



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

**\*SATURDAY JANUARY 6**

Epiphany of the Lord & First Saturday

OLOP 9:00 AM Pastor's Intention

SM 4:30PM Pro Populo

SJ 6:00 PM +Alberta Biehle

**SUNDAY JANUARY 7**

The Epiphany of the Lord

SA 8:00 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

SM 9:30 AM +Travis Campbell

**MONDAY JANUARY 8**

The Baptism of the Lord

No Mass

**TUESDAY JANUARY 9**

SM 8:30 AM +William & Jean McClellan

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10**

SJ 6:00 PM Priestly Vocations

**THURSDAY JANUARY 11**

SM 8:30 AM +Rita Farran

**FRIDAY JANUARY 12**

SA 6:00 PM Holy Souls

**SATURDAY JANUARY 13**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SM 4:30 PM Diekhoff Family

SJ 6:00 PM Pro Populo

**SUNDAY JANUARY 14**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SA 8:00 AM +Marilyn Campbell

SM 9:30 AM +Rita Faran

\*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, JANUARY 7, 2024**



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

### **THE EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING**

The formula for the blessing is simple. You write the following above the entrance to your home and other doorways with: **20 + C + M + B + 24.**

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house. "

## 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**

**Christmas: \$1,977**

**New Year: \$1,100**

#### 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**

**Christmas: \$611**

**New Year: \$3,996**

#### 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**

**Christmas: \$5,892**

**New Year: \$4,646**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

### Christmas

**St. Ann: 151**

**St. Joseph: 161 & 95**

**St. Mary: 562 & 115**

### New Year

**St. Ann 134**

**St. Joseph: 81**

**St. Mary: 262 & 146**

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Maurice Jackson, John Doran, Sandra Kreutzjans, 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

SATURDAY 8 PM TO 9 PM (SECOND ADORER)

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.

### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish	Goal	Amt. Pledged	# of Donors
St. Ann:	\$5,937	\$21,565	13
St. Joseph:	\$10,784	\$21,100	18
St. Mary:	\$39,172	\$16,695	70

### 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.



**BAPTISM BLESSINGS**

**JUDE ANDREW VOGEL** received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 28, 2023 at St. Joseph Parish. He is the son of Clinton and Kelly Ertel Vogel.

**NICHOLAS ANDREW STOCK**, the son of Tyler and Annie Webster Stock, received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 7, 2023 by Father Jerry Byrd at Riley Hospital.

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

**YOUTH GROUP GAME NIGHT**

**GAME NIGHT FUN AT ST. JOSEPH**

The Youth Group for ages 8th grade to 12th grade will have a Game Night on Jan. 13 after the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. Please bring a game to play with friends. Save the date for the next youth group event on Feb. 10. More details to follow.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

St. Mary's School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 3. It will kick off with the annual chili supper after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Jan. 28. All are invited to attend. Thank you for your continued support of St. Mary's School.

**SOME CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS PHOTOS**

**DEACON BOBBY VOGEL** joined us for some of our Christmas Masses.

**DONUT SUNDAY**

**DONUT SUNDAY IS JANUARY 14** 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.

**THANK YOU!**

**SO MANY BLESSINGS TO COUNT**

The Henry and Rose Elsner Family would like to thank the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus for providing funds for 30 Christmas wreaths for the veterans who are buried at St. Joseph's Cemetery.

For the St. Ann's and St. Mary's Knights of Columbus who provided funds for the entrances of St. Ann's, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's (in Scipio) cemeteries. A total of 120 wreaths were purchased by Elsner descendants and others for graves at St. Joe's, St. James, St. Mary's in Greensburg, St. Ambrose in Seymour and Riverview Cemetery in Seymour.

Please notice as you drive by St. Joe's Cemetery how the green of the wreaths and the red bows brighten the cemetery.

along with many of our other seminarians.

**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. 10,17|6:30 p.m. SJ

**SNOW REMOVAL**

**SNOW REMOVAL FOR ST. JOSEPH**

**January 2024**

Joe Gerringner  
John Gerringner  
Dale Gerringner

**THANK YOU NOTE**

**FROM THE FAMILY OF NICHOLAS SPARK**

Tyler and Annie Stock and family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the St Mary's Church and School communities for the outpouring of support they received following their son, Nicholas's, birth and unexpected stay in the Riley NICU. The kind words, deeds, and especially prayers from so many were greatly appreciated!

**GET YOUR BLESSED CHALK**

**BLESSED CHALK FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Chalk is available in the back of each church for the traditional house blessing for Epiphany

**UPDATE FROM THE EDITOR**

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

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

