

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	Christmas Day	Dec. 25th
9:00 a.m.	see program	
5:00 p.m.	see program	

Sunday		Dec. 26th
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	

Monday		Dec. 27th
5:00 pm	For the People	

Tuesday		Dec. 28th
12:00 noon	John S. Bruner	

Wednesday	St. Mary	Dec. 29th
12:00 noon	Nicollette Smelser	

Thursday		Dec. 30th
12:00 noon	Deceased members of the Dolle family	

Friday		Dec. 31st
4:00 pm	J. W. & Sarah Bell Carrico, Ed & Hattie Green, Virgil & Alberta Burris Wedding Anniversary	

Saturday		Jan. 1st
12:00 noon	Walter Horsting	
5:00 p.m.	Alonzo Bridgewater, Vonda Elliott, Sr. Mary Ryan, Max Cooper	

Sunday		Jan. 2nd
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	

Ministers for Dec. 26th 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 Poirier 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

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.

This Sunday, December 26th, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family which reminds us of the many gifts that God has given us to build up our families. One of the greatest opportunities we have is to pray together as a family; as an example, before meals and at night before going to sleep.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered Tuesday, December 28th, at 6:00 pm at St. John. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents, this year we will be remembering children who were lost in death through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, and suicide. We want to reach out as a parish and support our hurting families.

We stand in awe of the spectacular decorations in the church. I am most thankful to our church decorators Peggy & Charlie Lyon and Donna & Royden Graber. Also, a special thank-you to Tom McAtee and his committee which consisted of: Tom, Stephanie, T.J., & Breck McAtee; Mark, Judd, & Morgan Potts; Pete, Keaton, & Bennet Smith; Bruce Hawkins; Mark Jeffers for our beautiful nativity. It was wonderful having the children involved this year. I am most appreciative for their time, talent and generous spirit!

As we welcome the New Year 2022, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on Saturday January 1st who is the Principal Patroness of our diocese. This day encourages us to have devotion in our daily life to our Blessed Mother. Our Mass schedule is 4:00 Friday evening and 12 noon & 5:00 on Saturday.

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

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! Our religion classes will observe Christmas Break and 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 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

No religion classes on Dec. 26th, 29th & Jan. 3
Religion classes start again on Jan. 5th.



Saturday confessions, Jan. 1st

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.

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.

Ministers for Jan. 1st /2nd 2021

SACRISTANS

- 5:00 p.m. Brady Lents
- 8:00 a.m. Volunteer
- 10:00 a.m. Noel Harty
- 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

SERVERS:

- 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

GREETERS:

- 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

READERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Pat Daugherty
- 8:00 a.m. Jerry Lubbehusen
- 10:00 a.m. Bobbi Sue Nonte
- 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

- 5:00 p.m. Linda Wickman
- 8:00 a.m. Tom Peter
- 10:00 a.m. Andy Ringwald
- 4:00 p.m. Volunteer

Sunday Collection Dec. 18th /19th 2021

St. John 197 envelopes (869 families) \$9,980.00

**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.

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!](#)

December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

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

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

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:

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

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 Wininger

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 Wininger
Ted Yarnell