

# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> Rick Hagerty, Gil Toy, Waynette Pankey, James Smith	Mar. 21st
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Anointing of the Sick</b> Harry Ellis Kay Petroff, Donald Nolan, Patrick Delaney, Paul K. Hart	Mar. 22nd
<b>3:00 p.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Way of the Cross</b> Michael Elliott, Jr.	
<b>Monday</b> 12(Noon)	Patrick Arvin (at St. Martin)	Mar. 23rd
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	Thomas & Sue Strange	Mar. 24th
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:00 a.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.	<b>Funeral Mass – Ethan Doyle</b> <b>The Lights Are On</b>	Mar. 25th
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	For The People <b>Nursing Home Mass – Judith Walters</b>	Mar. 26th
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Juanita Taylor <b>Way of the Cross</b>	Mar. 27th
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 p.m.	Ron Daugherty	Mar. 28th
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Living & Deceased Members of the Peter Family Becky Bullock, Donald Nolan, Gil Toy, Stephen Seals	Mar. 29th
<b>3:00 p.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>Way of the Cross</b> Vonda Elliott, Wanda Bradley, Wanita Bennett, Mike Davis	

## Ministers for SACRISTANS Mar. 21st/Mar.22nd, 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.	Josie Mathies, Mason Mathies, Elin Wade
4:00 p.m.	Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kleusner, Hattie Kluesner

## GREETERS:

5:00 p.m.	FD: Anne Marie Crays SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m.	FD: Rita Poirier SD: Joseph/Elizabeth Park
10:00 a.m.	FD: Brenda Mathias SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

## READERS:

5:00 p.m.	Francis Doyle
8:00 a.m.	Greg Potts
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

<b>Two Ministers needed - 1 assigned / 1 Volunteer if Deacon is not present</b>	
5:00 p.m.	James Hager
8:00 a.m.	Rita Divine, Bernie Smith
10:00 a.m.	Brenda Mathias

## From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

Last Wednesday, I celebrated the Funeral Mass of Rita Lents with her family & friends. A lifelong member of our parish, Rita was a very caring person, dedicated to her family. She had an active life and enjoyed serving our community. She will be profoundly missed. May Rita rest in peace. Amen!

Formally, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passion Week. This Saturday, March 21st, we covered the crucifix and the statues with purple cloths to remind us that we are approaching the most solemn part of the liturgical year; Christ's suffering and death. The crucifix will be unveiled at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. The remaining statues will be unveiled for the beginning of the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, symbolizing the joy and triumph of Christ's Resurrection.

We will have the Anointing of the Sick after each Mass this weekend.

A special thank you to Tom McAtee for planning the St. John Cemetery Clean-up, again, this year, to Nancy Consley for making sure the clean-up went smoothly, and to everyone who helped make the clean-up a success.

Many thanks to the "Matthews Sisters" for the successful Irish Family Fun Day, last Sunday. We were privileged again to have Evan and Anna Marie Hand make their famous coddle soup! There was good food, fun games, fellowship, and a special visit from St. Nicholas!

Wednesday, March 25th (until 4pm) is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of our Lord. This is the day that our Blessed Mother learned from the angel that she was to become the mother of the Messiah. Her reply was "let it be done according to thy word." Our Blessed Mother's "yes" made it possible to pass from this life into God's presence for eternity. We give thanks for our Blessed Mother being the God-bearer for mankind.

This upcoming Friday, March 27th, marks the annual Fish Fry for the parish. The proceeds from this are used to fund the Women's and Men's WELCOME retreat. This is a nice opportunity to be with our fellow parishioners and work toward a common goal. Our Fish Fry will be held in the lower level of the Center from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday which begins the solemn observance of Holy Week. Let us take advantage of our Holy Week services. We will have the Way of the Cross at 3:00 pm on Palm Sunday and are reminded of the tremendous love our Lord Jesus has for us, reflected in the Holy Eucharist. The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 31st, 5:30 PM CDT, at St. Benedict Cathedral. At this Mass, the holy oils used throughout the year are blessed and consecrated by

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR THIS WEEK

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

Bishop Siegel. The priests of the diocese make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available prior to the Mass. All are invited to attend and pray together as a diocese.

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. I look forward to seeing you!

### Way of the Cross

#### Sunday

Mar. 22nd - 3:00 p.m.  
Mar. 29th - 3:00 p.m.

#### Friday

Mar. 27th - 3:00 p.m.  
Apr. 3rd - 3:00 p.m.

### The Lights Are On

**Wednesday, Mar. 25th - 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. 28th/Mar. 29th, 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 Merkle, Reid Johnson  
10:00 a.m. Lucy Rahman, Joseph Rahman,  
Isaac Lagree, Abigail Meyer  
4:00 p.m. Elena Lyon, Remington Bell

#### **GREETERS:**

5:00 p.m. FD: Joni Parker-Burch  
SD: Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. FD: Chris Bratton  
SD: Tom/Chris Peter  
10:00 a.m. FD: Gayle Strange  
SD: Volunteers

#### **READERS:**

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade  
8:00 a.m. Judy Kluesner  
10:00 a.m. Kay Summers  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

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

**Sunday Collection Mar. 14th/Mar. 15th, 2026**  
**St. John 165 Envelopes \$9,326.00**  
**Vigil Light Money \$66.00**

#### **Save the Date**

**Winter Banquet** – Mar. 21st, 6:30pm  
**Lent Women's Group** – Mar. 23rd, 7pm  
**K of C 4th Degree Meeting** – Mar. 23rd, 7pm  
**Hope & Healing Meeting** – Mar. 24th, 6:30pm  
**Instructions** – Mar. 24th, 7pm  
**The Lights Are On #2** – Mar. 25th, 6pm – 9pm  
**St. John Fish Fry** – Mar. 27th, 11am – 1pm, 4pm – 6:30pm  
**The Lights Are On #3** – Mar. 30th, 6pm – 9pm  
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**Chrism Mass**– Mar. 31st, 5:30pm (CDT)

**Men's WELCOME Meeting** – Apr. 1st, 6:30 p.m.

**K of C 3rd Degree Meeting** – Apr. 6th, 7pm

**Altar Society Meeting** – Apr. 13th, 6:30pm

**K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting** – Apr. 15th, 7pm

**Pastoral Council Meeting** – Apr. 16th, 6pm

**Savio at St. Martin Hall** – Apr. 19th, 6pm

**Women's WELCOME Meeting (St. John)** – Apr. 25th, 9am - 11am



#### Saturday Confessions

**Mar. 28th: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
or by appointment**

**Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$153,181.00**  
**Pledges: \$153,320.00**

**We have reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal!! A special thank you to all who have given to our diocesan appeal!**

#### EASTER MASS INTENTIONS & FLOWERS

There is not a limit for the Mass intentions which are allowed for Easter. Therefore, we may have multiple intentions listed for each of the Easter Masses. If you would like a Mass or Easter flowers offered for your deceased loved one, you may call Adam to set one or both up at 812-295-2225.

#### ST. MARTIN CEMETERY

Mowing season will soon begin at St. Martin Cemetery. Flowers and other memorial items on the ground must be removed. Christmas decorations should be removed. Glass items are not permitted. Please check the burial sites of your loved ones to ensure that flowers or other memorial items are properly positioned on the monument or its base and attached such that they are not easily dislocated by the wind.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to Janet Matthews, Donna Strange, and Marina Bouvy for providing a delicious meal for our Wednesday students! We appreciate your generosity! Also, thank you to all who helped contribute to the success of the Confirmation retreat – especially Reese and Rylee Gibson who were speakers for the evening. The girls did a great job of concluding the retreat on a positive note and leaving the Confirmation students inspired.

If any students are interested in helping with the fish fry next Friday, March 27th, please reach out to sign up. There are shifts available for lunch and dinner. Also, mark your calendars for Easter Sunday, April 5th – we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Next weekend is spring break for Loogootee Community Schools, so we will not have religious education. Classes will resume March 30th and April 1st. [akahle@evdio.org](mailto:akahle@evdio.org) or 812-639-3923

#### ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANNUAL FISH FRY

We will have our annual fish fry on Friday, Mar. 27th, from 11am- 1pm and 4pm-6:30pm in the lower level of the Center. You can get a fish sandwich, 1 or 2 sides (Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans), a drink, and a dessert for \$12 or a fish sandwich for \$8. Please call 812-295-3654 for carry-out orders.

#### JOIN THE DIOCESAN CHOIR 2026 CHRISM MASS

Please join the Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31st, at 5:30pm (CDT) at St. Benedict Cathedral. The choir is open to singers, who typically are in 8th grade and older, from all the parishes of the diocese. Practices, recommended, but not required, are held in the Cathedral Church (please enter on the East side of the Cathedral). The practice schedule (in CDT) is: **3/22, 2 to 4pm**  
Please contact **Jeremy Korba** with questions at **3/24, 6 to 7:30pm**  
812-589-3886 or via email at [jkorba@evdio.org](mailto:jkorba@evdio.org). **3/29, 2 to 4pm**

**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 McAtee  
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 Winger

**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***

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### **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