

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday

Jan. 3rd

10:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass - Donald Bowling
Jason Bradley, Connie McAtee,
Waynette Pankey, Patrick W. Bowling

5:00 p.m.

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

Monday

Jan. 5th

10:00 a.m.

Funeral Mass – Karen Norris (at St. John)

Tuesday

Jan. 6th

6:00 p.m.

Lee Jones

Wednesday

Jan. 7th

9:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the
Bob & Vivian Little Family

Thursday

Jan. 8th

9:00 a.m.

For The People

1:30 p.m.

Nursing Home Mass – Waynette Pankey

Friday

Jan. 9th

9:00 a.m.

Juanita Taylor

Saturday

Jan. 10th

5:00 p.m.

Rick Hagerty, John Lannan,
Gil Toy, Barbara Ash

Sunday

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

Ministers for SACRISTANS

Jan. 3rd/Jan. 4th, 2026

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

5:00 p.m.

Janet Matthews

8:00 a.m.

Betty Huelsman, Elizabeth Park

10:00 a.m.

Mark Bauer

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 9am – 10am Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph

Thursday: 9am – 6pm Eucharistic Adoration at St. John

From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

Saturday, I celebrated the Funeral Mass for Donald Bowling (97). Don was a lifelong resident of Loogootee and a member of our parish. He had a deep concern for his neighbor. After retiring at National Gypsum, Don decided to run for the mayor of Loogootee, and was elected to 2 terms. He was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus and a leader in the St. Vincent de Paul. Please pray for Don and his family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

A special thank you, again, 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.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and are reminded that our Lord came for all people. We, too, are called from our baptism to reach out to others in the name of the Lord Jesus. As we begin a new year with resolutions, let us be mindful of the needs of those around us and reach out to them in Christian charity.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus which marked the beginning of His public ministry. 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. Let us open our hearts daily to Him.

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.

If you have not already picked up a Christmas tree ornament at the entrances of the church, please help yourself. Many thanks to Ashton Kahle, who coordinated the purchase of these wonderful keepsakes for our parish!

May our Lord bless and keep you,

Father Walker

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, 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. Kenny Inman
 8:00 a.m. Greg Potts
 10:00 a.m. Andrea Bauer
 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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

Sunday Collection Dec. 24th/25th & Dec. 27th/28th, 2025

St. John 168 Envelopes \$11,380.25
Christmas Collection 169 envelopes \$9,169.00
Christmas Flowers \$1,420.00
Vigil Light Money \$139.00

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 Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 4th
Monday Classes at St. John Center - Jan. 5th, 3:45pm
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Jan. 5th, 7pm
Instructions - Jan. 6th, 7pm
Wednesday Classes at St. Martin Hall - Jan. 7th, 6:45pm
The Baptism of the Lord - Jan. 11th
Pastoral Council Meeting - Jan. 15th, 6pm
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. 10th: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$153,181.00
Pledges and Raffle Profit: \$138,970.00
Our remaining portion of the Appeal: \$ 14,211.00

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

As we enter a new year, take a minute to reflect on the graces from our Lord from the past year. He has blessed us all tremendously - through all of the hills and valleys. In this new year, let us be reminded of God's faithfulness and continuous presence in our lives. Invite Him into your daily life and allow yourself to be transformed into a more loving Catholic. One way I like to do this is by asking God to interrupt my day when I say my morning prayers. This simple request has helped me to more fully appreciate even the littlest things in life.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful break. Religious education classes will resume this week. Monday afternoon classes will begin again on January 5th, and Wednesday evening classes will begin again on January 7th. I look forward to seeing everyone again!
 (akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923)

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.

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**

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
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