



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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday of Advent

SM 4:30 PM Dick Powers

SJ 6:00 PM +Elizabeth Bridges

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

SA 8:00 AM +Pro Populo

SM 9:30 AM +Frank & Anna Biehle

MONDAY DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus I

NO MASS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

SM 8:30 AM Rosemary Losey

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy

SJ 6:00 PM +Priestly Vocations

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross

SM 8:30 AM +Frank Miller

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

SA 6:00 PM +Bernard Pfeifer

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

*Indicates a change in schedule

Confession Schedule

Tuesdays: SM after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesdays: SJ 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays: SM after 8:30 a.m. Mass

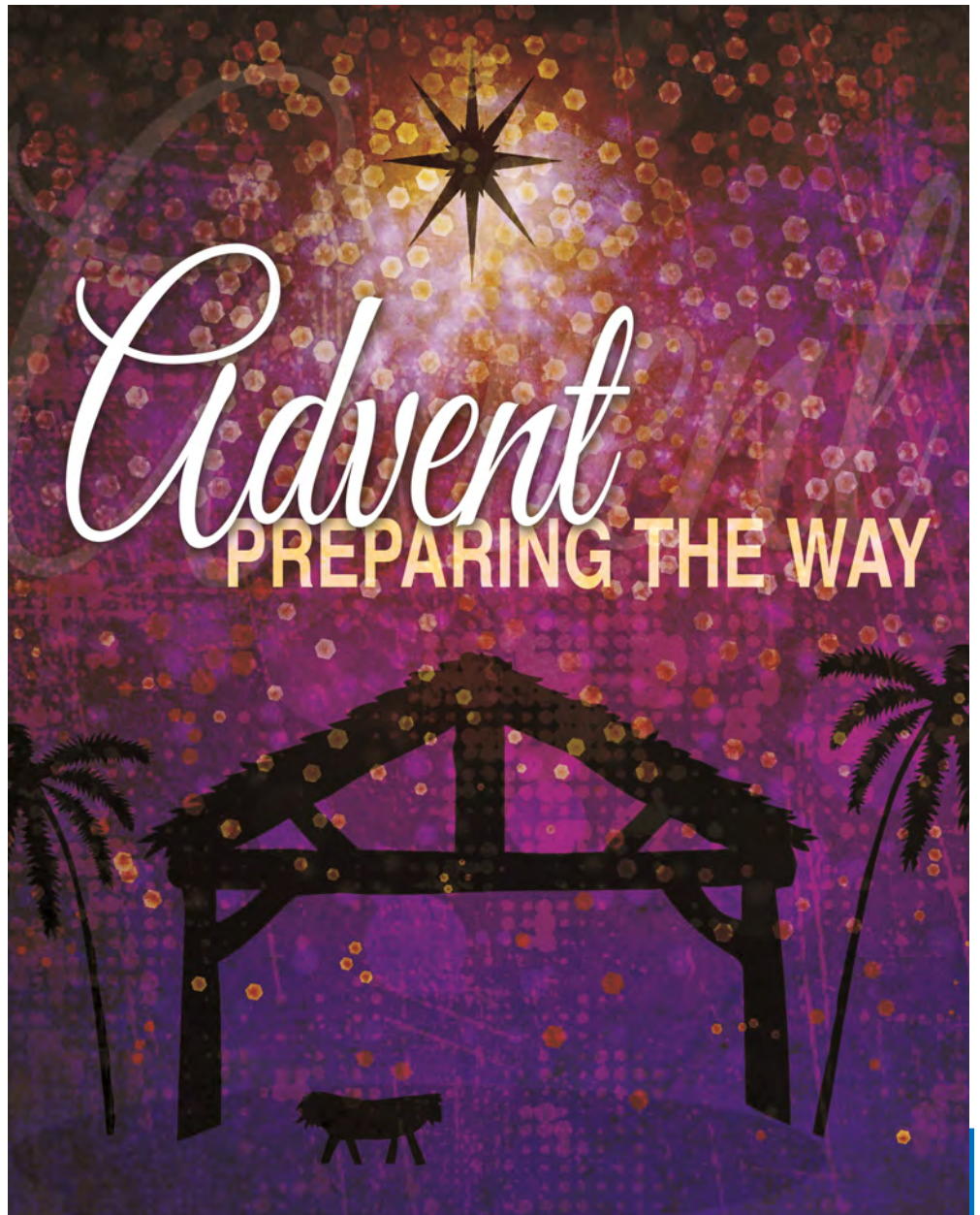
Fridays: SA 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays: SM 4:00 p.m. & SJ after 6 p.m.
Mass.

Sunday: SA 7:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023



“THROUGH THE GOSPEL JOHN THE BAPTIST CONTINUES TO SPEAK DOWN THE CENTURIES TO EACH GENERATION. HIS HARD CLEAR WORDS BRING HEALTH TO US, THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS DAY IN WHICH EVEN THE EXPERIENCE AND PERCEPTION OF CHRISTMAS OFTEN, UNFORTUNATELY, REFLECTS MATERIALIST ATTITUDES. THE 'VOICE' OF THE GREAT PROPHET ASKS US TO PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE COMING LORD IN THE DESERTS OF TODAY, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DESERTS, THIRSTING FOR THE WATER OF LIFE WHICH IS CHRIST.” — BENEDICT XVI

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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: \$14,692.16

YTD Actual: \$12,976.00

YTD Variance as of August

2023: (\$1,716.16)

Monthly Automatic Giving:

\$320

Nov. 26 :

ST. JOSEPH'S—

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2023: (\$6216.84)

Monthly Automatic Giving:

\$665

Nov. 25: \$2,373

ST. MARY'S—

YTD Budget: \$ 83,333.34

YTD Actual: \$ 72,521.00

YTD Variance as of August

2023: (\$10,812.34)

Weekly Automatic Giving:

\$2,160

Monthly Automatic Giving:

\$1,955

5,290

**NEW NUMBERS NOT AVAILABLE AT
PRESS TIME DUE TO EARLY
HOLIDAY DEADLINES**

St. Joseph: 105

St. Mary: 202 & 129

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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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 STEVE WISNER for organizing the Tootsie Roll Drive.

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

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Mark your calendars for Saturday, Dec. 16 after the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph. Dinner will be a taco bar and for fun we will be decorating Christmas cookies. All are welcome.

EVANGELIZATION TRAINING

ST. PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

Training is on First Saturdays through April. The next training is Jan. 6 at St. Joseph. Breakfast is provided. The training session is Healing in Evangelization. It will focus on healing in Scripture, informative speech and performative speech in Scripture. All are welcome to this important ministry!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT

HEBREWS 13:16: "Do not neglect doing good and sharing." The fiscal year ended Sept. 30 with the following assistance: \$47,100 utility assistance/cutoff avoidance; \$23,600 food insecurity/hunger avoidance; \$17,400 housing assistance/eviction avoidance; \$4,500 clothing & personal hygiene. None of this would have been possible without the incredibly resilient and dedicated volunteers who make up SVDP in North Vernon. We are also grateful to our very compassionate & generous donors from our community.

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

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

ST. ANN CHURCH DECORATING

Everyone is welcome to help clean and decorate St. Ann's for Christmas after the Sunday, 8 a.m. Mass on Dec. 17.

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. 13 & 20 |6:30 p.m. SJ

YOUNG ADULT EVENT

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Catholic Young Adult Group (18-30 year olds) is having its Christmas Party on Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. at St. Ann Parish Hall. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a gift for the gift exchange.

RSVP to Rachel Yoder at 812.592.5307

FOOD DRIVE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

Grocery bags are in the back of each church for the Advent Food Drive. The donations help stock the food pantry for the Christmas season. Thank you!

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.

SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. JOSEPH

December 2023
Andy Elsner
David Vogel
Chris Bailey

UPDATE FROM THE EDITOR

ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS EVENT

St. Mary's School would like to invite you to attend our Christmas program: *Festival of Lessons and Carols* on Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. This will be an amazing evening of scripture, prayer, and singing.

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.