

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

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	
Monday		Dec. 18th
12 (Noon)	Loran & Margaret Walton (at St. Martin)	
Tuesday		Dec. 19th
7:00 p.m.	Kenny Sanders	
Wednesday		Dec. 20th
9:00 a.m.	For the People	
Thursday		Dec. 21st
9:00 a.m.	Bob & Jane Prather	
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. John	
1:30 p.m.	Nursing Home Mass - Robert Duffin	
Friday		Dec. 22nd
9:00 a.m.	Mary Johnson	
Saturday		Dec. 23rd
5:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the William R. Cox Family, Becky Bullock, Bob & Bernice Bullock, Raymond McCaan	
Sunday	Christmas Eve	Dec. 24th
8:00 a.m.	Michael Elliott, Jr.	
10:00 a.m.	Delbert Fields, Sharon Fields, Ethan Fields, Nicolette Smelser	
4:00 p.m.	*See Program*	
12 Midnight	*See Program*	

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



From
Our
Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

Today is the third Sunday of Advent and is called Rose Sunday because we wear rose colored vestments. Formally, it was known as Gaudete Sunday from the first word of the entrance antiphon. Gaudete, (rejoice) sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Lord's birth and His Second coming.

We welcome Blest Art to our parish as they will share some insights at our weekend Masses. Please consider visiting their displays in the upper level of the St. John Center on Saturday and Sunday. Sales of their artwork help Christian families who live in the Holy Land which is so important at this time!

Our rescheduled Living Nativity will be this Sunday, December 17th, at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to the participation of our children at our Living Nativity.

I have mailed our Christmas cards featuring a number of our children. If you have not received a card, please let us know and we will send one as soon as possible.

People have been inquiring about the weekend Mass and the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. The following chart helps to explain what fulfills the obligations since Christmas falls on a Monday this year:

Saturday Dec. 23	Saturday Morning Mass (fulfills no obligation)	Saturday Evening Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday Dec. 24	Sunday Morning Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)	Sunday Evening Mass (fulfills ONE Obligation for either day) *
Monday Dec. 25	Mass on Christmas Day (fulfills Christmas Obligation)	

***Two Christmas Eve Masses can fulfill both obligations.**

May the Lord bless and keep you,

Father Walker



Saturday Confessions
Dec. 23rd: No Confessions
Only by appointment

5:00 p.m. Rachel Doyle
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. Noah Esch, Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner

GREETERS:

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

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Jamison Hennette
8:00 a.m. Judy Kluesner
10:00 a.m. Andrea Bauer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. John Crays
8:00 a.m. Lynn Hawkins
10:00 a.m. Stephanie McAtee

Save the Date

Parish Council Meeting - No December Meeting
K of C 4th Degree Meeting - No December Meeting
Blest Art - Dec. 16th and Dec. 17th
Living Nativity - Dec. 17th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Dec. 18th, 7pm
K of C 4th Degree Christmas Dinner - Dec. 18th, 7 pm
Holy Name (Bloomfield) Penance Service - Dec. 20th, 5pm - 6pm
Catechesis Classes - Dec. 20th, 6:45pm
Senior Choir Practice - Dec. 21st, 6:30pm
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. 9th/Dec. 10th, 2023

St. John 166 envelopes (799 families) \$8,880.00
Retirement Fund for Religious \$545.00

Christmas Mass Intentions and Christmas Flowers

If you would like a Mass and/or flowers offered for your deceased loved one, please call **Adam** at **812-295-2225**. The last day to submit an intention for a Mass and/or flowers will be **Thursday, Dec. 21st at 5pm**.

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

Third Week Prayer

(December 17th)

O Key of David,
Jesus Christ,
the gates of heaven open
at your commend,
come and let your people free.

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

Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie

FAITH FORMATION jesch@evdio.org

I am hopeful that many parishioners will take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and prepare our hearts for Christmas at the Living Nativity! It is a wonderful time to gather as a parish for food, faith, and fun, and it is not for the kids. I hope to see you there.

It is almost time for our students to enjoy some needed rest and relaxation over Christmas break. Our last religion class before break will be Wednesday, December 20th. Our classes will be taking a break from Sunday, December 24th through Sunday, December 31st. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd, Sunday, January 7th, and Monday, January 8th. I hope that all of our families are able to enjoy two wonderful weeks together celebrating the birth of Our Lord!

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
EUCHARISTIC 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.eucharisticcongresssevdio.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