

January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday of  
Ordinary Time  
Time

# SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18

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**Church of St. Mary**  
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815-858-3422

*Parish Mission: The Church of St. Mary, followers of Christ, are inspired by our Catholic faith to build on our traditions through the Eucharist, prayer and education. As the family of God, and with one another, we desire to live our faith in the world.*

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**Pastor:**  
**Fr. Joachim Tyrntania**

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**St. John the Evangelist**  
103 Savanna Rd.  
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815-591-2258

*Parish Mission: 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.*



Email: [stjohntheevangelist-hanover@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:stjohntheevangelist-hanover@rockforddiocese.org)

### Office Hours for St. John and St. Mary

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wednesdays by appointment and

Tuesdays and Thursdays SJ after mass or appointment

Staff: Secretary/Bookkeeper: Norma Schwirtz  
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SJ CLE: Laura Kuzniar

January 23, 2022

Youth meet

6:00 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

I asked for strength and  
*God gave me difficulties to make me strong*

I asked for wisdom and  
*God gave me problems to solve*

I asked for prosperity and  
*God gave me brawn and brains to work.*

I asked for courage and  
*God gave me dangers to overcome.*

I asked for patience and  
*God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.*

I asked for love and  
*God gave me troubled people to help*

I asked for favors and  
*God gave me opportunities.*

I received nothing I wanted and  
*I received everything I needed.*

**My prayers have been answered.**

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### **The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle-An Act of Mercy**

**"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5)**

After Pentecost, we notice the spread of the Gospel and growth of the Church. Peter's bold witness and the testimony of other Apostles (Acts 2:14-4:37) helped the Jerusalem Church grow. However, the young Church was not without problems from external opposition. It resulted in imprisonment, beatings and death (Acts 5:1-8:3). But instead of stopping Christianity, opposition and persecution served in spreading the Gospel, because the believers took the Good news wherever they fled (Acts 8:5-40).

Saul (who later became Paul) was so zealous for his Jewish faith that he became hostile against anyone who was the follower of the Way (Acts 9:2). Zealous for the Law and most likely trying to advance his career and build his reputation as a true Pharisee, Saul obtained a letter empowering him to arrest Christians even as far as Damascus, a key commercial city located in the Roman province of Syria, some 150 miles northeast of Jerusalem.

As Paul traveled to Syria in pursuit of Christians, he was confronted by the Risen Christ and was brought face to face with the truth of the Gospel. Jesus' confrontation with Paul, as we see it now, was an act of mercy. Paul was not only given an extraordinary opportunity of seeing the error of his ways and repent of his persecution of Jesus' followers, but Paul was called to the missionary work for Jesus' cause in the world. A marvelous effect of God's grace: Paul is called to God's service in spite of his undistinguished and miserable past. Paul must have been terrified. The blinding light, the realization of the terrible things he had done to the follower of the one who is Lord of all (Acts 9:13), the loss of sight, the psychological turmoil of the experience, caused the involuntary starvation for three days.

Paul's experience on the way to Damascus directs us to the point of anyone's conversion to Christ: by the light of the Risen Christ, we recognize our own blindness and receive our sight from Him. Jesus' voice is heard, renewing the sense of His unseen presence from heaven among his followers. Jesus is present in our life all along will continue to be. As the followers of the Way we are expected to accept the Gospel as the chief form of our lives.

Fr. Joachim

## St. John the Evangelist

### St John Ministry Schedule:

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

Announcements/Lector:

JoAnn Nolan

Usher: Tom Richmond

Sacristan: Jean Zeal

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

Announcements/Lector:

Matt Wild

Usher: Mike Kuzniar

Sacristan: Nellie Bainbridge

**Saturday: Feb 5, 2022**

Announcements/Lector:

JoAnn Nolan

Usher: Mike Kuzniar:

Sacristan: Laura Kuzniar

**Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022**

Announcements/Lector:

Matt Wild

Usher: Wally D or volunteer

Sacristan: Nellie B



January 17 & 18, 2022

Collection for operating expenses:

Not available at time of printing

National Appeal:

### St. John the Evangelist St. Anne Society

St. Anne Society meets quarterly in the hall of St. John the Evangelist.

Knights of Columbus meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at St. Mary's church hall. All men are welcome to attend.



Each of you could help our faith community puzzle by volunteering for a ministry. St. John is in need of lectors, sacristans, and ushers on the weekend.

Three volunteers have other obligations so we need replacements. Please call the office 815-591-2258

Please join us for reciting the Rosary before Sunday Mass weekly at 9:45



### Prayer Requests



Marge Misek  
Jennifer Sullivan  
Casey Sullivan  
Loretta Morrissy

Louise McCormick  
Josephine Bell  
Bill Wiley  
Ryan Schiess

Maggie Richmond  
Mary Wild  
Bob Gable

Clark Gerleman  
Jarod Spahn



If anyone has a prayer request please call the offices at St. Mary 815-858-3422 , St. John 815-591-2258 or contact Fr. Joachim

## Church of St. Mary



January 17 & 18, 2022

Collection for operating expenses: \$943.00

National Appeal: \$325.00

We still are shy of our Stewardship Appeal assessment

### St. Mary Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, Jan. 29 2022**

Announcements/Lectors : Norma/Frank

Sanitize: Schwirtz

**Sunday, Jan 30 , 2022**

Announcements/Lector: Announcements & 1st reading/psalm: Jan

2nd reading/intentions: Karla

Sanitize: staff

**Saturday Feb 5, 2022**

Announcements/Lector: Kathy O

2nd reading/petitions: Joan Sanitize: Minas

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

Announcements. first reading/response: Karla

Second reading/intentions: Roseann

Sanitize: staff

## Sacramental Information

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

SJ: Tuesday and Thursday after 8:30 a.m. mass or  
by appointment

SM: Wednesday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday from 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m.

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday : 8:00 a.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

SM: Wednesday ...5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Please join us in  
prayer

SJ: First Thursday of the month following mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Parish Office at  
1-815-858-3422

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please contact the Parish Of-  
fice 6 months prior to your wedding date.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** During Mass on the First  
Friday of September and November . For anointing of  
the homebound or in the hospital please call the Parish  
office at 1-815-858-3422. In emergency call the Parish  
number any time-day or night .



St. John and St. Mary

DIOCESAN APPEAL SCHEDULE 2022

January 15-16, 2022



Retirement fund for Religious, Diocesan priest retirement,  
Catholic support for Catholic elementary school Human  
Development, Communication, Catholic University of Amer-  
ica. Please try to have these contributions in by Feb. 14,  
2022 to send to Rockford.



March 12-13-2022

Peter's Pence, Catholic Relief  
services, Central and eastern Europe, World wide and U.S.  
Diester Relief, Diocesan Priests; Pension, Diocesan catholic  
elementary school support.



October 15-16, 2022

World Mission Sunday, Missions in the  
United States, Church in Latin America, Africa, Membership  
in the Propagation of Faith, Rockford Priests Pension, Dioc-  
esan support for Catholic Elementary Schools.

**Annual Stewardship Appeal of which the  
parishes are assessed begins May-June 2022.**

**Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

Sunday, January 23, 2022:Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 24, 2022: Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 25, 2022: Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday, January 26, 2022: Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 27, 2022 :Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 28, 2022: Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 29, 2022:Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 30, 2022: Lk 4:21-30



***Mass Intentions:***

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

4:00 p.m. SJ For the people of St. John

6:00 p.m. SM† Edward Brzostawski

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

8:30 a.m. SM † Mr. & Mrs. Harry Peschang  
by John & Edie Dwinnells

10:15 a.m. SJ † Lois Petesch by Mary Wild

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022**

8:30 a.m. S.J. † Robert & Carolyn Froehning  
by John & Sara Sullivan

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

8:30 S.M. † Mary Ersfeldt by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Ersfeldt

5:00-5:45 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and  
Reconciliation

6:00 p.m. † Marlene Chunes by Tony Chunes

**Thursday, January 27, 2022**

8:30 a.m. S.J.† Bill & Anne Sullivan  
by John & Sara Sullivan

**Friday January 28, 2022**

8:30 p.m. S.M.† Gregory Van Epper by  
Mr. & Mrs. McDevitt

**Saturday, Jan 22, 2022**

4:00 p.m. SJ † St. John Purgatorial Society 2022

6:00 p.m. SM For the people of St. Mary

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

8:30 a.m. SM † Purgatorial Society by Madeline  
Shankel(John & Francis Murphy, Adam & Cynthia  
Starosta, Walgene Bon and Paul C.)

10:15 a.m. SJ † Joe McCormick by Bob Gable

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