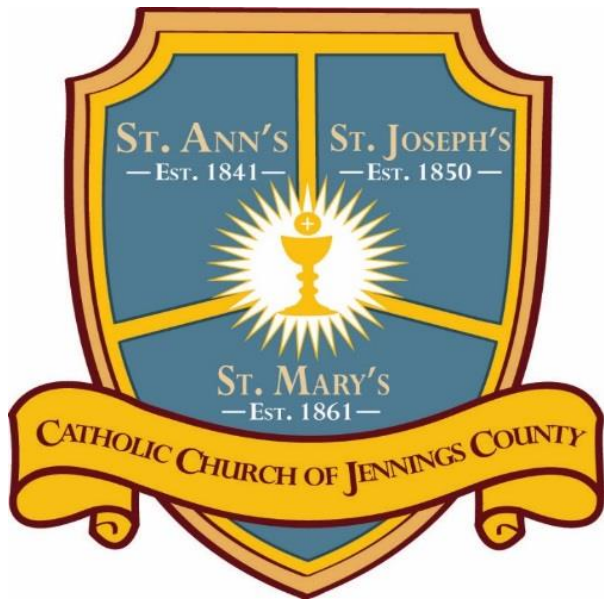


Catholic Church of Jennings County

St. Ann · St. Joseph · St. Mary



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

The Catholic Churches of Jennings County, under the patronage of Saint Ann, Saint Joseph, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, are places of worship, evangelization, and reconciliation. They offer to all men and women the occasion for a deepening conversion, a step forward in the journey to God with our patron saints as the model for that journey. These parishes, built generations ago, provide witness to our faith in Jesus Christ and our Catholic heritage. All are invited into the saving moments of faith, hope, and charity, so that they may be reconciled and transformed into living symbols of Christ's presence in the world. It is here that the faithful gather to worship God and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go.

Parish Office:

Hours: Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm

Mailing Address: 629 Clay Street

North Vernon, IN 47265

Office Number: (812) 346-3604

Emergency Number: (513) 403-1547

Website: www.ccjc3.org

Parish Staff:

Rev. Jerry L. Byrd.....Pastor
frbyrd@stmarysnv.com

Rev. Mr. Larry French.....Deacon
ljosephfrench@yahoo.com

Courtney Seiwert.....Pastoral Associate
pastoralassoc@stmarysnv.com

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parishsecretary@stmarysnv.com

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adminassist@stmarysnv.com

Anointing of the Sick

●Emergency – Fr. Jerry Byrd (513) 403-1547

●Anointing within mass **January 22 at St. Mary's 6pm Mass**

●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

Chapel of the Good Shepherd: Open 24 Hours

Call (812) 346-4919 for chapel closing information

St. Vincent de Paul: (812) 346-2576

St. Mary's School

Address: 209 Washington Street

North Vernon, IN 47265

School Office: (812) 346-3445

School Staff:

Lisa Vogel.....Principal
lisav@stmarysnv.com

Natalie Messer.....Secretary
nataliem@stmarysnv.com

Saturday, December 22, 2018

SM – 4:00PM..... *Fourth Sunday of Advent*..... Madonna Hillen
SA – 6:00PM..... *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Dcs. Mbrs Kirchner/Matern Families

Sunday, December 23, 2018

SJ – 7:30AM..... *Fourth Sunday of Advent*..... Evelyn Elsner
SM – 9:30AM - *Fourth Sunday of Advent* Members SA/SJ/SM

Monday, December 24, 2018 – Christmas Vigil

*SM – 4:00PM - GYM..... *The Nativity of the Lord*..... Madonna Hillen
*SJ – 6:00PM..... *The Nativity of the Lord* Members of SA/SJ/SM

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas

*SM – 12:00AM - **Midnight**..... *The Nativity of the Lord*..... Carolyn Doxsee
Christmas Carols Beginning at 11:30PM | Blessing of the Crib: 11:45PM | Mass at Midnight
*SA – 9:00AM *The Nativity of the Lord* Christmas Memorials

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

*SM – 8:30AM- **MASS CANCELLED**
SA – 6:00PM..... *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr* Ryan Kunkel

Thursday, December 27, 2018

*SJ – 6:30AM – **MASS CANCELLED**

Friday, December 28, 2018

SM – 8:30AM..... *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs* Edna Smith Cull

Saturday, December 29, 2018

SM – 4:00PM..... *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph* Dec. Mbrs Herman & Antoinette
Ebbing Family
SA – 6:00PM..... *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph* Steve Wessel Family

Sunday, December 30, 2018

SJ – 7:30AM..... *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*..... Evelyn Elsner
SM – 9:30AM - *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph* Members SA/SJ/SM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

SAINT ANN: Saturday 5:30 pm, Wednesday 5:30pm (when there is 6pm mass)
SAINT JOSEPH: Sunday 7:00 am
SAINT MARY: Sunday 9:00am, Tuesday 5:30pm (when there is 6pm mass), Saturday 3:30 pm
*Take note – this is a change from the normal schedule

Holy Mass Attendance December 15th & 16th

SM – 4:00PM.....299 SA – 6:00PM.....108
SJ – 7:30AM.....183 SM – 9:30AM.....316
Total: 906

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

What I spent is gone, what I kept I lost, but what I gave will be mine forever.

St. Ann's
Offerings for December 15th **\$2,077.00**
St. Ann's (weekly budget \$1,548.08)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$80,500.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$33,541.65
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$33,994.00
Overage as of November 30th **\$452.35**

St. Joseph's
Offerings for December 16th **\$4,004.00**
St. Joseph's (weekly budget \$2,365.38)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$123,000.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$51,250.00
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$49,604.02
Shortage as of November 30th **\$1,645.98**

St. Mary's
Offerings for December 15th & 16th **\$8,948.00**
St. Mary's (weekly budget \$10,192.31)
Total Yearly Sunday Giving Budget \$530,000.00
Year to date **budget as of November 30th** \$220,833.35
Year to date **actual as of November 30th** \$211,246.25
Shortage as of November 30th **\$9,587.10**

Various Groups and Ministries

SM Legion of Mary – Saturdays 9:00AM
SM-SA K of C – January 7th - 7:00PM
SJ K of C – January 8th - 8:00PM
SJ Rosary Society – January 8th 6:00PM
St. Mary's School Commission – January 16th 5:30PM
SM Physical Facilities Meeting – TBA
Frassati Youth Group – January 9th - 6:30PM – 9:00PM
Confirmation Class – January 20th – after 9:30 Mass – 12PM
Religious Education – Jan. 6, 20, 27 & Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24
8:30am-10am (St. Joseph's)

Pastoral Council and Finance Committee Meetings

St. Ann's Finance Committee – January 29th – 7:00PM
St. Joseph's Finance Committee – January 24th – 7:00AM
St. Mary's Finance Committee – January 24th – 6:30PM
Pastoral Council – January 22nd – 6:30PM
(St. Mary's Sprigler Room)
(All posted Pastoral Council Meetings are open to all Parishioners.)

Please pray for: Diana Daeger, Catherine Catterton, Aenton Wilson, Stacie Boswell, Jayton Littrell, Randy Wilkerson, Diane Bower, Calvin Clark, Rose Eder, Kaye Sullivan, Sylvia Magner, Nikki Schafer, Richard Miller, Amy Davis, Sharon Schneider, John A. Gootee, Tim Martin, Marilyn Badgett, Sam Wagner, Phyllis Heaton, Tom Sicking, Leon Turner, Ralph Biehle, Ted Westerman, Jimmy Willett, Karen Miles, Lynda Pettigrew, Norman Wallace, Amber Fleming, Harold Wilson, Wanda Wright, Nicki Ebinger, Thelma Harper, George Kreuzjans, Charlie Baldinger, Fenton Seibert, Cohen Morris, Jonah Kreuzjans, Jack Wickens, Mary Catherine Fox, Agnes Matern, Steve Luedeman, Wanda Wernke, Brent Fry, Steve Martin, Sue Hodges, Judy Carmer, Teresa Lane, Elaine Leahigh and Tyler Ralstin

Mark your calendars!

♦ **Christmas Adoration** at St. Ann's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's on Sunday, December 23rd beginning at 3pm through Monday December 24th ending at 3pm.

♦ **Christmas Concert** celebrating the 200th anniversary of Silent Night featuring Fr. Jerry, the Schola Cantorum, and other musicians.

Sunday, December 30 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church.

♦ **New Year's Eve Holy Hour** – 7:00PM - December 31st at St. Joseph Church. Exposition, Solemn Vespers and Benediction.

♦ **Holy Day of Obligation** – January 1, 2019
Mary Mother of God

SJ – 8:00AM | SA – 10:00AM | SM – 7:00PM

♦ **Adult Retreat** at St. Meinrad - February 8-10, 2019
More details to follow.

Young Adult Christmas Hangout

Date: Wednesday, December 26

Time: 7:00PM

Location: St. Joseph Rectory
Bring a snack to share.

Bible Timeline

Everyone is invited to join a 20 week session DVD study featuring Jeff Cavins which provides an in-depth explanation of the Acts of the Apostles. The sessions will begin on Monday, January 21, 2019 at 6:00PM in the Missi/Widerin Room at St. Mary's. The workbooks are \$28.95

**A schedule will be provided at the first session as there are some Monday evenings that conflict with other scheduled events.

Welcome Retreat April 26th & 27th

Flyers are in the back of all the churches to sign up for the 2019 Welcome Retreat to be held at St. Mary's. Please pick up a flyer if you are interested in attending.

Knights of Columbus

Ernie has been assigned local field agent in charge of insurance needs. He will be serving both North Vernon as well as Four Corners council's.

Contact Ernie for your K of C insurance needs and concerns.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FIELD AGENT

ERNIE ERNSTES.

CELL: (765) 760-8913 | matt.ernstes@kofc.org

Thank you...

... Agnes Bloemer for donating the barn siding for our outside Nativity at St. Mary's.

...I would like to express my sincere gratitude for all of the thoughts, cards, and prayers we received at the passing of my husband, Josh. Thank you as well to Father for the beautiful service, Courtney for the lovely music, and for the funeral dinner committee for the delicious meal. The support we've received from the parish has been overwhelming. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. – LeAnn Stidham

...Thank you to everyone for their prayers and kindness that were shown to myself and Roy at his passing. – Katy Matthews

Rest in Peace...

♦ Pray for the soul of **John Gootee**, who was laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery on December 19.

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd

OPEN HOURS THAT NEEDS FILLED

Fri. - 1AM | Sat. - 4AM

Second Adorer Needed for Friday 12AM Midnight

If you can commit to an hour or would like to join someone on their hour, please call the Parish Office at (812) 346-3604.

The Chapel will be closed Sunday, December 23 at 2:00PM and will open again on Wednesday, December 26 at 10:00AM

Bad Weather Policy

Closing the chapel due to bad weather will be based solely on the weather conditions and **WILL NOT** be linked to school closings, etc. Please call the chapel phone at **(812) 346-4919** if you are questioning if it is open or closed and a recording will let you know the status.

Upon closing the chapel, the next 10 or so adorers will be called. Then upon reopening the chapel, again the next 10 or so adorers will be called.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

OPEN: December 24 from 8am – 12pm

CLOSED: December 26-28 for end of year

December 31 and January 1 for New Year's.

Parish Rentals

Beginning the first of the year the contracts are being updated and the pricing for all hall rentals will be raising.

All renters and parish groups will have to come to the Parish Office to sign a responsibility form for 2019.

Deadline for submitting items to be added in the bulletin will be Mondays by 5:00PM. Anything submitted after will not be included in that weekend's bulletin.

The deadline for the January 6th bulletin will be December 27th. Anything submitted after the 27th will not be included in the January 6th bulletin.

St. Mary's Catholic School

A special thank you to the St. Mary's School PTO for sponsoring the annual Christmas Dinner on Friday. Also thank you to Nicole Bullard and Amber Elsner for chairing the event and the many volunteers who helped make our Christmas dinner so special

St. Joseph Snow Removal Teams: 2018-2019

December 2018: Joe Geringer & Sean Hughes

January 2019: Gilbert Vogel, Tony Vogel, & Lenny Maschino

February 2019: Larry Maschino, Andy Maschino & Tom Maschino

March 2019: Andy Elsner, David Vogel & Chris Bailey

RCIA

Catechumens (not baptized) meet at St. Mary's in the Parish Center on Sundays following the 9:30AM Mass ~10:45a.m. RCIA candidates (already baptized) meet Thursdays from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Parish Center starting November 15. If you want to explore the Catholic faith, you are welcome.

Call Jennifer Ertel for more information or to sign up (812) 767-0030.

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