



PRAYER CHAIN

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request prayers

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Immediately report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18yrs old) to the Department of Child Services (DCS) Toll-free: 800-800-5556. or to local law enforcement 9-1-1
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Sts. MARY & JOHN

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Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024
and
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 29, 2024



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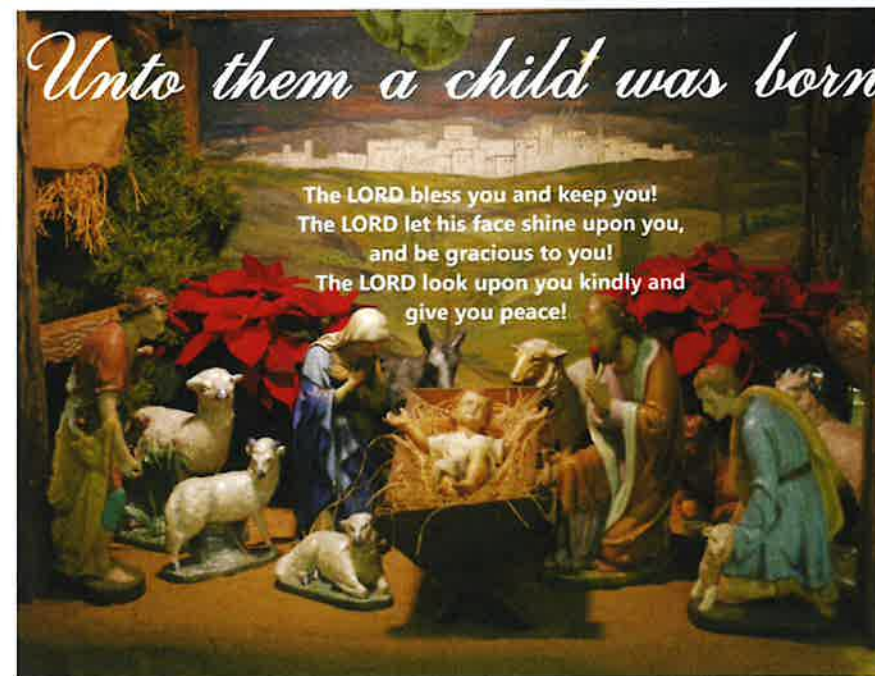
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WEEKEND MASSES

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



Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 4:00 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.

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 12/22	Monday 12/23	Tuesday 12/24	Wednesday 12/25	Thursday 12/26	Friday 12/27	Saturday 12/28
4th Sunday Advent Confession 9:15- am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15 am Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry Parish Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30am Mass 12:05 pm	Pantry and Office Closed Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm Cantata 8:30 pm 9:00 pm	Food Pantry Parish Office Closed Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am	Food Pantry Parish Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Parish Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm
SUNDAY 12/29 Feast of Holy Family Confession 9:15 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15 pm Mass 4:00 pm	MONDAY 12/30 Pantry/Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm	TUESDAY 12/31 New Year's Eve Pantry/Office Closed Vigil Mass 4:00 pm	WED. 1/1 New Year's Day Food Pantry & Parish Office Closed Holy Day Mass 9:00 am	THURS 1/2 Food Pantry Parish Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm	FRIDAY 1/3 Parish Office Closed Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm	SATURDAY 1/4 Alms/Anointing Confession 3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

During our last regular Tuesday night St. Vincent de Paul meeting this week, we assisted 13 families. Four needed help with CenterPoint, two with rent, and the rest needed vouchers for furnishings for newly acquired housing. So, that trend continues with more Neighbors finding a place to live, but needing almost everything to set up housekeeping. There were 3 last minute families who wanted Christmas items for their children, and even though that deadline has passed, we were able to find them some access to programs providing Christmas items for their children. Then, we took in whatever referrals we received Wednesday through Friday, and has been busy servicing those Neighbors. We will be closed until our next meeting January 7. The members of this parish has been such a strong supporter of this church-wide outreach program! The families who have been helped have much to be thankful for this holiday season. Merry blessed Christmas.

"YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

God bless you for your donations that make it possible to help those in need who reach out to us for help.

OCIA... Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

These following individuals are on their journey at Sts. Mary and John Parish to become full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in prayer!

- Candidates:**
Catechumens: Noell Bockhorst
 Bradley Castillo Zane Clodfelter,
 Paxton Stone Der'rik Hardin
 Abraham Palacios Penny Goshert
 Tiffany Palacios Samuel Shafer

Cantata with the Choir will be at 8:30 pm on Christmas Eve right before 9:00 pm Mass and again on Sunday, December 29 at 8:30 am right before 9:00 am Mass

*Thank you for all you do for the parish.
 May God Bless you and
 your families
 at Christmas time and throughout
 the New Year*

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024
 First Reading; Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Second Reading; Col 3:12-21 Gospel; Lk 2:41-52
Ephiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2024
 1st Reading; Isaiah 60:1-6 2nd Reading; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel; Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/21 4:00 pm	John and Katie Appuhn
Sun. 12/22 10:00 am	In Memory of Jerry Ticken
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 12/23 12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues. 12/24 4:00 pm	In Memory of Charlotte Warren
9:00 pm	In Memory of Sam Fitzsimmons
Wed. 12/25 9:00 am	Bob Minton
Thurs 12/26 12:05 pm	Barbara J. Alvey
Fri. 12/27 12:05 pm	Deo Barredo Rest in Peace
Sat. 12/28 4:00 pm	Norbert Niemeier
Sun. 12/29 10:00 am	For the Russell Family
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 12/30 12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Tues. 12/31 4:00 pm	Tara Blessinger and family
Wed. 1/1 9:00 am	In Memory of Mike and Patty Deibler
Thurs. 1/2 12:05 pm	In Memory of Joe Schutte
Fri. 1/3 12:05 pm	Paul Webb

Prayer Request
 For the Vance Family, Jason McBride, Pat Barnes, Pat Kerstiens, Patricia Murphree, Tracy Jones, Mike DiLegge, Keown and Redd families, Stan Logel, Linda Cirillo, Ray Bigge, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Helen MacDermott, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Nancy Hamilton, Anne Priestly.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...
 William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
 Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
 1st. Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

Christmas Schedule 2024
Christmas Eve; Tues, Dec. 24, 2024; Masses 4:00 & 9:00 pm
 Cantata with the choir 8:30 pm
Christmas Day Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2024; Mass 9:00 am

New Year's Eve December 31, 2024; Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025; Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Mass 9:00 am

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	Dec. 14-15
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,029.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,631.00
4:00 pm	\$ 716.00
Electronic	\$ 2,930.57
Office Mail in	\$ 2,475.00
Dominican	\$ 1,540.00
Total	\$ 9,846.57

ALMS \$ 959.00 SVdP \$ 300.00
LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards take time to properly prepare ourselves to celebrate Mass each Sunday and that we as Christian Stewards, reflect God's wisdom, pray to God and unite our sufferings with Jesus' every day

We are so Grateful for your faithful support of Sts. Mary and 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
 12/24 Denise Hirsch, Donna Moritz, Larry Porter
 12/26 Ted Nguyen, Sue Ann Noveroske, Nancy Russell
 12/28 Gillian Kelley
 12/29 Bo Bonnell
 12/30 Mary Anne Schmitt
 12/31 Catherine Baumgart, Dawn Dixon
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
 1/1 Robert Greenwell, George Hoffmann, Mark Kessler
 1/2 Diane LeVee
 1/3 Kyler Greenwell

We celebrate You!

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!
 Are you attending Mass here and possibly have been for a while? Are you a registered member of a parish? We would love you to register here. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext. 207 or email lgriggs@evdio.org.

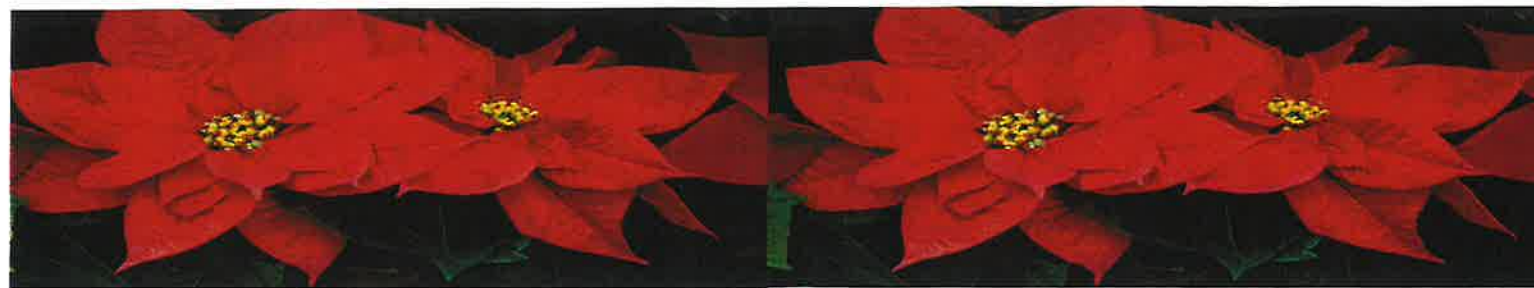
Fourth Sunday of Advent - Stewards Grow

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)
 When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing as a Christian Steward to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

Epiphany of the Lord - Stewards Give

"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11
 What gifts do Christian Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

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~From John and Lynda Appuhn

For the Deceased Members of the Hanly, McNamee, McAvoy and Bower Families
From David A. and Mary S. Bower

For Lynn and Dijie & Pete Chandler
~From Liz Chandler

In Memory of Agnes Pfender
~From Mason and Tina Wells

For Timothy R. Dodd, Christopher L. Dodd, and Family Members and Friends
~From Jaya Dodd

For Louis Carl ~From Vicky Carl

For Epha and Horace, Barnard, Vincennes

For the Burek, Supinsky and Hilpert Families, Tom and Marita Dieter ~From Richard and Nancy Burek

For Raymond Beyerstedt, Magdalen Beyerstedt, Irvin Seng, Mary K. Seng and families ~From Stephen and Sylvia Seng

For Paul and Betty Breidenbach and Bob and Bev Drehobl
~From John Breidenbach

For the Wilson and Barth families, Elmer Barth, Vodra and Mary Wilson ~From Diane Barth

For Elvis Hall, Clara Hall Paille, Phil Paille, Troy Hinderliter and Jack Hall ~From Diane Tomas

For Donna Schlachter, Ed Schlachter, Jerry Schlachter and Bob Schlachter ~From Rachael Schlachter

For John, Ann, David and Justin Kenning, Gene & Johnina Smith, Curt & Helen Day, Harry & June Pugh ~From Joe and Kelli Day

For Paul D. Webb, Richard & Carolyn Lawson, Harry & Daisy Webb, Donna Rickard, James Lawson and Harold Webb ~From Carol Webb

For Eddie Morris ~From Rita Morris

For Andrew Cirillo, Imy Cirillo Holiday and Stephen Cirillo
~From Chaplain Linda Cirillo

In Memory of Rita Englert and Jayne Clark

For Doris Bush ~From Gary Bush

For Jim and Dolly Schutz, Robert and Najla Grotius, Jim and Cheryl Hunt, and Brenda Hochmeister ~From Bobbie and Daryl Schutz

For Lois and Phili Phelps, Alice Cannon, Hildegarte and Ken Helm, Sr.
~From Ken and Carolyn Helm

For Laura Carney, Marj and Leonard Jochim, and Skip and Carol Jochim, Jim Sylvester, Dave Hupp ~From Lynn and Charlie Jochim

For Aurelio and Aeela Lagman, Toty and Aida Lagman ~From Linda Hoops

For Shimkos and Michael Families
From Mark and Susie Michael

For the Deceased Members of the Seib and Hollingsworth Families
From Rich and Dee Dee Seib

For Mike Borst, Kate Borst, Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Hinkle, Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Kinkle, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cornils
From Judy Borst and Rosemary Toelle

For Jack Diehl ~From Pam Diehl

For Jerome and Everett Cox Families
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For Manuel and Frances Pereira, Chuck and Angie Reiser, Marie Netko, Joe Winkler and Marilyn McCabe ~From Tina Hirsch

For Larry Miller, Michael White and John Gillespie

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For Jack, Loretta and Ward Pytosky, Raymond, Dorothy, Buck McBride, Jan Howell
From Jacky Schwartz & Ron McBride

For Dennis Pat Kerstiens and Tresa Kerstiens Phillips ~From Pat Kerstiens

For Barbara Brewster, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Don Render and Wayne Render
From Ken and Sandi Render

For Trent Smith, Tony and Mary Jane Wagner, Martin and Doris Smith ~From Ginny Smith

For the Griggs, Steckler, Ulrich, Merritt and Adams families ~From the Griggs family

For Lisa Hayhurst and the Faulkenberg and Kuehn families ~From Kim Kuehn

*May God Bless
you and your families
at Christmas time and
throughout
the New Year*