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Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023



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WEEKEND MASSES
 Saturday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm
 Sunday Mass 10:00 am | Confession 9:15-9:45 am
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WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm



Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 12:00 pm on Tuesdays
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm
Food Pantry Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.
Become Catholic - RCIA We welcome you and are here to help answer all those questions from the call that God is inviting you to follow. Contact the Parish Office.
Marriage Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.
Anointing of the Sick Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving please contact the Parish Office.

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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 12/17	Monday 12/18	Tuesday 12/19	Wednesday 12/20	Thursday 12/21	Friday 12/22	Saturday 12/23
Third Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Mass 12:05 pm. Creation Care Meeting 6 pm Ministry Center	Food Pantry 9am-Noon and 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. StVdP meets 5 pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon and 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon & 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm.	Parish Offices are closed today Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm



Sts. Mary and John's ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY
 This week we had a full schedule of 15 referrals. We had 3 water bill and 3 CenterPoint assistance requests. The rest were for vouchers to spend at the Thrift Store for furniture items, or for rent assistance. Sometimes our members are exposed to such difficult situations that it is impossible not to be moved to tears. Two of our members visited a 20 year-old mother of a seriously autistic 3 year-old son and a several month-old baby. She was at her wits' end dealing with the older child, relating that there is a several year delay in getting professional help to deal with the autism. The child was screaming most of the visit. While we were able to assist this young mother financially, her situation just seemed overwhelming to her, and to our visiting members. We are referring her to the District St. Vincent de Paul staff who have much more expertise in directing this family towards some support agencies. Through the backing of the parish and its members, we are blessed to be able to intervene in situations like this, albeit emotionally challenging.

Let's sit together at the EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Saturday, January 13, 2024
 Old National Events Plaza Auditorium, Evansville, In
Fr. Eugene is excited to announce we have reserved a block of seats at this event that you are able to purchase to sit together with him and other parishioners and friends of the parish. Tickets are available NOW in the parish office, they are \$36 each and will need to be purchased by Dec. 19. Lunch can be purchased at the event or you can bring your own. Go to the website for information on the speakers and musicians and the schedule. eucharisticcongressevdio.org
 Questions or to buy a ticket contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24, 2023

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Second Reading Rom 16:25-27
 :Gospel Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/16 4:00 pm	Virginia Fowler
Sun. 12/17 10:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
4:00 pm	Zeny Floro Tadiar birthday
Mon. 12/18 12:05 pm	Sue Carol Nichols
Tues. 12/19 12:05 pm	Healing for Tara Blessinger
Thurs. 12/21 12:05 pm	Moni Titzer
Fri. 12/22 12:05 pm	Nati Mandrinan Salinas birthday
Sat. 12/23 4:00 pm	Maurice and Katie Appuhn
Sun. 12/24 10:00 am	In Memory of Charlotte Warren and Karen Markstrom
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
9:00 pm	Sam Fitzsimmons
Mon. 12/25 9:00 am	For the Blessinger Family
Tues. 12/26 12:05 pm	Natividad Sapinoso heavenly birthday
Thurs. 12/28 12:05 pm	Mark Hirsch and family
Fri. 12/29 12:05 pm	Betty Wolf
Sat. 12/30 4:00 pm	In Memory of Pete Chandler
Sun. 12/31 10:00 am	Rosie Greeson
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS... Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or you can fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church and drop it in the stewardship basket or go to our website intention form.
PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request... something or someone you would like us to pray for.

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John
Trisha Johnston
Joel and Gina Schafer
 Are you attending Mass here at Sts. Mary and John and possibly have been for a while and are not a registered member of any parish? We would love to invite you to register here at this Parish and welcome you as a registered member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

Weekly Collection

Mass Time	December 9-10 2023
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,584.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,808.00
4:00 pm	\$ 609.00
Electronic	\$ 411.02
Office Mail in	\$ 3,330.00
Holy Day	\$ 956.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,698.02
Alms - \$ 1,365.00	St. VdP \$ 910.00

Let us Pray... That we as Christian Stewards realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others and build our dependence on God.



Lovella Martin, Charlie Jochim, Stan Logel, Cap Berg, Mary White, Chris Render, William Sanderfur, Tara Nellis, Ray Bigge, Tara Blessinger, Liz Saum, Nancy Hamilton, Sue Dills-Wall, Anne Priestly.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
 Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/16 Greg Willming
 12/17 Henry Lawson
 12/18 Gary Eddmenson, Ramses Guivas, Jill Grady, Ashley Vezzoso
 12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith
 12/20 John Domsic, Dr. Tom Harmon, Karen Martyn, DeeDee Seib
 12/21 Laurie Ewers
 12/24 Denise Hirsch, Donna Moritz, Larry Porter
 12/26 Ted Nguven, Sue Noveroske, Nancy Russell

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please consider expressing your thanks, love, celebration or remembrance with a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Again this year, we will be decorating the church with beautiful poinsettias in honor of those who have shared the joys of the season with us in the past. Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are available in church. Fill out the envelope and drop in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the parish office by December 18. A special prayer will be offered and the list will be included in the bulletin and posted on the website for Christmas.



St. James parishioner, Laurie Ziliak, recently opened a faith based gift shop in Haubstadt, IN



Laudato Si'
A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home #32
 Pray with and for creation in your daily prayers: Include a prayer of thankfulness for creation, a prayer for protection of our common home, or perhaps a prayer for people suffering impacts of climate or ecological issues. Take time periodically to pray outdoors.

CHRISTMAS EVE
 Sunday, December 24, 2023
 Mass 4:00 pm
 Mass 9:00 pm
 (4pm Mass will satisfy either Sunday or Christmas obligation)

CHRISTMAS DAY
 Monday, December 25, 2023
 Mass 9:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 Sunday, December 31, 2023; Mass 4:00 pm
 (4pm Mass will satisfy either Sunday or the Holy Day obligation)
 Monday, January 1, 2024; Mass 9:00 am

END OF YEAR... Thank you for your for your generosity to Sts. Mary and John Parish. If you have any questions on tithing or giving options please contact Kim in the parish office. Also please keep Sts. Mary and John Parish in mind in your year-end-gifts and estate planning. Ask your tax or financial advisor about possible tax benefits like a QCD-Qualified Charitable Distribution.

December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent
Stewards Pray
 "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18
 This scripture reading sums up **Stewardship**. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.