

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday		Dec. 9th
5:00 p.m.	Ann (Jones) Burch, James E. Burch, Michael Elliot, Jr., Julia Elliott	
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 10th
8:00 a.m.	Harold Dant	
10:00 a.m.	Loran & Margaret Walton	
4:00 p.m.	Penny Toy, Connie McAtee, Don Ramsey, Mary Gabbert	
6:00 p.m.	Penance Service	
Monday		Dec. 11th
9a.m. - 12p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary	
6:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Peter Family (at St. Mary)	
Tuesday		Dec. 12th
7:00 p.m.	Jim Pankey	
Wednesday		Dec. 13th
12 (Noon)	For the People	
Thursday		Dec. 14th
9:00 a.m.	Bob Van Winkle	
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. John	
1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Mass - Penny Toy	
Friday		Dec. 15th
9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the John & Betty Brown Family	
Saturday		Dec. 16th
5:00 p.m.	Frank & Alice Matthews, Peggy Guinn, Helen Ellis	
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent	Dec. 17th
8:00 a.m.	Lester Padgett	
10:00 a.m.	Eric Baker, Vonda Elliott, Wilma Bateman, Joanne Knoblock	
4:00 p.m.	Jim Pankey	
Ministers for SACRISTANS		Dec. 9th/Dec. 10th, 2023
5:00 p.m.	Susan Ackerman	
8:00 a.m.	Volunteer	
10:00 a.m.	Noel Harty	
SERVERS:		
5:00 p.m.	Alex Guinn, Volunteer	
8:00 a.m.	Matthew and Brendan Green	
10:00 a.m.	Lucy Rahman, Isaac Lagree, Karmen Wilson, Kendall Wilson	
4:00 p.m.	Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Elena Lyon	
GREETERS:		
5:00 p.m.	FD: Elsie Horsting SD: Linda Bledsoe, Volunteer	
8:00 a.m.	FD: Bruce/Lynn Hawkins SD: Jerry/Betty Huelsman	
10:00 a.m.	FD: Gayle Strange SD: Denny Smith, Volunteer	
READERS:		
5:00 p.m.	Elaine Wade	
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lubbehusen	
10:00 a.m.	Kay Summers	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:		
5:00 p.m.	Janet Matthews	
8:00 a.m.	Donna Heschelman	
10:00 a.m.	Lynn Bateman	



From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

OUR PARISH FLOAT WON the Mayor's Choice Award in the Loogootee Christmas parade, Sunday Dec. 3rd. I am most thankful to those who did all the planning and work: Sandy Woods, Jackie Esch, Paula Ringwald, Kay and Mike Summers, and Annette Taylor, and others. Their team gave us a tremendous float. We are most grateful to Kirk Summers for allowing us to use his garage to decorate and store the float until the time of the parade. Also, a special thanks to Lance Mathias and Mathias Farms who supplied their hay wagon and to Lance Mathies for using his truck and driving the float. It was inspirational to have such a wide range of our youth participating in the parade. We are so blessed to have such generous and talented children in our parish.

Please consider in your holiday plans to visit Blest Art as they will be at the St. John Parish Center on Dec. 16th and 17th. They will also share some insights at our Masses that weekend. Sales of their artwork helps Christian families who live in the Holy Land which is so important at this time!

A very special thank you to Stewart Blake and the Blake Funeral Home for once again providing our Catholic, inspirational appointment calendars. The 2024 calendars may be found at the entrances of the church. The generosity of the funeral home has provided one calendar per family.

We will have our second penance service this Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. Please consider coming to this penance service to help prepare for Christmas this year.

Because of the weather and other issues, we rescheduled our Living Nativity until Sunday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to the participation of our parish youth at our Living Nativity.

We have begun live-streaming the Rosary after most of our daily Masses. As we continue through Advent, we reflect on the response of Our Blessed Mother to the angel, "I am the maidservant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word." Praying the Rosary is an opportunity for us to reflect on our Lord's life, death, and Resurrection and the

important role our Blessed Mother has in salvation history.

Thank you for those who have responded to our Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

May the Lord bless and keep you,

Father Walker

Ministers for SACRISTANS Dec. 16th/Dec. 17th, 2023

5:00 p.m. Brady Lents
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Brady Lents, Natalie Willoughby
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley
10:00 a.m. Josie Mathies, Mason Mathies, Elin Wade
4:00 p.m. Volunteers

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Joni Parker-Burch
SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m. FD: Annette Taylor
SD: Greg/Dottie Potts
10:00 a.m. FD: Dan/Barbara Gregory
SD: Jeff/Micky Crew

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Brady Lents
8:00 a.m. John Vaupel
10:00 a.m. Gil Toy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade
8:00 a.m. Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m. Greg Bateman

Save the Date

Parish Council Meeting - No December Meeting
K of C 4th Degree Meeting - No December Meeting
2nd Penance Service - Dec. 10th, 6 pm
Altar Society Christmas Lunch - Dec. 11th, 12 (Noon)
St. Peter (Linton) Penance Service - Dec. 12th, 5pm - 6pm
Senior Choir Practice - Dec. 14th, 6:30pm
Blest Art - Dec. 16th and Dec. 17th
Living Nativity - Dec. 17th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
K of C Christmas Dinner - Dec. 18th, 7 pm
Holy Name (Bloomfield) Penance Service - Dec. 20th, 5pm - 6pm
Children's Mass - Dec. 24th, 4pm
Midnight Mass - Dec. 25th, 12 am (Midnight)
Christmas Day Masses - Dec. 25th, 8am, 10am, & 4pm
Diocese of Evansville Eucharistic Congress - Jan. 13, 2024
Sunday Collection Dec. 2nd/Dec. 3rd, 2023
St. John 175 envelopes (799 families) \$8,535.25



Saturday Confessions
Dec. 16th: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Or by appointment

Christmas Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for your deceased loved one, please call **Adam** at **812-295-2225**.

Living Nativity

(New Date)
Dec. 17th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
At St. John Church
On the Southeast Lawn

Second Week Prayer
(December 10th)

O king of all nations,
Jesus Christ
Only joy of every heart,
Come and save your people.

Fr. John Boeglin will have four pilgrimage tours in 2024. The second of the four pilgrimage tours is an 8-day trip to the **Badlands, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Jackson Hole**. The end of the tour will be on the 4th of July. If you are interested in going on this tour, you may contact **Fr. Boeglin** at jboeglin@evdio.org for a brochure or **Tracy Wilson**, Fr. Boeglin's tour agent, at **812-781-0201** and/or tracy@travelwithtourcy.com.

Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.
- The Catholic Company

Advent Candles

As we spiritually prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus, let us reflect on the Advent candles, their names, and their representation. The first, second, and fourth candles are purple, whereas the third candle is pink, representing joy.

First Week of Advent - Prophecy Candle - Hope

Second Week of Advent - Bethlehem Candle - Peace

Third Week of Advent - The Shepherds and Their Joy Candle - Joy

Fourth Week of Advent - The Angels' Candle - Love

- Fr. Walker

Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie

FAITH FORMATION jesch@evdio.org
Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and we will not be able to have the Living Nativity on 12/10 as planned. We would hate to have a bunch of cold, wet kids. We hope you will join in the fun as we hold the Living Nativity on 12/17 from 5:30 pm - 7:30pm. It really is a wonderful evening to gather as a parish and enjoy our company as we celebrate the Christmas season together.
We have been holding Penance services during our religion classes and hope to give every student the opportunity to experience how wonderful our merciful and forgiving Lord is. We are blessed to have high numbers attending our religion classes and not can be challenging to get them all done during Advent. If your family is able to attend the parish Penance service on Sunday, 12/10, at 6pm, it would be most helpful! May you enjoy your Advent in preparation for Christmas and have tons of family time!
jesch@evdio.org 812-296-1833(cell) 812-295-2225(office)

If you would like to send a Christmas card to Fr. Erbacher and Fr. Kiesel, you may find their respective address below. God bless all of our retired priests! - **Fr. Walker**

Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher
1236 Lincoln Ave.
Evansville, IN 47714

Fr. Leo Kiesel
The Villages at Oak Ridge
1694 Troy Road - Room 513
Washington, IN 47501



THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS
GROWING STRONGER TOGETHER!
January 13, 2024
Old National Events Plaza Auditorium



Get Your Tickets Now! Our diocese will host a Eucharistic Congress in Evansville at the Old National Events Plaza Auditorium on January 13, 2024. Bishop Joseph Siegel will be the main celebrant of the closing Mass and Rev. Tyler Tenbarge will be the Master of Ceremonies. Presenters will be Msgr. James Shea, Dr. Edward Sri, and Dr. Andrew and Sarah Swafford with musicians John Michael Talbot and PJ Anderson. This Eucharistic Congress is meant to draw the local body of Christ together for worship, adoration, education, service, joy, and especially mission. We are called to share the good news, and this Congress could be a starting line for a new age of mission in the Diocese of Evansville. Reserved seating tickets are on sale now AND GOING FAST! For Tickets and more information go to www.eucharisticcongressesvdio.org.

December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

December 1st:

Ron Boyd
Christina Bratton
Corey Jacobs
Audrey Robinson
Jalen Wildman
Jordan Wildman

December 2nd:

Gayle Berry
Adam Graber
William Hunt
Brenda Mathias
David Ramsey
Matthew Vaal
Anderson Williams

December 3rd:

Ann Ackerman
Michael Wade

December 4th:

Lisa Arvin
Rex Arvin
Scott Arvin
Savannah Harmon
Bobbi Sue Nonte

December 5th:

Jake Blackwell
William Boy
Noah Hager
Lonnie Hawkins
Tim Miller
James Vance

December 6th:

Jake Carrico
Justin Clark
Donna Strange

December 7th:

Ryan Letherman
Lathen Letterman
Josie Mathies
Chris Mattingly
Rachel Robinson
Caleb Sward

December 8th:

Kevin Bateman
Ann Holland

December 9th:

Marie Sue Jones
Brogan Parker
Nancy Smith

December 10th:

Nicholas Bowling
Timothy Dant
Isabella Hager
Chelsea Lannan

December 11th:

Debbie Christmas
Shirley Fellers
Susan Jacobs

December 12th:

Lynn Bateman
Noel Harty
Thomas Michaels
Lori Winger

December 14th:

Liam Kluesner
Roger Slaven
Kay Summers

December 15th:

Kevin Lents
Katherine Love
Charles Rasico
Whitney Wagoner

December 16th:

Charles Bridgewater
Michael Coulter
Kyle Wade

December 17th:

Talan Hayes
Dean Sullivan
Georgette Sutton
Seth Taylor

December 18th:

Jared Lee
Ryan Mathias
Brooklyn Summers

December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

December 19th:

Olivia Findlay
Grace Foddrill
Susie Hager
Meagan Holder
Martin Lannan
Mary Lannan
Sharon Sims

December 20th:

Maddelyn Dalrymple
Isaac Lagree
Emily Sutton
Gina Toy

December 21st:

Mitch Jeffers
James Sullivan
Makenzie VanHoy

December 22nd:

Mattie Milligan

December 23rd:

Aaron Dant
Barb Hyllested

December 24th:

Dola Francyne Fegan

December 25th:

Jessie Carter
Falicia Hollaway
Marilyn Horsting
Amy Williams

December 26th:

Cathy Arvin
Marty Arvin
Patrick Wagler
Rosie Wininger

December 27th:

Andrew Burch
Maverick Hager
Luke Jones

December 28th:

Megan Miller
Kristine Southard

December 29th:

Marie Hawkins
Mary Sue Sterling
Sandy Woods

December 30th:

Carolyn Buxton
Luke Callison
Erika Fellers
Amber Furhman
Melissa Hedrick
Landon Marks
Clint Williams
Julie Wittmer

December 31st:

Vera Helderman
Julie Lagree
Garrett Williams