

# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>
12:00 noon	Walter Horsting	
5:00 p.m.	Alonzo Bridgewater, Vonda Elliott, Sr. Mary Ryan, Max Cooper	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
8:00 am.	Tom & Jean Ryan	
10:00 a.m.	Dick & Liz Walker, Virginia Cooper, Carl & Louise Livers, Greg Sims	
4:00 p.m.	Ann Wallace	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	<b>Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
10:00 a.m.	Bob Lannan funeral	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Jan. 4<sup>th</sup></b>
9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Allen	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St. Martin</b>	<b>Jan. 5<sup>th</sup></b>
12:00 noon	Tom Mudd	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Jan. 6<sup>th</sup></b>
9:00 a.m.	For the People	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup></b>
9:00 a.m.	Curtis Ray Sanders	
<b>Saturday</b>		<b>Jan. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Vonda Elliott, Virginia Cooper, Norbert Steiner, Pearl McCann	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00 am.	Ed Lents	
10:00 a.m.	Jerry Kemp, Jim & Jean Ellis, Ann Quinn, Wayne Matthews	
4:00 p.m.	Ann Wallace	
<b>Ministers for SACRISTANS</b>		<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022</b>
5:00 p.m.	Brady Lents	
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer	
10:00 a.m.	Noel Harty	
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
<b>SERVERS:</b>		
5:00 p.m.	Brady Lents, Matthew Vaal	
8:00 a.m.	Matthew, Ashley, Brendan, & Savannah Green	
10:00 a.m.	Xavier Todd, Declan Todd	
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
<b>GREETERS:</b>		
5:00 p.m.	FD: Rachel Doyle                      SD: Volunteer	
8:00 a.m.	FD: John/Diane Vaupel SD: Doug/Peg Neidigh	
10:00 a.m.	FD: Dan/Barbara Gregory SD: Gayle Strange, Carolyn Norris	
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
<b>READERS:</b>		
5:00 p.m.	Pat Daugherty	
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lubbehusen	
10:00 a.m.	Bobbi Sue Nonte	
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer	
<b>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>		
5:00 p.m.	Linda Wickman	
8:00 a.m.	Tom Peter	
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald	
4:00 p.m.	Volunteer	

## From Our Pastor

**My dear friends in Christ,**

As we welcome the New Year 2022, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday January 1<sup>st</sup> who is the Principal Patroness of our diocese. This day encourages us to have devotion to our Blessed Mother.

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

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

Sunday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

The Feast of the Epiphany has, for centuries, been a traditional time for Christian families to bless their homes. This tradition likely came about because the Three Wise Men visited the home that the Holy Family had established in Bethlehem. The visit from the Wise Men blessed the home of the Holy Family because they came in humility to honor and pay homage to the Christ Child and because they were the first to not only seek Jesus, but also to recognize Him as the Messiah. Their gifts symbolize Christ's identity and mission: gold for a king, incense for God, and myrrh to anoint Jesus after his crucifixion.

Using chalk, you may mark the main door of your house with the initials of the Magi, the legendary names of the three kings: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, and a code of the current year (2022) connected with crosses: 20+C+M+B+22. The crosses (+) represent the protection of the Christ. This is a way of making your home sacred with signs and symbols as we ask God's blessing upon those who live, work, or visit throughout the coming

year. You may use this prayer :

### Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

God of Bethlehem and Cana,  
God of Jordan's leaping waters,  
in baptism you bring us  
into your family.

You wed us and embrace us  
as your beloved.

May we fill this place  
with kindness to one another,  
with hospitality to guests,  
and with abundant care  
for every stranger.

By the gentle light of a star,  
guide home all who seek you  
on paths of faith, hope, an love.

Then we will join the angels in proclaiming  
your praise;  
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,  
now and forever. Amen

**May the Lord bless and keep you,  
Father Walker.**

Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie

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I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and were able to enjoy time with family and time reflecting on the tremendous love that God has for us. He sent Jesus to teach us so many important lessons in His time here on Earth! We will begin our second semester of catechesis on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. I strongly encourage you to think about our faith if you are contemplating one or more New Year's resolutions. Is there an area you could resolve to learn more about? Could you incorporate more prayer into your daily life? Could you focus on doing good for others by choosing one of the Corporal or Spiritual Works of Mercy to guide your discipleship? Often, we set goals for physical and health improvement and we forget about our mind, heart, and salvation. They are important as well!

\*\*The **Altar Server dinner** will be this Sunday (1/2/22) at 6:30pm at Los Bravos. The Fr. Walker and the parish will provide the dinner for our servers in thanksgiving for their dedicated service.

Ministers for

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup>

2022

#### SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m. Susan Ackerman  
8:00 a.m. Volunteer  
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

#### SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Noah Hager, Noah Esch  
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Brianna Eckerle,  
Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley  
10:00 a.m. Bryant Eckerle, Josie Mathies, Hailey Thomas  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

#### GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Linda Bledsoe SD: Volunteers  
8:00 a.m. FD: Annette Taylor  
SD: Chris Bratton, Rita Poirier  
10:00 a.m. FD: Brenda Mathias  
SD: Denny Smith, Faye Holland  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

#### READERS:

5:00 p.m. Kenny Inman  
8:00 a.m. Tom Peter  
10:00 a.m. Lori Flynn  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. James Hager  
8:00 a.m. Annette Taylor  
10:00 a.m. Greg Rasico  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**Sunday Collection Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**

St. John 286 envelopes (869 families) \$13,122.00

Save the Date

No Men's Club meeting

No religion classes on Jan. 3

Religion classes start again on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.



**Saturday confessions,  
Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> : 3:00-4:00 pm**  
Confessions by appointment

### Is Christ Calling You To Become a Permanent Deacon?

The Diocese of Evansville is seeking candidates for the Permanent Diaconate who will begin their academic formation in September 2022. Are you interested in learning more? There is an information meeting at the Catholic Center in Evansville on Saturday, January eighth at 9:00 AM (Central Time). If you are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested in becoming a deacon, please contact Deacon Tom Evans by e-mail at [tevans@evdio.org](mailto:tevans@evdio.org).

Thank you to all who donated stepping stools for the parade. They are now available to be picked up at the center.

In his classic work *True Devotion to Mary*, St. Louis de Montfort explains that this devotion to Mary “leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin,” especially her ten principal virtues.

He lists them as:

- Profound humility
- Lively faith
- Blind obedience
- Continual prayer
- Universal mortification
- Divine purity
- Ardent charity
- Heroic patience
- Angelic sweetness
- Divine wisdom

As we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady, we will explore these ten virtues and how they were manifested in her life. We’ll start with the first two today..

**Profound humility.** Our Lady was the most exalted of all creatures, yet also the most humble. “My soul doth magnify the Lord...” she said during her Visitation to St. Elizabeth, recorded in the Gospel of Luke. Not only did Mary attribute everything good to God and see herself as His creature, totally dependent on Him, but she also saw her life’s very purpose as glorifying the Almighty.

**Lively faith.** Our Lady believed everything God revealed and in all His promises, without faltering. And she did it with eagerness and joy, not with timidity or skepticism. She trusted in Him completely, He Who can neither deceive nor be deceived. “Blessed is she who believed that the Lord’s words to her would be fulfilled,” said St. Elizabeth to her at that same Visitation.

**Blind obedience.** Our Lady was perfectly obedient to God, as exemplified by her *fiat* at the Annunciation. Even at those times when the way ahead seemed uncertain or fraught with danger—such as when the Holy Family had to flee to Egypt—she always obeyed, trusting in God.

**Continual prayer.** Mary never stopped praying. She certainly set aside specific time in her day for prayer, to be alone with God and to converse with Him, but this prayer continued even amidst her other duties. Whether she was baking bread, preparing dinner, cleaning her house, or visiting a neighbor, all was done in union with God.

**Universal mortification.** *Mortification* is the denial of one’s own will and inclinations. Our Lady never followed after her own will, but continually united it to God’s will in every circumstance. She accepted patiently all contradictions, sufferings, and hardships with love, offering all things to God with perfect resignation and charity.

St. Louis de Montfort’s *True Devotion to Mary* is a must-read for anyone desiring to deepen their love for Our Blessed Mother. Coming from one of her most ardent devotees, St. Louis’ insights are unparalleled. You’ll find that his devotion becomes your own as you explore the pages of this magnificent work. [Available today at The Catholic Company!](#)

## *January Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish*

### **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:**

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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  
Diane Vaupel  
Vanessa Willoughby

**January 6:**

Daniel Lents  
Magdalene Mattingly  
Macy McAtee  
Stephanie Norris  
Reuben Ritchey  
Zayne Roach  
Jackie Swanson  
Bob Toy  
Jace Toy

**January 7:**

Michael Gates  
Mike Guy

Cheri Kebert  
Richard Lemmon  
Michael Strange  
Brian Walker

**January 9:**

Wendy Colgaizer  
Andrew Kluesner  
Madonna Mathies  
Nancy Meyer  
Paula Ringwald

**January 10:**

Brooklyn Carrico  
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 Winger

**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  
Ashley Roach  
Terry Street  
Hailey Thomas

**January 19:**

Greg Bechtel

**January 20:**

Craig Burch  
Brayden Horsting  
Ryan Johnson  
Nicholas Toy

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**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 Winingar

**January 24:**

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:**

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 Winingar  
Ted Yarnell