

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 3**

7:40a.m....Morning Prayer

8:00a.m.... Jerry Marschke

**Tuesday, December 4**

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m.... Linda Heavenridge

**Wednesday, December 5**

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m....Luigi & Margaret Bilella

**Thursday, December 6**

NO MASS

**Friday, December 7**

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m....Elmer & Marie Letsinger

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Vigil, Friday, December 7**

6:00p.m.....Parishioners of St. John's

**Saturday, December 8**

8:00a.m...Mary Lou Ripberger

4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. ....Reconciliation

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES**

5:30p.m....Parishioners of St. John's

**Sunday, December 9**

9:00a.m.... Bill Hawkins

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR**

**December 8-9**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:30p.m. Mason & Layton, Tanner

9:00a.m. Abby, Lauren & Ashlee

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

5:30p.m. Donna, Melanie, Sr. Wanda, Melissa & Jason

9:00a.m. Toby, Paul & Luann, Kathy, Nancy

**READERS**

5:30p.m. Monica Moore & Ashley Mahaney

9:00a.m. Bonnie Ripberger & Chris McCormack

**USHERS:**

5:30p.m. Joe R., Mike E., Madison

9:00a.m. Dean & Samuel, Marvin

Please remember in your prayers all of our St. John's family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, all who have no one to pray for them, those who have died through violence or natural disasters and all those who have died recently.

**This Catholic Life.....**

"We must not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we began and to know the place for the first time."

The above is from T. S. Eliot's "The Four Quartets". If you are a faithful reader of the bulletin this should sound familiar. Every once in a while I like to use this passage to begin the holy season of Advent, which is, of course, also the beginning of a new liturgical year. So, here we are again, the First Sunday of Advent, and the secular Christmas season has begun in earnest. Still, this time of year is a good time to think about where we were last year - physically, mentally, and spiritually - and reflect on where we are now. Hopefully during this past year you have done some exploring of all of the above facets of your life, and, coming back to where you began, know the place where you are for the first time. That is, how are you different now than where you were a year ago.

To take stock of our lives in this fashion calls us to accountability. For me, I know myself to be a little bit different now than a year ago. A lot has happened personally, with my family, and in the parish. The death of my mom has made me and my siblings make some tough decisions. We are in a new normal, as the saying goes.

I suspect this can be said for most, if not all of you. As another saying goes, "life happens"! But for the faithful, life happens with God in Christ and through

the Holy Spirit.

As we begin a new liturgical year, let us move forward with the hope and faith that the love of God will bring us back together again next year, somewhere, somehow, and a little bit better for the exploring.

Fr. Dennis

## Upcoming Events:

- ▶ RCIA, Monday @ 6:30p.m.
- ▶ 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Tuesday @ 7:00p.m.
- ▶ Prayer Shawl meets Wednesday, @ 1:15p.m.
- ▶ Choir Practice, Wednesday, @ 6:30 p.m.
- ▶ Religious Education, Sunday @ 10:10a.m.
- ▶ Youth Alive, Sunday @ 9 – 3 Retreat

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collection Total: \$ 4,642.00  
NEEDED WEEKLY: \$ 5,000.00

NEEDED YTD: \$ 235,000.00  
ACTUAL YTD: \$ 270,793.86  
DIFFERENCE YTD: \$35,793.86

*New Church Building Fund: \$ 100.00*  
*YTD Building Fund: \$ 72,152.95*

May God reward you!

**Unhappy in your marriage? There is hope.** The holidays can be stressful for couples who are struggling. Are you feeling helpless, frustrated, angry or betrayed? No matter how bad things may seem, Retrouvaille can help. Indianapolis Retrouvaille begins its next program with a weekend on Feb 22 - 24 at **St. Joseph’s Retreat Center in Tipton**. Follow-up post-weekend sessions will take place at Our Lady of Fatima in Indianapolis. **No one is turned away for lack of funds.** Learn more at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com), email [RetrouvIndy@gmail.com](mailto:RetrouvIndy@gmail.com) or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information.

### PRAYER REQUEST CARDS RECEIVED:

Mark Baker, Anna Barr, Shelby Bell, Bruce Burnett, Janice & Bill Cornwell, Angie Crites, Mary Crowell, Donna Dawson, Ann Day, Mike Dinneen, Bill Dunbar, Amelia Friel, Chris Foster, Angela Gutierrez, Mary Harper, Bud Henry, Linda Hinkle, Melody Horn, Diane Hughes, Jennifer Humrichous, Joe Huneck, Amy Jarrell, Romelle Jones, Debbie Kimbler, Ted Knuckles, Ronnie Lambert, Sharon Lecher, Chris Mank, Helen Matthews, Brian McCormack, Jeannette Michel, Patricia Ferguson Moore, Gary Neltner, Connie Paul, Lori Peachey, Ellen Weber Pyle, Stanley Shields, Liz Quakenbush, Randy Richter, Tonja Ryan, Jerry Simms, Vic Sowders, Ceal Stone, Martha Tebbe, Wendy Thomas, Betty Thornton, Dan Tragesser, Lori Tragesser, Nancy Tragesser, Carl Treaster, Marjorie Twilling, Carol Weber, Kenny Whisman, Kennedy Wittkamper, Betty Ziegler, Dave Ziegler



Attention Singers!

Christmas Choir needs you!  
Use your God given talent to enhance our liturgy and have fun with fellow parishioners.  
Any age, all are welcome.  
Practice is Wednesday @ 6:30p.m.  
Questions call Georgette Smith @ 317-703-0198

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Annual Christmas Pitch-In Dinner  
December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00p.m. @ K of C Hall  
Meat, drinks & tableware are provided  
All are invited.

Save the Date

**St. John’s Penance Service** is Wednesday,  
December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.