



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

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 21**

Fourth Sunday Advent

SM 4:30 PM Pro Populo

SJ 6:00 PM Matt & Jennifer Diekhoff

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 22**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SA 8:00 AM +Rick Kiszka

SM 9:30 AM +Souls in Purgatory

**MONDAY DECEMBER 23**

No Mass

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

SM 4:00 PM +Josh Stidham

SJ 4:00 PM +Jerry Bridges

SA 9:00 PM +Roger Maschino

SM Midnight Pastor's Intention

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25**

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

SJ 8:00 AM Rick Kiszka

OLOP 9:30 AM +Donald Ley

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 26**

St. Stephen, the First Martyr

SM 8:30 AM Priestly Vocations

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 27**

St. John the Apostle

SA 6:00 PM Pastor's Intention

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 28**

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

SM 4:30PM +Joe Bott

SJ 6:00 PM Deceased Members of

SVDP North Vernon

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 29**

The Holy Family

SA 8:00 AM+ Ericka Maples

SM9:30 AM Pro Populo

\*Indicates a change in schedule

**Confession Schedule**

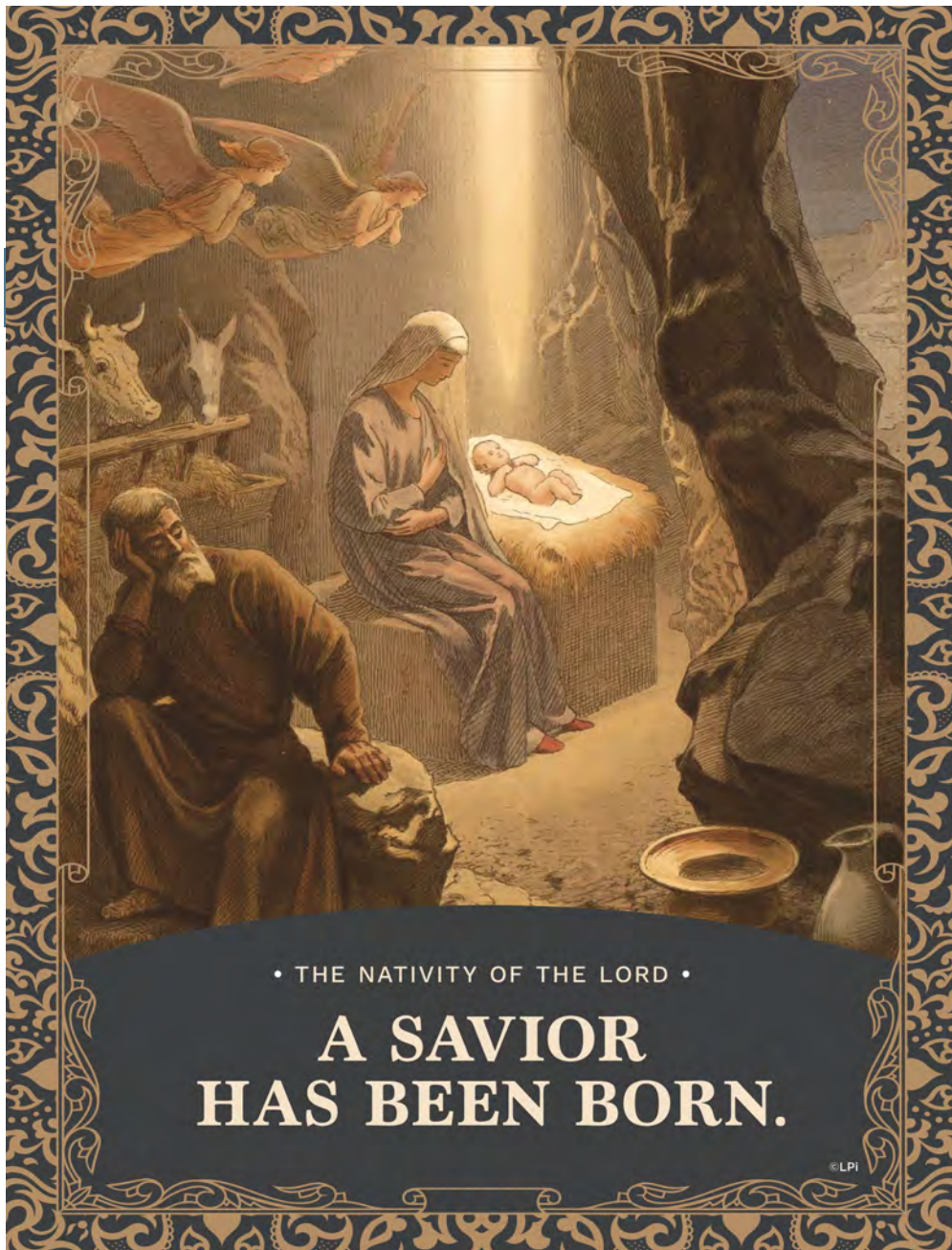
Tuesdays: SM after 8:30 a.m. Mass

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.



O Holy Child Jesus,  
who sheds Your blessings on whoever invokes  
Your name, look kindly on us who kneel humbly  
before Your holy Image, and hear our prayers. We  
commend to Your mercy the many poor and  
needy people who trust in Your Divine Heart.  
Amen.

**SEE FR. BYRD'S CHRISTMAS LETTER INSIDE!**

**MONTH OF THE DIVINE  
INFANCY**

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**O DIVINE CHILD JESUS, I LOVE  
YOU!**

## PARISH CONTACTS

### PARISH STAFF

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### ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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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 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### WEEKEND OFFERINGS

#### DECEMBER 2024

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

#### ST. ANN'S—

YTD Budget: \$66,114.72

YTD Actual: \$59,169.00

YTD Variance as of March 2024:

(\$6,945.72)

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$845**

**December 8: \$689**

#### ST. JOSEPH—

YTD Budget: \$105,420.78

YTD Actual: \$100,625.22

YTD Variance as of March 2024:

(\$4,795.56)

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$465/Weekly:\$130**

**December 7 \$1,850**

#### ST. MARY'S—

YTD Budget: \$375,000.03

YTD Actual: \$355,731.98

YTD Variance as of March 2024:

(\$19,268.05)

**Weekly Automatic Giving:**

**\$2,240**

**Monthly Automatic Giving:**

**\$2,275**

**December 7 & 8: \$9,611**

## MASS ATTENDANCE

### December 7 & 8

**St. Ann: 197**

**St. Joseph 97**

**St. Mary: 162 @4:30 p.m. &  
193 @ 9:30 a.m.**

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

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David Kreutzjans, Jackie Webster, Sandy Graham, Roland Roy, Scott McKeand, Beth Ann Shultz, Cody Lacey, Delores Hibbard, Connor Ramey, Jay L. McDonald, Floyd Smith, David Herr, Doug Reitman, Tracy Thompson, Jacob Frey, Wendy Reitman, Melissa Helm Taylor, Sarah Loudermelk, John Doran, Andrew Lee, Makayla Reitman, Ruby Gatewood, Penny Sullivan, Kaye Sullivan, Roger Bowen, Justin Brinker, Brittany Preusz, Jeff Kreutzjans, Sharleen Warren, Stacy Borgeman, Ian Hoff, Mike Irwin, Helen Hoff, Susie Sanert, Reda Wickens, Abby Johnson  
**you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call the Parish Office: 812-346-3604. Names will appear for two weekends.**

### CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OPEN 24 HOURS. CALL (812) 346-4919 FOR CHAPEL CLOSING  
INFORMATION

#### OPEN HOURS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED

FRIDAY 1 AM TO 2 AM

SATURDAY 11 PM TO MIDNIGHT

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.**

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before  
the LORD, our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people  
of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand." (Psalm 95:6-7)

## UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT

### Parish Goals:

**St. Ann's:** \$6,185 **Pledged:** \$1,490 # of Donors: 5

**St. Joseph:** \$10,392 **Pledged:** \$16,470 # of Donors: 11

**St. Mary's:** \$38,428 **Pledged:** \$12,220 # of Donors: 51

## 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 fol-  
lowing:

**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.



“Heavenly Father, Help Me to Receive Your Love”

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is one of the most joyful times of the year and one of the easiest times to receive love through gifts, family gatherings, lunches with friends, and the beauty of decorations in our homes and churches. The beauty of the season naturally brings out love in all of us.

It can also bring feelings of loneliness and hurt from losing loved ones, financial difficulties, or various trials. However, Christ can handle all those changes for us. This year, I asked you to do some bold things: pray to know Christ's love, forgive others regardless of what they have done to you, even if they have never said they are sorry, and start on a healing journey through the holy Sacraments of the Church, especially the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

We began 2024 with expectations for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. As a parish, we drew closer to our Eucharistic Lord by taking our Eucharistic Pilgrimage to the Blessed Sacrament Shrine in Alabama. We left on the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy toward the end of Lent in March. It was also my birthday. My great gift from the pilgrims was spiritual bouquet cards offering prayers for me. My other great grace on that trip was to celebrate Holy Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph there. For those who could not go, we took your intentions with us and prayed for all of you at this holy place that was built out of love for God.

We also have been a source of healing for others. We hosted *The Healing the Whole Person Retreat* which drew 75 people from various parishes across the archdiocese. The Lord called me to take part in this healing ministry that allows people to heal from emotional, spiritual, physical, and psychological wounds. This healing comes from the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. It also comes from deep forgiveness of past hurts and acceptance of God's deep love for us.

On the parish level, we have had 28 baptisms, eight weddings, and 13 funerals. I have heard numerous confessions, anointed the sick, and been at the bedside of the dying, all of which I am grateful for in my life as a priest. It helps me know the love of God and share His love and mercy with you. All of this leads me to ask you to keep praying for the Lord to show you His Love at Christmas and always. He is generous and wishes to bestow it abundantly in all your joys, sorrows, and trials. His love is not just for Christmas. It is for Eternity.

In gratitude for my priesthood, I wish you all a very blessed Christmas,

Fr. Jerry Byrd

**ADVENT SOLEMN VESPERS**

SUNDAY DEC. 22 AT ST. JOSEPH  
Adoration 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Confession 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Solemn Vespers 4 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Tuesday, Dec. 24 for Christmas Eve:  
4 p.m. St. Mary  
4 p.m. St. Joseph  
9 p.m. St. Ann  
Midnight St. Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day  
8 a.m. St. Joseph  
9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Providence  
Oratory, TLM, Brownstown.

**NEWS**

**ROSARY IN A YEAR STARTS JAN. 1** at St. Mary. If interested, call Jennifer Ertel by December 28th. The date and time is pending per interest in this class. 812-767-0030 or call the parish office.

**SNOW REMOVAL ST. JOSEPH**

**December:** Larry Maschino, Andy Maschino, and Tom Maschino  
**January:** Andy Elsner, David Vogel, Chris Bailey.

**RE CLASSES RESUME JAN. 8.**

OCIA Classes will resume on January 5.

The Parish Office will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 31 and January 1.

**BULLETIN DEADLINES.**

All bulletin inquiries to [communications@stmarysnv.com](mailto:communications@stmarysnv.com)

Dec. 29 bulletin items must be submitted by Dec. 12

January 5 bulletin items must be submitted by Dec. 13.

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

Christmas Break is Dec. 21 to Jan. 5.

Thank you to everyone who has supported St. Mary's Catholic School throughout this year. We are forever grateful to all those who help provide a Catholic education for our children. We wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the birth of Christ bring  
immense graces into your life this year!



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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## JANUARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE MOTHER OF GOD +

Tuesday, December 31  
Vigil Mass  
4 p.m. St. Joseph

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

8 AM St. Ann  
9:30 AM St. Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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## Festival of Lessons & Carols



*Feast of the Holy Family*

December 29

6 p.m. at St. Mary

Lessons and Carols is a traditional service containing nine scripture readings and nine pieces of music telling the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Christ. Ours will feature several choral pieces, a few solos from Fr. Byrd and our music director Seth, and traditional Christmas hymns for our parishioners!

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9 p.m. St. Ann  
Midnight St. Mary



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8 a.m. St. Joseph  
9:30 a.m. TLM at Our Lady of Providence,  
Brownstown

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