



— ST. ANN | ST. JOSEPH | ST. MARY —  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
OF *Jennings County*

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 23**

Fourth Saturday of Advent

SM 4:00 PM Pro Populo

SJ 5:30 PM +Special Intentions

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 24**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SA 9:00 AM +Ruth & Charles Hamilton

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 24**

Christmas Eve

SM 4 PM +Helen Fox

SJ 5:30 PM Pastor's Intention

SA 10 PM +Kenny & Ann Matern

SM Midnight +Travis Campbell

**MONDAY DECEMBER 25**

Christmas Day(The Nativity of the Lord)

SJ 9:30AM +Rick Kiska

**\*TUESDAY DECEMBER 26**

St. Stephen

No Mass +Marilyn Campbell

**\*WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27**

St. John the Evangelist

No Mass Priestly Vocations

**\*THURSDAY DECEMBER 28**

The Holy Innocents

OLOP 6:30 AM Pastor's Intention

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 29**

St. Thomas Becket

No Mass +Ruth & Charles Hamilton

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 30**

Octave of the Nativity

SM 4:30 PM +Alberta Biehle

SJ 6:00 PM +Jeffery Anglin

**\*SUNDAY DECEMBER 31**

Octave of the Nativity (Holy Family)

SA 8 AM Pro Populo

SM 9:30 AM Kelsey Martin

\*OLOP MIDNIGHT (New Year's Eve Mass) Adoration at 11 p.m. Priest's Intention

\*Indicates a change in schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023



THE CHRISTMAS FEAST IS A FESTIVAL FULL OF JOY. THE ETERNAL WORD HAS BECOME MAN AND DWELLS AMONG US. WITH THE SHEPHERDS WE HURRY TO THE MANGER AND ADORE THE INCARNATE SON OF GOD, WHO FOR US AND FOR OUR SALVATION DESCENDED UPON EARTH.

## PARISH CONTACTS

### PARISH STAFF

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### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

Call Fr. Jerry for the sacrament of anointing at other times.

Contact Deacon Larry French (812) 525-6568 for communion to the sick or hospitalized.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

(812) 346-2576

### JACOB'S PRAYER LINE

(812) 346-6360 or (812) 592-1102

## PARISH INFORMATION

### WEEKEND OFFERINGS

#### DECEMBER 2023

What I spent is gone, what I kept I lost,  
but what I gave will be mine forever.

#### ST. ANN'S—

YTD Budget: \$22,038.24

YTD Actual: \$20,253.00

YTD Variance as of October

2023: (\$1,784.24)

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$320**

Dec. 9 :\$988

#### ST. JOSEPH—

YTD Budget: \$46,853.68

YTD Actual: \$40,188.26

YTD Variance as of October

2023: (\$6,665.42)

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$665**

Dec. 10: \$2,042.68

#### ST. MARY'S—

YTD Budget: \$ 166,666.68

YTD Actual: \$ 143,946.00

YTD Variance as of October

2023: (\$22,720.68)

**Weekly Automatic Giving:**

**\$2,160**

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$1,955**

Dec. 9 & 10: \$13,529

### MASS ATTENDANCE

**December 9 & 10**

**St. Ann: 154**

**St. Joseph: 123**

**St. Mary: 275 & 137**

*"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF  
THE LORD." PSALM 122*

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Nicholas Andrew Stock, John Doran, Sandra Kreutzjans, Jerry Lowman, Bill Baurle, Tori Herche, Andrew Lee, Doug Mays, Makayla Reitman, Ruby Gatewood, Penny Sullivan, Kaye Sullivan, Roger Bowen, Justin Brinker, Joanna Alcorn, Brittany Preusz, Jeff Kreutzjans, Sharleen Warren, Stacy Borgeman, Ian Hoff, John Eaton, Mike Irwin, Helen Hoff, Susie Sanert, Reda Wickens, Carolyn Hensley, Abby Johnson, Bob Kirchner, Charlie Heilers, Megan Snyder.

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call the Parish Office: 812-346-3604. Names will appear for two weekends. then will be taken off as space allows.

### CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OPEN 24 HOURS. CALL (812) 346-4919 FOR CHAPEL CLOSING INFORMATION

#### **OPEN HOURS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED**

WEDNESDAY 3 AM TO 4 AM

WEDNESDAY 8 PM TO 9 PM (SECOND ADORER)

THURSDAY MIDNIGHT TO 1 AM

THURSDAY 1 AM TO 2 AM

FRIDAY 1 AM TO 2 AM

FRIDAY 5 PM TO 6 PM

FRIDAY 10 PM TO 11 PM (SECOND ADORER)

SATURDAY 4 AM TO 5 AM

SATURDAY 6 PM TO 7 PM

SUNDAY 4 AM TO 5 AM

If you would like to commit or help sub an hour please call the Parish Office at (812) 346-3604.

## K OF C NEWS

**THE FAMILY OF MONTH IS JIM MICK AND FAMILY** for his service as a past Grand Knight.

### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

#### THESE ARE THE PARISH PLEDGES AND GOALS:

Parish	Goal	Amt. Pledged	# of Donors
St. Ann:	\$5,937	\$20,365	13
St. Joseph:	\$10,784	\$21,100	18
St. Mary:	\$39,172	\$15,045	67

### OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Praying the rosary honors our Blessed Mother for the protection She gives us and Her powerful intercession to the prayers of the faithful. Please join us at the following:

**St. Ann:** Prior to the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass

**St. Mary:** Prior to the 4:30 PM Saturday Mass and the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

**St. Joseph :** Prior to the 6 PM Saturday evening Mass at 5:40 PM.

WEDDING BANNES

EVAN HURR AND ALLISON VOGEL are to be married on December 30, 2023 at St. Joseph Church. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. –Rev. Jerry Byrd.

BAPTISM BLESSINGS

LOGAN REID LAMB, the son of James and Emily Mull Lamb, received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 13, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Deacon Larry French was the celebrant.

JAMES MASON LAMB, the son of James and Emily Mull Lamb, received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 13, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Deacon Larry French was the celebrant.

MAKENNA JOANN GAINES, the daughter of Justin and Rayann Mull Gaines was baptized on December 13, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Deacon Larry French was the celebrant.

“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life.” (CCC #1213)

DONUT SUNDAYS

DONUT SUNDAY IS DEC. 31 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary in the Missy room. We appreciate a \$1 donut donation. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cristina at 317-378-9774. Your time and talent is always treasured! Save the date for the next one on Jan. 14.

DID YOU KNOW

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON During the Christmas season there is an extensive **exchange of greetings and good wishes among friends**. These greetings are a reminder of those "good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people, for this day is born to you a Savior Who is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). They are a reminder, too, that all blessings and graces come to us from Christ: "Hath He not also with Him given us all things?" (Rom. 8:32).

The **exchange of gifts** recalls the greatest gift of all: Jesus. “God so loved the world as to give His only begotten Son.” (John 3:16).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Tri– Parish Pastoral Committee  
TBD 6:00 PM SJ  
RCIA |Jan. 14|10:30 a.m. SM  
Religious Ed| Jan. xx|6:30 p.m. SJ

SNOW REMOVAL

SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. JOSEPH

December 2023  
Andy Elsner  
David Vogel  
Chris Bailey

Confession Schedule

Tuesdays: SM after 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Wednesdays: SJ 5:30 p.m.  
Thursdays: SM after 8:30 a.m. Mass  
Fridays: SA 5:30 p.m.  
Saturdays: SM 4:00 p.m. & SJ after 6 p.m. Mass.  
Sunday: SA 7:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be closed Dec. 23 to Dec. 26. There will be limited hours Dec. 27 through Jan. 3. Please call before you come on those dates to make sure we can assist you.

UPDATE FROM THE EDITOR

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS



ST. NICHOLAS VISITED STUDENTS ON HIS FEAST DAY DECEMBER 6. He handed out the traditional chocolate coins.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items are due Mondays by 5 p.m. No exceptions.