



# The Epiphany of the Lord

## January 8, 2023

### St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, St. John the Evangelist

6:45 am & 9:30 am

St. Bernard 11:30 am

Tuesday, 8:00 am

Wednesday, 5:30 pm

Thursday,

St. John Evangelist 8:00 am

St. Bernard 6:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am

First Saturday, 8:00 am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00–4:45 pm

Sunday, 6:00–6:30 am

Tuesday, 7:15–7:45 am

Wednesday, 4:45–5:15 pm

Thursday,

St. John the Evangelist 7:15–7:45 am

St. Bernard 5:15–5:45 pm

Friday, 8:15–8:45 am

And by appointment

#### Office Hours

Mon–Fri, 8:00 am –4:30 pm



#### Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, 4:30 pm, in the Church.

#### Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education & Confirmation

Contact Mary Shetler at the Parish Office.

#### Baptism

Contact Deacon Richard to sign-up for classes (if expecting, preferably during the 2nd trimester).

#### Marriage

Contact the Parish Office as soon as an engagement is discussed to meet with Fr. Chris for marriage preparation.

#### New Parishioners

To register, please pick up a registration packet by the Parish Office window or download one from our website.

#### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn about the Catholic Faith, contact Deacon Richard.

#### Rosary

The Rosary is prayed twenty minutes before weekend Masses and after weekday Masses.

#### Saint Clare Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

You may visit the Chapel at any time. Contact Jane Young for questions, to sign up for a holy hour, or to have access to the Chapel.

**Pastor**..... Fr. Chris Forler  
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## Mass Intentions

**Tues., Jan. 10**

**8:00 am** † David Todd

**Wed., Jan. 11**

**5:30 pm** † Bill Brooks

**Thurs., Jan. 12**

**8:00 am** † Beverly Doty

**Fri., Jan. 13**

**9:00 am** † Thalita Wingerter

**Sat., Jan. 14**

**5:00 pm** † Tom Rogge, Sr.

**Sun., Jan. 15**

**6:45 am** † For St. Bernard and St. John the Evangelist Parishes

**9:30 am** † Julie & Alayna Schnell



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### Financial Giving (1/1/2023)

Weekly Budget	\$	13,060.00
Collection	\$	10,488.00
Online Collection	\$	4,806.14
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,294.14</b>
Difference	\$	2,234.14
Budget YTD:	\$	352,200.00
Actual:	\$	377,229.84
Difference:	\$	25,029.84
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	90.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	40.00
Gabriel Project	\$	385.00

### Financial Giving (12/25/2022)

Weekly Budget	\$	13,060.00
Collection	\$	21,958.00
Online Collection	\$	2,284.01
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,242.01</b>
Difference	\$	11,182.01
Budget YTD:	\$	339,240.00
Actual:	\$	361,935.70
Difference:	\$	22,695.70
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	105.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	20.00
Gabriel Project	\$	65.00

**Please make all checks for special collections payable to: St. John Church.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May God's Peace be with you on this Epiphany, and Happy New Year! Father Chris thought the Solemnity of Epiphany would be an opportune time for me to share my own faith journey and epiphany with you. As some of you may know, I was not born Catholic but joined the Church in August of 2016. I grew up in a conservative Baptist household, and while I'm grateful for the firm grounding in Scripture and upright living I received, I sensed that their approach to God and things of the Faith were very influenced by what made them comfortable and what was familiar, rather than being open to the Truth. Certain interpretations of Scripture seemed nonsensical or contradictory, however it was explained to me that "this is what we have always believed." You can possibly understand the cognitive dissonance when they would then say Catholics were wrong to have Sacred Tradition, which is a handing down of what we have always believed.

I journeyed along and was employed as the principal musician and assistant director of music at the Rockville Christian Church. This church was part of the Stone-Campbell movement, which was an American movement from the mid-1800s. They sought to revive and reclaim the Faith as the Apostles and the first few generations of Christians practiced it. Taking this Spirit to heart, I kept searching, and over time, became more and more receptive to the Catholic faith; one by one, those preferences for what was familiar and comfortable seemed dull in comparison to the light of truth. I can remember reading passages from the Gospel of John (John 6:51-58 or 20:19-23 come to mind) almost as if for the first time. How had I not read these before? Thinking back, I'm not sure I had ever heard a Baptist or Christian Church sermon that touched on these passages in any depth. These passages, though affirmed as true by those churches, were inconvenient to explain; we would quickly gloss over them and change the subject. I soon found that Catholics not only relished these, and other passages, they had GOOD explanations for them. One small epiphany turned into several more, and finally into a larger one: the Catholic faith was true! Despite my preferences, following the Truth meant I had to become Catholic. This journey, my journey, reminds me a bit of the Magi who journeyed far from the Persian East in search of Jesus Christ. Despite the obstacles of the journey, they paid attention either to the Jews who still remained in Persia, or to the writings and prophecies left by those Jews. They saw the Star over Bethlehem and, guided by its light, sought after it. When they arrived in Jerusalem, I can only imagine how surprised they were that Herod, the scribes, and Pharisees hadn't noticed the birth of the Messiah. Scripture tells us that Herod and all Jerusalem were frightened by the Magi, who seemingly announced to them that the Messiah had come. Had the Jews not seen the new star in the sky? Had they not heard the news from the shepherds in Bethlehem? Had they not read the same writings as the Magi? I suspect, in reality they had done all these things but these truths were inconvenient; better to change the subject and go on about your day.

This time of year, and the Solemnity of Epiphany should be a reminder to us that Jesus Christ is constantly reaching out towards us with small epiphanies, little reminders to follow after Him in new or better ways. Very often, we let our desire for comfort, to order things according to our preferences persuade us into ignoring these epiphanies. I pray that in this new year and on the Solemnity of Epiphany you would be open to following what God is asking of you: joining K of C, Altar Society, a Bible Study, singing in the choir, signing up for an hour of adoration in our Eucharistic Chapel, or just making the effort to wake up a little earlier each day to pray.

Your servant in Christ,

Jason Allen

### Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) is UNDERWAY—

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CPC Goal	\$ 144,800	
Pledged to Date	\$78,250	54%
Cards Returned	216	35%



# The Epiphany of the Lord

## January 8, 2023

**Have you registered with St. John?**  
 Have you registered with St. John? If you are new to St. John's, have been here a while, or have just moved out on your own we want you to register as a parishioner! You can find registration forms by the office window or on our website at catholicdaylight.org. Return them in person or by placing them in the mailbox.

St. John Daylight's guest network Wi-Fi password: **Daylight!**

**St. Vincent De Paul**  
**Contact: Mike Rogan svdpsjd@gmail.com**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

### Memory Candles

The candles in the Sanctuary Lamp and the St. Clare Adoration Chapel are in Memory of:

**Bob and Mary Adams**  
 Req. by Scott & Kathy Heidorn



### Seminarian of the Month

Please take the time to send Nick Biever a note of encouragement at St. Meinrad, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, 47577. Nick is in 2nd Theology Class of 2025. His home parish is Annunciation in Evansville. His birthday is May 16. If you cannot send a note, please add him to your prayers!

## WOMEN'S FAITH FORMATION

# The Feminine Genius

FEBRUARY: 4, 11, 18, & 25

You are invited to join us for this year's women's Faith Formation. We will be doing the podcast series by Abiding Together called The Feminine Genius. It is a four-part series that explores our feminine genius, referencing Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem* on the Dignity and Vocation of Women.

We will start with 8:00 am Mass followed by brunch and mimosas while Fr. Chris Dives deeper into the four pillars of the Feminine Genius. This will be on Saturday mornings. Please RSVP to Mshetler@evdio.org or (812)867-3718

## ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

### LENT PARISH MISSION

### SAVE THE DATE

### (MORE DETAILS SOON)

# March 19, 20, & 21

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, Jan. 8

8:00 am RCIA (St. Elizabeth Room)  
 8:00 am Religious Education (Classrooms)  
 8:00 am First Communion Parent Meeting #1 (Church)  
 2:00 pm Siena Girls Group

### Monday, Jan. 9

4:00 pm Gabriel Project (St. Elizabeth Room)

### Tuesday, Jan. 10

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Church)  
 6:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)  
 6:00 pm Quarterly Baptism Prep 1 (St. Elizabeth Room)  
 7:00 pm Men's Club (Gym)

### Wednesday, Jan. 11

4:30 pm Sacred & Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate (St. Clare Chapel)  
 4:30 pm Adoration and Reconciliation (Church)  
 6:00 pm Youth Ministry (Gym)

### Thursday, Jan. 12

6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (Gym)

### Friday, Jan. 13

6:00 pm Maria Rosa Mystica Mass & Novena Prayers (Church)  
 6:00 pm Young Adult Volleyball following 6pm Mass (Church/Gym)

### Saturday, Jan. 14

### Sunday, Jan. 15

8:00 am RCIA (St. Elizabeth Room)  
 8:00 am Religious Education (Classrooms)  
 8:00 am First Communion Parent Meeting #2 (Commons)  
 8:00 am Server Training (Church)

**Condolences to the families of:**  
**Arthur Harshbarger,**  
*Husband of Marilyn Harshbarger (Parishioner)*  
**Al Folz**  
*Father of Gail Shetler (Parishioner) and Grandfather of Mary Shetler (Parishioner), and for*  
**Stan Taraska,**  
*Husband of Elizabeth Taraska (Parishioner)*  
*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**  
 Open to all boys and girls Ages 9 -14  
 (As of Jan. 1, 2023)  
**Please bring your birth certificate!**  
 Sunday, January 22, 2023 at  
 1:00 pm (Please arrive by 12:30) in the Gym.

Join us at St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 13, for 6:00 pm **Mass** in church for the **Maria Rosa Mystica** Novena prayers. Help us as we continue to pray for our Priests, Seminarians, and all religious. Everyone is invited to come and be a part of the Mass and the prayers!



**All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Club** this Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00 pm in the Gym. Please plan on attending and helping put away the Christmas Decorations and come have some of Ron's famous bean soup.

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Cursillo Ambassador

Contact: Alicia Nichols  
stjohnsdaylight@evansvillecursillo.com

## Gabriel Project

Contact: Tarah Bracher, 812-983-4517

## Knights of Columbus, Council 14659

Contact: Mitch Strange, 812-259-5318

## Morning Star Friends Outreach (Sick/Homebound)

Contact: Jenny Barry, 812-867-3718 or  
jbarry@evdio.org

## Mother to Mother

Contact: Jade Blankenberger, 812-453-7364

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Contact: Lois Martin, 812-303-4541

## Respect Life

Contact: Mandy Keener, 812-459-4119

## Rosary Leaders

Contact: Marie Dasher, 812-455-2905

## Sacred and Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate

Contact: Grace Robertson, 812-306-4689

## Senior Citizen Mass/Breakfast

Contact: Virginia Miller, 812-867-5765

## St. Anne Altar Society

Contact: Jenny Barry, 812-867-3718

## St. John Men's Club

Contact: Steve Wagner, 812-457-1678

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Contact: Mike Rogan, svdpsjd@gmail.com

## Troops of St. George

Contact: Matt Keener, (812) 459-4119

## Youth Ministry

Mary Shetler, 812-867-3718

Youth group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

## MEMORY CANDLES RESERVATION FORM

I would like to reserve candles in the Sanctuary  
Lamp  
and in the St. Clare Adoration Chapel  
during the week of (Monday through Sunday):

Please circle one: **In Honor of** **In**  
**Memory**

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