



Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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

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](#))
Christmas Day, Monday, December 25,
9:00 am (No Incense)
([St. John the Evangelist](#))

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Hour of Adoration & Reconciliation,
Sunday, December 31, 11:00 pm
Masses
Sunday, December 31, Midnight
Monday, Jan. 1, 8:00 am
([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.

Pastor..... Fr. Chris Forler
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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. 19

8:00 am LIV Brian Duggan

Wed., Dec. 20

5:30 pm LIV The Family of Matt & Alicia Nichols

Thurs., Dec. 21

8:00 am † Sara Alvey

Fri., Dec. 22

9:00 am † Ron Rohner

Sat., Dec. 23

5:00 pm † Sylvester Fox

Sun., Dec. 24

6:45 am † Ed & Betty Kiegel

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

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 pm Christmas Memorials

6:00 pm Christmas Memorials

Mon., Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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

Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	19,384.54
Online Collection	\$	3,109.99
Total Collection	\$	22,494.53
Difference	\$	9,009.53
Budget YTD:	\$	329,630.00
Actual:	\$	327,610.84
Difference:	\$	(2,019.16)
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	205.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	5.00
Gabriel Project	\$	505.00

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	\$ 69,168	48% of Goal
Cards Returned	146	24% of Goal



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare during this advent for the Christmas season, I must of course note that this Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means, "rejoice" in Latin, and I must say I have much to rejoice in here at St. John's in all the good that is done for others and how the Joy of the Lord is spread so beautifully.

Last week I went Christmas Caroling with our youth group on St. Nick's Day as one of their service projects. They made forty Christmas stockings with different items that helped better teach the corporal and spiritual works of mercy (those are of course to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, ransom the captive, bury the dead, shelter the stranger, comfort the sick, and clothe the naked; the spiritual works are to admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, and pray for the living and the dead). We decided to deliver the stockings and sing some carols while we did it and the joy that we felt and in those we visited was tangible! We began the evening at one of the local nursing homes. When we got there, we were a bit worried, because it was like a ghost town. We had trouble finding staff and found few residents out socializing. A very kind nurse came to help us and encouraged us to feel free to start walking through the halls and singing. Soon over 30 kids and several adult volunteers were streaming through the halls! We were concerned that we would be startling folks, but as we finished songs, we could hear little claps and shouts from the different rooms ringing out with either a "Merry Christmas" or a "Thank you and that was beautiful." The place started to come alive as more residents came to their doors, and staff started to emerge to see what all the commotion was about. We had people following us through the halls and singing along.

The true Christmas spirit started to grow and fill people with joy, not just the residents, but the staff and us as well. It was the type of joy that only comes from the Lord. We then went to several other homes, sang, and delivered stockings. We so desperately wanted to do more and see more folks, but time prevented us from visiting more than a handful. However, it was clear that even this small act of kindness of just singing a Christmas song brought so much hope and love into everyone's hearts. The sheer gratitude that was given was humbling. Our youth group teens were fantastic, as were their parents in donating money and items to make this possible. It was a great reminder that the true meaning of Christmas is to give and sacrifice for others; it is to go out of one's way to make the extra visit or make the extra treat.

In addition, our Little Flower Group made treats for a low-income nursing home where most who live there receive nothing. Our Gabriel project flooded the commons with a mountain of gifts for those who are less fortunate. Our Knights of Columbus did a Thanksgiving food drive, and our Altar Society took up donations for the Ozanam Shelter and Borrowed Hearts. All of these helped meet a corporal or spiritual work of mercy in some way, and this is indeed how to spread the genuine and authentic Joy of the Lord.

I am so proud to be pastor of such a radiant and generous parish. Let us all give thanks to God and rejoice in Him as we give ourselves as gifts to others!

In the Joy of the Lord,

-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 48% of our Goal, and 24% 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!

There will be no Adoration Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. Adoration will resume on Tuesday, January 2, beginning with the 7:00 am hour.



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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 says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.

Memory Candles

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

Dick Neumann

Requested by Terri Neumann



Congratulations and God's blessings to:

Dehlu Grace Dwanyen Mhango and Tobias Martin Dwanyen Mhango,

children of Solomon & Sharon Dwanyen Mhango
(Recently baptized at St. John the Evangelist)

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. 17

Third Sunday of Advent/No Religious Ed.

8:00 am Reconciliation (Church)
8:00 am Adoration (Church)
9:00 am Pickup Choir (Music Room)
2:00 pm Piano Recital (Commons)

Monday, Dec. 18

No Pre-K or Preschool-Christmas Break Starts

Tuesday, Dec. 19

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Church)
6:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)
6:00pm - 7:00 pm Reconciliation (Church)

Wednesday, Dec. 20

4:00 pm Sacred & Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate (St. Clare Chapel)
4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)
6:00 pm Decorating for Christmas (All are invited)

Thursday, Dec. 21

6:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul (Gym)

Friday, Dec. 22

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, Dec. 23

Sunday, Dec. 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**)

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

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

St. Bernard, Snake Run: Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm
(Rosary recited before Mass)
No Sunday Mass

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

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.



The Gabriel project would like to thank the parish for all of your support this Advent! Due to your generosity, we provided Christmas gifts for 18 local families. Delivered on Monday, Dec. 11, we saw many shining eyes filled with gratitude as they accepted the gifts. Thank you also for your continued support in the quarterly envelopes. We have seen an increase in families asking for help. On that note, if anyone has a new or gently used potty chair, we have a family requesting one for our January visit. Please contact Mandy at mando9259@gmail.com

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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):

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

Name of Individual: _____

Donated By: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please include your check for \$25.

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If you have any questions please call the office,

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