

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday of Advent

SM 4:30 PM Pro Populo

SJ 6:00 PM +Special Intentions

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

SA 8:00 AM +Ruth & Charles Hamilton

SM 9:30 AM +Dick Powers

MONDAY DECEMBER 18

St. Damasus I

NO MASS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

Our Lady of Guadalupe

SM 8:30 AM +Herbert & Carol

Wachsman

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

St. Lucy

SJ 6:00 PM +Donald Thiemann

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

St. John of the Cross

SM 8:30 AM Priestly Vocations

FRIDAY DECEMBER 22

SA 6:00 PM +William Bloemer

***SATURDAY DECEMBER 23**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SM 4:00 PM Pro Populo

SJ 5:30 PM +Eugene Ebbings

***SUNDAY DECEMBER 24**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SA 9:00 AM +Eric Kaderbek

***SUNDAY DECEMBER 24**

Christmas Eve

SM 4 PM +Helen Fox

SJ 5:30 PM Pastor's Intention

SA 10 PM +Kenny & Ann Matern

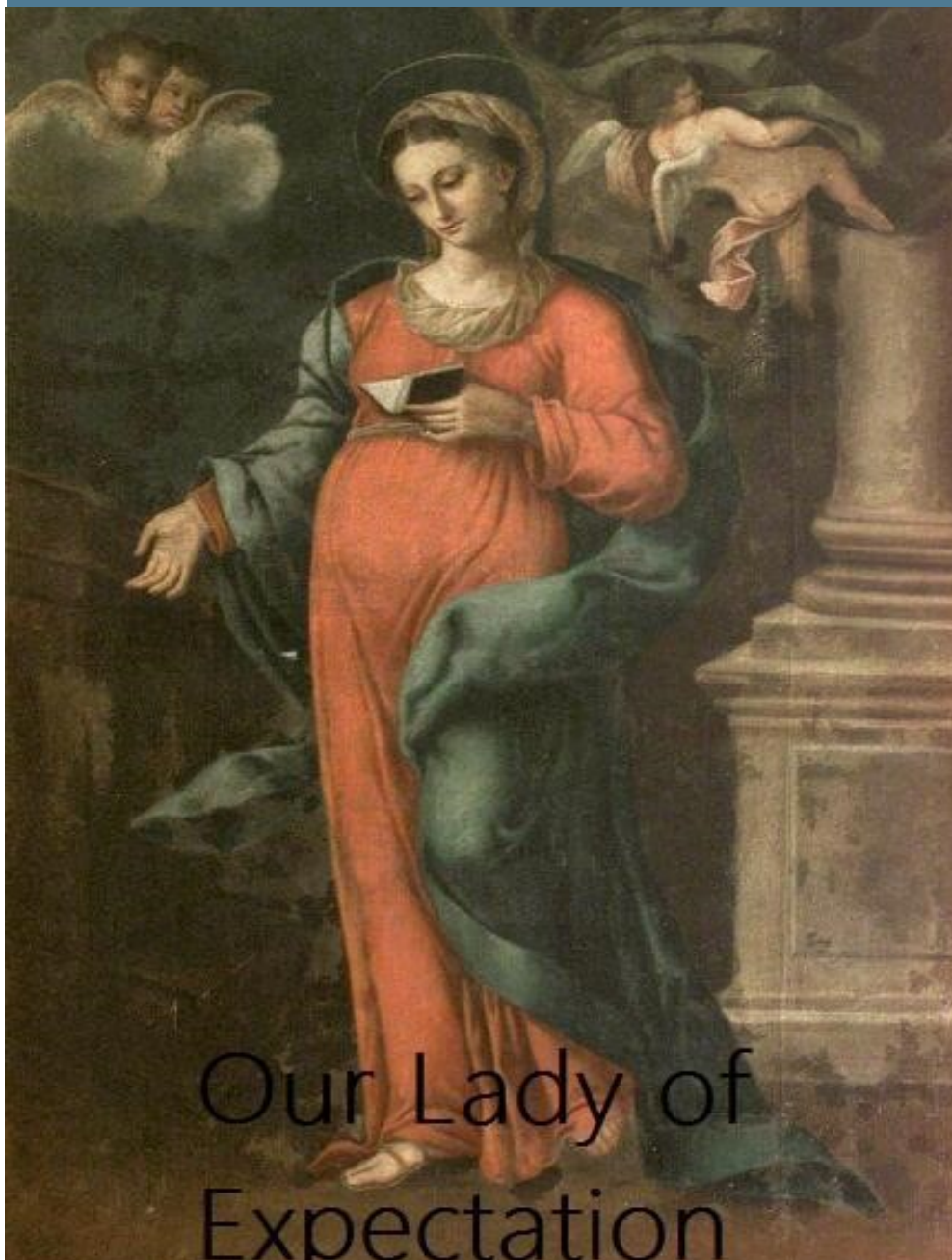
SM MIDNIGHT +Travis Campbell

***MONDAY DECEMBER 25**

Christmas Day

SJ 9:30 AM +Rick Kiska

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023



Our Lady of
Expectation

WITHIN THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS THE FEAST OF THE EXPECTATION OF MARY ON DECEMBER 18 (CELEBRATED MOSTLY IN EUROPE) IT IS A PROFOUND COMMEMORATION OF WHAT OUR LADY AND ST. JOSEPH WENT THROUGH DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

O MARY, VIRGIN OF EXPECTATION AND MOTHER OF HOPE, REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT IN YOUR ENTIRE CHURCH

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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. 5 :\$1,310

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. 4: \$4,682

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. 4 & 5: \$5,638

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 4 & 5

St. Ann: 177

St. Joseph: 95

St. Mary: 193 & 151

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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Nicholas Andrew Stock, John Doran, Sandra & Ed 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

SATURDAY 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. Chapel Openings and closings will be Flock noted. If you do not receive flock note please contact the Parish Office.

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	\$18,740	10
St. Joseph:	\$10,784	\$20,000	16
St. Mary:	\$39,172	\$13,560	57

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 BANNNS

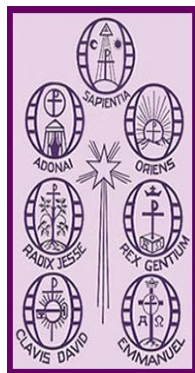
EVAN HURR AND ALLISON VOGEL are to be married on December 30, 2023 at St. Joseph Church. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. –Rev. Jerry Byrd.

FOOD DRIVE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE
Please consider giving to the Advent Food Drive. Grocery bags are in the back of each church. Your donations help stock the food pantry for those in need this Christmas season.

O WISDOM ON HIGH!

Today, marks the beginning of the **O Antiphons**, the seven jewels of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church in these following Golden Nights travels through the centuries recalling the longing for the Redeemer. Today begins with **O Wisdom (O Sapientia)**.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE THE MASS OBLIGATION!

As Christmas Day is on a Monday this year there are TWO Mass obligations: The **Fourth Sunday of Advent** Obligation on Dec. 23 marked below in purple, and the **Christmas** obligation Masses in red. A person cannot fulfill both obligations with one Mass. They must go to **two Masses** on this weekend.

Here's the Mass schedule:

Dec. 23 ~ 4th Sunday of Advent

4 p.m. St. Mary
5:30 p.m. St. Joseph

Dec. 24 –4th Sunday of Advent

Morning Mass is at 9 a.m. St. Ann

Christmas Eve Masses (Dec. 24)

4 p.m. St. Mary
5:30 p.m. St. Joseph
10 p.m. St. Ann
Midnight St. Mary

Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

9:30 a.m. St. Joseph

POSTCARDS WERE SENT IN THE MAIL WITH THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

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Envelopes to honor a loved one during Christmas will be in the back of every church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Tri- Parish Pastoral Committee

TBD 6:00 PM SJ

RCIA |Jan. 14|10:30 a.m. SM

Religious Ed| Dec. 20|6:30 p.m. SJ

DON'T MISS FATHER BYRD'S CHRISTMAS LETTER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN!

He reflects on his time in Greccio, Italy at the site of the first live nativity scene by St. Francis of Assisi.



OFFICE HOURS

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.

SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. JOSEPH

December 2023

Andy Elsner

David Vogel

Chris Bailey

UPDATE FROM THE EDITOR

CHRISTMAS BULLETIN DEADLINES

We have early deadlines for the December bulletins.

Items for the Dec. 24 bulletin is due Dec. 11 by 5 p.m.

Items for the Dec. 31 bulletin are due Dec. 18 by 5 p.m.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

"**Merry Christmas from St. Mary's School!** The generosity and support from our parishes is greatly appreciated as we continue the mission of our school- to create lifelong disciples of Christ. Wishing you many blessings this Christmas season and a blessed New Year!"