appreciated and your support is certainly needed!

**May our Lord bless and keep you,  
Father Walker**

**Ministers for  
SACRISTANS**

5:00 p.m. Mike Luzwick  
8:00 a.m. Volunteer  
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

**SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Natalie Willoughby, Riley Kuntz, Reid Johnson  
8:00 a.m. Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley  
10:00 a.m. Josie Mathies, Mason Mathies, Elin Wade  
4:00 p.m. Elena Lyon, Remington Bell

**GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. FD: Elsie Horsting  
SD: Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. FD: Rita Poirier  
SD: Tom/Chris Peter  
10:00 a.m. FD: Jeff/Micky Crew  
SD: Dan/Barbara Gregory

**READERS:**

5:00 p.m. Matthew Findlay  
8:00 a.m. Betty Huelsman  
10:00 a.m. Kay Summers  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. James Hager  
8:00 a.m. Rita Divine, Elizabeth Park  
10:00 a.m. Stephanie McAtee

**Sunday Collection Dec. 6th/Dec. 7th, 2025**

**St. John 194 Envelopes \$10,605.00  
Vigil Light Money \$72.00**

**Save the Date**

**No Altar Society Meeting in December.**

**No K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in December.**

**No K of C 4th Degree Meeting in December**

**Christmas Toy Store - Dec. 13th**

**Living Nativity - Cancelled due to cold temperatures**

**Praise Choir Practice - Dec. 14th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Instructions - Dec. 16th, 7:00pm**

**Pastoral Council Meeting - Dec. 18th, 6pm**

**The Lights Are On #2 - Dec. 19th, 6pm - 9pm**

**First Penance - Dec. 22nd, 6:30pm**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - Dec. 24th, 4pm**

**Christmas Midnight Mass - Dec. 25th, 12 (Midnight)**

**Christmas Day Masses - Dec. 25th, 8am, 10am, & 4pm**

**Savio at St. Martin Hall - Dec. 28th, 6pm**

**Server Appreciation Lunch - Dec. 30th, 11:30am**

**New Year's Eve Mass - Dec. 31st, 4pm**

**Solemnity of Mary Masses - Jan. 1st, 10am & 4pm**



**Saturday Confessions**

**Dec. 20th: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**

**Third Week Prayer**

**(December 14th)**

O Key of David,  
Jesus Christ,  
the gates of heaven open  
at your command,  
come and let your people free.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday: 1pm - 2pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph  
Thursday: 9am - 6pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John**

**ADVENT CANDLES**

As we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus, let us reflect on the Advent candles, their names, and their representation. The first, second, and fourth candles are purple, whereas the third candle is pink, representing joy.

**First Week of Advent - Prophecy Candle - Hope**

**Second Week of Advent - Bethlehem Candle - Peace**

**Third Week of Advent - The Shepherds and Their Joy Candle - Joy**

**Fourth Week of Advent - The Angels' Candle - Love**

**- Fr. Walker**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$153,181.00**

**Pledges and Raffle Profit: \$137,470.00**

**Our remaining portion of the Appeal: \$ 15,711.00**

**CHRISTMAS MASS INTENTIONS & FLOWERS**

If you would like a Mass and/or flowers offered for your deceased loved one, please call Adam at 812-295-2225 to make arrangements. If you already have made a Mass Intention and would like to switch to a different day/time, you may call Adam to do so. The Mass times are:

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass: 4pm**

**Christmas Midnight and Day Masses: Midnight, 8am, 10am, 4pm**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS**

Due to the cold weather, we will not be having the Living Nativity on Sunday evening. While we were looking forward to sharing the joy of the birth of Jesus with the community, we also want to look out for the health and safety of our youth. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help; we will try again next year.

It is the third weekend of Advent, which means you to get to light the pink candle on your Advent wreath. The third candle represents "joy." Take this time to spread joy to others and reflect on the joy that Jesus brings to the world. Thank you to Pat Daugherty, Dottie Potts, and Annette Taylor for bringing joy to our Wednesday students by providing a delicious meal!

We are looking for volunteers to feed our students next semester. Please reach out if you are interested. We will have class on Monday and Wednesday this week, and Christmas break will begin next week. (akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923)

**MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

**- The Catholic Company**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Boys and Girls, Ages 9 - 14**

**Location: Loogootee Community Schools Activity Center**

**Date: January 4, 2026 Time: 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

**Sponsor: Knights of Columbus**

**Contact: Randy Templin - (217) 257-2427**

If you wish to enter the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, please contact Randy Templin on how to get an Entry form. A parent/guardian signature is required for participation. Bring the signed entry form to the Activity Center on January 4, 2026.

**December 1:**

Brooks Ackerman  
Ron Boyd  
Christina Bratton  
Corey Jacobs  
Audrey Robinson  
Jalen Wildman  
Jordan Wilman

**December 2:**

Gayle Berry  
Adam Graber  
William Hunt  
Brenda Mathies  
David Ramsey  
Matthew Vaal  
Anderson Williams

**December 3:**

Ann Ackerman  
Michael Wade

**December 4:**

Lisa Arvin  
Rex Arvin  
Scott Arvin  
Savannah Harmon  
Bobbi Sue Nonte

**December 5:**

Jake Blackwell  
William Boyd  
Noah Hager  
Lonnie Hawkins  
Tim Miller  
James Vance

**December 6:**

Jake Carrico  
Justin Clark  
Donna Strange

**December 7:**

Ryan Letherman  
Lathen Letterman  
Josie Mathies  
Chris Mattingly  
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  
Joseph Park

**December 12:**

Lynn Bateman  
Noel Harty  
Thomas Michaels  
Lori Winingar

**December 14:**

Liam Kluesner  
Roger Slaven  
Kay Summers

**December 15:**

Kevin Lents  
Katherine Love  
Charlies Rasico  
Whitney Wagoner

**December 16:**

Charles Bridgewater  
Michael Coulter  
Kyle Wade

**December 17:**

Talan Hayes  
Dean Sullivan  
Georgette Sutton  
Seth Taylor

**December 18:**

Jared Lee  
Ryan Mathias  
Brooklyn Summers

**December 19:**

Olivia Findlay  
Grace Foddrill  
Susie Hager  
Meagan Holder  
Martin Lannan  
Mary Lannan  
Sharon Sims

## ***December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish***

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### **December 20:**

Maddelyn Dalrymple  
Isaac Lagree  
Aimee Luzwick  
Emily Sutton  
Gina Toy

### **December 27:**

Andrew Burch  
Maverick Hager  
Luke Jones

### **December 21:**

Mitch Jeffers  
James Sullivan  
Makenzie VanHoy

### **December 28:**

Megan Miller  
Kristine Southard

### **December 22:**

Mattie Milligan

### **December 29:**

Marie Hawkins  
Mary Sue Sterling  
Sandy Woods

### **December 23:**

Aaron Dant  
Barb Hyllested

### **December 30:**

Luke Callison  
Erika Fellers  
Amber Furhman  
Melissa Hedrick  
Landon Marks  
Clint Williams  
Julie Wittmer

### **December 24:**

Dola Francyne Fegan

### **December 25:**

Jessie Carter  
Falicia Hollaway  
Marilyn Horsting  
Amy Williams

### **December 31:**

Vera Helderman  
Julie Lagree  
Garrett Williams

### **December 26:**

Cathy Arvin  
Marty Arvin  
Patrick Wagler  
Rosie Wininger