



The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

5301 Daylight Drive, Evansville, IN 47725 / (812) 867-3718 / www.catholicdaylight.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, St. John the Evangelist
6:45 am & 9:30 am
St. Bernard 11:15 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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Deacon..... Vince Bernardin
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tdavis@evdio.org

Parish Secretary..... Jenny Barry
jbarry@evdio.org

Secretary..... Jane Young
jayoung@evdio.org

Youth Minister..... Mary Shetler
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Parish Catechetical Leader..... Mary Shetler
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Mass Intentions

Tues., May 23

8:00 am † Dan Pate

Wed., May 24

5:30 pm LIV Ruth McDaniel

Thurs., May 25

8:00 am † Jeff Swan

Fri., May 26

9:00 am † Arthur Harshbarger

Sat., May 27

5:00 pm † John & Rose Spahn

Sun., May 28

6:45 am † Ben Rauck

9:30 am St. Bernard and St. John the Evangelist
Parishes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week as we continue to glean wisdom from *The Imitation of Christ*, we now ponder meditation #9, which concerns Obedience and Subjection. I believe the practice of obedience is such a vital and yet difficult thing for human beings of any age, but particularly in our modern age and western culture. We tend today more than perhaps in any other time in history to be rather libertine in our attitudes. We see something and we want it. We want it and we get it. While our national and cultural heritage celebrates the dignity and rights of the individual (a very good thing if understood rightly), we can take that to excess, and make life all about us and what we want. This is a concept that is very counter to authentic Christianity. Our life is actually *not* about us, but about God. This implies that we have to subject our desires and passions to the will of God. This requires obedience, and it is not easy for fallen human beings subject to pride and sin.

The practice that highlights this difficulty most starkly is having to *practice* obedience, especially to *other human beings*. No matter who we are and where we find ourselves, however, we always have someone to answer to, and this often leads to difficulties and friction. It is a great temptation to wish to push back against, resist, revolt against, or reject those in authority over us, or to think that we have a better idea. Moreover, this may very well be true! We can also be tempted into thinking that being subject to another is bad, while being in charge is good. Thomas gives us a counter-perspective that is wise and helpful, however, and can lead us to peace: be humbly obedient and listen, and do it out of a desire to love God and to grow stronger in submitting our will to His. I will conclude with these words from the author:

"It is a very great thing to obey, to live under a superior and not to be one's own master, for it is much safer to be subject than it is to command. Many live in obedience more from necessity than from love. Such become discontented and dejected on the slightest pretext; they will never gain peace of mind unless they subject themselves wholeheartedly for the love of God.

Go where you may, you will find no rest except in humble obedience to the rule of authority. Dreams of happiness expected from change and different places have deceived many. Everyone, it is true, wishes to do as he pleases and is attracted to those who agree with him.

Who is so wise that he can have full knowledge of everything? Do not trust too much in your own opinions, but be willing to listen to those of others. If, though your own be good, you accept another's opinion for love of God, you will gain much more merit. It may happen too that while one's own opinion may be good, refusal to agree with others when reason and occasions demand it, is a sign of pride and obstinacy."

Peace to you,
-Fr. Chris

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Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

Remember Fr. Chris in your prayers as he will be approaching the 15th Anniversary of his Ordination on May 31. Please show him your appreciation for his Priesthood.



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Online Collection	\$	3,407.07
Total Collection	\$	13,534.32
Difference	\$	474.32
Budget YTD:	\$	600,340.00
Actual:	\$	641,672.74
Difference:	\$	41,332.74
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	5.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	5.00
Gabriel Project	\$	155.00

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Building Fund

Estimated Cost for Building	\$4,129,000
Pledges/Parish Funds	\$3,468,134
Finish 2nd Floor (Est.)	\$500,000
Total still needed	\$1,160,866

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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 as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples... and now through us. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are hungry.



Condolences to the family of:

Donald Ward

Father of parishioner, Jenny Miller,
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our Parish Welcomes:

Austin Wolf

Wherever we meet in prayer, there is God.



Parish Council Elections

The Parish Pastoral Council Election is now in progress. We have a paper with a short description of each candidate and we ask that you vote 1 time for 1 nominee. Ballots are available in the commons. All ballots need to be submitted by May 25. Any questions please call Jenny Barry at 812-867-3718 or email at jbarry@evdio.org



We need your help to make this VBS great for our kids. We would love it if you would want to help with VBS in one of the following areas...Group leader, crafts, snacks, games, music, and many other important areas. Please feel free to invite others the more help the better. VBS dates will be June 5-9 from 8:45-Noon each day. Also we will have two Dominican Sisters joining us this year!

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Mary Shetler at mshetler@evdio.org or (812)867-3718.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 21

6:00 pm Men's Club Steak Night Envelopes (Gym)

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Gym)

Wednesday, May 24

4:00 pm Sacred & Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate (St. Clare Chapel)

4:30 pm Adoration and Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 pm Youth Ministry (Gym)

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28



Boots Mass: We will be honoring and remembering those who have suffered the wounds of world conflict on June 4 at the 9:30 am Mass. We will begin with a moment of remembrance before Mass. Please come and helps us to remain in prayer for all of those who are serving, have served, and have perished.

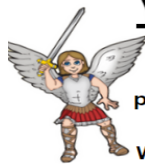
VBS June 5th-9th

Ages: 5-12

Volunteers: 13+

Please get registration forms for participants and volunteers from the back of church or on our website.

Please turn the forms into the office ASAP. We do have two Dominican sisters joining us this year. We hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions please reach out to mshetler@evdio.org.



Summer Mass Schedule will begin on Friday, June 2. Starting in June the Friday Mass will be at 8:00 am. We will follow this schedule through August.



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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.

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
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
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