



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## December 31, 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

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Hour of Adoration &  
Reconciliation:  
Sunday, December 31, 11:00pm  
Masses:  
Sunday, December 31, Midnight  
Monday, Jan. 1, 8:00 am  
(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**  
**St. Bernard, Snake Run:**  
**Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm**  
**(Rosary recited before Mass)**  
**No Sunday Mass**

#### 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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**Secretary**..... Jane Young  
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**Youth Minister**..... Mary Shetler  
mshetler@evdio.org

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

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

## Mass Intentions

**Mon., Jan. 1**

8:00 am For Our Parish Families

**Tues., Jan. 2**

8:00 am † William Coakley

**Wed., Jan. 3**

5:00 pm † Matthew Ziliak

**Thurs., Jan. 4**

8:00 am † Terry Grimes

**Fri., Jan. 5**

9:00 am † Mary Shanley

**Sat., Jan. 6 NEW MASS TIMES**

8:00 am † Eric & Book Schaber

4:00 pm † Patrick & Daniele Lea

**Sun., Jan. 7**

6:45 am † Marlene Sollman

9:30 am † D. Michael Dean

Sponsor of the Week:

**Ziemer Funeral Homes**

Please patronize and thank our sponsors for supporting our Parish.



## Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	21,009.31
Christmas Collection	\$	17,463.51
Online Collection	\$	2,841.71
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,314.53</b>
Difference	\$	27,829.53
Budget YTD:	\$	358,600.00
Actual:	\$	375,060.75
Difference:	\$	16,460.75
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	220.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	20.00
Gabriel Project	\$	240.00

**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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As part of the ongoing celebration of the Christmas Octave, we commemorate two great realities tied with the coming of the Lord. The Sunday after Christmas is always the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and the conclusion of the octave comes on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. Both of these are directly tied to the mystery of Christmas in a profound way. This is because God not only chose to come to us as a human being, but also as a part of a human family.

This is one of many reasons why the Church has always upheld the dignity and necessity of a healthy and holy family for the health of the Church and of the world. Without the family living, working, and loving as it should, things fall apart.

These mysteries also show the great humility of God and at the same time the great exaltedness of our human nature because of the Incarnation. Obedience is the key to healing everything in fallen creation. Mary was exalted and received the singular honor of being the Mother of God simply because of her obedience. Jesus was obedient to the will of the Father, which was that he would remain hidden, humble, and unknown for the vast majority of his life. Consider that Jesus submitted himself to two of his creatures (Mary and Joseph) *for 30 years*. He did not just do what they asked. He did *nothing but this for three decades*. When Joseph died, Jesus continued His quiet life of service by simply working as a craftsman as Joseph had. He did this not because it was the only thing He could do, but because he took his responsibility to support his widowed mother with the utmost seriousness. He also desired to show us through his own work and humble labor that we are dignified and sanctified through our own labors!

Also consider God's choice of family for Jesus, and consider what God finds most important and of the highest priority. It is very telling that God did not pick a family that was wealthy, or powerful, or well placed, or highly educated. He picked a family that was above all *pious*. They observed God's law. Mary was deferent to Joseph. Joseph was concerned about the protection of Mary and Jesus as well as working hard to provide for them. All were observant and practicing Jews. Everything was properly ordered within the family, and the whole family was ordered to God the Father above all.

These celebrations remind us that God wishes that we be not necessarily successful by any worldly measure, but *faithful* to God and His will for us above all things. The Holy Family provides for us the perfect model for life and true success.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

-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!

Open hour in the chapel:

Fridays at 7 am

If interested,

please call Jane at

812-867-3718 or

email [jayoung@evdio.org](mailto:jayoung@evdio.org)

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



## EVANSVILLE SEMINARIANS

2023-2024



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**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.**

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## December 31, 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](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)

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

### Memory Candles

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

**Tim, Olivia, and Grace Robertson**

Requested by Earl & Grace Robertson

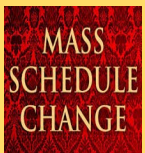


*Our Parish Welcomes:*

**Katie Thompson**

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

### New Mass Times - Starting



**January 6, 2024:**

**St. John the Evangelist:**

**Saturday Mass: 4 pm**

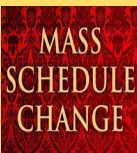
**(3:15pm Confession) Sunday**

**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**



**The Healing Prayer Team** First Saturday, Jan. 6, the Healing Prayer Team will be available after the 8 a.m. Mass. Bring your requests for physical, spiritual, or emotional healing. Come as many times as you need or want to.



**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

### Weekly Schedule

#### 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

#### Tuesday, Jan. 2

#### Wednesday, Jan. 3

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

4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)

6:00 pm Adult Faith Formation (Commons)

#### Thursday, Jan. 4

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

6:45 pm K of C (Gym)

#### Friday, Jan. 5

#### Saturday, Jan. 6

9:00 am Healing Prayer Team (Holy Family Room)

#### New Mass Times Start

**4:00 pm at St. John The Evangelist Parish**

**5:30 pm at St. Bernard Parish**

#### Sunday, Jan. 7

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

8:00 am Adoration (Church)



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 to [Mshetler@evdio.org](mailto: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](mailto:Mshetler@evdio.org) or (812)867-3718

Save the Dates for our Lenten Parish Mission coming in March.

Fr. Zachary of the Mother of God will be here to lead us on March 10, 11, and 12, 2024. Save the dates and get the most out of your Lenten journey in 2024.



# 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):

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

Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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