

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday		Feb. 28th
5:00 p.m.	Gil Toy, Juanita Taylor, Bric Parker, Jason Bradley	
Sunday		Mar. 1st
8:00 a.m.	Theresa & Victor Beckman	
10:00 a.m.	Donald Nolan	
3:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross	
4:00 p.m.	Vonda Elliott, Eugenia Parsons, Waynette Pankey, Carolyn Buxton	
Monday		Mar. 2nd
12(Noon)	John Lannan (at St. Martin)	
Tuesday		Mar. 3rd
6:00 p.m.	Gil Toy	
Wednesday		Mar. 4th
9:00 a.m.	Edith Ellis	
Thursday		Mar. 5th
9:00 a.m.	For The People	
1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Mass – Waynette Pankey	
Friday		Mar. 6th
9:00 a.m.	Father William Dietsch	
12(Noon)	Way of the Cross	
Saturday	First Saturday	Mar. 7th
12(Noon)	Diane Shepard	
5:00 p.m.	Rick Hagerty, Robert Jones, Jim Norris, Barbara Stevens	
Sunday		Mar. 8th
8:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Jerome & Dorothy Williams Family	
10:00 a.m.	Sharon Fields, Ethan Fields, Delbert Fields, All Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus	
3:00 p.m.	Way of the Cross	
4:00 p.m.	Michael Elliott, Jr.	

Ministers for SACRISTANS Feb. 28th/Mar. 1st, 2026

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

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m.	Natalie Willoughby, 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: Chris Bratton SD: Tom/Chris Peter
10:00 a.m.	FD: Brenda Mathias SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

READERS:

5:00 p.m.	Kenny Inman
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lubbehusen
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.	Lynn Hawkins, Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

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

From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

Last Monday, I celebrated the Funeral Mass of Elaine Carrico with her family & friends. She certainly was a selfless person, and a devoted member of St. John. Becoming a teacher, she taught for many years not only at Washington Catholic but within our parish, and, most recently, our 1st grade class. I greatly appreciate the many years she was a co-director of our religious education program. She will be greatly missed. May Elaine rest in peace. Amen!

Saturday, Feb. 28th, we had the First Communion retreat for our 2nd graders. At the heart of the retreat was the opportunity for me to have a teaching Mass for them. It was such a joyous time to help them prepare to receive our Lord for the first time. I have baptized most of these children and have a special bond with them and their families. A special thank you to Ashton Kahle, our Catechetical Director, who planned the retreat as well as Julie Sutton, their teacher, both of whom participated in the retreat.

Tonight, we will have Savio at St. Martin Hall from 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. This is a great opportunity for our young men to share their faith and have a good time with one another.

The Knights of Columbus 3rd & 4th Degree Father/Son/Guest Mass and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 8th, after our 10:00 a.m. Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for all fathers, grandfathers, sons, and guests who would like to sign up and have breakfast along with fellow parishioners in the Lower Level of St. John Center. This event is being sponsored by our 4th Degree Father Joseph Gerdon Knights of Columbus.

Friday is the Church's day of penance in memory of Jesus' passion. Some form of penance is encouraged along with not eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

When we pray the Stations of the Cross, we are reminded of the tremendous love our Lord Jesus has for us which is reflected in the Holy Eucharist. The Way of the Cross only takes 30 minutes, and I look forward to seeing you!

Way of the Cross

Sunday	Friday
Mar. 1st - 3:00 p.m.	Mar. 6th - 12 (Noon)
Mar. 8th - 3:00 p.m.	Mar. 13th - 12 (Noon)
Mar. 15th - 3:00 p.m.	Mar. 20th - 12 (Noon)
Mar. 22nd - 3:00 p.m.	Mar. 27th - 3:00 p.m.
Mar. 29th - 3:00 p.m.	Apr. 3rd - 3:00 p.m.

The Lights Are On

Friday, Mar. 20th - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
or until the last confession is heard.

May our Lord bless and keep you,
Father Walker

Ministers for SACRISTANS Mar. 7th/Mar. 8th, 2026

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. Lucy Rahman, Joseph Rahman, Isaac Lagree, Abigail Meyer
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: Bruce/Lynn Hawkins
SD: Jerry/Betty Huelsman
10:00 a.m. FD: Angie Zins
SD: Gayle Strange

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade
8:00 a.m. Tom Peter
10:00 a.m. Mike Engleman
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Janet Matthews
8:00 a.m. Donna Ader, Linda Wickman
10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman

Sunday Collection Feb. 21st/Feb. 22nd, 2026

St. John 148 Envelopes \$9,642.00
Ash Wednesday \$1,888.00
Black and Indian Missions Collection \$290.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection \$148.00
Vigil Light Money \$0.00

Save the Date

Savio at St. Martin Hall – Mar. 1st, 6pm
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting – Mar. 2nd, 7pm
Lent Women’s Group – Mar. 2nd, 7pm
Hope & Healing Meeting – Mar. 3rd, 6:30pm
Instructions – Mar. 3rd, 7pm
Men’s WELCOME Meeting – Mar. 4th, 4:30pm
Women’s WELCOME Meeting (St. John) – Mar. 7th, 9am - 11am
K of C Father/Son Breakfast - Mar. 8th, 11am - 1pm
Altar Society Meeting – Mar. 9th, 6:30pm
St. John Catholic Cemetery Cleanup – Mar. 14th
Irish Family Fun Day – Mar. 15th, after 10:00 a.m. Mass
Confirmation Retreat at St. Martin - Mar. 18th, 5pm – 8:45pm
K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Mar. 18th, 7pm
Pastoral Council Meeting - Mar. 19th, 6pm
The Lights Are On #1 – Mar. 20th, 6pm – 9pm
Winter Banquet – Mar. 21st, 6:30pm
K of C 4th Degree Meeting – Mar. 23rd, 7pm
St. John Fish Fry – Mar. 27th, 9am – 11am, 4pm – 6:30pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3RD AND 4TH DEGREE FATHER/SON/GUEST MASS AND BREAKFAST

The Father/Son/Guest Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, March 8th**, beginning with **Mass at 10am** offered for all deceased members of the K of C. Breakfast will follow in the **Lower Level** of the **St. John Center**. Any father(s)/son(s) /guest(s) from the parish do not need to be a member of the K of C to attend. Sign-up sheets are located in the K of C Clubroom and at the main entrance of St. John Church. The deadline is **Saturday, Feb. 28th**, so please sign up as soon as possible. This event is sponsored by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, Father Joseph Gerdon Assembly 1813.



Saturday Confessions
Mar. 7th: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$153,181.00
Pledges and Raffle Profit: \$149,320.00
Our remaining portion of the Appeal: **\$3,861.00**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

We will NOT have religious education classes on Wednesday due to the sectional basketball game. Monday classes will still be in session. Fifth and sixth grade students who typically attend on Wednesday are welcome to join on Monday.

Thank you to Stephanie McAtee, Becky Bauer, Dottie Potts, and Pat Daugherty for providing meals for our Wednesday students over the past couple of weeks. We all appreciate your generosity. If anyone is interested in providing a meal, several April dates are available. Please reach out to Ashton.

There are only 2 Savio nights left for the school year - this weekend and April 19th. Both will be at St. Martin Hall from 6pm – 7:45pm. This is a great opportunity for our young men. Please encourage them to take advantage of this group before we pause for the summer.

akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC CEMETERY CLEANUP

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of Loogootee St. John Catholic Cemetery will take place on Saturday, Mar. 14, 2026. All grave blankets and other ground decorations as well as outdated gravestone decorations (e.g. Christmas) must be removed prior to that time. Any ground or outdated decorations remaining will be removed by the cleanup crew. Please do not put any Easter/Spring decorations on the gravesites until after Mar. 14th. We cannot guarantee they will not be removed during the cleanup.

WINTER BANQUET

Martin County Churches will again be hosting it’s annual Winter Banquet on Saturday, March 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. John Catholic Church Center for those who could use a good meal and extra groceries. Desserts are needed and can be dropped off at the center after 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. If you would like to volunteer, we could use help to set-up on Friday at 5:00 p.m. and then serve the meal on Saturday. Please be there by 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, you may call or text Paula Ringwald at 812-709-0264.

POPE’S INTENTION

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. “He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife,” says St. Bernardine of Siena. “He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying ‘Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.’” Due to St. Joseph’s leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church. - **The Catholic Company**

***** 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.

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!

March 1:

Nick Bechtel
Beth Mathies
Joe Matthews

March 2:

Jonathon Cropp
Matthew Findlay
Michael Geiersvach
Shirley Jeffers
Atlye Wilz

March 3:

Whitney Eller
Mary Ritchey
Travis Summer

March 4:

Sharon Geiersvach
JD Graves
Hudson Letterman
Breck Letterman
Donald Ritchey
Briggs Templin
Melinda Walker

March 5:

Steven Crays

March 6:

Nicholas Arvin
Mark Fields
Alexander Guinn
Katie Sims
Andrea Vaupel

March 7:

Kalea Letherman
Joshua Kush

March 8:

Jamie Browder
Carol Crays
Jessica Downey
Evan Hager
Jeremy Holland
Nancy Jones
Isaiah Wininger

March 9:

Mark Bauer
Jennifer Morris

March 10:

Gary Burriss
Jonathon Hager
Leah Lottes
James Tompkins
Megan Shake
Keaton Smith

March 11:

Stephen Bradley
Luc Burch
James Salmon

March 12:

Ben Blackwell
Josh Hager
Tammy Ritchey
Angie Salmon
Anna Sward

March 13:

Hailey Heshelman
John Lythgoe
Donna Van Winkle

March 14:

Matthew Green
Darin Holder
Cash Inman
Sarah Todd
Charles Toy

March 15:

Won Niemeyer
Brittany Walker

March 16:

Gabriel Shinn
Clayton Thomas

March 17:

Patrick Arvin
Allison Graber
Barbara Holder
Patrick Holland
Curtis Johnson
Aaron Lents
Rick Taylor

March 18:

Madison Esch
Wilcher Hayes

March Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

March 19:

Karla Eckerle
Allen Henninger
Eva Ringwald
Daniell Summers
Amy Todd
Emmaline Toy

March 20:

David Sutton
Donald Traylor

March 21:

Jamison Hennette
Tara Lengacher

March 22:

William Arvin
Austin Bradley
Jennifer Inman
Margaret Krzesniak

March 23:

Max Blackwell
Pamela Clark
Cami Crays
Julia Sutton

March 24:

Adalyn Arvin
Ashlee Arvin
Allison Braun
Rita Elliot
Will Lyon
April Sutton

March 25:

Terry Bradley
Mary Bowling
Chrislynn Holland
Shelly Ringwald
DeeDee Street

March 26:

Norman Bratton
Tyra Fuhs
Mary Jane Hovis
Lucas O'Connor

March 27:

John Arvin
Rose Bradley
Jacquelin Esch
Gabriel Nolley

March 28:

Gene Colvin
Waynessa Franklin
Coinnie Norris
John Strange

March 29:

Kensleigh Carrico
Rowyn Ritchey

March 30:

Elliane Anderson
Mary J. Bradley
Deidre Bechtel
Kolbi Jeffers
Robert Woods

March 31:

Lisa Taylor
Harper Tinkle