# Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

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From Our Pastor

### My dear friends in Christ,

A special thank you to Andrea Bauer and Melissa Hedrick along with Brenda Mathias and the other 11 team members who prepared for the past 7 months to host our Women's Welcome Retreat. It was held last weekend at St. Martin Hall and was a tremendous success. The team consisted of 14 people and 17 participants. Originally, 19 participants were scheduled to attend but 2 had last minute health/family issues which required their attention. They do hope to attend in the future. Of the 17 who participated, life changing moments occurred. It truly was a grace-filled encounter for all who attended.

This week we are having photos taken for the new parish directory. We do have appointments available next week if you would like to have your photo taken. You may make your appointment with the instructions in this bulletin; however you may also call Adam at the rectory at 812-295-2225.

Next weekend, we begin the Season of Stewardship of the 2023 - 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal for our diocese. St. John plays a key role in the success of this annual appeal. I ask you to join me in considering how we are all called to be good stewards for our parish. Let us begin discerning today how the Lord is inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him, particularly in the areas of prayer, serving our neighbor, and giving of our resources.

May the Lord bless and keep you,

**Father Walker** 



5:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 

John Crays

Jan McDowell

Andy Ringwald

Saturday Confessions Sept. 30th: 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Or by appointment

Ministers for Sept. 30th/Oct. 1st, 2023 SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m. **Brady Lents** 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

4:00 p.m. Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner, Elena Lyon

**GREETERS:** 

FD: Anne Marie Crays 5:00 p.m.

SD: Linda Bledsoe, Volunteer

FD: Chris Bratton 8:00 a.m.

SD: Tom/Chris Peter FD: Denny Smith

10:00 a.m. SD: Gayle Strange, Volunteer

**READERS:** 

Elaine Wade 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Judy Kluesner 10:00 a.m. Andrea Bauer

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** 

Linda Wickman 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. Donna Ader 10:00 a.m. Gayle Strange

### Save the Date

Mathias Famous Chicken Dinner - Sept. 23rd, 4pm - 7pm

Catechesis Classes Begin - Sept. 24th

**K of C 4th Degree Meeting** - Sept. 25th, 8pm Grief Share Support Group - Sept. 27th, 5pm Wisdom Day at St. Joseph (Jasper) - Sept. 28th

Parish Directory Photos - Sept. 19th - 23rd and Sept. 26th - 30th

**K of C 3rd Degree Meeting** - Oct. 2nd, 7pm

Altar Society Communion Brunch - Oct. 8th, after 10am Mass

**Directory Group Photos** - Oct. 8th, 5:30 pm Altar Society Meeting - Oct. 9th, 6:30 pm

Fall Festival - Oct. 15th

Parish Council Meeting - Oct. 19th, 6 pm

All Hallow's Eve Family Fun Night - Oct. 29th, 5:30pm

Trunk Or Treat - Oct. 31st, 6pm

#### Sunday Collection Sept. 16th/Sept. 17th, 2023 \$8,006.00

St. John 142 envelopes (805 families)

St. John Directory Group Photos

We will be taking group pictures on Sunday, October 8th, starting at 5:30 p.m. The parishioners who are in the following groups are invited to take part in the group pictures: Lectors, Sacristans, Greeters, Cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Praise Choir, Ushers, Collection Counters, and Church Decorators. More information will be in the bulletin soon for the Server group pictures.

St. John Parish Directory - We have one more week for appointments for our parish directory! The dates set aside are Tuesday, Sept. 26th - Saturday, Sept. 30th. If you have questions or wish to set up a time for your picture over the phone, contact Adam or Jackie at 812-295-2225.

#### **How to Schedule Online**

- 1. Go to WWW.UCDIR.COM
- 2. CLICK 'Photography Appointment Scheduling Login' (right side of the page)
- 3. Enter Church Code: IN 1859, then Password: photos

#### **Eucharistic Procession**

St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery will have a Eucharistic Procession on Sunday, October 1st after the 9:30 am Mass. Make plans to join! For more information, please contact Michelle Kavanaugh at 812-486-6702 michelle1.kavanaugh@gmail.com

Gina Townsend will be at the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Center on Thursday, Sept. 28th from 10 a.m. to 1:30 pm. for first-time health screenings. You may contact Gina at 812-485-5813 or Amy Todd at 812-295-6362 to make an appointment or pick a time on the sheet in the back of the church.

The St. John Women's WELCOME Retreat was a success last weekend! The participants said:

- "Absolute Blast!" - "Felt So Welcome"
- "Highly recommended for anyone to go next year."
- "Felt so much love and support from the WELCOME team."

We will have another WELCOME Retreat next year if you were not able to attend the retreat this year.

The Diocese saw an increase in seminarians from 11 seminarians in 2021 to 16 in 2022. The House of Discernment and the Savio brotherhood nested within its mission saw the





largest numbers at events in 2022. Read the full impact of this ministry at www.evdio.org/impact-report. The Office of Vocations is supported by our contributions to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

#### September is the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa)

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows' of our Blessed Mother:

- 1. The prophecy of Simeon;
- 2. The Holy Family's flight into Egypt;
- 3. The loss of the Child Jesus for three days;
- 4. The meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross;
- 5. Jesus' crucifixion and death;
- 6. Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross;
- 7. and Jesus' burial.

#### Religious Education & Youth News with FAITH FORMATION

Our prayers worked! Our 3rd graders are blessed to have two of our fellow parishioners come forward to teach their catechesis classes together. We are most thankful to Susan Ackerman and Brenda Mathias for their willingness to share their deeply spiritual, Catholic lives and their wonderful enthusiasm with the children. Thank you to all those that prayed with us for this important intention.

It is exciting to start our religion classes this week. We have missed your children and are looking forward to seeing them on a regular basis. Parents, you are your children's first religious education teacher and the ones who will make the biggest impression. It is so important to help our children develop good positive relationships with the Lord and prepare them to join Him in Heaven. Thank you for signing them up for classes and bringing them to us each week.

812-296-1833(cell) 812-295-2225(office) jesch@evido.org

Daviess/Pike and Martin County Right to Life Groups is pleased to announce that Kelly Lester will be the 2023 Right to Life Banquet Speaker on October 5th at 6:30 pm at the Simon J. Graber Building. For tickets & information on the Banquet, call 812-486-3658. Each ticket is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students.

# September Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

September 1st:
Brenda Bledsoe
Carl Cooper
Nolan Lents
Nicole Pendleton

September 2nd:

Janice Taylor

Karson Burch
Craig Lubbehusen
James Melton
Brenda Strange
Regina Sweckard

September 3rd:

Cam Ackerman Rocky Byrd Tia Fuhs Helen Gibson Karen Wilson

September 4th:

Jason Fuhrman Michelle Lents Dennis Nolley Richard Williams

September 5th:

Anne Marie Crays Herbert Lottes Lori Flynn Grant Tompkins

September 6th:

**Brenda Smith** 

September 7th:

James Burch Mark Trout

September 8th:

Hailey Hennette Betty Kemp Mary Salmon Reis Whitney

September 9th:

Shelly Elliott Brett Robinson Phillip Smith

September 10th:

Patrick Allbright Lara O'Connor Angie Risacher

September 11th:

Dorothy Clary Barbara Lannan Jeremiah Johnson Owen Tompkins

September 12th:

Rebecca Bauer Micky Crew Mary Gates Mary Guy Kathryn Pankey September 13th:

Ryan Allen Colton Combess Charles Duffroy Kate Letherman Landon Mathies Rilyn Medina Michael Milligan Angela Ochs

September 14th:

Dayne Holder Annette Taylor Evan Williams

September 15th:

Jack Butcher Brian Esch

**September 16th:** 

Cameron Callison
Virgina Jacobs
Gary Norris
Faith Sward
Jason Tinkle

September 17th:

James Hager Robert Horsting

September 18th:

Webb Crane
Mark Guinn
Trina Hand
Carmine Lettieri
Courtney Taylor
Edward O'Connor
Nancy Summers

## September Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

September 19th:

**Ed David** 

Mike Wagoner

September 20th:

Bryant Ackerman Christina Crane

September 21st:

Mary Beth Adams Patricia Cissell Chris Cushman Donald Mattingly

Deidra Nolan

September 22nd:

Haylo Harmon Paul Hart

Jennifer Holt

Robert Lents Nancy Strange

Anna Louise Wininger

September 23rd:

Brandon Eckerle

Dan Flynn

Jared Mathies

Kelly Matthews

Jarrod Rose

September 24th:

Marnita Arvin Brittney Gibson Ashley Green

Michelle Ringwald

September 25th:

Elise Elliott Derrick Tinkle

September 26th:

Collin Dant

Hannah Harshaw

**Kelly Lents** 

Janson Sherer Maureen Thomas

Kathy Wallace

September 27th:

Marina Bouvy

Martin Bradley

Britta Browder

Emily Marks

Don Nolan

Sue Ann Slaven

September 28th:

**Gustavo Borjon** 

Becca Hollaway

Laney Inman

Matthew Mathies

Jacob Nonte

September 29th:

Hank Dalrymple

**Carmen Houchins** 

Gina Nolley

Andrea Sutton

### September 30th:

Elyse Brown Travis Cranev

Peter McDowell

Lisa Smith

David Strange

Denise Strange

Jordan Toy