

Stewardship Family - December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, Stewardship is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 2, 2022
"They prostrated themselves before Him and worshiped Him. Then they opened their chests and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give the Lord? Pope Saint Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give to the Lord every day.

Gold - We must reflect the wisdom of Christ in all of our relationships.

Incense - represents our daily prayers and worship to God.

Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that unite us with Jesus for the good of others.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
December 26, 2021 and January 2, 2022



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

St. Mary Church
 613 Cherry Street, Evansville, IN 47713
 Office: 812-425-1577 fax: 812-426-1416

Office Hours:
 Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm
Food Pantry Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm
 Wednesday 9 am-Noon

Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm; Confession 3:15-3:45 pm
 Sunday Mass 10:00 am; Confession 9:15-9:45 am
 Sunday Mass 4:00 pm; Confession 3:15-3:45 pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 Adoration 11:00 am - Confession 11:30-11:55 am- Mass 12:05 pm

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Baptism

Parents who would like their child baptized, please contact the Parish Office about baptismal preparation and to schedule the Baptism.

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

To arrange for receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office.

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This Week in the Parish						
Sunday 12/26	Monday 12/27	Tuesday 12/28	Wednesday 12/29	Thursday 12/30	Friday 12/31	Saturday 1/1
Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed	Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm NO StVdP	Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Choir 6:30-8 pm	Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed New Year's Eve Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm and 4:00 pm	New Year's Day Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Mass 4:00 pm

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Fri. 12/24	4:00 pm	Bennett, Goedde, Wargel families
	10:00 pm	Charlotte Warren and family
Sat. 12/25	8:00 am	Maurice and Katie Appuhn
	10:30 am	Joan Elpers
Sun. 12/26	10:00 am	In Memory of Mary Sue Meyer
	12:00 pm	Joan Elpers
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of Parish
Tues. 12/28	12:05 pm	Elaina Mary Collier her birthday
Wed. 12/29	12:05 pm	1953 HS Classmates St. Scholastica's College, Manilla Phillipines
Thurs. 12/30	12:05 pm	Nilda Ramos Dizon
Fri. 12/31	12:05 pm	Leann Kispert
	4:00 pm	Jack Dills
Sat 1/1	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun. 1/2	10:00 am	Burek and Supinsky families
	12:00 pm	Joan Elpers
	4:00 pm	Paul Webb

MASS INTENTIONS... Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church.
PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain.

Welcome! A warm welcome to new parishioners **Daniel Watzlavik and Caeli Bislich Janice Wilcox**
If you are looking for a parish home we invite you to register in this parish. Please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207 or lgriggs@evdio.org.

Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022
First Reading Is 60:1-6
Second Reading Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel Mt 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022
First Reading Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading Acts 10:34-38
Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Dec. 18-19	
Mass Time	Collection
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 1,310.50
Sunday 10 am	\$ 1,443.00
Sunday 12 pm	\$ 1,445.19
Sunday 4 pm	\$ 674.00
Electronic	\$ 3,362.64
Office Mail in	\$ 1,510.11
TOTAL	\$ 9,745.44
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 95.00
Christmas Year Round	\$ 725.00

Latin Mass... In addition to our other parish Masses, there is a Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Sundays at Noon. Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 am

Damian Bondy, Mary Eichenberger, Zach Bessant, Ida Laymon, Susan Kroeger, Tina Stoen, Anna, Mike Purdy, Carolyn Stagg, Rosemary Toelle, Mike & Patty Deibler, Betty Feller, Sheila Stambush, Kim Morgan, Gladys Lane, Lisa Paxton, Ray Bigge, David Payne, Sue Martin, Ann Priestly **For loved ones in the Military...** LT Jake Morris, 2nd LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; 2nd Lieutenant Air Force

December Birthdays...
12/24 Larry Porter
12/25 Madeleine Rumps
12/26 Ted Nguyen, Sue Noveroske, Nancy Russell
12/27 Leo Burton
12/28 Michael Deibler, Gillian Kelley
12/29 Peter Wannemuehler
12/30 Janet Porter, Mary Anne Schmitt
12/31 Catherine Baumgart, Dawn Dixon

January Birthdays...
1/1 Robert Greenwell, George Hoffman, Mark Kessler
1/2 Diane LeVee



Parish Holiday Schedules
Christmas Eve; Friday, December 24, Nativity of the Lord Vigil Masses 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, Nativity of the Lord Mass 8:00 am
NO Saturday 12/25 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday, December 26 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve Masses 12:05 pm and 4:00 pm
Saturday, January 1, 2022 Mass (New Year's Day) 4:00 pm

The parish offices and food pantry will be closed from Noon on Thursday, December 23, 2021 through Friday, December 31, 2021. It will reopen Monday morning January 2, 2022.

CONTINUE SEARCHING...
Continue 'The Search' with us after the first of the year on...
Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am in Rager Hall and
Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 am in Rager Hall. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE THE SEARCH!



Memorial flowers
A BIG shout out to Robin's Nest Flowers, 714 E. Main St., Boonville, IN. for the beautiful poinsettia's in church. www.robinsnestflowers.com 812-897-4591

My Dear Parishioners,

It has been a true joy to become a part of this parish family and to see your faith alive! As we celebrate the birth of Christ, I think of how new life is always available to us through him. Christ is always showing us something new. He is always inviting us to a new way of living our faith. He is always challenging us and teaching us new ways to grow. In this way, Jesus is eternal newness. And he seeks to bring that newness to us.

I hope that as each of us personally devotes ourselves to the person of Jesus Christ so that we can become a more brilliant light to the people of downtown Evansville and beyond. It is our task to make room for him in the inn. Venerable Fulton Sheen offers this beautiful reflection:

But when finally the scrolls of history are complete, down to the last word of time, the saddest line of all will be: "There was no room in the inn."...The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and the forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for him. The lesson is: divinity is always where you least expect to find it. So the Son of God made man is invited to enter into his own world through a back door.

Friends, we have a great role to play, a great mission entrusted to us at our baptism: to conform our lives to that of Christ. It means to let him in: to make space for him so that he can wake up the world to his presence.

In the peace of this joyous celebration of Christmas, let's ask the King of Kings to come again to our lowly stable where we await him. Let's ask him to heal our hearts wounded by sin; to give hope to those who fight against despair; and to bring to us the light of his face.

May the Lord bless you richly as you welcome the gift of the Son of God.

In the newborn Christ,
Fr. Alex



Christmas 2021 Flower Memorials

Faith
Peace
Hope
Love

It is a time to remember and honor our family and friends and to offer thanksgiving to God for our many blessings. We wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**Fr Alex and the Staff of
Sts. Mary and John Parish.**

Gene & Johnina Smith, John, David & Justin Kenning,
Gerry & Phyllis Smith, Curt & Helen Day
Harry & June Pugh From Joe & Kelli Day

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Jean Bruce From Chris & Darryl Jackson

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From Lynn & Charlie Jochim

Anslinger & Alvey Families

Trent Smith From Virginia Smith

Timothy R. Dodd, Christopher L. Dodd, Family Members
& Friends From Jaya C. Dodd

Deceased Members of Beaven & Russell Families
From Nancy & Tony Russell

All Deceased Members of the McNamee, Hanley, McAvoy
& Bower Families From Mary & David Bower

Willett & Wilson Families, Barth Families Living &
Deceased, Harry Shepherd From Diane Barth

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Wm & Mary Hilpert, Donna Snow
Shirley Lowe, George Stock, Carl Carnes
From Richard & Nancy Burek

Millard, Helen, Jim Fisher, Syl Reisinger
From Patricia Reisinger

Louis Carl & Bailey Carl From Vicky Carl

Shimkos and Michael Families From Mark & Susie Michael

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Mary Seng, Mary Weinzapfel From Stephen & Sylvia Seng



**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16**