

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Dec. 13th

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

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 14th

8:00 a.m. Ed Fegan
10:00 a.m. Donald Nolan
4:00 p.m. Michael Elliott, Jr., Rick Hagerty,
Donna Hyde, Carolyn Jean Bell

Monday

Dec. 15th

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

Tuesday

Dec. 16th

6:00 p.m. Gil Toy

Wednesday

Dec. 17th

9:00 a.m. Eric Baker

Thursday

Dec. 18th

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

Friday

Dec. 19th

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

Saturday

Dec. 20th

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

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 21st

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

Ministers for

Dec. 13th/Dec. 14th, 2025

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 maidservant 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 Dec. 20th/Dec. 21st, 2025
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 commend,
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 Wininger

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

December 20:

Maddelyn Dalrymple
Isaac Lagree
Aimee Luzwick
Emily Sutton
Gina Toy

December 21:

Mitch Jeffers
James Sullivan
Makenzie VanHoy

December 22:

Mattie Milligan

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
Patrick Wagler
Rosie Wininger

December 27:

Andrew Burch
Maverick Hager
Luke Jones

December 28:

Megan Miller
Kristine Southard

December 29:

Marie Hawkins
Mary Sue Sterling
Sandy Woods

December 30:

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

December 31:

Vera Helderman
Julie Lagree
Garrett Williams