

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dec. 23rd Deceased Members of the William R. Cox Family, Becky Bullock, Bob & Bernice Bullock, Raymond McCann
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Christmas Eve Dec. 24th Michael Elliott, Jr. Delbert Fields, Sharon Fields, Ethan Fields, Nicolette Smelser
4:00 p.m. 12 (Midnight)	*See Program* *See Program*
Monday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Dec. 25th *See Program* *See Program* *See Program*
Tuesday 12 (Noon)	Dec. 26th Penny Toy
Wednesday 12 (Noon)	Dec. 27th For the People
Thursday 9:00 a.m. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Dec. 28th Feast of the Holy Innocents Dewey & Marie Hawkins Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Nursing Home Mass - Linda Johnson
Friday 12 (Noon)	Dec. 29th Chris Rahman
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dec. 30th Francis Wade, Vonda Elliott, Julia Elliott, Carolyn Sue Taylor
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Dec. 31st Harold Dant Joyce Conlon Buck & Afra Green, Robert Blackwell, Ed & Hattie Green, Richard Green, J.W. & Belle Carrico

Ministers for SACRISTANS Dec. 23rd/Dec. 24th, 2023

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

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



From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

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

I know I speak the sentiments of the parish, as we stand in awe of the spectacular decorations in the church. I am most thankful to our church decorators: Peggy & Charlie Lyon, Donna & Royden Graber, Linda Wickman, and Mary Lou Matthews. Also, a special thank you to Tom McAtee and his committee which consisted of: Stephanie McAtee, T.J. & Breck McAtee, Mark Jeffers, Pete Smith, John Walker, Skip Ackerman, Cam Ackerman, Allen Voegerl and Prucksalai Wasawat for our beautiful nativity. I am most appreciative for their time, talent and generous spirit!

Thank you to Jackie who worked to build the stable for our Living Nativity, along the highway, which was a great gift. Also, for Cam Ackerman for putting together the outside Nativity in the front of the Church all of which are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to everyone for your Christmas cards, baked goods, gifts, and well wishes. It is an honor and privilege to be your pastor. I ask for your prayers that I may serve you well and continue in good health.

Help yourself to a Holy Family magnet for your home. The magnets certainly are a tribute to the Holy Family!

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)	

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Thursday, December 28th, at 9:00 a.m. at St. John as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We will be remembering children who were lost in death through miscarriage, stillbirth, and abortion. We want to reach out as a parish and support our hurting families.

May the Lord bless and keep you,

Father Walker

Ministers for SACRISTANS Dec. 30th/Dec. 31st, 2023

5:00 p.m. Susan Ackerman
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 Mathias, Mason Mathias, Elin Wade
4:00 p.m. Volunteers

GREETERS:
5:00 p.m. FD: Rachel Doyle
SD: Linda Blesdoe, Volunteer
8:00 a.m. FD: Chris Bratton
SD: Tom/Chris Peter
10:00 a.m. FD: Denny Smith
SD: Gayle Strange, Volunteer

READERS:
5:00 p.m. Francie Doyle
8:00 a.m. Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
5:00 p.m. James Hager
8:00 a.m. Donna Ader
10:00 a.m. Tom McAtee

Save the Date

Parish Council Meeting - No December Meeting
K of C 4th Degree Meeting - No December Meeting
Children's Mass - Dec. 24th, 4pm
Midnight Mass - Dec. 25th, 12 am (Midnight)
Christmas Day Masses - Dec. 25th, 8am, 10am, & 4pm
Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass - Dec. 28th, 9am
The Solemnity of Mary Masses - Jan. 1st, 9am, 12 (Noon) & 4pm
The Epiphany of the Lord - Jan. 7th
Diocese of Evansville Eucharistic Congress - Jan. 13, 2024
K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Jan. 15th, 7pm

Sunday Collection Dec. 16th/Dec. 17th, 2023
St. John 156 envelopes (799 families) \$8,300.00

*Please refer to the other side of the **2023 Christmas Mass Intentions Insert** for the Ministers for the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Saturday Confessions
Dec. 30th: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

Advent Candles

As we look to complete our spiritual preparation for the birth of our Lord Jesus, let us reflect on the Fourth Week of Advent candle. The last purple candle to be lit is called The Angels' Candle and represents love. **- Fr. Walker**

Fr. John Boeglin will have four pilgrimage tours in 2024. The third of the four pilgrimage tours is an 11-day trip to several locations in Europe including **Fatima (Portugal), Lourdes (France), and Santiago (Spain)**. The dates are from **Nov. 12th - Nov. 22nd**. "Thousands of pilgrims from all over the world walk yearly to Compostela de Santiago to pray where the Apostle James is buried." - **Fr. Boeglin**

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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer

O Wisdom, holy Word of God,
Jesus Christ,
all things are in your hands,
come and show us the way to salvation

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

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What a great night we had at the Living Nativity and a big thanks to Cam Ackerman who helped out in so many ways to bring it all together. It was wonderful but just one of the fun things we have done to prepare for Christmas. On Wednesday, about 25 of our youth gathered to talk with Father Walker about gifts, what they represent, and where the tradition of gift giving came from. We also took some time to play some really fun games. We made some goofy reindeer antlers, played ring around the reindeer, and saw Lucas Helderman take his place as the first champion of musical antlers. Congratulations, Lucas!

I hope our students will enjoy some needed rest and relaxation over Christmas break. Our classes will be taking a break from Sunday, December 24th through December 31st. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd, Sunday, January 7th, and Monday, January 8th. May you all have a very Merry Christmas!

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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.eucharisticcongressesevdio.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