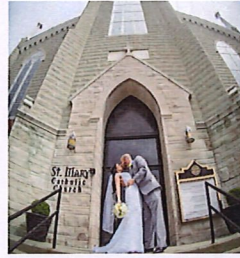


**PRAYER CHAIN**



pray for others ~ request prayers  
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Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2022



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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm  
**Food Pantry Hours:** Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

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

Fill us all with Your  
**Love**

Give us the strength and courage of Mary during these last days of preparing for Christmas. May we too hear the words...  
"Do not be afraid, I am with you."

**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.

A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community committed to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ through word, sacrament and service.

**This Week in the Parish**

Sunday 12/18	Monday 12/19	Tuesday 12/20	Wednesday 12/21	Thursday 12/22	Friday 12/23	Saturday 12/24
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am  Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  RCIA Class 6-7 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm   Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Parish Office closes at Noon	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00 pm Mass 10:00 pm Mass

**Nativity of the Lord**

**December 25, 2022**

First Reading; Is 52:7-10  
Second Reading; Heb 1:1-6  
Gospel; Jn 1:1-18

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 12/17	4:00 pm	Tom Schlechte
Sun. 12/18	10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm	Pete Chandler
Mon. 12/19	12:05 pm	David Baumgart
Tues. 12/20	12:05 pm	M. Kavanaugh
Thurs. 12/22	12:05 pm	Carol Macke Smith
Fri. 12/23	12:05 pm	Mike Purdy
Sat. 12/24	4:00 pm	Maurice and Katie Appuhn
	10:00 pm	Sam Fitzsimmons
Sun. 12/25	10:00 am	Shirley Schutte
Mon. 12/26	12:05 pm	Ann Behrens
Tues. 12/27	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Thurs 12/29	12:05 pm	Tom Schlechte
Fri. 12/30	12:05 pm	Greg Clausheide
Sat. 12/31	4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Sun. 1/1	10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm	Charles and Shirley Kaufman
Mon. 1/2	12:05 pm	Special Intentions

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.

PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request.

*Welcome to*

*Sts. Mary and John Parish!!*

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area or are looking for a parish home, we invite you to register here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. We would love to welcome you as a member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

**Weekly Collection December 11, 2022**

Mass Time	Collections
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 935.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 3,190.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,454.00
Electronic	\$ 347.07
Office Mail in	\$ 7,485.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,411.07</b>

Donations must be postmarked by USPS or received in Mass collections on or before 12/31/2022 to be eligible for a 2022 tax deduction.

Let us pray...

That we as Christian Stewards can put our complete trust in God and become a model of discipleship like Joseph.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Janet Porter, Emma Majewski, LeeAnn and Mike, Jan Howell, Patti and Tom Harmon, Ray Bigge, Sondra Bell, Sarah Seivers, Bill O'Nan, Sue Martin, Mary

Eichenberger, Carolyn Stagg, Betty Feller, Anne Priestly

**Pray for our loved ones in the Military...**

LT Jake Morris, 1st LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; Air Force Special Agent, Lt. Noah Huelsing, 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon, Staff Sergeant Shaun Nelson, Nathan Ulrich; Marines

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith  
12/20 John Domsic, Tom Harmon, Karen Martyn, DeeDee Seib  
12/21 Laurie Ewers  
12/24 Larry Porter  
12/25 Madeleine Rumps  
12/26 Ted Nguyen, Sue Noveroske, Nancy Russell  
12/28 Gillian Kelley  
12/29 Bo Bonnell, Janet Porter  
12/30 Mary Anne Schmitt

Praying you have a blessed birthday!!

**OUTREACH NEWS...**

This week was busy for your **St. Vincent de Paul** committee. We had 17 referrals, two more than our normal limit. Among those who requested help were six Neighbors with CenterPoint disconnect notices. In conjunction with a grant from The Catholic Foundation we are sharing with two other busy parishes, we were able to assist with enough funds to keep those six households with power through December. These households included four children. This is what we talk about when we say because of you we can do some great things. THIS IS YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION. May God bless you, your families and all those families your generosity benefits throughout the year.

We have one more Tuesday in the month to help those in our area before the holidays. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be off the week of Christmas and then resume the Tuesday after New Year's.

**Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**"THROUGH HIM AND WITH HIM AND IN HIM"**

WHEN: March 17, 18, and 19, 2023  
WHERE: Reitz Memorial High School  
See what's new and who's coming...

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<https://sourcesummit-evansville.org/>

What can happen at Source + Summit...

Read Jacob's story...

<https://sourcesummit-evansville.org/about>

Mark your calendars and share with your youth!

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am (No Sun. 4 pm Mass)

**NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 4:00 pm  
Nativity of the Lord: Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
Sunday, January 1, 2023, 10:00 am and 4 pm Mass

**THE PARISH OFFICE AND FOOD PANTRY WILL BE CLOSED**

Offices will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, January 2, 2023. The offices and Food Pantry will reopen Tuesday January 3



**WE ARE SO GRATEFUL**

for your faithful support of Sts. Mary & John Parish. All we do would not be possible without YOU. We appreciate your continued support as we

grow in our mission and care for the vulnerable. This holiday, we invite you to continue partnering with us as we reach out to our community with God's love. Blessings as we move forward into the new year together, Thank you.

**Marian Educational Outreach**

Marian Educational Outreach wants to hear from YOU! If you have children who attend Diocesan schools, please take a few moments and provide feedback. Your time and investment is appreciated.

Blessings,  
Emily Schnapf  
Marian Educational Outreach Director



**Christmas Cantata**

The parish Choir will be presenting a seasonal cantata before the 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm Masses on Christmas Eve and before the 10:00 am Mass on Christmas Day. Join us 20 minutes before each Mass for these musical presentations.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Model Stewardship**

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATT 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of Stewardship, just as Joseph was.