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local law enforcement 9-1-1
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Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas
December 21, 2025



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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Items for the bulletin need to be
turned in by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8 am - 4 pm

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Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

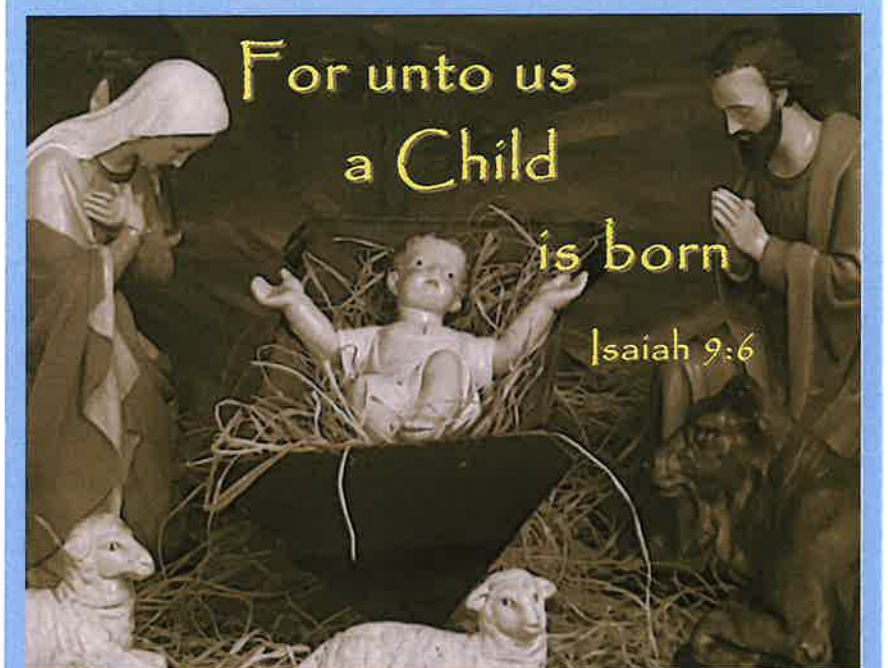
Baptism, First Communion,
Confirmation Please contact
the Parish Office about
sacramental preparation, to
schedule a Baptism or info
on sacrament schedules.

Become Catholic - OCIA
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
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Or to schedule a time to be
anointed please contact the
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A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community
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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 12/21	Monday 12/22	Tuesday 12/23	Wednesday 12/24	Thursday 12/25	Friday 12/26	Saturday 12/27
Fourth Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15 Mass 4 pm	Food Pantry Closed Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry Closed Parish Office closes at Noon Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 pm	Parish Office and Food Pantry closed Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm Cantata 8:30 pm Mass 9:00 pm	Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am Parish Office and Food Pantry closed	Parish Office and Food Pantry closed Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel: Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/20 4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 12/21 10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Mon. 12/22 12:05 pm	Conchita Jalandoni Minaya Birthday
Tues. 12/23 12:05 pm	Nati Salinas & Ted deJesus happy birthday
Wed. 12/24 4:00 pm	Alan Groves
9:00 pm	Erik and Pete Chandler
Thurs 12/25 9:00 am	Naty Happy Heavenly birthday
Fri. 12/26 12:05 pm	1953 H.S. Classmates Memorial St. Scholastica's College
Sat. 12/27 4:00 pm	Paul Webb
Sun. 12/28 10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
4:00 pm	Eugene Latham
Mon. 12/29 12:05 pm	Julie Edmister Happy Birthday

MASS INTENTION envelopes in church. Please 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.



Chris Jackson, Marilyn Cox, Paul Walker, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Ben Weaver, Basia Bazell and Renata Rafferty, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Frank Hilton, Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Jean Ann

Priestly, Cap Berg, Pat Barnes

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

Connor Day	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
William Russell	Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
Lt. Noah Huelsing	LT Noah Algee
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon	

Hello and Welcome to our Parish!

New to the area? Been attending here for some time? We invite you to become a registered member. Contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext. 207 or email

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	12/6-7/2025	12/13-14/2023
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,453.00	\$ 1,882.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 2,012.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,108.00	\$ 628.00
Electronic	\$ 605.46	\$ 667.83
Office Mail in	\$ combined	\$ 5,525.00
Holy Day	\$ 1,144.00	
Total	\$ 9,320.46	\$ 10,714.83,
	Alms \$2,325.00	\$ 00
	StVdeP \$927.00	\$ 00
	Christmas Year Round \$560.00	

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/20 Karen Martyn, Jensen Ours, DeeDee Seib
12/21 Laurie Ewers
12/24 Denise Hirsch, Donna Moritz, Larry Porter
12/26 Ted Nguyen, Sue Ann Noveroske, Nancy Russell
12/27 Terra Ours
12/28 Gillian Kelley
12/29 Bo Bonnell
12/30 Mary Anne Schmitt
12/31 Catherine Baumgart, Dawn Dixon

We celebrate you!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Robert Greenwell, Goerge Hoffmann, Mark Kessler
1/2 Diane LeVee
1/3 Kyler Greenwell

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. December 27; 4:00 pm Lector Christy Baker
EMHC- Sandy Render, Diana Gillespie Server-Sandi
Render Ushers-Ken Render

Sun. December 28, 10:00 am

Lector-Bob Stephens EMHC-Lori and Stan Lindauer
Ushers-Mark Priestly

Sun. December 28, 4:00 pm

Lector-Jill Ohlsen EMHC-Jill Ohlsen, Laurie Ewers
Ushers- Samuel Kuester

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



At our meeting this past Tuesday, we had a full roster of Neighbors, with almost half needing help with CenterPoint. We continue to work with those facing shutoff, helping as much as we can, and then counseling them on other sources of help to keep their lights on. We do a bit extra where there are children involved, as we did this week when we helped a couple with seven children; such a big family that they rented two apartments—one up and one down—with two different CenterPoint bills. Then, starting the next day on Wednesday, we handled an extra 14 by Friday evening, since we won't be meeting the Tuesday before Christmas nor during New Year's week. Our next meeting will be the first Tuesday of January. Thanks to all of you who have supported this ministry so faithfully throughout the year, and may you have a blessed holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all parishioners and friends of the parish who have donated food during Advent to our Parish Food Pantry. You are a blessing to all those in need who come to our door.



Deputy Erik Nilssen, of the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, was caught doing a good deed in the freezing weather over the weekend. Deputy Nilssen is just one of the dedicated Evansville's Finest deputies and officers you'll meet working at our weekend Masses. We thank all VCSO deputies and EPD officers and all First Responders for all they do in and around the community. Have a blessed and safe holiday.

HABITAT JUBILEE BUILD... If you are interested in helping with the **Habitat Catholic Jubilee Build** please go to the volunteer page, register, sign your waiver and then sign up for **Jubilee Build** days to work the build. Our build days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. They Build from 7:30 to 2:30 with a lunch break at 11am on each of the days. Workdays are put out ahead of the need so keep checking the schedule.

Go to link to register and for more information or scan the QR code.

https://volunteer.evansvillehabitat.org/need/detail/?need_id=1145535

Have questions or need help please contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext 207



OUTREACH in Advent

We are collecting food for our parish Food Pantry. There is a great need this year. The list below is some of our needs.

Our neighbors we help will be very grateful. Thank you!

CEREAL	Canned green beans
OATMEAL	Canned vegetables
PEANUT BUTTER	Pork and Beans
Pancake mix	Pasta Noodles
PANCAKE SYRUP	PASTA SAUCE
Canned fruit	DRY KIDNEY, PINTO,
Canned soups	GREAT NORTHERN
POWDERED MILK OR	BEANS
SHELF STABLE MILK	SOAP
INSTANT POTATOES	Toothbrushes
TUNA FISH	Toothpaste
WHITE RICE	TOILET PAPER
Canned corn	Detergent and dish soap

Holiday Hours for Food Pantry and Parish Offices...

*Food Pantry will be closed Mon. December 22 and

**Parish Offices will close at Noon Tues. Dec. 23. Will open on Monday January 5th, 2026. If you have an urgent need to contact the parish during this time, please leave a message and staff will return your call. 812-425-1577 press 3.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Stewards Obey

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

MATTHEW 1:24

Stewards put 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 discipleship, just as Joseph was.



CHRISTMAS 2025 Flower Memorials
We remember and honor in prayer these
loved ones with the purchase of our
Christmas Flowers.

For Patty Deibler and Mike Deibler
~From Angie Smith

Robert L. Raibley, Mary Jane Owens-Raibley,
Pervis and Josephine Taylor, Stephen Raibley
~From John Raibley

For Maurice and Katie Appuhn
~From John and Lynda Appuhn

For Frank and Verna Crankshaw,
Hal Crankshaw, Drella Crankshaw
~From Don Crankshaw

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

For Pete Chandler and Erik Chandler
~From Liz Chandler

For Loraine Berthold, Gerard Bessette, Ruth
and Dewey ~From Christine Bessette

For Louis Carl ~From Vicky Carl and Chris Carl

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

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

For Joey and Clarena Simms, Russell and
Nadine Payton ~From Brad Simms

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

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

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

Therese Marie Terry, Joseph Terry, Catherine
T. Terry, Christopher Havens, Josephine
Havens ~From Mark Terry

For Eddie Morris ~From Rita Morris

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

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

Living and deceased members of the Helm,
Cannon and Phelps Families
~From Ken and Carolyn Helm

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

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

For the Michael and Shimkos Families
~From Mark and Susie Michael



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

Edna Marie Jones, Arnold DeBaillie, Marian
DeBaillie, Marsha Williams, Dan Singleton
~From Debbie and Steve DeBaillie

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

In memory of James and Betty Jo Hallinan and
family, James and Joan Clark and family.
In honor of David and Beth Clark and family
~From Beth Clark

For Jack Diehl, Anna Filbert ~From Pam Diehl

For Manuel and Frances Pereira, Chuck and
Angie Reiser, Marie Netko and Joe Winkler
~From Tina Hirsch

James and Helen Martin ~From Lovella Martin

For Miguel and Edith Madriaga; William and
Virginia Fowler
~From Mike and Sandy Madriaga

For Scott Joest, Richard and Betty Joest,
Robert and Sylvia Williams
~From Sheila Williams

For Alan Groves, Mary Ann Eickhoff and
Charles Eichhoff ~From Annie Groves

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

For Dennis Kerstiens and Tresa Kerstiens
Phillips ~From Pat Kerstiens

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

For the DiLegge Family and the Lattner Family
~ From Michael DiLegge

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

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

For Margaret and Guerin Bernardin
~From Tom Bernardin

Thank you, Kenneth and Carolyn Helm, and
Sheryl Lemmer

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