

**PRAYER CHAIN**



pray for others

request prayers

Be a link in our parish email prayer chain contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207 or lgriggs@evdio.org

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**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024**



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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 12/15	Monday 12/16	Tuesday 12/17	Wednesday 12/18	Thursday 12/19	Friday 12/20	Saturday 12/21
<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b> Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am  Confession 3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm  <b>St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5 pm in the</b>	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm   Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	<b>CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING 8 am-Noon</b>   3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 22, 2024**

First Reading; Mi 5:1-4a  
 Second Reading; Heb 10:5-10  
 Gospel; Lk 1:39-45

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 12/14 4:00 pm	For the healing of Pat Barnes
Sun. 12/15 10:00 am	Jack Dills and Family
	4:00 pm Norbert Niemeier
Mon. 12/16 12:05 pm	In Memory of Mike and Patty Deibler
Tues. 12/17 12:05 pm	Audrey McCool
Thurs 12/19 12:05 pm	Eileen Hyde
Fri. 12/20 12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Sat. 12/21 4:00 pm	John and Katie Appuhn
Sun. 12/22 10:00 am	In Memory of Jerry Tiekem
	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 Sam Fitzsimmons
Wed. 12/25 9:00 am	Bob Minton

**MASS INTENTION envelopes in church you can fill out and drop in the stewardship basket at Mass, or contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 or lgriggs@evdio.org.**

*Prayer Request* For the family of Joe Schutte, 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  
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. 7-8
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,704.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,629.00
4:00 pm	\$ 805.00
Electronic	\$ 379.77
Office Mail in	\$ 2,475.00
Dominican	\$ 773.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,765.77</b>

**ALMS 1,378.00 SVdP \$ 5,301.00**

**LET US PRAY...** That we may as Christian Stewards take time every day to show our gratitude to God, who is the ultimate giver of all gift.

**Church Minister Schedule for next weekend**

Saturday, Dec. 21	Sunday, December 22
<b>Lector:</b> Diane Altstadt-Weiss	<b>Lector:</b> Terri Schaefer
<b>EMHC:</b> Mary Ann Russell, Diane Tomas, Charlie Jochim, Cecilia Phillips	<b>EMHC:</b> Terri Schaefer, Tom and Karen Bryan, George Ann Griffin-Atkinson
<b>Adult Server:</b> Carol Stratman	
Sunday, December 22	
<b>Lector:</b> Laurie Ewers	<b>EMHC:</b> Laurie Ewers, Brad Simms, Ed Goebel, Inese Lewis

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/14 Donna Laymon
12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Christopher Clayton
12/16 Gregory Willming
12/17 Henry Lawson
12/18 Philip Brown, Gary Eddmenson, Jill Grady, Ramses Guivas
12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith
12/20 John Domsic, Karen Martyn, DeeDee Seib
12/21 Laurie Ewers
12/24 Denise Hirsch, Donna Moritz, Larry Porter

*We celebrate You!*

**IN LOVING MEMORY...**

We Remember, parishioner, Joe Schutte, 91, who died November 22, 2024. Joe is the brother-in-law to Deacon Dennis Russell. Please remember Joe and his family in your prayers at this time of loss.

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

Our St. Vincent de Paul conference here at Sts. Mary & John Parish has noticed a trend towards reducing homelessness. Agencies such as Auora are getting people into housing. Those new Neighbors, in turn, are applying to the various St. Vincent de Paul conferences for assistance. For us, we are seeing folks who are regaining a roof over their heads, but without furnishings. We give them vouchers to spend at the Thrift Store, and very frequently, clothing vouchers as well. We see those who need to retire old CenterPoint bills so that they can get new service. Recently, we helped an Aurora client with funds he needed to apply for housing—application fees—so that he could get an apartment. Aurora has a program to fund their actual rent for up to a year, but he needed money to apply to various landlords. Thank you for the Christmas contributions the members of this parish are giving so that we can do these things.



**Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Envelopes are due in the Parish Office by Mon. December 16. Parish Offices will close at Noon on December 23 and reopen on Thursday, January 2. Food Pantry closed Mon. Dec. 23 until Mon. Jan. 6**

**Just a reminder...** Since there are many doors to the outside between church and our restrooms, we ask that a parent, guardian or older sibling accompany young children to the restrooms. Buddy system is always a good thing.

**Third Sunday of Advent Stewards Share**

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous Stewards sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

**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!

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

**An Intimate Advent Evening for Women**

**Considering Life as a Sister.** This Advent, spend a very special evening with the Sisters of St. Benedict at 5:00 pm (ET) on Tuesday, December 17 at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, IN for evening prayer and supper, followed by relaxed conversation afterward. Ask questions, share thoughts, hopes and fears. RSVP Email Sr. Jill Reuber vocation@thedome.org

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING**

Come and bring some friends or family to help us decorate the church for Christmas on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 8:00 am-Noon SEE YOU THEN!!**



**Mater Dei is now accepting new student applications**

for the 2025-26 school year! Go to materdeiwildcats.com and click the link to apply online. If you have any questions/concerns or would like to schedule a visit to Mater Dei, contact Jill Seiler jseiler@evdio.org or 812-426-2258.

**Holiday Sign up Sheets** for Ministers are posted in the back of church for the Christmas and New Year’s Masses for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, and Ushers. Please sign up for any Masses you are able to serve. **Attention Ushers** - schedules for December were emailed to all who expressed an interest in being an Usher on Tuesday, December 3. Please check your email for the schedule. Also, please sign up in the back of church for any Christmas and New Year’s Masses you are able to serve. These Masses are not included on the schedule.

# Christmas Year-Round

**“Christmas Year-Round”** was established as a Christmas season collection to be used throughout the year to help those who come to our doors for help. Throughout the year, because of this fund, we were able to provide emergency shelter, help to get back home to those displaced by job searching and job loss, transportation to family funerals out of town, birth certificate fees, backpacks, school clothing, school supplies, bus tokens, grocery gift certificates, necessary medication, medication co-pays, bicycles for work transportation, clothing for job interviews, and much more.



During Advent and as you prepare for the celebration of the joyous birth of Jesus and the celebration of the Holy Family, we hope you will think about this and all our outreach ministries here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. Feel very proud of all the good things your donations and prayers bring about.



*CYR Envelopes are available in baskets in church, and in the parish office. Make checks available to Sts. Mary and John Parish. Drop your envelope in the Stewardship basket at Mass or mail it to the parish office 613 Cherry St., Evansville, IN 47713*

**Christmas Year-Round... Your gift to someone in need all year long.** Thank you for making a difference in our community.