



## Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021

### St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

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

#### Mass

Saturday, 5:00 pm  
Sunday, 7:00 am & 10:00 am  
Tuesday, 8:00 am  
Wednesday, 6:00 pm  
Thursday, 8:00 am  
Friday, 9:00 am  
First Saturday, 8:00 am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00–4:45 pm  
Sunday, 6:15–6:45 am  
Tuesday, 7:15–7:45 am  
Wednesday, 5:15–5:45 pm  
Thursday, 7:15–7:45 am  
Friday, 8:15–8:45 am  
And by appointment

#### Office Hours

Mon–Fri, 8:00 am –4:30 pm



#### Adoration & Benediction

Wednesday, 5:00 pm, in the Church.

#### Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education & Confirmation

Contact Joel Padgett 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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## Mass Intentions

Tues., Apr. 20	
8:00 am	†Fr. Emil Kapaun Req. by Don Gillies
Wed., Apr. 21	
6:00 pm	† Cris Lynch Req. by Tom Lynch
Thurs., Apr. 22	
8:00 am	† Mary Baumgart Req. by Charlie & Nancy Wagner
Fri., Apr. 23	
9:00 am	† Marie E. Denu Req. by Craig & Paula Jordan
Sat., Apr. 24	
5:00 pm	† John Beman Req. by Jann Madding
Sun., Apr. 25	
7:00 am	† Dan Pate Req. by Thomas K. Hupfer Family
10:00 am	For the Parish

## Sponsor of the Week:

**Kemper 1st Choice  
Payroll**

Please patronize and thank our sponsors for supporting our Parish.



## Financial Giving

Weekly Budget	\$ 13,038.00
Collection	\$ 10,392.00
Online Collection	\$ 4,964.36
Total	\$ 15,356.36
Difference	\$ 2,318.36
Budget YTD:	\$ 534,558.00
Actual:	\$ 552,434.17
Difference:	\$ 17,876.17
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 327.00
St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank	\$ 275.00
Gabriel Project	\$ 5.00
Holy Land	\$ 607.00
Home Missions	\$ 25.00
Catholic University	\$ 100.00

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

**Please continue to support the parish through online-giving. Visit [catholicdaylight.org](http://catholicdaylight.org), or mail your check to the parish.**

**Give Your "First Fruits" Back to God**

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"The Freedom of Silence" by Joel Padgett as published in The Message

It's not uncommon in parish ministry to hear people express a desire for God to speak to them more clearly in prayer. At times, people may even doubt the value of prayer or be tempted to feel that it's a waste of time. I think that this is often the result of misconceptions and false expectations about prayer. We can often be secretly—or not so secretly—yearning for something extraordinary to occur in prayer. Perhaps we may even detect a bit of jealousy when we hear about saints who experienced extraordinary mystical experiences. Now these things do occur, but God normally speaks to us in the ordinary.

Sacred Scripture provides us with some wonderful examples in this regard. In the first book of Kings, Elijah didn't find God in "a strong and violent wind" or "an earthquake" or "in the fire," but in "a light silent sound." It was only then that Elijah "wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave" (1 Kings 19:13). Only then did the voice of the Lord come to him.

Another version of the Bible translates "a light silent sound" as "a still small voice." If we were to ardently seek this "still small voice," it could potentially transform our entire prayer life. However, if our lives are filled with too much noise, how do we expect to hear the "still small voice" of the Lord?

In book 1, chapter 11, of The Ascent of Mount Carmel, St. John of the Cross tells us of a bird who is tied and cannot fly away. He says that it "makes little difference whether a bird is tied by a thin thread or by a cord," because as long as the bird is held bound—even if by a tiny thread—it's "impeded from flying as long as it does not break the thread." Granted, he realizes that the thin thread is easier to break than the cord, but his point is that "no matter how easily this may be done, the bird will not fly away without first doing so."

Personally, I like to think of all the unnecessary noises and distractions in our lives as threads that hold us back from being able to hear God's voice in our lives. St. Matthew tells us that "the eye is the lamp of the body" (Matthew 6:22), and the more we fill up our souls with unnecessary things, or—even worse—bad things, the more we are tied down. Likewise, the more we avoid constant bombardment by news, social media, television, radio, texts, etc., the more strings we sever, and the freer we become. Please don't get me wrong. I am not referring to good or necessary things. By all means, I am sure that we could all benefit from filling ourselves more often with such things as Sacred Scripture or quality conversations with friends and loved ones.

In the Blessed Virgin Mary, we find another great example of someone who took the time to silently ponder God's activity in the midst of her daily life—not merely in the extraordinary event of Gabriel's appearance. After the shepherds came to see the infant Jesus, St. Luke tells us that Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). A little later on in the same chapter, when the Holy Family returns to Nazareth after having found Jesus—now 12 years old—in the Temple, St. Luke repeats almost the exact same words. He says, "His mother kept all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). It's as if he were really trying to emphasize that this ought to be the same attitude we should adopt in seeking to discover God's presence in our lives.

The silence that allows us to discover the "still small voice" of God is never silence for the sake of silence. As Archbishop Luis Martinez writes in When God is Silent, it is the type of silence that "quiets all creatures so that God may speak." By disconnecting ourselves from outside noises, silence "puts us in intimate contact with God" in order that our entire life may become a prayer.

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## 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.

## Memory Candles



The candles in the Sanctuary Lamp and the St. Clare Adoration Chapel will burn this week in memory of:

**Joretta & Lenord Lawrence**

Donated by: Mark & Debbie Hoffman

*Congratulations to our RCLA Candidates who joined the Catholic Church on May 11th:*



**Tiffany Johnson**

**Robin Schaber**

&

**Harley Greenfield**



*Congratulations and God's blessings to:*

**Owen Michael Hayden**

(son of Michael & Torrey Hayden)



*Recently baptized at St. John the Evangelist*



## Seminarian of the Month

Send a note of encouragement to **Nick Biever** at St. Meinrad School of Theology, 200 Hill Drive, St. Meinrad, IN 47648. Nick is in Second Philosophy. His home Parish is Annunciation Parish in Evansville IN.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

**Save the date:** The SVdP Thrift store truck will be here the weekend of May 15th and 16th. New or gently used shoes, clothing, furniture, working appliances, household items etc...are in need. More information to follow. Contact: Donal Gogarty, svdpsjd@gmail.com.

## April 18 - Third Sunday of Easter:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us.

## Project Rachel "Entering Canaan" Retreat

Are you suffering as a result of a past abortion? Do you know someone who is? An "Entering Canaan" Retreat Day of Prayer and Healing for women in Evansville will take place on Saturday, May 1st. Hope and healing are possible! Come and experience the love and mercy of God. For confidential reservations please call 812-483-7812 or email [projectrachel@evdio.org](mailto:projectrachel@evdio.org)

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, April 18

### Monday, April 19

6:00 pm Renewal In The Spirit (Holy Family Room)

### Tuesday, April 20

6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Gym)

7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Gym)

### Wednesday, April 21

5:00 pm Adoration & Benediction (Church)

5:00 pm Sacred & Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate (St. Clare Chapel)

6:00 pm Youth Group (Gym)

### Thursday, April 22

### Friday, April 23

### Saturday, April 24

9:00 am Young Women's Bible Study (Gym)

### Sunday, April 25

## Help for Marriages and the Divorced

Looking for help in your Catholic marriage or have you experienced divorce? The Diocese of Evansville now has a resource page with websites, online programs, retreats, and other items available to help you in this journey. You can go to <http://www.ev dio.org/divorce-prevention-and-support.html> (Diocese of Evansville website, Departments, Family and Life, Divorce Prevention and Support). For additional questions, email [egirten@ev dio.org](mailto:egirten@ev dio.org).

## Have you registered with St. John?

St. John would like to remind anyone who has not filled out registration forms to please do so. If you are a young adult that has moved out on your own, please fill out a packet as well.

If you have been attending for a while, or if you are new to St. John, we would love to welcome you. The forms can be found by the office window. You can return the registration forms by placing them in the mail box or dropping them off at the office during the week.

## Right to Life of Southwest Indiana Mother's Day Ad

Join Right to Life of Southwest Indiana in honoring your mother by name this Mother's Day – May 9, 2021 through a digital billboard ad to be displayed on the eastside of Evansville all through the month of May.

The cost to have a mom's name whether it's in honor of or in memory of is only \$5.00 per name. Let's show Southwest Indiana how to celebrate Motherhood! Call the RTL Office at 812-474-3195. or go to <https://rtlswin.org/mothersday/> or pick up an envelope in the back of church.

## Healing Prayer Team

The Healing Prayer Team is available on the fourth Monday of each month to pray with you for physical, spiritual or emotional healing. You may sit as a proxy for anyone unable to come due to illness or distance. Contact Donna at 812 602 3003 or Tarah 812 983 4517 for special requests and leave a message.

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**Cursillo Ultreya:** Contact: Alicia Nichols, stjohnsdaylight@evansvillecursillo.com

**Gabriel Project**  
Contact: Tarah Bracher, 812-983-4517

**Good Shepherd Prayer Apostolate**  
Contact: Marie Dasher, 812-455-2905

**Habitat for Humanity**  
Contact: Ray Lambert, 812-867-5402

**Health Ministries/Helping Hand**  
Contact: Lori Rudolphi, 812-568-2479, or Lisa Jackson, 812-457-7881

**Knights of Columbus, Council 14659**  
Contact: Matt Nichols, 812-604-8988

**Mother to Mother**  
Contact: Jade Blankenberger, 812-453-7364

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Contact: Lois Martin, 812-303-4541

**Renewal In The Spirit**  
Contact: Donna Todd, 812-602-3003

**Respect Life**  
Contact: Mandy Keener, 812-459-4119

**Rosary Leaders**  
Contact: Marie Dasher, 812-455-2905

**Sacred and Immaculate Heart Prayer Apostolate**  
Contact: Grace Robertson, 812-306-4689

**Senior Citizen Mass/Breakfast**  
Contact: Virginia Miller, 812-867-5765

**St. Anne Altar Society**  
Contact: Berny Heitzman, 812-867-3718

**St. John Men's Club**  
Contact: Steve Wagner, 812-457-1678

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Contact: Donal Gogarty, svdpsjd@gmail.com

**Troops of St. George**  
Contact: Sean Boyles, 812-430-9560

**Women's Bible Study**  
Contact: April Van Polen, 812-457-9453

**Youth Ministry**  
Wade Lovell, 812-867-3718  
Youth group meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

