

# Welcome to the Catholic Communities of...

## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

305 E. Walnut St., Fort Branch, IN 47648  
www.holycrossparish.info

**Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
Weekday (see inside bulletin)

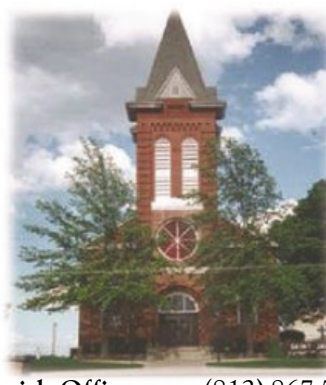


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## ST. JAMES CHURCH

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**Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am and 9:00 am  
Weekday (see inside bulletin)



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**Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am and 10:00 am  
Weekday (see inside bulletin)



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We are three unique Catholic Communities that share resources to better serve and build the Kingdom of God.

### SACRAMENTS (CONTACT PARISH OFFICE)

**Baptism**—Parents must attend baptismal prep class prior to baptism  
**Marriage**—Must be scheduled at least 6 months in advance  
**Anointing of the Sick**—Available upon request  
**Ministry to the Sick or Shut-In**—Anyone who cannot attend Mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** 30 minutes before every Mass  
Saturday morning at Sts. Peter & Paul from 8-9 am



### PARISH REGISTRATION

We would like to welcome all new members to our parish family.  
Please contact the parish office to formally join a parish in our community.

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Christopher Droste, Pastor ..... cdroste@evdio.org  
Rev. Kenneth Betz, Parochial Vicar ..... kbetz@evdio.org  
Rev. Luke Hassler, Parochial Vicar ..... lhassler@evdio.org  
William Brandle..... Deacon  
Joseph Siewers..... Deacon  
**Emergency Number to our Priests(812)-768-5747**

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FORMATION

Laura Goedde..... lgoedde@evdio.org  
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### BULLETIN

Holy Cross—Lisa O'Neal ..... loneal@evdio.org  
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DECEMBER 26, 2021~ THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

## Mass Schedule for December 25-Jan.2

### Saturday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am † Michael & DeAnn Green †

**NO EVENING MASSES**

### Sunday, December 26 - The Most Holy Family

7:00 am † Bob Zenthoefer †

9:00 am † Christian & Mary Fances Wehmer Family †

### Wednesday, December 29

8:15 am † Joe & Chris Vessels †

### Friday, December 31

8:15 am † James Weiss †

### Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

8:30 am † Helen Marie Odom †

4:30 pm † Ferdinand Spindler †

### Sunday, January 2 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am † The People of Holy Cross, St. James, and  
Sts. Peter & Paul †

## Scheduling a Baptism or Wedding

If you have questions, need additional information or want to schedule a Baptism or Wedding, call the parish office at 812-753-3548

## Sympathy

† Robert Maier, passed away on December 12 and was buried at Holy Cross on December 18.

## Holy Cross Stewardship Offering

December 12.....	\$16,934
Weekly Budget.....	\$9,902
Gain(Year to Date).....	\$19,298

*Thank you for your Donations!*

## Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC)

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We have turned in \$78,580 in pledges to the diocese from 188 families. Our assessment is \$94,036. Pledge cards may be dropped in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Online giving is also available at [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org) and click on "DONATE NOW" (there is a service fee for online giving). Thank you to those who have already given.

## Liturgical Ministry Roles For Jan. 1-2

### Rosary Leader

4:05 pm ..... Randy Kiesel

8:05 am..... Richard Hasenour

### Servers (Senior Server in BOLD)

4:30 pm .....Kaylia Hoke, Isaac Neufelder

8:30 am.....Jack Rose, Beau Rose, Llyod Sellers

### Lector

4:30 pm ..... Mo Dix

8:30 am..... Lisa May

### Ushers

4:30 pm ..... Tracy Kiesel, Bob Sensmeier

8:30 am.....John Bullock, Stan May, Wayne Murphy

.....Jeff Sellers

## Church Cleaners - Dec. 29

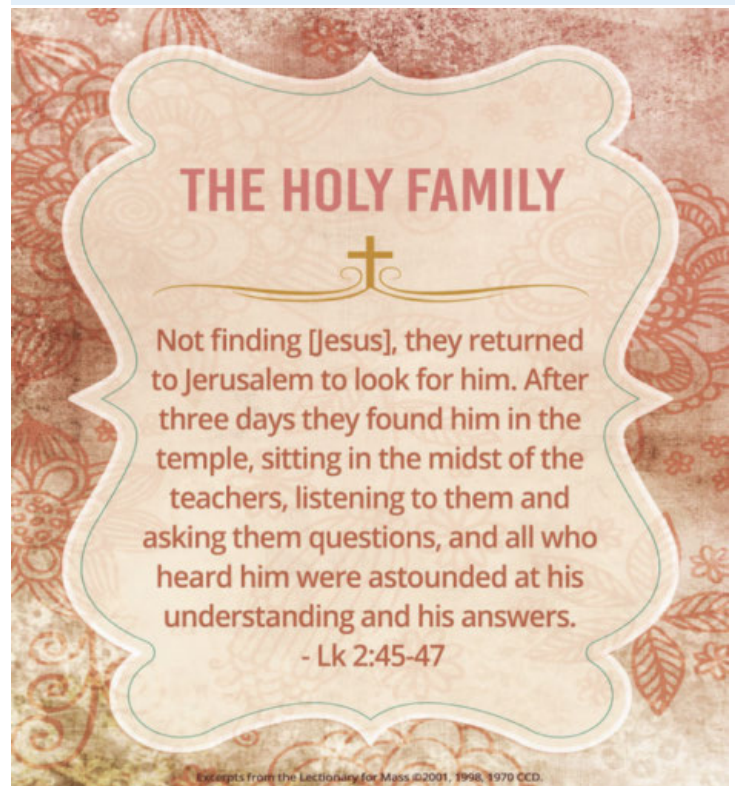
Bev Hirsch, Jamie Baehl, Marla Scott, Ann Friedman

## Collection Counters - Jan. 2

Darwin Neufelder, Peggy Zenthoefer

## RCIA Hostess - Jan. 2

None





## Parish Office Hours

The office will be open but hours may vary during the week of Christmas through New Years. We will close at Noon on Dec. 31.

All drop offs may safely be placed in the drop box on the side door or placed in the collection baskets. The parish office number is 812-753-3548 or if you are in need of immediate assistance you may call 812-664-1483.

Thank you! Happy New Year!!

## Magnificats and Word Among Us

The January Magnificats and Word Among Us are available for pick up in the parish office.

## Angel Tree

The angel tree gifts have been delivered and thanks to your generous giving many had a special Christmas . Thank you to all who bought a gift and helped with making the angel tree happen this year!

## New Parishioners

If you are a new parishioner and have not yet registered, please call the parish office at 812-753-3548, or e-mail Lisa at loneal@evdio.org. Welcome to our parish family!

## Post-Abortion Help Project Rachel

Do you or someone you know need confidential help after an abortion? Call 812-483-7812 or email projectrachel@evdio.org.

## Snow Removal

It is that time of year when we could get some untimely snowfalls. Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to help shovel snow around the church & school. If you would like to be put on the list to help with snow removal, please call Lisa at 812-753-3548 or e-mail loneal@evdio.org

It would be most helpful if volunteers can just show up as early as you can safely do so whenever it snows; especially if it is an early Sunday morning snowfall. Thank you.

## End of Year Donations

All donations to your parish, for tax substantiation, MUST be in by January 1 and dated December 31. Anything received after Jan.1 will be recorded as a 2022 donation.  
Thank You!

## Half Pot Raffle

The Half Pot ticket sales are off to a great start! Extra tickets will always be available in the back of church and in the parish office. Please remember to turn in your tickets as you sell them. Turning in your tickets often, will allow us to watch our half pot amount grow! You may mail in your tickets, drop in the collection basket, drop off at the parish office or you may safely place in the drop box on the side door to the Parish office.

Last year's Raffle was a huge success with our final winner taking home \$36,200! Let's make this year just as fun and a successful fundraiser for our parish!

Thank you and Good Luck to All!!



## Holy Cross School News

*Merry Christmas!!*

School Resumes - January 3



**Mass Schedule for December 25-January 2****Saturday, December 25 - Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 am † Henry Knies †

9:00 am † Scotty &amp; Rita Hipp †

**Sunday, December 26 - Most Holy Family of Jesus**

7:00 am † Jack &amp; Irene Dwyer &amp; Laura Dougan †

9:00 am † Jim &amp; Connie Tenbarge

**Tuesday, December 28 - Holy Innocents**

7:30 am † Mary Ellen Ziliak †

**Wednesday, December 29**

7:00 pm † Joan (Gries) Brenner †

**Thursday, December 30**

7:30 am † Kim Bromm †

**Friday, December 31**

7:00 am † Vince &amp; Rose Adler †

**Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

8:00 am † Bob Kissel †

5:00 pm † Bernie Burger †

**Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00 am † Ray Dewig †

9:00 am † Syl &amp; Valeria Elpers †

*Note: When there's a funeral Mass, morning Mass is canceled.***Happy Birthday**

January 5 - Doris Barnes, 1619 Fleener Rd, Evansville, 47725

January 8 - Julia Zuber, 1300 Zuber Ln, Evansville, 47725

**St. James Stewardship Offering**

December 12, 2021 .....\$22,988

Weekly Budget.....\$15,721

Deficit (Year to Date).....\$23,036

*Thank you for your donation!***Thank You**

† The Robert Kissel family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, food and kind words during our recent loss. A special thank you to Father Betz for your Communion visits and the beautiful Mass. Thank you to the St. James choir and Kim Goedde for helping us with the funeral Mass preparation.

**Flower Memorial Donations**

The green flower memorial envelopes are in the back of church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas and Easter flowers to decorate our church.

**Parish Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed on December 31 (New Years Eve) at noon.

**Liturgical Ministry Roles For January 1-2****Rosary Leader**

5:00 pm (Joyful).....Linda Marcoccia

7:00 am (Glorious)..... John Karges

9:00 am (Glorious)..... Need Volunteer

**Eucharistic Ministers**

8:00 am.....Tim Hasenour

5:00 pm.....Helen Fuhs

7:00 am.....Carla Luebbehusen

9:00 am.....Linda &amp; Greg Kissel

**Lectors**

8:00 am.....Beth Kroft

5:00 pm.....Jeff Huff

7:00 am.....Sam Werner

9:00 am.....Karen Mutschler

**Servers**

8:00 am.....Elisha &amp; Isabel Kroft

5:00 pm.....Grant &amp; Kate Wenger

7:00 am.....Avery Kassenbrock, Landon Elpers

9:00 am.....Gabriel Faraone, Robert Hughes

**Ushers**

8:00 am.....Howard &amp; Jane Ann Kiefer

5:00 pm.....Ralph Adler, Angie &amp; Brent Klump,

.....Matt Schmitt

7:00 am.....Darrin Jarboe, Greg Bittner

9:00 am.....Howard &amp; Jane Ann Kiefer

**Accompanist / Cantor**

5:00 pm.....Bob Seibert, Connie &amp; Jeff Huff

9:00 am.....Drew Wilson

**Church Cleaners**..... Vicky Hasenour, Pam McIntyre,

.....Karen Mutschler, Diane Schillinger

*Please contact the Parish Office at 812-867-5175 to volunteer for any of the Ministries. Your help is greatly appreciated.*

**Monthly Eucharistic Adoration**

Due to Eucharistic Adoration falling on December 31, Adoration will only be held from 7 - 9 am on New Year's Eve and not run through the night. There will still be Mass at 8 am on Saturday morning (New Year's Day).

**Help Needed**

We are looking for individuals to work at the wedding receptions. Previously called St James Security, now Event Stewards. The Altar Society will pay \$100.00 per event. Individuals must be at least 18 years of age. Please contact RaNae Rainey 812-204-5084.

**Magnificats**

The January Magnificats are in the parish office. If you are unable to pick up your Magnificat during office hours, please contact the Parish Office at 812-867-5175.

## Scrip Program

Scrips are still available in the Parish Office. If you would like any scrips for Christmas we have:

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| Home Depot \$100  | Showplace North \$5    |
| Stadium 16 \$25   | Krispy Kreme \$10      |
| Walgreens \$25    | Logan's Roadhouse \$25 |
| Office Depot \$25 |                        |

## Mass Intentions

St. James is now taking Mass Intentions for the 2022 Calendar year. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

## Bi-Monthly Quilt Raffle Tickets

This is a reminder to purchase or sell your bi-monthly Quilt tickets. The first drawing is in January 2022. If you need more tickets they are available at the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone who has turned in tickets so far.

## Tornado Relief Donations

Please see cluster area for details if you would like to help those affected by the tornado.

## Qualified Charitable Distributions to the Parish

If you are over 70 ½, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This would be a great way to grow the parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions.

*Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.*

## Traditional Lottery Tickets

Tickets are now available in the Parish Office. Tickets are \$100 and drawings take place monthly.

## November Tradition Lottery Ticket Winners

- \$10,000** - Tyler Rust, Haubstadt, IN
- \$1,500** - James D. Breivogel, Dale, IN
- \$1,000** - Kelly Pennington, Evansville, IN
- \$500** - Carrie Weiss, West Liberty, IL

## Ministry Schedule

The new ministry schedule is available thru February 28. Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up!

## St. James School News

Mission: *St. James School provides faith formation and a holistic educational experience which enables students to become self-confident, contributing members of society.*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all St. James students, faculty, staff, and families! May the peace of Christ enter your hearts and remain throughout the new year.

Dates to remember:

Jan. 3- School resumes; NO Vanderburgh bus service

## Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC)

We have turned in \$104,492 in pledges to the diocese from 358 families. Our assessment is \$128,745. Pledge cards may be dropped in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Online giving is also available at [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org) and click on "DONATE NOW" (there is a service fee for online giving). Thank you to those who have already given.





### Mass Schedule for December 24-January 2

#### Friday, December 24

- 5:00 pm † Charlie Wilhite †  
Midnight † Ted Will & Janet (Will) Weiss †

#### Saturday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 am † Tom Maurer †  
5:00 pm **No Evening Mass for Sunday Obligation**

#### Sunday, December 26-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:00 am † The Parishioners of Holy Cross, St. James & Sts. Peter & Paul  
10:00 am † Edwin Pfeiffer †

#### Monday, December 27—Saint John

- 6:30 pm † Kenny and Charlotte May †

#### Tuesday, December 28

- 6:00 am † Marlin and Eljean Sollman Family †

#### Wednesday, December 29

- 6:00 am † Ed Helfrich †

#### Thursday, December 30

- 6:00 am † Margie Jo Warner †

#### Friday, December 31

- 6:00 am † Joe and Margie Seib †

#### Saturday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 8:00 am † Frank Kiesel † (Holy Day)  
5:00 pm † Sarah and Albert Paul † (Sunday Obligation)

#### Sunday, January 2- Epiphany of the Lord

- 7:00 am † Kim Garst †  
10:00 am † Bernie and Mary Sue Spindler †

### Liturgical Ministry Roles for January 1/2

#### Rosary Leader

- 4:35 pm..... Vince Goedde  
6:35 am..... Holly Bittner  
9:35 am..... Tom and Mary Jane Thompson

#### Servers (Senior Server in BOLD)

- 5:00 pm..... **Jonathan Spindler**, Lydia Maurer  
7:00 am..... **Crewe Hasenour**, Maddie Schmitt  
10:00 am..... **Ryan Spink**, Matt Wilzbacher

#### Lectors

- 5:00 pm..... Natalie Wright  
7:00 am..... Larry Schmitt  
10:00 am..... Andrea Spink

#### Accompanist/Cantor

- 5:00 pm..... Guitar Group/Guitar Group  
7:00 am..... Drew Wilson/Drew Wilson  
10:00 am..... Mark Lutz/Mark Lutz

#### Ushers

- 5:00 pm..... Cary Maurer, Lucy Unfried, Terry Unfried, Von Wolfe  
7:00 am..... Randy Kissel, Christine Martin, Tom Martin, Jason Schmitt  
10:00 am..... Karen Adams, Bob Anslinger, Barb Anslinger, Deron Spink

- Traveling Chalice** ..... Kenny and Debbie Allen  
**Home Communion-December 31** ..... Jenny Hirsch, Anna Mae Seib

- Bereavement Team #2** ..... Brenda Helfrich  
**Church Cleaning Team**..... Andrea Michel

### Sympathy & Prayers

- † To the family of Catherine Weber who passed away on December 11.  
† To the family of Robert Maier, Jr., brother of Elvira Meny, Norma Williams and Mary (Ed) May, who passed away on December 12.  
† To the family of Harold Guetling, father of Mike (Connie) Guetling, who passed away on December 13.

### Sts. Peter & Paul Stewardship Offering

December 12, 2021 .....	\$49,772
Weekly Budget.....	\$22,808
Deficit/Gain (Year to Date) .....	(\$26,536)

*Numbers for December 19, 2021 were not available at time of printing. Thank you for your donation!*

### End of the Year Donations

All donations to Sts. Peter & Paul, for tax records, MUST be received by January 1 and dated December 31. Anything received after Jan. 1, will be recorded as a 2022 donation.

### Parish Office Closed

The parish office will close at noon on December 31 in observance of the holiday.

### Parish Office Closing on Thursdays at Noon

Due to staffing, the parish office will close at 12:00 pm on Thursday afternoons through the end of January. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Thank you

Wilma Riedford would like to thank everyone for the birthday and Christmas cards that she received.

### Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC)

We have turned in \$157,941 in pledges from 445 families. Our assessment is \$186,610. Pledge cards may be put in the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Online giving is available at [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org) and click on "DONATE NOW" (there is a service fee for online giving). Thank you to those who have already given.

## Thank you Volunteers

We have been blessed with wonderful and hard-working volunteers. Thank you to all those who have helped clean the church, decorate for Christmas, and helped volunteer at Mass. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!

## New Parishioners

If you are a new parishioner and have not yet registered, please call the parish office at 812-768-6457 or e-mail Jane at [jrhodes@evdio.org](mailto:jrhodes@evdio.org), or fill out the new parishioner form on our website at [www.stspchurch.com](http://www.stspchurch.com). Welcome to our parish family!

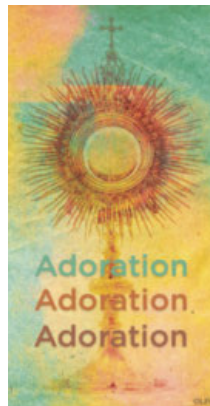


## 2022 Calendars

New calendars are available in back of church. Thanks again to Stodhill Funeral Home for providing these!

## Looking for a New Year's Resolution?

Adoration is held every Friday at Sts. Peter & Paul after the 8:00 am Mass until 8 am Saturday. Additional adorers are needed at the midnight and 3:00 am Holy hours. Please contact Annlee at 812-768-6180 or [ejbot1@gmail.com](mailto:ejbot1@gmail.com) with the hour that works best for you. This would be a wonderful New Year's resolution and help bring you closer to Christ!



## Adoration Update

This year, New Year's Eve falls on Friday. We will not have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 31.

## Sts. Peter & Paul School News

We will return to school from Christmas Break on Monday, January 3rd.

### 2022-2023 Sts. Peter & Paul and Kinder Haus Applications

Sts. Peter & Paul School and Kinder Haus applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available in the school/parish office or online beginning Friday, December 17th. You can submit applications beginning Monday, January 3rd at 7:30 AM.

Kinder Haus: Child must be 3 years old by August 1, 2022 to be eligible to enroll in Kinder Haus.

Kindergarten: Child must be 5 years old by August 1, 2022 to be eligible to enroll in kindergarten.

All Kinder Haus and Sts. Peter & Paul School applications will be marked with the date and time received with active parishioners having priority in the application process until Tuesday, February 1st. Visit [www.stspschool.com](http://www.stspschool.com) for more information on our preschool and grade school programs! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Howington at [mhowington@evdio.org](mailto:mhowington@evdio.org) or 812-768-6775.

### Thank you!

Sts. Peter & Paul School would like to thank the St. Bernadette Aux. of Knights of St. John- Haubstadt for their generous donation to our school.

## Happy Birthday—Spiritually Adopted Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than before birth except she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46 chromosomes cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all the little babies and their mothers for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!" There is a baby shower donation box located in the back of church. Items will go to a local women's shelter.



## The Week Ahead

### Saturday, 12/25/2021

7:00 AM- Christmas Mass at SJ  
 8:30 AM- Christmas Morning in Holy Cross  
 9:00 AM- Christmas Mass at SPP  
 9:00 AM- Christmas Mass at SJ  
 4:30 PM- No Evening Masses for Sunday Obligation

### Sunday, 12/26/2021

8:15 AM- No RCIA at SPP  
 9:30 AM- NO RCIA in Holy Cross Parish Center

### Monday, 12/27/2021

8:00 AM- Morning Quilters in SJ Quilt Room  
 5:00 PM- Evening Quilters in SJ Quilt Room  
 7:00 PM- AA in HC Murphy Center Basement

### Wednesday, 12/29/2021

6:30 PM- No Religious Ed - Christmas Break

### Thursday, 12/30/2021

8:00 AM- Quilters in Holy Cross Parish Center  
 12:00 PM- SPP Parish Office Closes at Noon

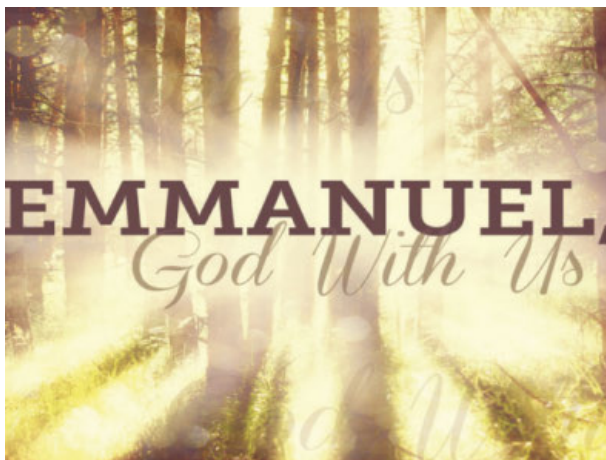
### Friday, 12/31/2021

9:00 AM- No SPP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12:00 PM- Parish Offices Close at Noon  
 7:00 PM- AA in HC Murphy Center Basement

### Sunday, 01/02/2022

8:15 AM- No RCIA at SPP  
 8:15 AM- Catholic Scripture Study in SPP parish center rm C  
 9:30 AM- NO RCIA in Holy Cross Parish Center  
 4:00 PM- SMG Open Gym/ Girl Time in FLC  
 4:00 PM- SMG PLT Meeting in Youth Room  
 6:00 PM- SMG Rock Life in Youth Room

*From all the staff at Holy Cross, St. James & Sts. Peter and Paul, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!!*



### End of Year Donations

All donations to your parish, for tax substantiation, MUST be in by January 1 and dated December 31. Anything received after Jan. 1 will be recorded as a 2022 donation. Thank You!

### New Year Mass Schedule

Below are the Masses for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

#### Friday, December 31

8:15am - Holy Cross  
 8:00am - St. James  
 8:00am - Sts. Peter & Paul

#### Saturday, January 1

8:30am - Holy Cross  
 8:00am - St. James  
 8:00am - Sts. Peter & Paul

All Saturday Evening Masses will be at normal times.



### Knights of St. John Christmas Party

Knights of St. John men's and women's Christmas party will be January 15, 2022. Social hour will begin at 5:00 PM and meal at 6:00.

For reservations call Sandy Hausenour 812-483-8411 or John Karges 812-768-6453 or KSJ hall 812-768-6761 by January 6th. Thank you!



### Bulletin Sponsor

We encourage our parishioners to patronize our sponsors. It is through their generosity that our weekly bulletin comes to you at no cost to the church. Our sponsor this week is:

**Ft. Branch Rural Health Clinic**

Thank you to all the businesses who sponsor our bulletin.



## JOB POSTINGS

### Office Manager Position Available

We are currently looking to fill the position for Office Manager at Sts. Peter & Paul's parish office. If you have an interest in this position please contact Joe Hopf at the parish office or send him an email at [chopf@evdio.org](mailto:chopf@evdio.org).

With this resignation there will be times until the position is filled that we may have to close the office for a few hours here and there or for a half a day when the rest of the staff is not available to cover the office. This will be temporary and we ask you for your patience.

### 2 Part-Time Sacramental Coordinator Positions

Due to the amazing growth in sacramental preparation needs within our 3 parishes, we are going to reorganize the one full-time position into two part-time positions. This reorganization of responsibilities will allow us to improve response time and efficiency, which will benefit all.

We are posting for two part-time positions:

- Sacramental Coordinator-Marriage & Baptism
- Sacramental Coordinator-School Year Sacraments.

The full job descriptions for both of these positions can be found on any of the three linked parish websites. To apply, please send your resume to Joe Hopf at [chopf@evdio.org](mailto:chopf@evdio.org).

### 2022 WELCOME Retreat

WELCOME, formally known as Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help you develop a closer personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Take a break from your daily routine and join other parishioners from our linked parishes for this rich and extraordinary experience.

Women's Weekend is March 5-6.

Men's Weekend is March 12-13.

Contact Cynthia Owen (812-760-6359) or Jacob Hirsch (812-457-0144) to participate or to learn more.



## DONATIONS

### Tornadoes Relief Donations

On behalf of Bishop Siegel, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Evansville would like to provide some guidance for individuals, parishes and other groups that would like to support the recovery and relief efforts for those impacted by the tornadoes and severe storms that devastated many areas, including Western Kentucky. We would prefer that individuals, parishes and other groups contribute to the relief efforts through one of the below channels.

**Catholic Charities USA** is currently raising funds to help those Catholic Charities agencies impacted by the tornadoes. Donors may donate online at [www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051](http://www.catholiccharities.us/campaign/ccusa-disaster-relief/c353051)

or by mail to:

Catholic Charities USA  
2050 Ballenger Ave. Suite 400  
Alexandria, VA 22314

*Please note Tornado Relief on the memo line of the check.*

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## Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 29 - No Rel Ed Classes - Christmas Break  
Jan. 5 - Religious Ed Classes Resume



## St. Maria Goretti Youth News

### Upcoming Youth Events

Jan. 2 – Boys Open Gym / Girl Time (grades 8-12)  
Jan. 2 – HS RockLife

### Girl Time grades 8-12

For the next gathering on Jan. 2 we'll be making macramé keychains! All girls in grades 8-12 are invited to join us for girl hangouts, one Sunday of the month from 4:00-5:30pm in the youth room. Bring a waiver and a friend!

### Open Gym for Boys grades 8-12

Our next Open Gym will be on Jan. 2, from 4:00-5:30. This time it will be at Sts P&P gym

### Peer Leadership Team

St. Maria Goretti Youth Ministry has a team of young leaders (HS age) that we call the Peer Leadership Team.



The purpose is to better serve the needs and interests of our youth by having the youth make more decisions as to what we do and how we do it. We usually meet about once a month to discuss ideas for youth activities and events. At this time, we are looking to add 4 more youth to the team. If you are interested please write a letter of interest to Bryan Macke and the SMG Youth Board, explaining why you would like to be on the team and turn it in to any parish office by January 12th. We'll review the letters and choose 4 youth towards the beginning of the new year.

Any questions/concerns about youth events please contact Bryan Macke at 664-7992 or [bmacke@evdio.org](mailto:bmacke@evdio.org). Diocesan Event Waivers can be found in the back of each church or on our webpage at [www.smg youth.com](http://www.smg youth.com)



## Fr. Christopher's Contemplations

Merry Christmas everyone! If we've received the heralding of the Good News and accepted the belief that 2000 years ago the mystery of God entered the realm of human existence and spoke in human terms, we now know that the relationship between the individual and God is no longer based on a moral, imaginative, or aesthetic human effort but instead on encountering or coming upon an event in one's life. The fact that our livelihoods are no longer based on us and our efforts can either be a welcome or unwelcome change in our lives based on our disposition. If we're someone who feels empowered by the affirmation of our self, unrelated to anyone besides ourselves then we probably won't be celebrating Christmas at all but instead we'll be celebrating Jackmas or Jillmas or whatever your name is +mas. God's method of overturning the way in which we reach glory not only overturns every religion or philosophy but it overturns each one of us! In Christianity it is no longer the person who seeks to know the mystery but the mystery that makes himself known by entering history. Now our effort to reach the heights of existence and immortality is not negated or devalued but converted, elevated and transformed into a sense of responsibility. The good news and spirit of Christmas is that it is not up to us to make it happen but to let it happen. All of our energy is now being converted to responding to someone else's initiative and plan rather than inventing or taking our own.

This is game changing, this is life changing, this is Christmas!

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