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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022



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

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



Advent

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Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6	Wednesday 12/7	Thursday 12/8	Friday 12/9	Saturday 12/10
Second Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am Alms/Anointing  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  Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:00 pm  Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 11, 2022**

First Reading; Is 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading; Jas 5:7-10

Gospel; Mt 11:2-11

**Mass Intentions**

Sat	12/3	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun.	12/4	10:00 am	Mike and Patty Deibler
		4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon.	12/5	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues.	12/6	12:05 pm	Anna Filbert and Jack Diehl
Wed.	12/7	5:00 pm	Alice Lamping
Thurs	12/8	12:05 pm	P. and D. Bredenkamp
Fri.	12/9	12:05 pm	All of Our Mothers
Sat.	12/10	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun.	12/11	10:00 am	Deceased members of Burek and Supinsky families
		4:00 pm	Jerry Schmitt
Mon.	12/12	12:05 pm	Mike Purdy
Tues.	12/13	12:05 pm	Greg Clausheide
Thurs.	12/15	12:05 pm	Charles and Shirley Kaufman
Fri.	12/16	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Sat.	12/17	4:00 pm	Tom Schlechte
Sun.	12/18	10:00 am	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.

**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 November 19-20; 26-27, 2022**

Mass Time	Collections
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 2,223.00 \$ 964.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 791.15 \$ 2,821.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,456.10 \$ 902.00
Electronic	\$ 2,780.92 \$ 422.07
Office Mail in	\$ 1,950.00 \$ 1,065.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 9,201.07 \$ 6,174.07</b>

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Let us pray...

That we as Christian Stewards realize what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.



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LT Jake Morris, 1st LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; Air Force Special Agent, Lt. Noah Huelsing, 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon,

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/3 Eliezer 'Mack' Guivas, Lisa Haralson, Pauline Kothe, Paul Woerz  
 12/4 Ralph Zint  
 12/5 Judy Borst, Clara Jackson, Nicole Whetstine  
 12/6 Betty Feller  
 12/7 Spike Bell, Linda Rogers, Gianna Tretter  
 12/9 Tommy Domsic  
 12/10 Sheila Rehner  
 12/14 Donna Laymon  
 12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Chris Clayton  
 12/17 Henry Lawson

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...**

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving presented us with 11 referrals from the District St. Vincent de Paul. We usually have 15, but the call center was closed the last two days of last week. One of our most rewarding "neighbors" was a man who had been out of prison for 7 months, and had worked very hard to find a job (which he was to start the next day) and to live independently. He had a nearly \$300 water bill, and it was weighing heavily on him. We were able to combine moneys from a CenterPoint Energy grant with our own funds and paid his bill in full. Our member who called him to let him know reported that upon receiving the news, he was weeping and was very grateful. Sts. Mary and John Parish makes all this possible by its outreach ministries. Thank you for your support especially in these difficult times. God Bless.

**Church Cleaning for Christmas**

Volunteer Church Cleaners will clean the church

**Wednesday, December 7, 9am-Noon.**

All are welcome to come and help.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE MESSAGE**

Because of a change in printing companies, the print edition of **The Message is now mailed Friday** – a day later than the longstanding schedule. The Message staff encourages print subscribers to take advantage of the weekly digital edition, which is provided at no additional charge. If you are a print subscriber who is not currently receiving the digital edition, please email The Message, at message@evdio.org, and provide a valid email address. You will receive a link to the downloadable digital edition every Thursday – as part of your paid subscription.

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**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES**

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 8; 12:05 pm Holy Day Mass

**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

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Soon the church will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias in memory of those who have shared the joys of the season with us in the past. Flower memorial envelopes to remember those who have died, are available in church. Print the name(s) of your loved ones to remember and your name. Drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish office; 613 Cherry St. Evansville, IN 47713 by **Monday, December 12.** The memorial list will be posted in the bulletin over Christmas.



**Mark your calendars**

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING**

**Saturday, December 17 | 8 am - Noon**

All are welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas. Join us on Saturday, December 17 from 8 am - Noon for our annual

Direct Deposit is available for your Stewardship Donation... Did you know that you can set up Direct Deposit payments for your stewardship donations. No more checks to write, no more forgetting envelopes, no more hassle to have the correct change. There are several ways to do this so call Kim in the parish office for the info you need.

**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS**

There are still some ADVENT Reflection books available in church. Please feel free to take one to accompany you on your journey to Christmas.

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Christmas Stewardship**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with our Stewardship is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



## GIVE HOPE, SHOW LOVE, SHARE JOY, FIND PEACE

Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth. Jesus asks us to love one another. He asks us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Our parish offers three wonderful ways to follow what Jesus has asked of us, through our Outreach ministries.

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY** staffed by wonderful parish volunteers and a very active and faithful **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY**. In addition to this we also maintain a **"CHRISTMAS YEAR-ROUND"** fund with which we help with needs not met by other ministries.

To prepare for Advent this year perhaps you will consider...

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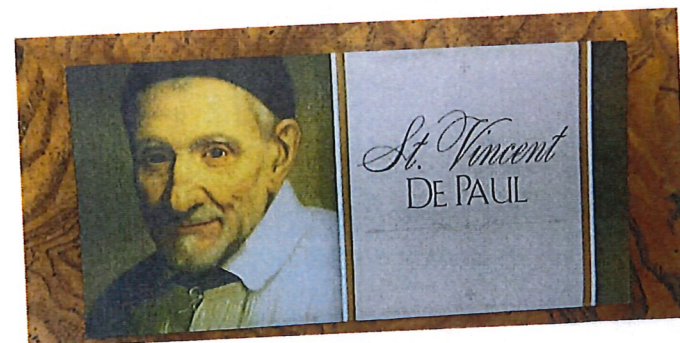
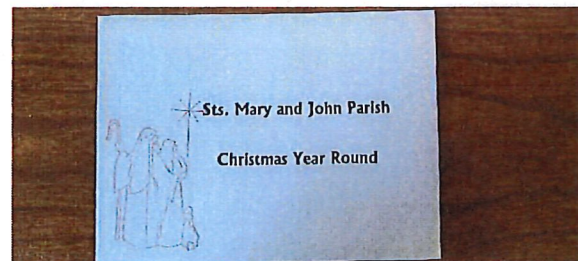
**Christmas Year-Round fund donations** envelopes are available in the back of church

We are very blessed to serve in a parish so active in Outreach. I ask that during this season you consider donating to these valuable ministries. I ask you to pray for our volunteers, and if you are able, donate in the envelopes, bring food for the pantry, or volunteer a bit of your time. Our prayer is for a beautiful ADVENT SEASON for you and your families. May we continue to answer God's call to serve.

**Your generosity has been a blessing to so many in need... thank you!**

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Mt. 25:40*

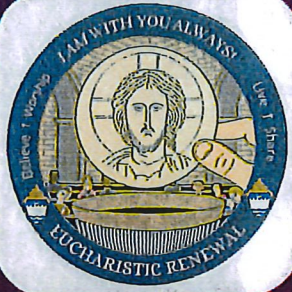
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canned fruit	canned or bag soups
dry milk	canned vegetables
canned tuna	dish detergent
jelly	individually wrapped toilet
canned applesauce	paper
pancake mix and syrup	personal care items (soap,
tuna helper	shampoo, deodorant etc.)
	laundry detergent





# Encountering the Eucharist

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During the season of Advent, the color of the vestments and paraments change from green to a dark "royal" purple to symbolize preparation, penitence and royalty to welcome the new King—Christ the Lord. Additionally, we light candles during the four weeks of Advent traditionally representing faith, hope, joy, and love. In the northern hemisphere, the nights grow longer and longer until we finally reach the winter solstice—the longest and darkest night of the year. We light the candles of the advent wreath to remind us that, in ages past, the world was in darkness because Christ, the light of the world, had not yet been revealed. Now, as we light each candle, we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ at the close of this age.

## What We Believe...

### The Incarnation Reveals the Eucharist

At this time in her liturgy, Holy Mother Church is asking us to prepare ourselves for the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ—or Christmas. The Church does this by means of the season of Advent. The word is Latin from *adventus* and conveys the sense of a coming or an approach or an arrival. We are thus being reminded during this season of a threefold coming: 1) the Lord's coming at the end of the age, 2) the Lord's coming at Christmas, and 3) the Lord's coming to us in Word and Sacrament. All three of these modes have one unifying theme: the Incarnation. When preparing ourselves for Christmas, our imagination usually focuses on the story of the nativity and the drama of that first Christmas night when Mary and Joseph made their way to the stable. We ponder over the *birth* of a baby named Jesus and the adoration of the shepherds and the mysterious visit of the Magi. Although these images convey the *story* of Christmas, they do not express the *significance* of Christmas. As miraculous as the events surrounding the birth of Jesus were, ultimately babies are born everyday. However, the significance of Christmas can be found in the Incarnation. To truly understand the dogma of the Incarnation, first one must recognize that there exists a plurality of persons within the Godhead who share the same *ousia* or divine essence. In other words, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are consubstantial in that they all take part of the same divine substance. The Second Person of the Trinity, i.e. the divine *Logos* (the Word or the pre-incarnate Christ) being God, always existed and, in the words of one of the early Fathers of the Church, Origen, "there was never a time when He was not." Therefore, when the Blessed Virgin Mary consented to the Father's plan, announced by the angel saying, "be it done unto me according to your word," the Second Person of the Trinity came and took to Himself a human nature remaining forever undiminished in His Deity and truly human united in the one person (Jesus) forever. Said differently, When Jesus Christ came into the world, a Person came not just a nature. The Second Person of the Trinity took on an *additional nature*, a human nature—He did not simply dwell in a human person. The result of the union of the two natures is a theanthropic person or a God-Man. These two natures, human and divine, are unchangeably, inseparably, unconfusedly united together in something called the *hypostatic union*. The Greek word *hypostases* literally means "to stand underneath" and conveys the idea of an underlying substance that supports some fundamental reality. Therefore in Christ the underlying substances of both divinity and humanity support the fundamental reality of a person called Jesus. To summarize, at the incarnation, Jesus added to His eternal God nature (having no beginning or end), a second everlasting human nature (having a beginning but no end). These two natures were perfectly united. As we read in the prophecy of Isaiah during this Advent: "Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel—God with us" (7:14). So, how does the Incarnation relate to the Eucharist? In the Gospel of John we read: "The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven?'" (Jn. 6:41-42). The Jews were questioning that Jesus said that He

*continued on the back*



"I come, O Lord, unto Thy sanctuary to see the life and food of my soul. As I hope in Thee, O Lord, inspire me with that confidence which brings me to Thy holy mountain. Permit me, Divine Jesus, to come closer to Thee, that my whole soul may do homage to the greatness of Thy majesty that my heart...may acknowledge thine infinite love."

-from the writings of St. Clare of Assisi

### "The Incarnation Reveals the Eucharist" continued from the front...

'came down from Heaven'. Think about what came down from heaven means. Neither you nor I can say that we came down from heaven. Each one of us knows that we are creatures, we are created by God through our biological parents, and that from the beginning we are human, we have a human nature. But Jesus did come down from Heaven. He is not a created human being like you or I, but from the beginning Jesus is the un-created divine Son of God. For us to believe that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present in the Eucharist, we must determine if we really believe God heard the cries of his people, and out of love and desire for us, sent Jesus to share in our humanity? Do we really believe that the Second Person of the Trinity came down to earth to save us so that we can come to know and love the Father? Do we really believe that Jesus was sent by the Father for the forgiveness of our sins so that we can share fully in God's divine life and live with Him eternally in Heaven? If so, then why would it be so difficult to believe that Jesus would be able to "stand under" the appearances of bread and wine? If we think about who Jesus is—about all the miracles He did, the people He healed, the casting out demons, the raising from the dead—the Son of God. If we believe that Jesus loves us, and every person, so much that He would do all that for us then, if we really believe in who He is, then the more important question isn't *how* the Eucharist is what it is, but *why*? Why wouldn't Jesus—if we *really believe* that He is the God-man—then why wouldn't He want to give Himself to us in this most special and intimate way? So, in faith, we have to admit, not only that God could do what He said, but that also, because of who He is, God would want to! Thus, our belief in the Incarnation, that the Son of God came down from Heaven to share in our humanity is intrinsically tied to our belief in the Eucharist.

### Life in the Eucharist: St Clare of Assisi

The life of St. Clare not only reveals to us her incredible devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and her deep trust in the Lord's protection, but it also demonstrates the power of the Holy Eucharist. Though she was feeble and sick, St. Clare turned away an army and prevented an attack on the monastery in which she lived with her sisters by holding high the monstrance. As the Saracens were approaching the convent, Saint Clare took the monstrance, and going to the window, faced the direction from which the invaders were coming. She raised the Blessed Sacrament, and upon this benediction, the Saracens fled the town and failed to return. Thus, the town of Assisi was spared from the attack. St. Clare's actions showed her Faith in the Real Presence and of her confident trust in God: that Jesus is truly present in the consecrated host and, as God will be our help and protection in time of trouble.



### Adoro te Devote: The Mingling of Water & Wine

If you've paid close attention at Mass, you might have noticed a curious little ritual. During the Offertory, after the priest prepares the wine, he adds a few little drops of water to the chalice. During the time of Jesus, the wine used was quite strong and needed to be diluted by water since it was the beverage that everyone drank. Remember there wasn't the water purification systems that we have now, so people, for the most part, could only drink water that was mixed with wine as a disinfectant. This practice continued in the early Church out of necessity. However, a theological meaning was added to this gesture. St. Cyprian of Carthage (A.D. 250) writes in his epistle about the significance of mixing the water and wine: "Because Christ bore us all, in that He bore our sins, we see that by the water, people are signified, while in the wine, indeed, the blood of Christ is shown. And when the water is mixed with the wine in the cup, the people are made one with Christ, and the multitude of believers is coupled and joined to Him in whom it believes" (W.A. Jurgens, *The Faith of the Early Fathers*, Vol. 1, 232). The water can also represent Jesus' humanity while the wine stands for His divinity united together in the hypostatic union.

