



Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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



ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND HOLY DAY SCHEDULE 2023- 2024

INDIVIDUAL SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday, Dec. 10, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
(**St. Bernard Snake Run**)

CHRISTMAS

Masses: Christmas Eve, Sunday,
December 24,
4:00 pm and 6:00 pm (**St. John the
Evangelist**)
10:00 pm (**St. Bernard Snake Run**)

Mass: Christmas Day, Monday,
December 25, 9:00 am (No Incense)
(**St. John the Evangelist**)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(**Not a Holy Day of Obligation**)
Hour of Adoration & Reconciliation,
Sunday, December 31, 11:00 pm
Mass, Sunday, December 31,
Midnight
(**St. John the Evangelist**)

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.

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Deacon..... Lonny Davis
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Secretary.....Jane Young
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Youth Minister.....Mary Shetler
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Parish Catechetical Leader.....Mary Shetler
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Mass Intentions

Tues., Dec. 12

8:00 am † Tom Rogge

Wed., Dec. 13

5:30 pm † Nancy Jones

Thurs., Dec. 14

8:00 am † John David Lutz

Fri., Dec. 15

9:00 am † Lucia Lopez

Sat., Dec. 16

5:00 pm †/LIV For the Living & Deceased Members of the Dehner Family

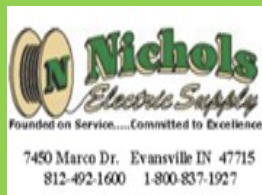
Sun., Dec. 17

6:45 am † Eleanor Lasher

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

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Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	11,445.05
Online Collection	\$	4,465.74
Total Collection	\$	2,425.79
Budget YTD:	\$	316,145.00
Actual:	\$	305,116.31
Difference:	\$	(11,028.69)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	135.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	15.00
Gabriel Project	\$	700.00

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

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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	\$ 68,718	47% of Goal
Cards Returned	143	23% of Goal



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Wednesday, December 6 was the feast day of the great St. Nicholas, sometimes known as St. Nicholas of Myra or less frequently as St. Nicholas of Bari. He is of course the basis for our modern day fictional legend of Santa Claus (Sinterklaas in Dutch). However, I find the story of the *real* Nicholas much more interesting than any story of a fat man in red squeezing up and down chimneys all night on Christmas Eve!

According to tradition, Nicholas was born in the year 270 AD to wealthy Greek Christian parents in modern day Turkey. He was a devoutly religious child, and when still quite young his parents died suddenly in an epidemic. He was then taken into the care of an uncle, also named Nicholas, who was a bishop, and was further educated in the Faith. He was eventually ordained a priest by his uncle and after a lengthy pilgrimage in the Holy Land, returned to Turkey and was for a time thrown into prison during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. He was probably greatly mistreated there, as analysis of his relics in Bari, Italy revealed that he at least had suffered broken and rehealed facial bones and some other old injuries.

After Christianity was legalized in 312, he returned to the city of Myra in Turkey and was consecrated the bishop there around 317. He was a presiding bishop at the Council of Nicea in 325, which deliberated over the Arian heresy and formulated the Nicene Creed. Arius taught that Jesus was not divine but was created by the Father. Nicholas was a very public and vocal defender of Jesus' divinity. My favorite story about him is that during the council when Arius was presenting his ideas, Nicholas got so angry and fed up with what he was hearing that he simply got up and struck Arius in the face. He was thrown into prison overnight for doing this in the presence of the Emperor (poor court manners), but was released the next day.

Numerous stories of great miracles worked by him during life abound, but the most well-known is his custom of giving money and assistance to the poor. Most famously, he tossed through the window of a poor man's home three sums of gold in bags. The man had no money for dowries for his three daughters, and without this, they would never be able to marry and would have to resort to prostitution. Nicholas saved them from this abysmal fate. It is no doubt from this event in the life of St. Nicholas that the age-old custom of exchanging gifts on his feast day originated (and is really older than the custom of exchanging gifts on Christmas).

After a long life as a courageous, steadfast, and loving bishop, he died in Myra in the year 343 on December 6th, the date of the celebration of his feast. The real 'Santa Claus' was a remarkable man of faith and generosity. May we learn to emulate him in faith and selflessness! St. Nicholas of Myra, pray for us!!

Yours in Christ,
-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 47% 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. 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

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Memory Candles

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

Amy Jo and Lucy Robertson

Requested by Earl and Grace Robertson



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

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Weekly Schedule

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)

Monday, Dec. 11

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

Tuesday, Dec. 12

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Baptism Follow up (St. Elizabeth Room)

6:00 pm Men's Club (Gym)

Wednesday, Dec. 13

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

4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party (Gym)

6:00 pm Maria Rosa Mystica Rosary/Novena (Church)

Thursday, Dec. 14

6:00 pm Preschool/Pre-K Christmas Program (Church)

Friday, Dec. 15

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, Dec. 16

Sunday, Dec. 17

Third Sunday of Advent

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

8:00 am Adoration (Church)

9:00 am Pickup Choir (Music Room)

2:00 pm Piano Recital (Commons)

New Mass Times - Starting January 6, 2024:

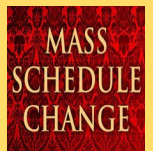
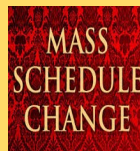
St. John the Evangelist:

Saturday Mass: 4 pm (3:15pm Confession) Sunday Mass: 6:45 am (6:00 am Confession) and 9:30 am

St. Bernard, Snake Run: Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm

(Rosary recited before Mass)

No Sunday Mass



Calling all able bodied teens and adults!. We will decorate the Church and prepare for our Christmas Masses on Wednesday, Dec. 20th after the 5:30pm Mass. We will have plenty of refreshments to share! Come help us prepare the way for the Lord.



All Men of the Parish--please come and help get all of the Christmas Decorations from Father Chris' house. Please drive your pick up if you own one because we will use them to transport the items to the church gym. The more the merrier. Meet at 6 pm in the church gym on Tuesday, Dec. 12!!

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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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