

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Funeral Mass - Christine Rahman Vonda Elliott, Julia Elliott, Deceased Members of the Sam & Dolah Lannan Family	Dec. 2nd
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	First Sunday of Advent Kelly Riggins Norb Steiner, Jeff Wildman, Jim & Catherine Wildman James Van Meter	Dec. 3rd
Monday 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Rosalie Riggins (at St. Joseph) Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Mass - Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus	Dec. 4th
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Marilyn Walker Smith	Dec. 5th
Wednesday 12 (Noon)	For The People	Dec. 6th
Thursday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Nursing Home Mass - Margaret Walton Vigil Mass - Augustinus De Vos	Dec. 7th
Friday 9:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception Jim Pankey Jane Carrico	Dec. 8th
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Ann (Jones) Burch, James E. Burch, Michael Elliot, Jr., Julia Elliott	Dec. 9th
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Second Sunday of Advent Harold Dant Loran & Margaret Walton Penny Toy, Connie McAtee, Don Ramsey, Mary Gabbert	Dec. 10th

Ministers for Dec. 2nd/Dec. 3rd, 2023

SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m.	Rachel Doyle
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: Rachel Doyle SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m.	FD: Chris Bratton SD: Tom/Chris Peter
10:00 a.m.	FD: Brenda Mathias SD: Faye Holland, Volunteer

READERS:

5:00 p.m.	Francie Doyle
8:00 a.m.	Greg Potts
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m.	James Hager
8:00 a.m.	Jan McDowell
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald



From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

A special thank you to Steve Leugers who gave a spiritual reflection at each Mass this past weekend and the following Monday referencing the Holy Eucharist as the center of our lives. I was very happy and appreciative with the attendance which gave the opportunity to view the Eucharistic posters and videos of Eucharistic miracles. All of this called to mind the Holy Eucharistic as the source and summit of our Catholic faith. The video of Eucharistic adoration highlighted the importance of spending time with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament and the value of making a Eucharistic visit. Tina Cox has certainly been encouraging the parish to take advantage of Eucharistic Adoration at our churches. If your schedule permits, please consider spending time with our Lord Jesus. This is a great gift that we have in the Church, our lord's real presence in the Eucharist.

A very faithful parishioner purchased the books on meditations before the Holy Eucharist (entitled *Beautiful Eucharist*). This book written by Matthew Kelly was highly recommended by Steve Luegers.

Thank you to Annette Taylor and the Hospitality Committee for providing the cookies and punch for the presentation.

We had our first penance service this past Friday, December 1st at Noon, which was not well attended. We need to find an evening time that will afford the opportunity for more people to attend.

Our Loogootee Christmas parade will be Sunday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. The theme this year is "Christmas around the World." Again, St. John will have a float in the parade. Hope to see you there!

We have begun live-streaming the Rosary after most of our daily Masses. As we prepare for 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



Saturday Confessions
Dec. 9th: 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 Or by appointment

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Janet Matthews
 8:00 a.m. Donna Heshelman
 10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman

Save the Date

Parish Council Meeting - No December Meeting
K of C 4th Degree Meeting - No December Meeting
K of C 3rd Degree Mass - Dec. 4th, 7 pm
No Classes - Wednesday, Dec. 6th
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses
 - Dec. 7th, 4:30 pm - Dec. 8th, 9 am & 6 pm
Living Nativity - Dec. 10th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Altar Society Christmas Lunch - Dec. 11th, 12 (Noon)
St. Peter (Linton) Penance Service - Dec. 12th, 5pm - 6pm
Blest Art - Dec. 16th and Dec. 17th
Holy Name (Bloomfield) Penance Service - Dec. 20th, 5pm - 6pm
Diocese of Evansville Eucharistic Congress - Jan. 13, 2024
Sunday Collection Nov. 25th/Nov. 26th, 2023
St. John 133 envelopes (799 families) \$8,635.00

First Sunday of Advent Prayer

December 3rd

(to be said each night when lighting the advent wreath)

O Emmanuel,

Jesus Christ,

Desire of every nation

Savior of all peoples,

Come and dwell among us.

Pope's Intention

December

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

- Paulist Press ORDO

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$152,440.00
Pledges, Golf Cart Profit, and Gifts received: \$133,047.40
Our remaining portion of the Appeal: \$ 19,392.60

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@travelwithourcy.com.

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 speak at each Mass that weekend. Their art makes a wonderful Christmas gift!

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**

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

Christmas Mass Intentions

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

Living Nativity

Dec. 10th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
At St. John Church
On the Southeast Lawn

Religious Education & Youth News with Jackie FAITH FORMATION jesch@evdio.org

Religion classes are going very well. We are blessed by our students who faithfully attend classes with energetic and open hearts and minds! I am also very appreciate of Curtis Merkley and Annette Taylor who have been assisting with dinner and clean up on Wednesday nights. **As a reminder, we will not have Wednesday class on 12/6 and will instead plan to meet on 12/20 for some holiday fun.**

On December 10th, we will have the Living Nativity event from 5:30 - 7:30 on the Southeast lawn near Hwy 50. We will enjoy hotdogs, hot chocolate, smores, and the beautiful scene created by our parishioners as they reenact the birth of Jesus! It is a really peaceful and enjoyable time! We hope to see you there.
jesch@evdio.org 812-296-1833(cell) 812-295-2225(office)

This year the Christmas Toy Store will be on **December 9th**. You may find gift tags at the back of the St. John Church. Please have **unwrapped** gifts at St. John Church before **December 3rd**. If you would like to volunteer at the Christmas Toy Store, you may contact **Curt Johnson** at **812-296-7013**. Your help and kindness will bring joy into a child's Christmas.

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

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.eucharisticcongressevdio.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