

## ST. JOSEPH

### PARISH

Vanderburgh County

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*A community of joyful, active,  
faith-filled people who give thanks to  
God by generously sharing their  
individual gifts and talents to serve the  
needs of all.*

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM

Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

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## DECEMBER 19, 2010 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Friends,

During this special time of preparation for Christmas I want to take this time to send you my prayerful greetings. The good news of Christmas is that the Word became Flesh and continues to make his dwelling in your life today.

In the midst of the humanness of your lives, with all its beauty and brokenness, we see the face of Jesus made real once again. Jesus dwells among us as you share the gift of your life with your family, your parish, your neighbors and your community. Thank you for sharing your gifts—of leadership, service, faithfulness and prayerfulness. Thank you for sharing yourself with the people of St. Joseph Parish.

In this holy season I pray that your lives will be filled with God's peace and joy. These are the gifts He wants to share with us more than ever. His peace and joy are gifts our world cannot give, but gifts that God gives us freely and with great abundance.

We have much to celebrate so I extend to you this invitation to join us for all the special Christmas liturgies. Please take the time to invite your friends and neighbors to join us in prayer as well. *Fr. Gene Schroeder*

P.S. In this Christmas time of giving and receiving gifts, don't forget about your gift to God. Our weekly collections need to average \$17,900 per Sunday in order to meet our budgeted needs. Since we have not met this amount, your special gift at Christmas can help us catch up. If you have been thinking about making a large gift to the parish, this can be a great opportunity to do so. This time can also be an opportunity to "catch up" on our giving for the year. Your love for our parish has always seen us through in the past and so I place our present financial needs in your hands confident that you will do your fair share in providing the money we need to do God's work!



### COMING TO KNOW THE SACRED

*Sr. Joan Chittister, O.S.B.*

Love God and do what you will," John of the Cross wrote. It's only when I got old enough, experienced enough and wise enough in the ways of mystics that I knew what John really meant. It's not what we do that makes us holy. It's what we love that makes the difference between being simply a spiritual virtuoso and being a saint.

The Sufi understood the paradox very well. They tell a story about Isa ibn Maryam: Jesus, Son of Mary. One day Isa saw a group of people sitting miserably on a wall, moaning out loud and full of fear. "What is your affliction?" he asked. "It is our fear of hell," the people complained.

Then Isa came upon a second group. They were emaciated and wan and full of anxiety. "What is your affliction?" Isa asked them. "Desire for Paradise has made us like this," the people cried.

Finally, Isa came upon a third group. They were scarred and bruised, wounded and tired but their faces were radiant with joy. "What has made you like this?" Isa asked. And the people answered, "We have seen the Spirit of Truth. We have seen Reality," they sighed. "And this has made us oblivious of lesser goals." And Isa said, "These are the ones who attain. On the Last Day, they will be in the Presence of God."

If we live our spiritual lives only in fear of punishment or in hope of reward, rather than in the awareness of the One because of whom all life is worthwhile, we can be religious people but we will never be holy people. Then life is simply a series of tests and trials and scores, not the moment by moment revelation of God who is present in everything that happens to us, in everything we do.

Sanctity is about how we view life. It is not about spiritual exercises designed to evaluate our spiritual athleticism or a kind of spiritual bribery designed to win us spiritual prizes we do not deserve.

Coming to know the sacred — the energy of air, the possibility in children, the beauty of regret, the value of life — is what makes us holy





# CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 19, 2010  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM Frank S. Maurer, Theresa Maurer, Valada Martin, Leona Barrett, Boobie & Bettye Maurer, Agnes Dezember, T.P. Lewis, Mary Hillenbrand, Arnetta Straub, Charlotte Weiss, Paul Horak, Dennis Dossett, Bette Duncan

(2005), Robert Stevens (2007)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Alice Keil, Marian Elpers, Luke Mehringer, Basil & Marie Mehringer, Lawrence & Elizabeth Luigs.

10:30 AM Carolyn Seib, Joseph & Anna Schmitt, Florine & Aloysius Gries, Irene Schmitt, Betty Englert (1980), Bernie Scheller (2001), Alice Keil (2009)



MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Advent Weekday



6:30 PM Anthony Releke (1868), Christina Voelker (1994), Marie Wallenmeyer (1996)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Saint Peter Canisius

7:30 AM Darren Drone, Carolyn Parish, Teets Johns, Kate Borman, Marie Lex, Fr. Jim Lex, Infant Sebastian (1862)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Advent Weekday



7:30 AM Catherine Swain, Georgium Wolf (1878), Sr. Felicitas O.S.F. (Frances Gumbel, 1887), John Bender (1908), Magdalen Baumgart (1918), James Pauli (1973), Louis Folz (1975), Sylvester Will (1989), Herman Ritter (1989)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Saint John of Kanty

NO MASS Michael Baumgart (1856)



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



4:00 PM CHRISTMAS MASS WITH CHILDREN

Christmas Flower Memorials

9:00 PM CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Flower Memorials

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Christmas Flower Memorials

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 AM Catherine Hall, Charlie Weber, Keith Weyer, Linda Clark

10:30 AM Michael Genet, Margaret Witt (1860), Margaret Tenbarga (1902), Philip Bender (1920), Lorine Kissel (2000)



## STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*



When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

DECEMBER 12, 2010	\$ 15,085.55
DECEMBER 15, 2010 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 5,415.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 239,087.26
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 268,500.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 74.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 15.25

**YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:** Melissa Blythe, Joshua & Trevor Clem, Addison, Brendan & Jordan Elpers, Finley Fehrenbacher, Gretchen, Heidi, Karl & Kurt Forcum, Harrison & Wilson Gorman, Jessica Kelley, Dillon & Madison Mossberger, Natalie Schneider, Nathan & Vanessa Vanbibber, Lauren Voelker, Brandon & Nathan Werner

### RAISING THE ROOF FUND

DECEMBER 12, 2010	\$ 6,847.52
DECEMBER 15, 2010 Auto Debit Collection	\$ 106.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 313,971.66

### MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 5,705.70
HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 2,377.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION	\$ 190.00

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOMES

DEACONESS: *Jim Niemeier, Mike Forcum, Larry Ubelhor*  
ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER: *Leo Gumbel*  
PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester, Pat Koch*  
SOLARBRON TERRACE: *Valeria Elpers, Clarence Miller, Clarence and Mildred Rexing*  
NORTH PARK NURSING CENTER: *Norm Moutoux*  
ATRIA ASSISTED LIVING: *Bernadette Jean*  
CYPRUS REHABILITATION CENTER: *Larry Hoefling*  
WOODRIDGE HEALTH & REHABILITATION: *Joan Roberts*

Dec. 19: Mike Ennis, Alec Freeman, Pat Koch, Jacob Tison, Jill Werner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 20: Lance Bruk, Andrea Jarboe

Dec. 21: Ellie Bishop



Dec. 22: Aira Pankey

Dec. 23: Tyler Bruk, Henrietta Happe, Joann Muensterman

Dec. 24: Jack Fleeger, Paul Schapker, Matthew Watson

Dec. 25: Theresa Chapman, Donna Lincoln, Zach Zirkelbach

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Dec. 19: Barry & Kim Bruk

Dec. 30: Rob & Dana Grasso



Please remember in your prayers *Charles Weber*, the father of Joanna Egler, *Keith Weyer*, the cousin of Sharon Vogler, and *Linda Clark*, the cousin of Marilyn Mossberger, who died this past week. May they now know the fullness of life with God in the Kingdom and may God's peace be with their family and friends.

**Attention Middle School Students:**  
**Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks on Friday,**  
**January 14, 2010 Cost \$50**  
**Save your Christmas money!**  
**Look for details in January!**



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS**  
Names and Money due in to the Parish Office by Dec. 20

**MONDAY:** 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7 pm Men's Club Meeting  
**TUESDAY:** 7 pm Choir Practice  
**WEDNESDAY:** 7 pm Marian Prayer Group  
**SUNDAY:** Food Pantry Collections

**THIS  
WEEK**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

(EM=Eucharistic Minister, S=Servers, L=Lector, GB=Giftbearers, G=Greeters)

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26**

**5:00 PM No Mass at 5 pm**

**8:00 AM** Terry Drone, Tom & Delores Folz, Marcia Frey, Marlene Has-selbrinck (EM), Jessie Kelley (L) Chris & Patti Will (GB), Chick & Jean Duncan (G)

**10:30 AM** Jane Scheller, Brad & Nancy Ruminer, Megan Schneider, Doris Taylor (EM), Dave Schmitt (L), Phil Doshier Family (GB), Jim & Jane Scheller(G)

**Dec. 31 St. James New Year's Eve Din- AROUND TOWN** ner/Dance, call 319-9800 for reservations and info.

**Dec. 31 St. Wendel Knights of St. John New Year's Eve Party**, doors open at 8 pm, admission \$10 per person, call 449-8444 to reserve a table.

**Friday Nights beginning Jan. 7** St. John's Daylight Beginning Square Dance Lessons, 7-9 pm, \$10 per class, per couple, for more info call Bonnie at 812-567-4485.

**2011 RELIGIOUS CALENDARS**

Once again this year, the folks at PIERRE FUNERAL HOME have provided each of the families in our parish with a Catholic Calendar for 2010. The theme for this year's calendar is *Stewardship: A way of Life*. Be sure to pick up a copy for your family. And then next time you see the folks at PIERRE, be sure to thank them for their gift to our parish!.



**BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS**

Sat., Dec. 18—5 pm: \*Karen McDonald & Julianna Voelker  
Sun., Dec. 19—8 am: \*Stephanie Purcell  
Sun., Dec. 19—10:30 am: \*Michelle Shane & Jena Wessel



**GOING CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?**

Santa says  
**"Give them SCRIP"**



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GIVE THAT SPECIAL PERSON? WHY NOT BUY THEM A

**SCRIP Gift Certificate**

**LET YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING BENEFIT ST. JOE!!**

**IT'S GOOD TO DO BUSINESS WITH OUR BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER ADVERTISERS**

Fifty-five area businesses support our parish each week by taking an ad in our bulletin and newsletter. Their generosity enables us to publish our bulletin each week and publish and mail our newsletter each month.

As we get ready to renew our ads for the new year, it's a great time to say "thanks" to them and to support them by taking advantage of the services they offer!

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 PM** Christmas Mass with Children

**9:00 PM** Christmas Midnight Mass  
(Choir Prelude at 8:30 pm)

**CHRISTMAS DAY SATURDAY, DEC.25**

**9:00 AM—Christmas Day Mass**

**NO 5 PM MASS**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**SUNDAY DEC. 26**

**Mass at 8:00 am and 10:30 am**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Friday Dec. 31 5 pm Saturday, Jan. 1 9 am**

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY JAN. 1 & 2**

**Masses at 5 pm on Saturday**

**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday**

**Invite your family and friends to join us in prayer this Christmas**



Thanks to all those who have bought their lottery ticket for this year. Thanks to our lottery sellers for your faithful efforts. Be sure to turn in your sold tickets to the parish office. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BUY YOUR TICKET. \$75. Contact the parish office (963-3273) if you need a ticket or know someone who wants to buy one.**

Tickets are now on sale also for the **Mater Dei/Memorial** annual "Buy a Ticket for the Tradition" Lottery. Monthly prizes are \$10,000, \$1500, \$1000 and \$500. Each ticket is \$100. For tickets St. Joe School Office at 963-3335, or Parish office at 963-3273.

**IT'S LOTTERY TIME**

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT MASS**

It is a good thing to remember our family and friends who have died. we make a special effort to remember those who have died. One way we have done this is by praying for them when we come together for Mass. Many of you will remember this as "having a Mass celebrated for a particular person."



We invite you to submit the names of your deceased loved ones and the day you want them to be remembered. (e.g. the Mass you normally come to, or their birthday, or wedding anniversary or even the day they died.) Send your names to the parish office through the collection or through mail or email.



**MATER DEI CUB BASEBALL MEETING** for 7th and 8th grade parents to see if there is interest in a Mater Dei Cub Baseball team for the 2011 season. The meeting will be held at Mater Dei on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Mater Dei Media Center (2nd floor of the school-in the main hall just past room 213-Please enter thru the gym doors) If you can not attend and have a son who wants to play, please contact Dee Dee Eickhoff (963-6914).

**LISTEN TO THE SUNDAY HOMILY ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stjoeco.org](http://www.stjoeco.org)**

Now that the cold weather has arrived, Birthright of Evansville is in need of crocheted sock hats for children 2 years and older. If you can donate, please call Phyllis at 424-2555.