



# SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

103 Savanna Road • Hanover IL 61041

*The mission of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is to provide a place of Catholic worship, sacraments, spiritual guidance, education, love and support of all ages throughout our parish and community.*

## Parish Mission Statement

**JANUARY 17TH, 2021**

### Mass Schedule\*

#### Weekday

Tuesday: 5:00pm

Thursday: 8:30am

#### Weekend:

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 10:15am

First Thursday-8:30AM-Mass, Holy Hour and Healing Service (SJ)

\* Subject to change due to holy

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office to set up an appointment to start the Baptism Preparation Process..

### Sick or Hospitalized

Please notify the office of family members who are ill or in the hospital.

### Psalm 40 Verse 4

And put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.

Many shall look on in awe  
and they shall trust in the Lord

### **Knights of Columbus Meeting Canceled for January. Reevaluating for February Meeting**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tue 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or by appointment. Contact the office or Father for an appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must call the office to set up an appointment to start the Marriage Preparation Process.

### Your Intentions

Mary Wild  
Maggie Richmond  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Megan Kuhl  
Mark Puls  
Doug Harkness

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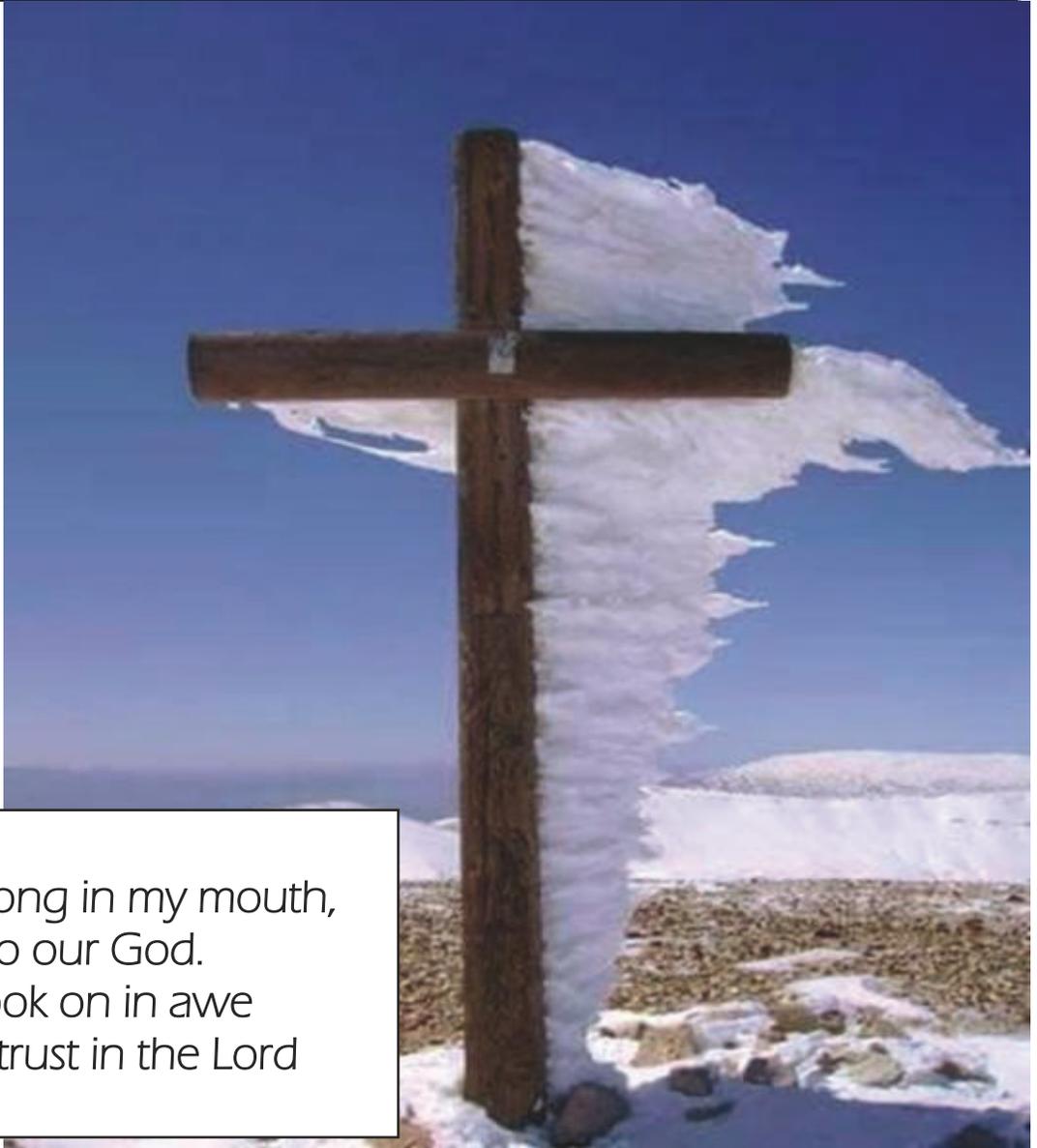
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Mass Intentions

4:00 pm Saturday Jan 16th

† Jim and Helen McCormick  
By Louise McCormick

10:15 am Sunday, January 17th  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Bud Bonar  
By Elouise Bonar

5:00 Tuesday Jan 19th

† Donard Lucy  
By Louise McCormick

8:30 am Thursday Jan 21st  
St. Agnes

† Mildred Eastman  
By Louise McCormick

4:00 pm Saturday Jan 23rd  
St. Vincent and  
St. Marianne Cope  
For the People of St. John's  
Parish

10:15 am Sunday January 24th  
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

† Catherine Cherveney  
By Donna Noon



Friendship

We are a very proud and generous nation.

When an earthquake shakes the foundation of our life security—we rebuild it. When a twister crumbles the houses of a community—we roll up our sleeves and everyone helps to raise new homes. When our life as a nation is changed because of an assassin's bullet—we come together and become stronger than before. When an innocent life is abruptly broken by a hit and run driver—we seek justice. When a disaster strikes the furthest corner of the globe, we rush in raising funds and sending volunteers bringing life back to normal. Now we hear and read so many fascinating stories about those who in losing themselves are finding themselves in this battle with an invisible enemy: Covid-19. And the challenge: the number of infected citizens is steadily growing and so is the death roll. Suddenly we are all equal: we all experience the feeling of fear.

On the reverse of the one dollar banknote it is printed: IN GOD WE TRUST. We have made this statement known throughout the entire world but now we are asking ourselves: has God left us? Are we alone in this struggle? Where is He now, when we need Him most?

I am reading the Book of Daniel and the story reminds me of our current situation. Some 25 centuries ago the supreme ruler of Babylon, King Nebuchadnezzar defeated Jerusalem. Thousands of Jews were deported to a foreign land where they found themselves surrounded by idolaters and had to face a king-despot-Nebuchadnezzar. Among the deportees were Daniel and his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah.

Daniel and his friends—now slaves—had their futures in doubt, but they used their qualities as an opportunity for jobs in the king's palace. They took advantage of the opportunity without allowing the opportunity take advantage of them. They refused to give up their convictions, applying God's will to their lives; they resisted to change their good habits they had formed. They were able to communicate with God of their ancestors because they made prayer their habit, even when it meant being thrown into a den of hungry lions-Beltshazzar which is the Babylonian name of Daniel-or thrown into a fire in the furnace-Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (Babylonian names of Hananiah, Mishael, Azariah). These men, made me think of the meaning of friendship. As much as the four meant to each other as friends, they never allowed their friendship to come as an obstacle between them and God, their friendship did not replace God in their lives; not even in the face of death. They shared their friendship in moments of hardship and success, not hesitating to place their lives in the hands of God, unwilling to compromise their religious convictions in the face of death, surviving the blazing furnace. This is who we are today, facing an invisible enemy.

Let us make friends again.

Fr. Joachim

Word Of Life

There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

USCCB "Living the Gospel of Life," 1998

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

Many Thanks

Go out to all the people who participated in the set up and clean up of decorations for our Christmas Holidays.

To name a few:

JoAnn Nolan,  
Deb Zigler, Nancy Miller,  
Donna Mullane, Jim Irwin,  
Ken Mulholland, Joe Kmiec,  
Nellie Bainbridge,  
Mike Kuzniar and  
Mark Klippert.

Contribution Statements for 2020 are complete and ready for pick up or mailing. Please contact the office if you would like a copy mailed, or emailed.



Join us for the Rosary at 9:45am before the 10:15 am Mass each Sunday



**Gospel Readings for the Week of**

**January 17, 2021**

Sunday: Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Mk 3:20-21  
Next Sunday: Mk 1:14-20

Our Prayerful Meditation

Discussing the Gospels of Mark, Thursday 1/21/21 At 6:00 pm. All our welcome.



St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets Quarterly in Hanover at St. John's church hall.

Knights of Columbus



Fr. Ron Conro Knights of Columbus meet the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in the church hall at The

Liturgical Roles

Sat. Jan 23rd	
Lector	JoAnn Nolan
Sacristan	Maria Kmiec
Usher	Joe Kmiec Jim Irwin

Sun. Jan 24th	
Lector	Matt Wild
Sacristan	Laura Kuzniar
Usher	Mike Kuzniar

Stewardship Report January 3rd

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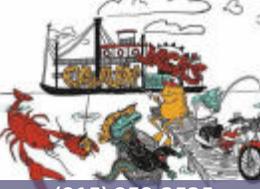
  
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