

Welcome to St. John the Evangelist Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:00 p.m.	For The Souls of Rex & Anna Peyton, Caleb Hogan, Talon Hogan	Nov. 30th
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	First Sunday of Advent Jan Marie Templin Deceased Members of the Jerome & Dorothy Williams Family, Kelly & Rosalie Riggins Michael Elliott, Jr.	Dec. 1st
Monday 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Deceased Members of the William R. Cox Family (at St. Joseph)	Dec. 2nd
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Kaila Temple	Dec. 3rd
Wednesday 12(Noon)	For The People	Dec. 4th
Thursday 9:00 a.m. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Lee Jones Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Nursing Home Mass - Donald Taylor	Dec. 5th
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Society	Dec. 6th
Saturday 12(Noon) 5:00 p.m.	First Saturday Christine Rahman Ann Burch, Norb Steiner, Harry & Bridget Bowling	Dec. 7th
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Second Sunday of Advent Jan Marie Templin For the Repose of the Soul of Zelda Upton, Margaret Walton, Bob & Jane Prather Vonda Elliott	Dec. 8th

Ministers for Nov. 30th/Dec. 1st, 2024

SACRISTANS

5:00 p.m.	Rachel Doyle
8:00 a.m.	Dax Lee
10:00 a.m.	Noel Harty

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m.	Matthew Vaal, Keaton Smith
8:00 a.m.	Dax Lee, Brendan Green
10:00 a.m.	Josie Mathies, Mason Mathies, Elin Wade
4:00 p.m.	Grayson Kluesner, Liam Kluesner

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m.	FD: Joni Parker-Burch SD: Volunteers
8:00 a.m.	FD: Chris Bratton SD: Tom/Chris Peter
10:00 a.m.	FD: Gayle Strange SD: Denny Smith, Volunteer

READERS:

5:00 p.m.	Elaine Wade
8:00 a.m.	Bruce Hawkins
10:00 a.m.	John A. Walker

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m.	Janet Matthews
8:00 a.m.	Donna Ader
10:00 a.m.	Andy Ringwald



From Our Pastor

My dear friends in Christ,

A very special thank you to Stewart Blake and the Blake Funeral Home for once again providing our Catholic, inspirational appointment calendars. The 2025 calendars may be found at the entrances of the church. The generosity of the funeral home has provided one calendar per family.

This Sunday, December 1st, our Loogootee community will have the Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Creator's Day from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. around the square. There will be carriage rides, hayrides, pictures with Santa, and many food and craft vendors. I encourage you to attend this wonderful event.

Please consider in your holiday plans to visit Blest Art as they will be at the St. John Parish Center on Dec. 7th and 8th. Sales of their artwork helps Christian families who live in the Holy Land to survive which is our top priority.

Our Loogootee Christmas Stroll and Festival of Lights Parade will be Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 pm. The theme this year is "Winter Wonderland." Again, St. John will have a float in the parade. Hope to see you there!

Opportunities for Reconciliation in the Confessional The Lights Are On

To help us spiritually to prepare for Christmas, we will have three services on **Tuesday, December 17th** from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., **Wednesday, December 18th**, from 12(Noon) - 2:00 p.m. and **Friday, December 20th** from 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Also, there will be opportunities for private Confessions on First Saturday, December 7th, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., the other Saturdays of Advent from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. or by calling Father for an appointment.

We live-streaming the Rosary after most of our daily Masses. As we continue through 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. Along with the memories of our departed love ones, we always remember them through our prayers - especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Confessions
Dec. 7th: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Or by appointment

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

Ministers for SACRISTANS Dec. 7th/Dec. 8th, 2024

5:00 p.m. Mike Luzwick
 8:00 a.m. Volunteer
 10:00 a.m. Noel Harty

SERVERS:

5:00 p.m. Noah Esch, Natalie Willoughby
 8:00 a.m. Curtis Merkle, Alex Merkle
 10:00 a.m. Lucy Rahman, Isaac Lagree
 4:00 p.m. Elena Lyon, Remington Bell

GREETERS:

5:00 p.m. FD: Elsie Horsting
 SD: Volunteers
 8:00 a.m. FD: Bruce/Lynn Hawkins
 SD: Jerry/Betty Huelsman
 10:00 a.m. FD: Dan/Barbara Gregory
 SD: Jeff/Micky Crew

READERS:

5:00 p.m. Matthew Findlay
 8:00 a.m. Greg Potts
 10:00 a.m. Tom Walker

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 p.m. Elaine Wade
 8:00 a.m. Linda Wickman
 10:00 a.m. Lynn Bateman

Save the Date

- No Altar Society Meeting in December.**
- No K of C 4th Degree Meeting in December.**
- Men's Club Meeting at St. Martin - Dec. 1st, 5pm**
- K of C 3rd Degree Meeting - Dec. 2nd, 7pm**
- Senior Choir Practice - Dec. 5th, 6:30pm**
- Advent Family Fun Night - Dec. 6th, 5:30pm - 7pm**
- Blest Art - Dec. 7th & 8th**
- Loogootee Christmas Parade - Dec. 8th, 6pm**
- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses - Dec. 9th, 12(Noon) and 7pm (Both at St. John)**
- Altar Society Luncheon - Dec. 11th, 11:30am**
- Christmas Toy Store - Dec. 14th**
- The Lights Are On - Dec. 17th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm**
- The Lights Are On - Dec. 18th, 12(Noon) - 2:00 p.m.**
- K of C Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Dec. 18th, 7pm**
- Pastoral Council Meeting - Dec. 19th, 6pm**
- The Lights Are On - Dec. 20th, 6:30pm - 9:30pm**

Sunday Collection Nov.23rd/Nov.24th, 2024

St. John 182 envelopes \$8,660.00

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal: \$152,103.00
Pledges and Raffle Profit: \$135,300.00
Our remaining portion of the Appeal: \$16,803.00

First Sunday of Advent Prayer December 1st

(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.

Intention of the Holy Father December

For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope
- Paulist Press ORDO

The **Christmas Toy Store** is on **December 14th**. Gift tags are at each entrance of the church. Please have unwrapped presents at the church on or before **December 8th**. You may call **Curt Johnson at 812-296-7013** if you want to help or have questions.

ADVENT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The **Advent Family Fun Night** will be on **Friday, December 6th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** at **St. Martin Hall**. Join us for a taco bar, a skit (The Night Before Christmas - Christian version), games, crafts, and fun. Please RSVP by texting/calling/emailing **Ashton Kahle**. You can also scan the QR code to register.



Saturday, December 7th, St. John the Evangelist Parish will be having their annual St. Nick Meal for anyone who would like a special Christmas gift. If you have received a carry-out meal in the past, you will be contacted by phone. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a meal, please contact one of the following parishioners to add your name to our list:

- The Parish Office:** 812-295-2225
- St. Mary Shoals Area:** Annette Taylor 812-709-0857
- St. Martin Area:** Jim Ader 812-296-0231
- St. Joseph Area:** Betty Huelsman 812-636-4465
- Loogootee Area:** Donna Ader 812-296-0226

Desserts are needed to complement the meal. If you can help fill this need, please deliver to the St. John Center, lower level, before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH NEWS

It is the first weekend of Advent. The first candle represents "hope." There are many special things you can do as a family to celebrate. You can read bible verses together focused on hope (Isaiah 40:31, Romans 8:24-25, Jeremiah 29:11); this could be a great time to research how to pray Lectio Divina. You can also display your own Advent wreath and light the first candle.

If you do not have an Advent wreath, join us for Advent Family Fun Night, and you can create your own! On Friday, December 6th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at St. Martin Hall, we will be eating, playing, crafting, and having fun. Please RSVP if you plan to attend - all ages are welcome. We would also love to have several children participate in the parade on Sunday, December 8th. Contact Ashton if you would like to be involved.

akahle@evdio.org or 812-639-3923

"Gibson's Grace" (formerly "Blissful Baskets") has been a successful outreach ministry since 2005, and the many who are involved share the light and love of Christ to those in need. The project started with the delivery of baskets of household items and toiletries to senior citizens in the month of December. We later realized the seniors were already recipients of baskets through another agency, and our gifts might be better used in a different way in the community. So, we turned our efforts toward families with children that could use some help with buying snacks, groceries, gasoline, small toys, and clothes.

The group changed its name after the stillbirth of Gibson Strange, infant son of Nick and Chelsey Strange in August of 2018. Thus our motto "No foot is too small that it can't make an imprint on this world."

Many friends, family, and parishioners give of their time and treasure to assure our families are taken care of by delivering 3 or 4 times a year. We keep in contact with our families throughout the year as many we've come to know so many folks in the community and do our best to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Their appreciative smiles and hugs from the kids say it all!

Sunday, December 1st will be our next delivery to about 45 families. If you would like more information or want to help out, contact: **Chelsey Strange (812-709-8985)** or **Emily Strange (812-295-6227)**

December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

December 1:

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

December 2:

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

December 3:

Ann Ackerman
Michael Wade

December 4:

Lisa Arvin
Rex Arvin
Scott Arvin
Savannah Harmon
Bobbi Sue Nonte

December 5:

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

December 6:

Jake Carrico
Justin Clark
Donna Strange

December 7:

Ryan Letherman
Lathen Letterman
Josie Mathies
Chris Mattingly
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 Wininger

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
Dean Sullivan
Georgette Sutton
Seth Taylor

December 18:

Jared Lee
Ryan Mathias
Brooklyn Summers

December Birthdays of St. John the Evangelist Parish

December 19:

Olivia Findlay
Grace Foddrill
Susie Hager
Meagan Holder
Martin Lannan
Mary Lannan
Sharon Sims

December 20:

Maddelyn Dalrymple
Isaac Lagree
Aimee Luzwick
Emily Sutton
Gina Toy

December 21:

Mitch Jeffers
James Sullivan
Makenzie VanHoy

December 22:

Mattie Milligan

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
Patrick Wagler
Rosie Wininger

December 27:

Andrew Burch
Maverick Hager
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