

## 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 26, 2010 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR THIS CHRISTMAS

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



The waiting time for Christmas is almost over—yes, but so what? After all, there is nothing special about waiting. It's what we're waiting for that matters.

One of my favorite Christmas scripture readings takes place when John is in prison. It is a gospel that confronts us with the need to make a choice about what we are waiting for.

John is no small figure in scripture. He bellows to peasant and king alike across the land that the world cannot continue as it has been, that we have to learn to think differently, to live differently, to see life differently. And for those actions John paid the price. He is in prison in this scripture, for confronting King Herod.

John has unmasked the evil of the system, he has called both synagogue and empire to repent their abandonment of the Torah, their substitution of Roman law for Jewish law. John, in other words, is a strong and thunderous voice. He calls in no uncertain terms for repentance. He announces the coming of the Messiah who would—like Moses—free the Hebrew people again.

But in prison, John, weary from trying, disheartened by failure, surely depressed, maybe even struggling with his own faith, sends a messenger to ask Jesus what surely must be more than a rhetorical question: Are you the one who is to come or shall we wait for another?

Are you the one for whom I have spent my life preparing? Are you the one I gave up everything to announce? Are you the one who shall free Israel—or have I wasted my time? Has it all been for nothing? “Are you the one?” John pleads.

But if John's question is bad, Jesus' answer is even worse. Tell John—who has lived to banish the empire—that the blind see, and the lame walk, and the poor have the gospel preached to them....

Not a single mention of an army to rout the garrisons, no talk of thunderbolts and falling thrones, no designation of the leader who would overthrow the emperor. No great religious crusade, even. No new outburst of religious enthusiasm, no embellishment of the temple, or the sacrifices, or the processions. No great blinding political or religious action at all. What John was waiting for, what John expected—the rise of Judaism to new glory—did not come.

The answer was searingly, astoundingly, clear. John had spent his life doing church, but Jesus did not come to do church; Jesus came to do justice. The Messiah was not about either destroying or renewing the old order. The Messiah was about building a new one where, as Isaiah said, the desert would bloom, the wilderness would rejoice, sorrow and sighing would flee away and the good news of creation would be for everyone.

On Christmas the question becomes ours to answer. For what have we waited? For what have we given our lives? For religious symbolism or for gospel enlightenment? For the restoration of the old order or for the creation of the new?

Think carefully about the answer because on it may well depend the authenticity of our own lives and the happiness of many who are even now crippled by unjust systems, blinded by their untruths and fooled into believing that, for them, God wants it that way. Merry Christmas to you all. And may, where you are, the desert be brought to bloom.

**A New Year's Day Prayer**  
What lies concealed from my  
sight among the days and  
hours of this new year...The  
year ahead.....

What “causes” have I started  
that will take form and  
shape as the days unpeel....

What new good awaits in  
Embryo for the nourishing  
Substance of my faith.....

I live in the Now....  
And yet, threads of thought  
trail into the past, and ex-  
tend into the future....

Am I but a cork bobbing  
hither and yon on the stream  
of Life: Or is there that in  
me, Or of me, that can give  
direction and meaning?

O Christ indwelling, Thou  
Art my Direction and  
Director! Take my tangled  
threads of thought and  
weave of them a year my  
Soul has been longing for....

....the year in which  
The Vain, prideful little  
“me” is swallowed up  
In Thee!

—Charles Roth



## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 26, 2010  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,  
MARY AND JOSEPH  
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 Sean Witsoe, Michael Genet, Leo Waninger Margaret Witt (1860),  
Margaret Tenbarger (1902), Philip Bender (1920), Lorine Kissel (2000)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Saint John

6:30 PM Edwin Goebel, Joe Sudholt, Curtis Will,  
John Will (1879)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

7:30 AM Jeanice Scheller, Madalena Fisher  
(1914), Reinildes Botzum (2000), Madeline Rexing  
(2009), Joseph A. Elpers (2009)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7:30 AM Peter & Theresa Gries, Infant Kohl (1871), John Kircher  
(1872), Friderich Schmitt (1892), Ed Rexing (1984)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

NO MASS Sr. Wilfrida O.S.F. (Agatham Ludovicum Mayer, 1888), Kaspar  
Goelzhausen (1896), Charles Alsop (1981), Estella Ubelhor (2009)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

5:00 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS Elisabeth Comings (1880), Olivia  
Schapker (1994)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: Fr. John Lefler, Fr. Sy Loehrlein,  
Fathers, Francis, Raymond and Cletus Schroering, Al and Kate Schmitt

5:00 PM THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Delores Niemeier, Anna  
Herrmann (1872), Francis Wolf (1874), Adam Wolf (1895), Mary Effinger  
(1919), Barbara Hoefling (1924)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Herb Langner, Jim and Avila Fehrenbacher, Jim and Mary Jane Bachle, Curtis  
Will, Urban and Betty Will, John and Luella Gries

10:30 AM Charlie Baylor, Sean Witsoe, Catharina Weiss (1929), Susanna Schneider  
(1930), Peter Schenk (1944), Mary Hoefling (1967), Alber (1990) and Florentine Gries



## STEWARDSHIP: *The Lord's Way*

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!



DECEMBER 19, 2010	\$ 15,668.50
WEEKLY BUDGET	\$ 17,900.00
TOTAL INCOME TO DATE	\$ 254,755.76
BUDGET TO DATE	\$ 286,400.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 41.00
CHILDRENS COLLECTION	\$ 23.46

**YOUNG STEWARDS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE COLLECTION LAST WEEK:** Nicholas & Allyson Angermeier, Bryce & Blake Baumgart, Melissa Blythe, Joshua & Trevor Clem, Paige, Kurt & Trent Denning, Amelia Duncan, Finley Fehrenbacher, Gretchen, Heidi, Karl & Kurt Forcum, Jessica Kelley, Nikki & Shelby Mayer, Haileigh McClure, Catherine, Mariah, Natalie, Isaac & Zackery Schneider, Maisy Seib, Lauren Voelker, Brandon & Nathan Werner, Christiana Wolfe

### RAISING THE ROOF FUND

DECEMBER 19, 2010	\$ 3,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE	\$ 316,971.66

### MISSION OUTREACH

HAITI	\$ 1,024.00
HAITI STUDENTS	\$ 900.00
HAITI SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 100.00
RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION	\$ 41.00
NEEDY FUND	\$ 1,000.00

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

ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER: *Leo Gumbel*  
PINE HAVEN: *Brenda Koester, Pat Koch, Jim Niemeier*  
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. 26: Katie Gibbs, Antoinette Happe, Brian Price, Lori Wolf

Dec. 27: Kierstin Buedel, Isaac Evans, Bernadette Jean, Mike Maurer, Scott Parker, Dawson Pfaffmann, Delores Schroeder

Dec. 28: Jay Busan, Mike Burk, Rebecca Kelley, Lynn Kiesel, Ethan Mayer, Brant Rexing

Dec. 29: Terry Drone, Randy Fehrenbacher, Vanessa Vanbibber

Dec. 30: Jean Brown, Jacob Ellison, Stan Love, Taylor Mayer, Brady Sellers

Dec. 31: Diane Bassemier, Becky Muensterman, Stephanie Purcell

Jan. 1: Bobby Mossberger

Dec. 26: Norman & Kay Moutoux, Chris & Sharon Moutoux

Dec. 27: Chuck & Ann Effinger

Dec. 28: Hank & June Preske

Dec. 30: Joe & Kathy Weber

Dec. 31: Jason & Wendy Miller

Jan. 1: Charles & Monica Voelker, Joe & Karla Deweese

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Please remember in your prayers *Mary Jane Bachle*, the mother of Sandy Raben who died this past week. May she know the fullness of life with God in the Kingdom and may God's peace be with her family and friends.



## WHO WILL PRAY FOR VOCATIONS THIS WEEK?



**MONDAY: 7 am-7 pm Eucharistic Adoration**  
**TUESDAY: 7 pm Choir Practice**  
**WEDNESDAY: 7 pm Marian Prayer Group**  
**SATURDAY & SUNDAY: Haiti & Food Pantry Collections**

**THIS  
WEEK**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

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

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 & 2**

**5:00 PM** Bob & Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donald Werner, Dolores Sudholt, Kathy Cook (EM), Alyssa Hollingsworth, Anna Lagunzad (S), Bernette Locklar (L), Dave & Becky Richter (GB), Fred & Judy Gries (G)

**8:00 AM** Richard & Imogene Baehl, Allen Whitehouse, Al Debes, Jean Duncan (EM), Abigail Tenhumberg (S), Tom Blythe (L) Alan & Donna Blankenberger (GB), Ron & Becky Mayer (G)

**10:30 AM** Don Schroeder, Diane Bassemier, June Beverly, Joe Crowdus, Paul Hillenbrand (EM), Anna & Will Harl (S), Delores Schroeder (L), Jenna Johnson Family (GB), Greg & Susie Head (G)

**BUY SCRIP AFTER MASS**

Sat., Jan. 1—5 pm: \*Jenny Collins

Sun., Jan. 2—8 am: \*Tom & Mary Goedde

Sun., Jan. 2—10:30 am: \*Rebecca Whitehouse & Julie Forcum

*"Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)*

Countless parishioners this year have participated in our parish outreach efforts. You have recognized Christ in one of His most distressing disguises, that of the poor. It is not possible to thank each of you in person. Please see in the following words, our prayer of blessing and our deep thanks for being part of our parish's outreach ministries to "the least of these who are members of Christ's family", and of ours.

Thank you for welcoming Christ in those who come to the door for help, and in supporting the homeless through your support of our Needy Fund. Thank you for wrapping Christ in "swaddling clothes" by participating in our annual "Diaper Bag Express" conducted between Mother's Day and Father's Day to benefit young unwed fathers and mothers through Birthright.

Thank you for feeding Christ as He gathers weekly at the United Caring Shelter, the House of Bread and Peace and the Ozanam Family Center and the Sunday meals at St. John the Evangelist Church. and by the thousands of pounds of groceries you donated through our weekly food collection for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry and our "Sausage for the Homeless" campaign. Thank you for furnishing a home for Christ through your support of the Catholic Build for Habitat.

Thank you for providing Christ with a roof over His head, heat, light, and running water through the financial support you have given to our needy fund. Thank you for visiting Christ in prison and for ministering to Christ in the aged through by bringing communion to the homebound. Thank you for all you have done to make Christ, in all His many disguises welcome here at St. Joseph. As a community of faith in this "Child born to us" let us wish one another the joy of Christ, Emmanuel, Who comes to us in so many disguises. During this holy season may we all experience the continued joy and peace of His coming, and may we learn to recognize Him when He comes.

*Fr. Gene Schroeder*

**Dec. 31 St. James New Year's Eve AROUND TOWN Dinner/Dance**, call 319-9800 for reservations and info.  
**Dec. 31 St. Wendel Knights of St. John New Year's Eve Party**. 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.

**IT'S TIME TO WRAP UP OUR LOTTERY SALES FOR THIS YEAR. Is your name in**

**the pot?** 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. \$100/ticket. For tickets call Parish office at 963-3273.

**DECEMBER ST. JOE LOTTERY WINNERS:** \$750-Donatius Baumgart; \$300-Mel Wilderman; \$200-Ron Angermeier; \$100-Matt Deig. **MATER DEI/MEMORIAL:** \$10,000-Norma Bond; \$1,500-Tim Steckler; \$1,000-Todd and Willie Kain; \$500-Pat Mathies.

**DO YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS YOU NO LONGER NEED?**

When you box up those Christmas decorations remember our September Parish Rummage Sale. Our Christmas section at the Rummage Sale last September brought in over \$400.



**MAKE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH THROUGH AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

Normally, a distribution from your IRA is taxed as ordinary income. However, tax legislation just enacted extends the opportunity for the remainder of 2010 and throughout 2011 for individuals 70½ or older to make a direct distribution from your IRA to St. Joseph Parish. Such qualified direct distributions to charity from your IRA are not subject to income tax. The new law also provides that you may consider such distributions made in January 2011 as made in 2010.

For more information about how you and St. Joseph can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover, contact Fr. Schroeder at the parish office (963-3273) or the Catholic Foundation at 812-424-5536 or e-mail at [lcox@evdio.org](mailto:lcox@evdio.org).

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

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

