



# First Sunday of Advent

## December 03, 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 11:15 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

Monday 8:00 am–11:30 am  
Tues. - Fri, 8:00 am–4:30 pm



## St. Nicholas Day-December 6

#### 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  
cforler@evdio.org

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vbernardin@evdio.org

Deacon..... Lonny Davis  
ldavis@evdio.org

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rleibundguth@evdio.org

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bbindley@evdio.org

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jallen@evdio.org

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gsmiljanich@evdio.org

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tdavis@evdio.org

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

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

Youth Minister.....Mary Shetler  
mshetler@evdio.org

Parish Catechetical Leader.....Mary Shetler  
mshetler@evdio.org

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## Mass Intentions

**Tues., Dec. 5**

8:00 am LIV Cecelia Mckenzie

**Wed., Dec. 6**

5:30 pm † Joseph Sweeney

**Thurs., Dec. 7**

8:00 am † Ron Rohner

**Fri., Dec. 8 (Holy Day of Obligation)**

9:00 am St. Bernard and St. John the Evangelist Parishes

6:00 pm † Elaine Ritzert

**Sat., Dec. 9**

5:00 pm † Judy Garland

**Sun., Dec. 10**

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

9:30 am LIV Charlie Nichols

Sponsor of the Week:

**Hook's Apothecary**

Please patronize and thank our sponsors for supporting our Parish.



## Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	12,998.80
Online Collection	\$	2,439.16
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,952.96</b>
Budget YTD:	\$	302,660.00
Actual:	\$	289,205.52
Difference:	\$	(13,454.48)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	330.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	120.00
Gabriel Project	\$	115.00

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

## Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God

To Parish...5-8% To Diocese...1% To Charities...1-4%



## New Building Fund Mortgage

Total Amount of Mortgage	\$	805,000.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$	11,377.80
Weekly Mortgage Need	\$	2,626.00

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

CMA Goal	\$144,767	
Pledged to Date	\$ 67,056	46% of Goal
Cards Returned	140	23% of Goal



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now crossing the threshold of a new Church year, and today are embarking into the season of Advent. Once again, this season is marked as a time of preparation for the coming of the Incarnate God into the world.

It always bears reminding ourselves that during these weeks of Advent we are called to make room in our lives for Christ the Lord in a new way. Like our kitchen, garage, or car, our lives can become cluttered and chaotic (at least mine can!). I think this is particularly true during the holiday season. As in our house or office, sometimes some time has to be taken out for things to be reorganized, clutter to be removed, and things to be swept clean. That which does not properly belong has to be taken away or put in its proper place.

It is the same with our spiritual life. Advent gives us the opportunity in quiet prayerfulness to look at our lives, make what is most important truly most important, and to put those less important things in our lives in their proper places. In short, if Christ is the Lord, do we actually live and organize our lives in such a way that it is obvious that He actually *is* our Lord? This always includes making time for Him in personal prayer, Mass, and the sacraments.

I might sound like a broken record around this time of year, but I think that a lot of us could greatly benefit from more actively stepping away from the attitude of commercialism and gift-giving. Let's be honest, Christmas didn't use to be this way, even when I was a kid 30 years ago. It was much more simple, solemnly joyful, and centered around worship and family. Corporate America has made it into the last push to meet year-end sales quotas and close the year 'in the black'. I'm afraid this has happened at the great expense of the spiritual and family life of our nation. Instead of turning our attention and gaze on the wonder of the Incarnation of our Lord, we wonder what we're going to get under the tree (or stress about what we're going to give).

Don't get me wrong, I do think that a certain small or token generosity is healthy and helpful to building family and community, but it has clearly overshadowed the meaning of the season in the first place. Let's have a good and holy Advent. Let's get back to the basics. The Lord is coming soon!

Blessings in Christ the Alpha and Omega,  
-Fr. Chris



Catholic Ministries Appeal Thank you to all who have pledged and for your generous response during the Season of Stewardship

of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our parish has reached 46% of our Goal, and 23% of our parish has participated so far. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we invite you to pledge your commitment today. Thank you for supporting the ministries of our parish and diocese!

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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](http://catholicdaylight.org). Return them in person or by placing them in the mailbox.

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

### Sign-up for Parish Emails & Texts

Our Parish uses Flocknote to keep you informed of important news, updates and cancellations. Text StJohnDaylight to **84576**, or go to <https://StJohntheEvangelistCath4.flocknote.com>. You can also choose to be added to any of the groups or ministries you participate in.

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### St. Vincent De Paul

Contact: Mike Rogan [svdpsjd@gmail.com](mailto:svdpsjd@gmail.com)

As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

Our Parish Welcomes:

**Rachel Hopf**

*Wherever we meet in prayer, there is God.*



St. John's has 15 tickets to the Eucharistic Congress that the Diocese of Evansville will be hosting this January. These tickets will allow us to sit together as a parish group. Please either email [mshetler@evdio.org](mailto:mshetler@evdio.org) or call Mary Shetler at (812)867-3718 to purchase one of the parish tickets. Tickets are selling out fast so please let us know soon if you would like a ticket. The tickets are \$51 this includes your lunch if you would like to bring your own lunch the tickets are \$36.

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### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday, Dec. 3

##### First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Religious Ed Classes (Gym/Classrooms)

8:00 am Adoration (Church)

#### Monday, Dec. 4

6:00 pm Troops of St. George (Gym)

#### Tuesday, Dec. 5

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

6:00 pm St. Anne Altar Society Christmas Dinner (Gym)

#### Wednesday, Dec. 6

##### St. Nick Day

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

4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 pm Youth Group (Christmas Caroling)

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Commons)

#### Thursday, Dec. 7

8:00 am Senior Mass/Breakfast (Church/Merry-go-Round)

6:45 pm K of C (Gym)

#### Friday, Dec. 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 am Mass for Immaculate Conception

6:00 pm Mass for Immaculate Conception (confession at 5:15pm)

#### Saturday, Dec. 9

#### Sunday, Dec. 10

##### Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Religious Ed Classes (Gym/Classrooms)

8:00 am Adoration (Church)

1:00 - 3:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)



### New Mass Times - Starting January 6, 2024:

#### St. John the Evangelist:

Saturday Mass: 4 pm (3:15pm Confession)

Sunday Mass: 6:45 am (6:00 am Confession)  
9:30 am

#### St. Bernard, Snake Run:

Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm

(Rosary recited before Mass)

No Sunday Mass



The Gabriel Project tree The due date

for gifts is December 4. If you have any questions, please email Mandy

at [mando9259@yahoo.com](mailto:mando9259@yahoo.com)



**Bereavement Committee** - our bereavement committee helps minister to our families during their times of grief by supplying a meal following a funeral. We are looking for someone to lead this ministry. If you would like to inquire more about this opportunity, please call Marie Rankins at 812-449-0110

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Cursillo Ambassador

Contact: Alicia Nichols  
stjohnsdaylight@evansvillecursillo.com

## Gabriel Project (meets on 2nd Monday)

Contact: Tarah Bracher, 812-483-5820

## Knights of Columbus, Council 14659

Contact: Mitch Strange, 812-259-5318  
(meets on 1st Thursdays)

## Morning Star Friends /Sts. Anna & Simeon Outreach (Sick/Homebound)

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

## Magnificat Moms

Contact: Jade Blankenberger, 812-453-7364

## Respect Life

Contact: Mandy Keener, 812-459-4119

## Rosary Leaders

Contact: Marie Dasher, 812-455-2905

## Sacred and Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate (Wednesday at 4:00 pm)

Contact: Grace Robertson, 812-306-4689

## Senior Citizen Mass/Breakfast

(1st Thursday)  
Contact: Virginia Miller, 812-867-5765

## St. Anne Altar Society

Contact: Jenny Barry, 812-867-3718

## St. John Men's Club

(meets 2nd Tuesday)  
Contact: Steve Wagner, 812-457-1678

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

(meets 2nd Thursday)  
Contact: Mike Rogan, svdpsjd@gmail.com

## Troops of St. George

(meets 1st Monday)  
Contact: Matt Keener, (812) 483-2451

## 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 SanctuarLamp and in the St. Clare Adoration Chapel during the week of (Monday through Sunday):

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or **In Memory**

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