



Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas December 24, 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



CHRISTMAS, SCHEDULE 2023-2024

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 cforler@evdio.org
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Youth Minister.....	Mary Shetler mshetler@evdio.org
Parish Catechetical Leader.....	Mary Shetler mshetler@evdio.org

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Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec. 24 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**

Tues., Dec. 26

8:00 am † Tom Rogge

Wed., Dec. 27

5:00 pm † Ed Kiegel

Thurs., Dec. 28

8:00 am † Larry Scheller

Fri., Dec. 29

9:00 am † Edith Smith

Sat., Dec. 30

5:00 pm LIV Ronald & Diana Ziliak (55th Wedding Ann)

Sun., Dec. 31

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

9:30 am Elaine Quigley

Midnight Special Intention

Mon., Jan. 1

8:00 am For Our Parish Families

Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	11,949.35
Online Collection	\$	4,186.03
Total Collection	\$	16,135.38
Difference	\$	2,650.38
Budget YTD:	\$	343,115.00
Actual:	\$	343,746.22
Difference:	\$	631.22
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	405.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	5.00
Gabriel Project	\$	289.25

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This week we complete the anticipation of Advent and celebrate the coming of the Savior visibly into this world. Merry Christmas to all, and grace and peace to you and yours!

It seems as if Advent went so quickly! I suppose since this is true because it was as short as it can ever be. This fourth 'week' of Advent will only have been a few hours long! I pray that despite the brevity of the season of preparation for Christmas, we have been able to steer our hearts more fully towards the coming of the Lord. As the Sacred Scriptures remind us, the Lord is coming soon! As I grow older and the time seems to slip by more quickly, that phrase takes on more and more significance in my own life. I know many share in feeling this way, especially those of us who have encountered loss of loved ones. Many throughout this last year have lost people dear to them, some unexpectedly, many to the inexorable march of time and our human mortality. In addition, of course we continue to have all too many social divisions, tensions, and anxieties. Through the eyes of this world, it would seem that we have much to lament and worry over.

However, through the eyes of faith, we have so much to be thankful for and look forward to! Sin and death are the worst calamities to befall this world, and God loves us enough to come to liberate us from that! Not only this, but he consents to do so as a tiny child, showing His great humility and concern for us. Truly, our God is a great God.

As your pastor, I wanted to extend my most heartfelt thanks for your many cards, gifts and well wishes, and especially your prayers. I give thanks to God for all of you. I am truly blessed by God beyond measure in the people He has sent me to. Thank you for being a wonderful, faithful, and generous flock to God and to your priest. As always, you humble me.

The richest of blessings to you and all those you love. Remember that in Christ Jesus, we find our hearts' joy. Once more, Merry Christmas!

In Jesus the long-awaited Messiah,

-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!

The parish office will be closed and there will be no Adoration Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. Regular Office hours will begin on Tuesday, January 2. Adoration will resume on Tuesday, January 2, beginning with the 7:00 am hour.



Open hour in the chapel:

Fridays at 7 am

If interested, please call Jane at 812-867-3718 or email jayoung@evdio.org

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"

Matthew 26:40

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas

December 24, 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!**

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

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

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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**MASS
SCHEDULE
CHANGE**

**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

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Weekly Schedule

Office will be closed and there will be no Adoration Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. Adoration and regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2. Adoration will resume beginning with the 7:00 am hour. The regular weekly Mass schedule will be followed as normal during this time.

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**)

Monday, Dec. 25 (Office Closed)

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

Merry Christmas and Blessings to All!

Tuesday, Dec. 26 (Office Closed)

Wednesday, Dec. 27 (Office Closed)

4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)
6:00 pm Holy Mother Apostolate Group (Holy Family Room)

Thursday, Dec. 28 (Office Closed)

Friday, Dec. 29 (Office Closed)

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Chaplet (Church)

Saturday, Dec. 30

Sunday, Dec. 31

7:00 pm New Year's Eve Pitch-In Dinner and Game Night (Gym)
11:00 pm Hour of Adoration & Reconciliation
Midnight Mass

Monday, Jan. 1 (Office Closed) Happy New Year!

8:00 am Mass

You're Invited
**TO A NEW YEAR
CELEBRATION!!!
2024**

Come Join Us at St. John's for a **New Year's Eve Celebration.**

We are going to have a pitch-in for dinner at 7:00 pm with game night and social time to follow.

This is just to buy time for the main attraction....Please join us for an adoration hour from 11:00 pm - Midnight and Midnight Mass to celebrate the New Year but most importantly the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Please RSVP o Mshetler@evdio.org or (812)867-3718

The Marian Virtues FEBRUARY: 3, 10, 17, & 24

You are invited to join us for this year's Women's Faith Formation. We will be going through the Marian Virtues. These are virtues that Mary displayed and Fr. Chris will help us to dive deeper into them. We are going to switch things up a bit this year. We are opening this up to high school girls as well.



Week 1: Purity, Prudence, & Humility

Week 2: Faith, Devotion, & Obedience

Week 3: Poverty, & Patience

Week 4: Mercy & Sorrow for Sin.

We will start with 8:00 am Mass only on February 3rd, followed by brunch and a coffee bar. For the next three weeks, we will start with a Rosary in the church at 8:30 am. This will be on Saturday mornings. Please RSVP to Mshetler@evdio.org or (812)867-3718

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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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