

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Rick Hagerty, Ron Daugherty,
Ryan Burris, Barbara Ash

Dec. 27th

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Michael Andrew Zinkan
10:00 a.m. Francis Wade, Donald Nolan,
Patrick Arvin, Gil Toy
4:00 p.m. Michael Elliott, Jr.

Dec. 28th

Monday

12(Noon) John Lannan (at St. Martin)

Dec. 29th

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Carolyn Buxton

Dec. 30th

Wednesday

New Year's Eve

Dec. 31st

4:00 p.m. Lee Jones

Thursday

Solemnity of Mary

Jan. 1st

10:00 a.m. Dennis & Barbara Ash

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Buxton

Friday

9:00 a.m. For The People

1:30 p.m. Nursing Home Mass – Waynette Pankey

Jan. 2nd

Saturday

First Saturday Mass

Jan. 3rd

12(Noon)

Vicky Doyle

5:00 p.m. Jason Bradley, Connie McAtee,

Waynette Pankey, Patrick W. Bowling

Sunday

Feast of the Epiphany

Jan. 4th

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Peter Family

10:00 a.m. Patrick Delaney, Patrick Arvin,

Gil Toy, Donald Nolan

4:00 p.m. Vonda Elliott

Dec. 27th/Dec. 28th, 2025

Ministers for SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m. Susan Ackerman
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Keaton Smith, Volunteers
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Brendan Green
10:00 a.m. Lucy Rahman, Joseph Rahman,
Isaac Lagree, Abbigail Meyer
4:00 p.m. Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Hattie Kluesner

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Anne Marie Crays
SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m. FD: Chris Bratton
SD: Jerry/Betty Huelsman
10:00 a.m. FD: Brenda Mathias
SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Francis Doyle
8:00 a.m. Judy Kluesner
10:00 a.m. Stephanie McAtee
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

Two Ministers needed - 1 assigned / 1 Volunteer if Deacon is not present

5:00 p.m. Angie Zins
8:00 a.m. Annette Taylor, Jerry Lubbehusen
10:00 a.m. Tom McAtee

From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

On Tuesday, December 23rd, I concelebrated the Funeral Mass of Father Leo Kiesel with Bishop Siegel, along with my brother priests. What a joy it was to have Father Leo's family, friends, and our parishioners here to celebrate his life. Father Kiesel was a wonderful priest, devoted to every parish that he served. He loved playing golf, nature, and the animals that lived near his home. And now he has been called to the kingdom of Almighty God. Please pray for Father Kiesel, his family, and dear friends. May he rest in peace. Amen.

God's special blessings to all those who helped make our Christmas Masses prayerful and joyful with beautiful music. A note of thanks to Deacon Consley, as well as, to the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Brady Lents, Alex Quinn, and Noah Esch, masters of ceremonies, lead servers, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, sacristans, ushers, and collection counters. Additionally, we are most grateful to the members of our choirs, organists, and cantors.

As we welcome the New Year 2025, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, on Wednesday, January 1st. Our Blessed Mother is the Patroness of our diocese. This day encourages us to have a strong devotion to the Blessed Mother. The Mass schedule will be the Vigil Mass on Dec. 31st at 4:00 p.m. and the Masses on Jan. 1st at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please reference the insert in the upcoming bulletin regarding the Feast of the Epiphany and the blessing that it provides for our homes for the New Year 2026.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 30th, we will have a special lunch to honor our Altar Servers at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. The parish is so blessed to have such dedicated & prayerful altar servers. You will need transportation to and from the restaurant. We hope to see you there.

A special thank you to everyone for your Christmas cards, baked goods, gifts, and well wishes. It is an honor and privilege to be your pastor. I ask for your prayers that I may serve you well and continue in good health.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday: No Eucharistic Adoration at St. John

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!

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

**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. Angie Zins

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Natalie Willoughby, Riley Kuntz, Reid Johnson
8:00 a.m. Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley
10:00 a.m. Kamila Wilson, Karmen Wilson,
Kendall Wilson, Kamden Wilson
4:00 p.m. Elena Lyon, Remington Bell

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Joni Parker-Burch
SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m. FD: Joseph Park
SD: Bruce/Lynn Hawkins
10:00 a.m. FD: Gayle Strange
SD: Angie Zins

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade
8:00 a.m. Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m. Tom Walker
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Janet Matthews
8:00 a.m. Betty Huelsman, Elizabeth Park
10:00 a.m. Mark Bauer

Sunday Collection Dec. 20th/Dec. 21st, 2025
St. John 167 Envelopes \$9,386.00
Vigil Light Money \$54.00

Save the Date

No Altar Society Meeting in January.
No K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in January.
No K of C 4th Degree Meeting in January.
Savio at St. Martin Hall - Dec. 28th, 6pm
Altar Server Appreciation Lunch - Dec. 30th, 11:30am
Instructions - Dec. 30th, 7pm
New Year's Eve Mass - Dec. 31st, 4pm
Solemnity of Mary Masses - Jan. 1st, 10am & 4pm
The Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 4th
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Jan. 5th, 7pm
The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 11th
Pastoral Council Meeting - Jan. 15th, 6pm



Saturday Confessions

**Jan. 3rd: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
or by appointment**

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal:	\$153,181.00
Pledges and Raffle Profit:	\$137,970.00
Our remaining portion of the Appeal:	\$ 15,211.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help wanted at the St. Vincent de Paul store in Loogootee. Part-time employee needed for up to 4 days per week (Saturday and up to 3 weekdays) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Employee will operate cash register and tag/hang clothing for sale. If interested, please come into the store during business hours Tuesday through Friday or call 812-351-0311.

MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

"The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name." – The Catholic Company

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

I hope everyone has a very merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. Thank you to all of the children who participated in the Christmas Masses. It is so wonderful to see children involved in the Mass; they radiate so much Christmas joy! A special thank you goes to Emmett Wade – our St. Francis this year. The first ever nativity scene was given to us by St. Francis, so that is why he is the one to complete the nativity scene.

The Altar Server Appreciation Lunch will be on Tuesday, December 30th at 11:30 a.m. at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Please let Ashton know if you plan to attend. Religious education classes will resume on January 5th. If anyone is interested in providing a meal for our Wednesday students, please reach out to sign up.

(akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923)

**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.

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
Vanessa Willoughby

January 6:

Daniel Lents
Theo Johnson
Magdalene Mattingly
Macy McAtee
Stephanie Norris
Reuben Ritchey

Jackie Swanson

Bob Toy
Jace Toy

January 7:

Michael Gates
Mike Guy
Cheri Kebert
Richard Lemmon
Michael Strange
Brian Walker

January 9:

Wendy Colglazier
Andrew Kluesner
Madonna Mathies
Steven Mattingly
Nancy Meyer
Paula Ringwald

January 10:

Brooklyn Carrico
Brax Inman
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 Wninger

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
Terry Street
Hailey Thomas

January 19:

Greg Bechtel

January 20:

Craig Burch
Brayden Horsting
Ryan Johnson
Nicholas Toy

January Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

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 Wninger

January 24:

JoAnn Anderson
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:

Parker Ackerman
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 Wninger
Ted Yarnell