

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday		Jan. 10th
5:00 p.m.	Rick Hagerty, John Lannan, Gil Toy, Barbara Ash	
Sunday	Baptism of the Lord	Jan. 11th
8:00 a.m.	Terri Hildebrand	
10:00 a.m.	Donald Nolan	
4:00 p.m.	Michael Elliott, Jr., Patrick Arvin, Waynette Pankey, Eugenia Parsons	
Monday		Jan. 12th
6:30 p.m.	Father William Dietsch (at St. John)	
Tuesday		Jan. 13th
6:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Bob & Vivian Little Family	
Wednesday		Jan. 14th
9:00 a.m.	For The People	
Thursday		Jan. 15th
9:00 a.m.	Gerald Francis Guy	
1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Mass – Jeanne Parsons	
Friday		Jan. 16th
9:00 a.m.	Barbara Ash	
Saturday		Jan. 17th
5:00 p.m.	Gil Toy, Waynette Pankey, Rick Hagerty, Russell & Elfriede Jones	
Sunday		Jan. 18th
8:00 a.m.	Ron Daugherty	
10:00 a.m.	Luke Mackey, Luis Alvares, Donald Nolan, Vicky Doyle	
4:00 p.m.	Vonda Elliott	

Ministers for Jan. 10th/Jan. 11th, 2026

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, Volunteer
8:00 a.m.	Dax Lee, Brendan Green
10:00 a.m.	Lucy Rahman, Joseph Rahman, Isaac Lagree, Abigail Meyer
4:00 p.m.	Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Hattie Kluesner

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.	Francis Doyle
8:00 a.m.	Greg Potts
10:00 a.m.	Andrea Bauer
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

5:00 p.m.	Angie Zins
8:00 a.m.	Rita Divine, Bernie Smith
10:00 a.m.	Dani Jeffers

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary
Thursday: 9am - 6pm	Eucharistic Adoration at St. John

From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

This past Monday, I celebrated the life of Karen Norris with her family and friends. Also, this past Friday, I celebrated the life of Jeffrey Berry with his loved ones. We send our condolences to the family of Karen Hickman, who passed away on Sunday, January 4th. Please pray for their families. May Karen, Jeffrey, and Karen rest in peace! Amen!

Today is the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which marks the beginning of His public ministry. When the Holy Spirit descended as a dove, we witness the Father's blessing on the ministry of Jesus, and we see the foreshadowing of the Trinitarian baptism. Through Baptism, we have become adopted sons and daughters of God. He is with us to teach, protect, comfort, and be our companion on the journey to Heaven. We give thanks and praise to the Lord for coming to earth to show us the love, compassion, and mercy of Almighty God. Ultimately, Jesus opened the gates of Heaven by dying on the cross for the believer. We are called to seek the Lord always. Our minds and hearts do not match that of God so we must strive to open our hearts for greater understanding, which will lead us to Him. As we begin this new year, let us talk to Him daily in prayer.

Hope & Healing is a grief support group for moms who have experienced pregnancy and infant loss. The first meeting will be Jan. 13th, 2026, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the upper level of the parish center. Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. There is no cost to attend. For further information, you may contact Jade Arvin (812-709-8039) or Rosie Bridges (812-295-6619). **Remember you are not alone.**

Next weekend, I will speak at all the Masses about St. Meinrad Seminary at the request of Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB. I graduated from St. Meinrad College and School of Theology. I am very grateful for the spiritual and academic formation that I received from the Monks of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

It is time to renew your subscription to *The Message* which is our diocesan weekly newspaper. I would encourage you to do so because The Message is the official communication from Bishop Siegel. It is a good way to be current with the various events in the diocese, our county, and the Universal Church. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to keep in touch with the pulse of our faith.

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

Ministers for Jan. 17th/Jan. 18th, 2026**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: Anne Marie Crays
 SD: Volunteers
 8:00 a.m. FD: Greg/Dottie Potts
 SD: Volunteer
 10:00 a.m. FD: Brenda Mathias
 SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Matthew Findlay
 8:00 a.m. Jerry Lubbehusen
 10:00 a.m. Mike Engleman
 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade
 8:00 a.m. Jerry Lubbehusen, Donna Ader
 10:00 a.m. Tom Walker

Sunday Collection Jan. 1st & Jan. 3rd/4th 2026

St. John 174 Envelopes \$10,434.10
Solemnity of Mary 64 Envelopes \$1,984.00
Vigil Light Money \$83.00

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.
The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 11th
Hope & Healing Meeting - Jan 13th, 6:30pm
Instructions - Jan. 13th, 7pm
Pastoral Council Meeting - Jan. 15th, 6pm
Women's WELCOME Meeting at Center - Jan. 17th, 9am-11am
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Jan. 19th, 7pm
Sanctity of Life - Jan. 22nd
Savio at St. Martin Hall - Jan. 25th, 6pm
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Feb. 2nd
Feast of St. Blaise - Feb. 3rd



Saturday Confessions
Jan. 17th: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$153,181.00
Pledges and Raffle Profit: \$141,870.00
Our remaining portion of the Appeal: \$11,311.00

THE MESSAGE

The Message goes to every registered household in the Diocese of Evansville six times each year. But you can read about happenings and news from around the diocese all year long by subscribing to *The Message*! The print edition is delivered to your mailbox each week via the U.S. Postal Service. The digital edition link is delivered right to your email address. To subscribe, mail your check \$24 for print (which includes free digital access if you provide your email address), or \$12 for digital only (please include your email address), to The Message, P.O. Box 4169, Evansville, IN 47724. Or, visit www.evdioessage.org and select the "subscribe" button. Easy instructions will guide you to order either edition by using your credit card. Thank you for your support of Southwest Indiana's Catholic community newspaper.

THANK YOU!!

The family of Fr. Leo Kiesel extends their heartfelt gratitude to all who offered prayers, sent cards, made phone calls, and visited during his extended stay at The Villages of Oak Ridge. Your kindness brought him comfort and strength, and we are deeply grateful for the love you shared with him.

We would also like to offer a special thank-you to the parishioners who prayed in the church before the Funeral Mass, Father Walker, Deacon Consley, the staff of St. John Parish for their support, Dr. Rick Bauer and Mary Bowling for the beautiful funeral music, and to the funeral committee for preparing such a wonderful meal.

***** SAVE THE DATE! *****

The Men's WELCOME Weekend for 2026 is officially set for the weekend of September 19th/20th at St. Martin Hall in Whitfield.

This will be the second consecutive Men's WELCOME Weekend event for the St. John Parish community. With this early announcement of the dates, you may mark your calendars for the opportunity to attend this year's Men's WELCOME.

Please support the team with your prayers as they begin their formation process.

For the men in our Parish community, consider this opportunity to grow in your Catholic faith walk. "WELCOME" is much more than a weekend. It can be a life-changing experience that helps you discover what could be missing in your life and what to do about it. In turn, it helps us grow individually and strengthens our parish community.

More information and updates to follow!

FUNERAL MEAL COMMITTEE

The funeral meal committee is need of a few more volunteers to bring side dishes and desserts for the funeral meals. If you can help, please contact:

- Barb Gregory: 812-295-6544
- Vernita Williams: 812-631-3967
- Leah Tolbert: 812-295-6094

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

It was so great to have everyone back together for classes this week! I am constantly reminded of the bright future for our parish because of the amazing youth we have. They are kind, positive, intelligent, and curious. It is so fulfilling to watch them grow and mature in their faith.

Thank you to Elaine Wade, Leslie VanHoy, and Karla Wade for preparing a meal for our Wednesday students! We are so thankful for volunteers like you who give time and talent for our kids. To sign up to make a meal or find out more information, please contact Ashton. Typically 20-30 students eat the meals. There are several dates open for 2026.

This is a reminder that if Loogootee Schools are not in session, we will not have religious education class. Monday, January 19th, is a make-up day, so we will only have class if school is in session. Reminder messages will be sent. If you do not currently receive messages, please reach out to Ashton or text "STJOHNLOOGOOTE" to 84576.

akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923

**2026 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP****Girls****Boys**

9 Year Old - Kinsley Spicer 11 Year Old - L. J. Marks
 11 Year Old - Emersyn Smith 12 Year Old - Nicholas Helderman
 13 Year Old - Abigail Meyer 13 Year Old - August Weitkamp
 14 Year Old - Hattie Humerickhouse

Thank you to all participants and volunteers for a successful event!

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
Crystal Moore
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
Terry Street
Hailey Thomas

January Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

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:

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 Wininger
Ted Yarnell