

# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday** Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Becky Bullock, Bob & Bernice Bullock,  
Helen Ellis, Joe Ringwald, Peggy Guinn, Vonda Elliott

**Sunday** Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am. The deceased members of the Norbert Peter family  
10:00 a.m. Wilma Bateman, Alice Matthews  
4:00 p.m. Mr. Raphael & Mrs. Margaret Burch

**Monday** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

**5:00 pm** For the People

**Tuesday** Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 a.m. Melinda Gates

**Wednesday** **St. Joseph** Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 noon Raymond McCann

**Thursday** Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Deceased member of the  
William R. Cox family  
6:00 pm **Penance Service**

**Friday** **Christmas Eve** Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm see program  
12:00 Midnight see program

**Saturday** **Christmas Day** Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. see program  
5:00 p.m. see program

**Sunday** Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am. Carolyn S. Taylor  
10:00 a.m. David Decker, Bob & Virginia Toy, JoAnn  
Toy, Gilbert & Rose Toy, Dellas & Anna  
Williams, Roberta & Gary Williams  
4:00 p.m. Harry & Edith Ellis

**Ministers for** Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> 2021

### SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m. Rachel Doyle  
8:00 a.m. Volunteer  
10:00 a.m. Noel Harty  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

### SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Natalie Willoughby, Alex Guinn  
8:00 a.m. Dax Lee, Brianna Eckerle,  
Curtis Merkley, Alex Merkley  
10:00 a.m. John Paul Hart, Clayton Miller,  
Liam Todd, Sarah Todd. Ethan Todd  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

### GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Anne Marie Crays SD: Volunteer  
8:00 a.m. FD: Jerry/Betty Huelsman SD: Volunteer  
10:00 a.m. FD: Jeff/Micky Crew SD: Volunteer  
4:00 p.m. FD: Chuck/Carolyn Buxton SD: Volunteer

### READERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade 8:00 a.m. John Vaupel  
10:00 a.m. Tom Walker 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Donna Ader 8:00 a.m. Bernie Smith  
10:00 a.m. Bill Boyd 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

## From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

I am very proud to report that **OUR PARISH FLOAT WON** the *Best Theme Award* in the Loogootee Christmas parade. As a matter of fact, the theme, "*Christmas ADVENTures*", was the suggestion made by Jackie Esch. I am most thankful to our float committee: Sandy Woods, Jackie Esch, Paula Ringwald, Kay Summers, and Annette Taylor for all their hard work which gave us such a tremendous float. We are most grateful to Kirk Summers for allowing us to use his garage to decorate and house 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 Brian Esch for using his truck and for driving the float. It was inspirational to have our youth participating in the parade. We are so blessed to have such wonderful children in our parish.

This Wednesday evening December 22<sup>nd</sup> be certain to drive along the highway side of the church property to enjoy our life nativity scene: 6:30-9:00. A special thank you to Jackie Esch for involving our youth in this devotion.

Please note the Mass schedule for **Christmas.** We will have a children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Midnight Mass will be at midnight and then on Christmas Day, our Masses will be at 9:00 in the morning and 5:00 in the evening.

A Blessed Christmas to all of you!! You and your families are being remembered in my Masses of Christmas.

<b>Our CPC amount:</b>	\$145,696.00
<b>Pledges received:</b>	144,916.99
<b>We still need</b>	<b>\$ 779.01</b>

Thank you for those who have already responded to our Catholic Parishes Campaign. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated.

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

**Blessed Art will be here on  
Saturday and Sunday -December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
after the Masses.**

**Sunday Collection Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**St. John 199 envelopes (869 families) \$10,100.00**  
**Retirement Fund for Religious 500.00**

**Forth Sunday of Advent Week Prayer**  
O Wisdom, holy Word of God,  
Jesus Christ,  
all things are in your hands,  
come and show us the way to salvation.

**Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie**  
**FAITH FORMATION** [jesch@evdio.org](mailto:jesch@evdio.org)

Many thanks to all who were involved with the 2021 St. John the Evangelist Christmas Parade Float. It looked amazing and our youth who participated had an unforgettable time representing our parish. It is always such a wonderful way to celebrate this blessed time of the year together. A huge thank you to Mrs. Sandy Woods, whose creativity, ingenuity, and hard work make the float incredible every year. Sandy is a blessing to our parish in so many ways! Also, a thank you to Jolene McAtee for allowing us to borrow her enclosed trailer to haul all of our costumes, props, and audio equipment over to the high school. She is also allowing us to use it as a dressing room for our Living Nativity, which will take place on 12/22/21. I hope you and your families will join us as we usher in the Christmas holiday together!

\*\*The **Altar Server dinner** has been rescheduled for 1/2/22 at 6:30pm at Los Bravos. The Fr. Walker and the parish will be providing dinner for our servers in thanksgiving for their dedicated service.

**Save the Date**

**Confirmation/parent meeting-** Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 11:00am  
**Praise Choir-** Dec.19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 & 24<sup>th</sup> -4:00  
**K of C 4<sup>th</sup> degree-** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00  
**K of C 3<sup>rd</sup> degree-** Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00  
**Senior Choir Practice-** Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30  
**Living Nativity-**Dec. 22<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 -9:00  
**Penance Service-** Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00

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

**Ministers for Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**SACRISTANS**

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

**SERVERS:**

8:00 a.m. Matthew, Ashley, Brendan, & Savannah Green  
10:00 a.m. Bryant Eckerle, Josie Mathies, Hailey Thomas  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**GREETERS:**

8:00 a.m. FD: Rita Porier  
SD: Annette Taylor, Chris Bratton  
10:00 a.m. FD: Lonnie Hawkins  
SD: Volunteers Volunteer

4:00 p.m. Volunteer

**READERS:**

8:00 a.m. Greg Potts  
10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman  
4:00 p.m. Owen Tompkins

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

8:00 a.m. Betty Huelsman  
10:00 a.m. Dayne Holder  
4:00 p.m. Volunteer



**Saturday confessions, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>**

**No Confessions**

Confessions by appointment

**Want to read the bible in a year?** There is a podcast available to do just that. The Bible in a Year (BIAY) podcast is sponsored by Ascension Press with Father Mike Schmitz. The BIAY podcast and reading plan can be found at [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com).

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in the Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won't just read the Bible ...you'll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

The podcast normally covers 3 scripture readings daily and you go at your own pace.

You can join Ascension's Catholic Bible Studies Facebook Group to connect with others about the Bible in a Year podcast for daily prayers, questions, and just general discussions. The Bible in a Year podcast received the 2021- Gold Winner and was voted the #1 podcast in religion and spirituality.

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!](#)

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

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## **December 1:**

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

## **December 2:**

Gayle Berry  
Adam Graber  
William Hunt  
Brenda Mathies  
David Ramsey  
Anderson Williams

## **December 3:**

Ann Ackerman  
Michael Wade

## **December 4:**

Lisa Arvin  
Rex Arvin  
Scott Arvin  
Savannah Harmon  
Bobbi Sue Nonte  
Jessica Padgett

## **December 5:**

Jake Blackwell  
William Boyd  
Noah Hager  
Lonnie Hawkins  
Tim Miller  
Alice Strange  
James Vance

## **December 6:**

Jake Carrico  
Justin Clark  
Cameron Hedrick  
Donna Strange  
Laura Willoughby

## **December 7:**

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

## **December 8:**

Kevin Bateman  
Ann Holland

## **December 9:**

Marie Sue Jones  
Brogan Parker  
Nancy Smith

## **December 10:**

Nicholas Bowling  
Timothy Dant  
Isabella Hager  
Chelsea Lannan

## **December 11:**

Debbie Christmas  
Shirley Fellers  
Susan Jacobs

## **December 12:**

Lynn Bateman

Noel Harty

Thomas Michaels  
Lori Winger

## **December 14:**

Liam Kluesner  
Roger Slaven  
Kay Summers

## **December 15:**

Kevin Lents  
Katherine Love  
Charles Rasico  
Whitney Wagoner

## **December 16:**

Charles Bridgewater  
Michael Coulter  
Kyle Wade

## **December 17:**

Talan Hayes  
Georgette Sutton  
Seth Taylor

## **December 18:**

Sandra Burch  
Jared Lee  
Ryan Mathias  
Brooklyn Summers

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**December 19:**

Grace Foddrill  
Susie Hager  
Meagan Holder  
Justin Horney  
Martin Lannan  
Mary Lannan  
Sharon Sims  
Olivia Smiley

**December 20:**

Maddelyn Dalrymple  
Isaac Lagree  
Emily Sutton  
Gina Toy

**December 21:**

Mitch Jeffers  
James Sullivan  
Makenzie VanHoy

**December 22:**

Mattie Milligan  
Donna Rayhill

**December 23:**

Aaron Dant  
Barb Hyllested

**December 24:**

Dola Francyne Fegan

**December 25:**

Jessie Carter  
Falicia Hollaway  
Marilyn Horsting  
Amy Williams

**December 26:**

Cathy Arvin  
Marty Arvin  
Angie Brookshire  
Patrick Wagler  
Rosie Winger

**December 27:**

Andrew Burch  
Luke Jones

**December 28:**

Megan Miller  
Kristine Southard

**December 29:**

Marie Hawkins  
Mary Sue Sterling  
Sandy Woods

**December 30:**

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

**December 31:**

Vera Helderman  
Julie Lagree  
Garrett Williams