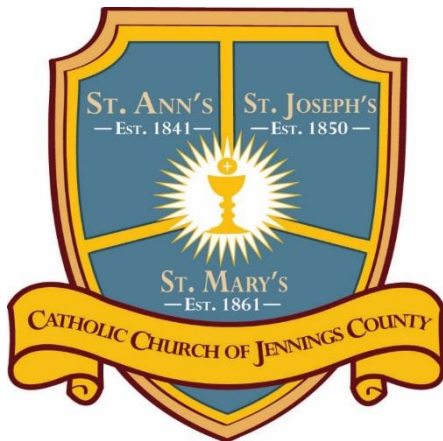


Catholic Church of Jennings County



St. Ann's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's

Parish Office

629 Clay Street

North Vernon, IN 47265

(812) 346-3604 phone

(812) 346-3506 fax

Website: ccjc3.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Nativity of Our Lord

December 25, 2016

Mass Schedule and Intentions

- *SM-Sat. December 24, 5:00 pm (in gym)** – Christmas Memorials
- *SJ-Sat. December 24, 7:00 pm** – Christmas Memorials **INCENSE**
- *SA-Sat. December 24, 9:00 pm** – Christmas Memorials **INCENSE**
- *SM-Sun. December 25, 9:00 am (in church)** – Members SA/SJ/SM **INCENSE**

SM-Tues. December 27, 6:00 pm – Charles, Ruth Evelyn and Jeff Helm

***SM-Wed. December 28, 8:30 am** – **CANCELLED**

SA-Wed. December 28, 6:00 pm – Margaret Kipper

SJ-Thurs. December 29, 6:30 am – Our Country

SJ-Fri. December 30, 6:30 am – Delbert Hauersperger

***SM-Fri. December 30, 8:30 am** – **CANCELLED**

SM-Sat. December 31, 4:00 pm – Billy Byron **INCENSE**

SA-Sat. December 31, 6:00 pm – Farrell Coons

SJ-Sun. January 1, 7:30 am – Members SA/SJ/SM

SM-Sun. January 1, 10:30 am – Catherine Carnes

**Take Note – this is a change from the normal schedule*

Reconciliation/Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm at St. Mary's

Saturday 5:30 pm at St. Ann's

Sunday 7:00 am at St. Joseph's

Sunday 10:00 am at St. Mary's

Tuesday 5:30 pm at St. Mary's (when there is 6pm mass)

Wednesday 5:30 pm at St. Ann's (when there is 6pm mass)

Mercy Sunday – TBA in January

Exposition at 11:30am (following mass)

with Confessions following until 12:45 pm

with benediction at 1:00pm.

Tri Parish Penance Service – TBA during Lent

Anointing of the Sick

•Emergency – Fr. Jerry Byrd (513) 403-1547

•Anointing within mass – **January 18th at St. Ann's 6pm mass**

•Call Fr. Jerry for the sacrament of Anointing at other times

Merry Christmas

CONTACT INFORMATION

●Pastor: Father Jerry Byrd

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●School Principal

Lisa Vogel

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●School Secretary

Natalie Messer

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School Address

209 Washington Street, North Vernon, IN 47265

OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION

●Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Open 24 hours a day

Call (812) 346-4919 for chapel closing information

●St. Vincent dePaul

10 E. O & M Avenue, North Vernon, IN 47265

(812) 346-2576 Hours: Tues-Fri 10am-4pm Sat 10am-1pm

●Birthline Pregnancy Help Line (877) 734-2444

**Nativity of Our Lord
December 25, 2016**

SACRAMENTAL STATS-

Holy Mass Attendance for last weekend

St. Mary's 4:00PM- 317 St. Joseph's 7:30AM- 155
St. Mary's 10:30AM- 307 St. Ann's 6:00PM- 105
TOTAL- 884

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS-

Giving for last weekend \$3,752.00

St. Ann's (weekly budget \$1,470.00)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$85,374.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$35,572.40
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$29,125.52
Shortage as of November 30th \$6,446.88

Giving for last weekend \$4,709.00

St. Joseph's (weekly budget \$2,437.00)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$135,969.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$56,653.85
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$48,797.33
Shortage as of November 30th \$7,856.52

Giving for last weekend \$11,977.00

St. Mary's (weekly budget \$9,533.00)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$531,899.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$221,624.40
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$198,549.00
Shortage as of November 30th \$23,075.40

Calendar of Meetings and Activities

Legion of Mary – December 31 ~ 9:00AM
meeting location changed

Various Groups and Ministries

SM-SA K of C – January 2 ~ 7PM
SJ K of C – January 3 ~ 8PM
SM School Commission – TBA~ 5:30PM (school library)
SJ Rosary Society - TBA ~ 6:30PM
SM Physical Facilities – TBA~ 6:00PM

Parish Council (PC) and Finance Committee (FC) Mtgs

SA Finance Committee/Parish Council Mtg – TBA
SJ Finance Committee/Parish Council Mtg – TBA
SM Finance Committee – TBA
SM Parish Council – TBA

End of Year Donations

The last day that donations to the parishes will be accepted for posting to the 2016 year is Wednesday, December 28th. Donations can be put in the Sunday Collection on December 24th and 25th or dropped in the Parish Office drop box on the door by end of day on December 28th.

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24th through January 1st. Emails will be checked during this week.

STEWARDSHIP

All registered families at St. Ann's, St. Joseph's, and St. Mary's should have received an envelope with a letter from Fr. Jerry and the Parish Stewardship form enclosed. **Please read the letter, complete the stewardship form and return it to the parish office ASAP.** If you misplace your stewardship form, additional copies are available in the back of all three churches and in the chapel.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Open Hours are Thursday at 2am, Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 12 noon. If you are can permanently commit to one of these hours, please contact the parish office at 812-346-3604.

CHAPEL CLOSING DURING CHRISTMAS: The chapel will close on Friday, December 23rd at 8pm and will remain closed until Monday, December 26th at 8am.

E6 Catholic Mens Conference – Armor Up

March 4th, 2017 at All Saints Parish – guest speakers will be Patrick Madrid, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Anthony Munoz. Cost is \$40 per person. If you have questions, contact Duane Meyer at 812-290-5996. To register for the conference go to www.e6catholicmensconference.com.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

The Cross is the Anchor of My Soul

There are brochures in the back of all three parishes for women of the parishes wishing to attend the CRHP Retreat set for May 6 and 7, 2017 at St. Mary's. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually and renew your relationship with Jesus. For more information contact Angel Skelton at 812-592-1164 or Mary Kilgore at 812-592-6974.

United Catholic Appeal

| | <u>Goals for 2016</u> | <u>Amount pledged to date</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| St. Ann's | \$ 9,364.00 | \$16,951.00 |
| St. Joseph's | \$17,852.00 | \$21,627.00 |
| St. Mary's | \$34,747.00 | \$29,734.00 |

Please mail your UCA pledge card in directly to the Archdiocese.

FAITH FORMATION

●Bible Timeline Study – Week 19: January 8th
Week 20: January 15th

When: Sundays 9:00 am to 10:15 am

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center

●Religious Education

Catholic Church of Jennings County

Classes –Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29

For: children ages 2 through 7th grade

When: Sundays 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Hall

●Frassati Youth Ministry next gathering January 7th

For: 9th to 12th graders

When: Saturdays after 6pm mass

Where: St. Ann's Rectory-The Frassati House

●RCIA will meet Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29

For: anyone interested in becoming Catholic

When: Sundays 9:00am to 10:15 am

Where: St. Mary's Parish Center

●Confirmation – next session January 18th

For: any 8th grader or older wishing to be confirmed

When: Wednesdays after 6pm mass

Where: St Ann's Rectory-The Frassati House

Confirmation Retreat – December 30th and 31st

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – June 19th thru 29th, 2017

Fr. Jonathan Meyer will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June, 2017. Walk where Jesus walked; sit where His disciples sat, experience the land of the Bible, renew your Baptismal promises at the Jordan River, renew your wedding vows in Cana, pray at the Rock of Agony and see the empty tomb. You will visit locations including Bethlehem, Cana, Capernaum, Galilee, Nazareth and Jerusalem. Cost of this Pilgrimage is approximately \$3,235. Register online at www.tektonministries.org or call (317) 574-4191.

BAD WEATHER POLICY

If school is cancelled, all school related activities are **CANCELLED** – this means practices, games, Bingo, PTO activities, school meetings, etc. Also, all parish meetings and activities will be cancelled at all three parishes (i.e. K of C, Parish Council meetings, Finance Council meetings, Adult Faith Formation, religious education activities, RCIA, etc.)

ALSO – 8:30 am school masses at St. Mary's will be cancelled when school is not in session.

CHAPEL CLOSING: The chapel closing **WILL NOT** be linked to school closing – it will be based solely on the weather conditions – please call the **812-346-4919** for a recorded message on if the chapel is open or closed – don't just make assumptions. Bad Weather Policy cards are in the chapel.

PEWS FOR SALE \$100 each (8 feet long/2 feet deep)

Anyone interested in purchasing one of the pews taken out of St. Mary's balcony last year for \$100 each can do so by contacting the Parish Office at 812-346-3604. Actual pews can be seen in the Adoration Chapel. Let the office know by **December 28th** if you are interested in buying one



PEWS FOR SALE

Pray for those who need healing grace and comfort.

Please pray for: Drew McClellan, Kelly Ailes, Brenda Artis, John Post, Vern Pytleski, Patty Kirby, Rita Bott, Betty Williams, Brian Wilbert, Doris VanSickle, Jeri Diekhoff, Brian Taylor, Emily Ross, Cohen Morris, Jonah Kreutzjans, Rose Leake, Leo Speck, Robin Lauderemilt, Helen Rogers, Irvin French, Jack Wickens, Charlie Graham, Rex Sanders, Mary Catherine Fox, Elizabeth McCauley, Agnes Matern, Steve Luedeman, Wanda Wernke, and Brent Fry

Children's Envelopes

After the first of the year, all the school children and all the children in the religious education classes at the three parishes will be receiving a box of children's envelopes. All money put in these envelopes is deposited in an account to help assist seminarians of the Archdiocese. This is a perfect opportunity to teach our children about stewardship and taking some ownership in the parish while helping seminarians too. If you need additional envelope boxes for younger children or if your child did not receive one, there will be extra boxes in the back of church for you to pick up.

Sharing Christ: What You Did to Me Ministry *In the hospital or nursing home????*

If you are a family member has been hospitalized or have entered a nursing home, please contact Deacon Larry French at 812-525-6568 or the Parish Office at 812-346-3604. We would love for a volunteer from Sharing Christ to make a visit.

Thank You...

- ..to Jeff and Helen Brunner for the greenery for the four advent wreaths.
- ..to the St. Mary's School children for a beautiful Christmas Program and to the adults that lead them.
- ..to those who helped clean up after the Staff/Parish Council/Finance Committee Christmas Party. Your help was greatly appreciated.
- ..to those who donated food, gifts and/or money to the Christmas Giving program. Your generosity helped provide a better Christmas for those in need. Special thanks to Amy Gasper, our Parish senior intern, who contributed greatly to this program.
- ..to the confirmation kids, SVDP volunteers and other adults who worked the Christmas Giving distribution last Saturday.
- ..to those who decorated the three churches for the Christmas masses. Everything looks absolutely beautiful.
- ..to those who set up the outdoor nativities at the three parishes.
- ..to all those who volunteered to do a liturgical ministry for the Christmas masses.
- ..to Steve Smith for building St. Mary's a new manger for their nativity set in the church.
- ..to Dove, Sharp and Rudicel for the donation of the wonderful 2017 calendars that are now in the back of the three churches.
- ..to everyone who dropped off Christmas gifts to the Parish Office. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

Have a very blessed Christmas

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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