



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## January 14, 2024

### St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

5301 Daylight Drive, Evansville, IN 47725 / (812) 867-3718 / [www.catholicdaylight.org](http://www.catholicdaylight.org)

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday, 4:00 pm**

**St. Bernard 5:30 pm**

Sunday, St. John the Evangelist

6:45 am & 9:30 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, 3:00–3:45 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



#### 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

**Deacon**.....Vince Bernardin  
vbernardin@evdio.org

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ldavis@evdio.org

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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., Jan. 16**

8:00 am † Lenora Pangajou

**Wed., Jan. 17**

5:30 pm LIV Rosario Family

**Thurs., Jan. 18**

8:00 am † Barb Adler

**Fri., Jan. 19**

9:00 am † Vize Family

**Sat., Jan. 20**

4:00 pm † Mike Herr

**Sun., Jan. 21**

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

9:30 am † Larry Scheller

Sponsor of the Week:

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our sponsors for  
supporting our Parish.



## Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$	13,485.00
Collection	\$	13,245.01
Online Collection	\$	6,577.56
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>19,822.57</b>
Difference	\$	6,337.57

Budget YTD:	\$	385,570.00
Actual:	\$	403,433.41
Difference:	\$	17,863.41

St. Vincent de Paul	\$	502.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$	15.00
Gabriel Project	\$	10.00

**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

<b>CMA Goal</b>	<b>\$ 144,767</b>	
<b>Pledged to Date</b>	<b>\$ 75,618.70</b>	<b>52% of Goal</b>
<b>Cards Returned</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>26% of Goal</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I recently began reading a fascinating and alarming book by Dr. Paul Kengor, a professor of political science in Pennsylvania and a recent convert to Catholicism. The rather fetching title of the book is *The Devil and Karl Marx*. It is part biography of the man, as well as a tracing of the various religious and political movements that have sprung from his thought and writings. You might be wondering why I would write about something that would seem to be purely political. A fellow Catholic and social commentator can find the answer in a recent quote: "All politics is downstream of culture, and all culture is downstream of religion. Therefore all politics is fundamentally religious."

Marx was an avowed atheist, at least after his teenage years, though he was a baptized Christian and had a decent beginning as a child. His numerous writings, most famously *The Communist Manifesto*, unequivocally label all social and especially religious structures as his greatest enemies. This is because what he proposed was nothing less than to rewrite human nature so that a communist utopia could come forth, one without classes, money, inequality, or strife of any kind. To arrive there, however, would by his own admission require a bloody revolution. Indeed much of his writing and poetry and even discourse is rather dark, violent, and to any person of decent temper, evil. As it turns out, ideas can lead to reality. In the case of his ideas, totalitarian communist regimes of the last century are responsible for the deaths of 100 million people at minimum. The reality could easily be twice that figure.

This was no less true in his own tragic personal life. Marx and his wife Jenny lived and died in complete poverty and squalor. Only four of his eight children (7 with his wife and 1 with their maidservant) survived to adulthood. The other four died either in early childhood, all due to terrible living conditions, malnutrition, and neglect. Of these four, two died young due to disease and two daughters committed suicide and were childless. One might assume his ideas were an attempt at a solution to these problems, but the truth is even more tragic. It was really a direct result of his rage against God and his own selfishness. He steadfastly refused to work to support his family. Though he was often given large sums of money to support his family, they seldom saw any of it. He would instead consume it by spending it on alcohol, cigars, and selfish pursuits. If Marx did have a god, and it appeared to be himself and his own pleasures. He rejected all forms of morality and personal responsibility, especially Christian and Jewish morality, and it showed in his life and in the political structures that his ideas gave rise to.

Why do I bring all of this up? Because what we believe truly matters!! What we believe about God determines what we believe about human nature and dignity. This determines how we live and treat one another. Marx might have deceived himself into thinking that he was striving for just working conditions for laborers at the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. The results were far from that in practice, both in future communist regimes as well as in his own life.

Many speak today of the 'culture war'. As I indicated at the beginning, the culture war has its roots in religious beliefs. The war is not for the culture, it is a war for the soul first. What we believe, how we act, the health of our immortal souls all affect our world and its health too.

Keep the Faith!

-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 52% of our Goal, and 26% 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!

**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, 12 and 13, 2024. Save the dates and get the most out of your Lenten journey in 2024.**



*Congratulations and God's blessings to:*

**Patrick Joseph Sellers,**  
*son of:*

**Nicholas & Sylvia Sellers**  
*(Recently baptized at St. John the Evangelist)*

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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)

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

### Memory Candles

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

**Goebel and Lantaff Families**

Requested by Carol Lantaff



Please consider sending Howard Titzer a birthday card. He is turning 90 years old on January 19.  
Send to: Howard Titzer  
18900 HWY 57,  
Evansville, IN 47725-9307



**Bereavement Committee** - Bereavement Committee - Ministers to our families during their times of grief by serving a meal following a funeral. Donna Bittner, has volunteered to lead this ministry.

## MARDI GRAS



**PARTY & FAITH FORMATION:  
PREPARING FOR LENT!**

**WE WILL BE DOING A SHRIMP BOIL SO FEEL FREE TO  
BRING A SIDE OR DESSERT OR DRINK TO SHARE!**

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FORMATION AS WE  
LEARN MORE ABOUT LENT AND HOW WE CAN  
BETTER PREPARE SO THAT WE CAN COMPLETE THE  
40-DAY JOURNEY WELL.**

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> February Starting at 6:15 pm**

RSVP FOR FOOD TO:

[mshetler@evdio.org](mailto:mshetler@evdio.org)

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, Jan. 14

8:00 am Cemetery Board Meeting (Fr. Chris' Office)  
8:00 am Religious Ed Classes (Gym/Classrooms)  
8:00 am Parent Adoration (St. Clare Chapel)  
8:00 am Parent Faith Formation (Church)

### Monday, Jan. 15

### Tuesday, Jan. 16

4:00 pm Children's Choir (Church)  
6:00 pm Adult Choir (Church)  
6:00pm Finance Committee (Gym)  
7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council (Gym)

### Wednesday, Jan. 17

4:00 pm Sacred & Immaculate Prayer Group (St. Clare Chapel)  
4:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation (Church)  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry (Gym)

### Thursday, Jan. 18

6:00 pm Source and Summit Mass/Meeting (Church/Gym)

### Friday, Jan. 19

6:00 pm Evening Prayer and Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)

### Saturday, Jan. 20

### Sunday, Jan. 21

8:00 am Religious Ed Classes (Gym/Classrooms)  
8:00 am Parent Adoration (St. Clare Chapel)  
8:00 am Parent Faith Formation (Church)  
9:00 am Pickup Choir  
1:00 pm K of C Free Throw Contest (Gym)

### Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

Open to all boys and girls Ages 9 -14

(As of Jan. 1, 2024)

Please bring your birth certificate!

Sunday, January 21, 2024 at 1:00 pm

(Please arrive by 12:30) in the Gym.

Inclement Weather Date:

Sunday, January 28, 2024



The 2021 Knights of Columbus  
**FREE THROW  
CONTEST**



### 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

**Help Needed** :The call center for the area food pantries is seeking subs. Shifts are Mon-Fri 8:30 am -noon or noon -3:30 pm. You will be answering calls and will be trained on how to determine if a client is qualified for services or not. Please consider helping us. If interested or need more information please call Jo Ann Jarboe at 812-549-7801



# 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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You can put this form and check into the  
collection basket or bring to the parish office.

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