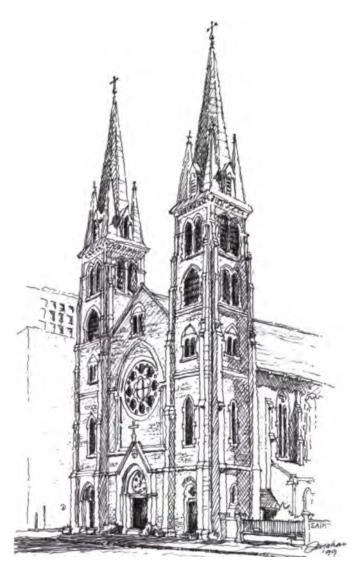
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Sunday December 24th, 2023



Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Indianapolis' original Catholic Parish and proto-cathedral

Entrance Antiphon | Is 45:8; Ps 18:2

Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum: Aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.

Caeli enarrant gloriam Dei: Et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum.

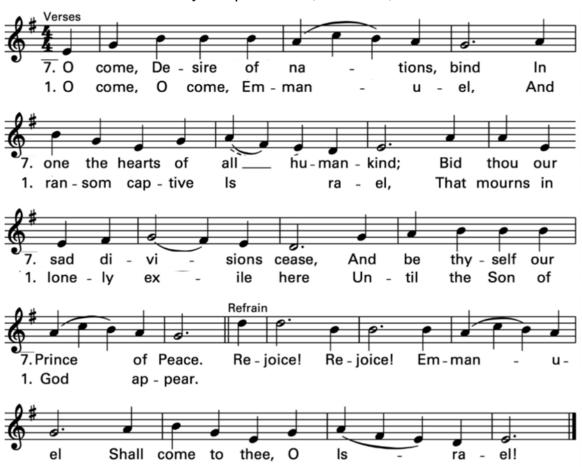
Gloria Patri...

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; Let the earth be bring forth a Saviour.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth proclaims the work of his hands.

Glory be to the Father...

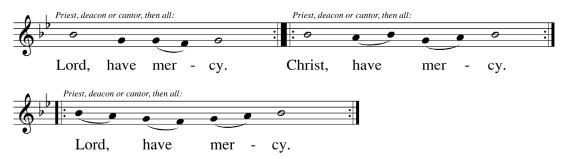
Entrance Hymn | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



Text: LM with refrain; Latin, 9th cent.; verses 1, 3–6, para. in *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818–1866; verses 2, 7 tr. fr. *The Hymnal 1940*, alt. Music: *Processionale*, 15th cent. French; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; Chant, Mode I.

Penitential Act

and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking your breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.



Music: Litany of the Saints; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1971, GIA Publications, Inc.

Reading I | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

hen King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet,

"Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king,

"Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you."

But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:

"Go, tell my servant David, Thus says the LORD:

Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.

And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.

I will fix a place for my people Israel;

I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance.

Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.

I will give you rest from all your enemies.

The LORD also reveals to you

that he will establish a house for you.

And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,

and I will make his kingdom firm.

I will be a father to him,

and he shall be a son to me.

Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm | Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29



- 1. The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.
- 2. "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."
- 3. "He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

Reading II | Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation | Lk 1:38



Music: Chant Mode VI; acc. by Richard Proulx

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

The Holy Gospel | Lk 1:26-38

he angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

And coming to her, he said,

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said

and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

Then the angel said to her,

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

But Mary said to the angel,

"How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

And the angel said to her in reply,

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;

for nothing will be impossible for God."

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.

May it be done to me according to your word."

Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, O Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Nicene Creed

believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Universal Prayer

- 1. For the Church, that she might draw light and strength from the faithful lives of Mary and Joseph. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 2. For the leaders of our nation, that they might be guided by the Holy Spirit to uplift the lives of all in their care, especially the poor, homeless, and distressed. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- **3.** For each of us gathered in worship, that we might desire each day to give our best to the God who unfailingly loves us. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- **4.** For those who hold a holy hour of adoration each week, that their presence before Christ might pour graces upon all in this community. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 5. For those who are isolated or forgotten, that the Lord might be a source of comfort and provide for them in their need. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- **6.** For Ingrid Ellenberger, baptized today. May her journey of faith be filled with the providence of Christ each day. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 7. For those that have gone before us in faith, that they may be welcomed into the heavenly presence of God. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- 8. For the intentions of our parish prayer list, and at this Mass we pray...

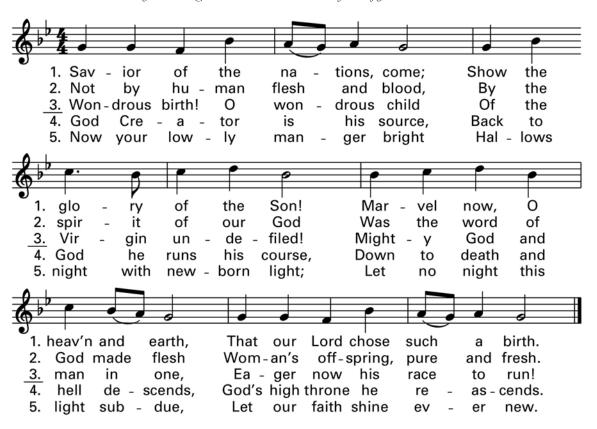
[8:00 A.M.] for the repose of the poor souls in purgatory. [10:30 A.M.] for the repose of the soul of Archbishop Daniel Buechlein.

Let us pray to the Lord. R. Lord, hear our prayer.

Offertory Hymn | Savior of the Nations, Come

Antiphon: "Hail, Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." -Luke 1:28



Text: 77 77; Veni, Redemptor gentium, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, after St. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; verses 1–3a tr. by William M. Reynolds, 1812–1876; verses 3b–5 tr. by Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967, alt. Music: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524.

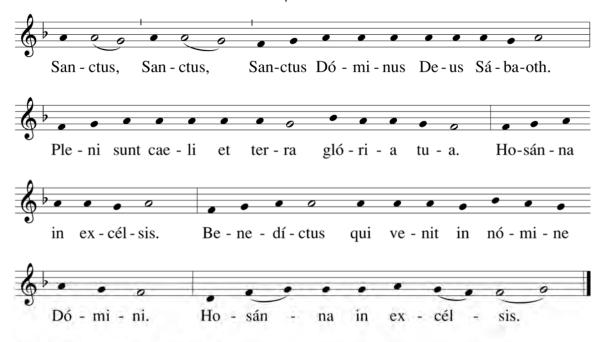
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Sanctus | Mass XVIII



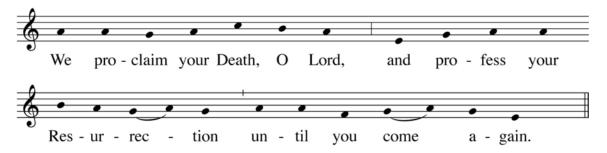
Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

Translation: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest,

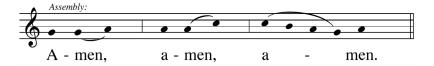
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation | ICEL Chant Mass



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Great Amen | ICEL Chant Mass



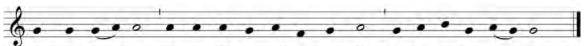
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Agnus Dei | Mass XVIII, arr. Caleb Wenzel (b. 1989)





A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis.



A-gnus De - i, qui tol-lis pec-cá-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII: acc. by Richard Prouls

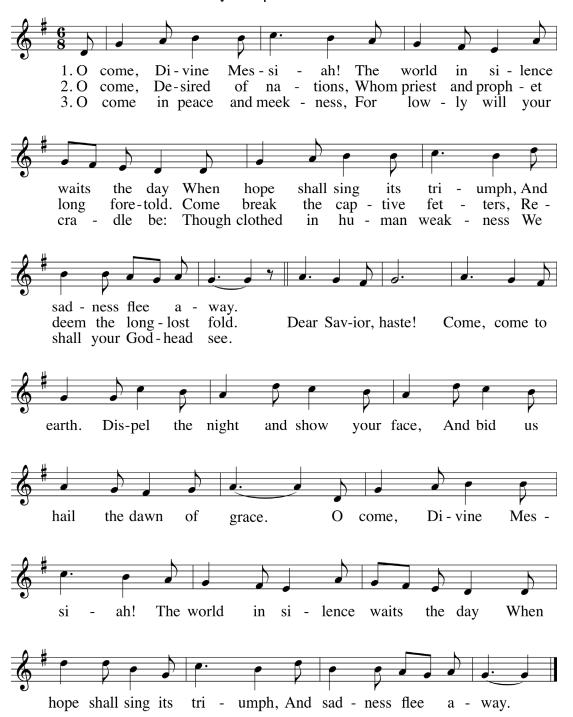
Translation: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon | Is 7:14

Ecce virgo confipiet., et pariet filium:
Et vocabitur nomen eius Emmanuel.

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; And his name will be called Emmanuel.

Communion Hymn | O Come Divine Messiah



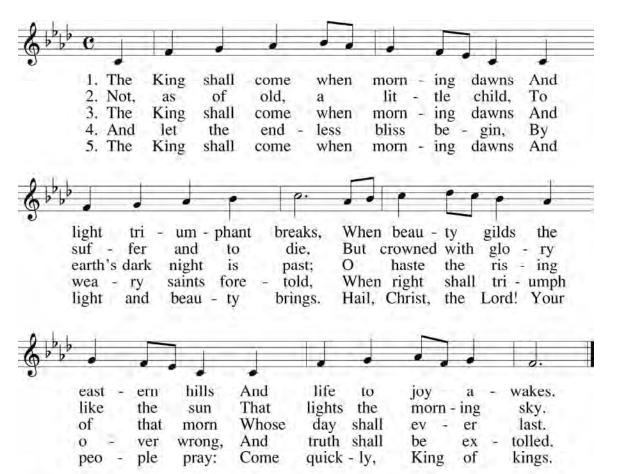
Choral Anthem | The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came



Final Blessing & Prayer to St. Michael

R. St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Recessional Hymn | The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



Text: John Brownlie, 1857-1925, alt.

Tune: MORNING SONG, CM; Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813; arr. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942.

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The first apparition of the Divine Child in the Most Holy Sacrament took place on the night of June 2, 1649, during the Vespers and the solemn exposition in honor of the feast of Corpus Christi. At the end of the service, the Franciscan monk Jerome de Silva Manrique, was about to return the monstrance to the tabernacle, but he suddenly stopped. In the Host there appeared the brilliant face of a Child. The second apparition took place a few days later, on July 22nd of the same year, during the celebrations in honor of St. Mary of Magdalene, Patroness of the city. According to the testimony of Brother Marco Lopez, superior of the convent in Chiclayo, during the exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament, "The Divine Child Jesus again appeared in the Host, dressed in a purple tunic.." To this day, the feast in honor of the miracle of the Divine Child of Eten, continues to attract thousands of faithful yearly.

*We will be sharing new Eucharistic Miracles Weekly. These are the Eucharistic Miracles catalogued by Blessed Carlo Acutis.



Above: Image of Divine Child of Eten

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Are you interested in sponsoring a college student or any parishioner on a fixed income with the gift of attending the National Eucharistic Congress this July? Or are you a college student or a parishioner who is on a fixed income and in need of sponsorship? Our hope is to make attending the National Eucharistic Congress possible for all parishioners. Please reach out to Megan Fish (megan.fish@stjohnsindy.org) to let us know if you are in need of sponsorship or would like to sponsor someone who is not able to afford the cost. This information will be kept confidential for those who are seeking sponsorship.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL GEAR



Make an impact this Christmas and beyond by purchasing a "Paint the City" of Indianapolis Eucharistic Revival shirt. Be one of the first to have one or more of these Latin phrase shirts meant to be used as an evangelization tool to share about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. While most people don't know Latin, the shirt is meant to have others ask you what it means. You will then have the chance to share the truth of the Holy Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus within. Each shirt comes equipped with some talking points to help you share this unfathomable gift of our faith! All proceeds benefit Paint the City, which is a collaborative initiative between the National Eucharistic Congress, Catholic Concepts (owner of Sock Religious) and St. John's to Paint the City of Indianapolis (including building & skywalk wraps,

billboards, yard signs, fliers and social media marketing) leading up to the National Eucharistic Congress that is in Indianapolis in July 2024. Grab your shirts today at: https://parishgear.com/paintthecity



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - NEW FAMILY RATES



Registration for the National Eucharistic Congress is open! The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has a discount code for parishes to use that will drop the individual price from \$375 to \$274. Use the code Indy24 to receive the discount.

New family rates and day pass rates have also just been added, with children 12 and under now being admitted for FREE!

Register online at: www.eucharisticcongress.org. Once you have registered for the Eucharistic Congress, please send an email to Megan Fish (megan.fish@stjohnsindy.org) to let us know you are attending so that we can keep track of parishioners who will be present.

The Eucharistic Congress will be in Downtown Indianapolis on **July 17-21, 2024 with over 80,000-100,000 Catholics expected.** As the host parish, we will be actively involved with the church being the Adoration Chapel!

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent on December 24, and Christmas on Monday, December 25. This means we get to celebrate the Mass twice - once to fulfull the Sunday obligation, and once to celebrate the great feast of our Lord's Birth. St. John's will have Mass for Sunday's obligation on December 24 at 8am and 10:30am. Masses celebrating the Christmas Feast will be held on December 24 at 4:30pm, and December 25 at 12:00am (midnight) and 9:30am. Please note that one Mass will not fulfill both obligations, and there will be no 7pm Mass on December 24.

The parking lot at St. John's will be reserved for the handicapped and elderly during all Christmas Masses. Our surrounding garages, the World of Wonders (Mall Garage) located on Illinois Street and the Plaza Park Garage located on Capitol Avenue, have graciously given us free parking. Please remember to grab a parking pass from one of the greeters at any of these Masses.

ADVENT GIVING TREE - DEC. 25

The St. John's Advent Giving Tree is located in the St. Anne Chapel. Please pick up a tag to support St. John's Haiti Ministry, Emmaus Ministry or the Gabriel Project (pro-life ministry). Please remember to return your gifts by December 25 to St. John's (unwrapped with tag attached)!Thanks so much for your generosity!

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - JAN. 1

This year, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God takes place on Monday, January 1. Because it falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, if you'd like to start the New Year off in thanksgiving for Our Lady and with the gift of the Eucharist, we invite you to join us for a 9:30am Mass at St. John's. There will be no 12:10pm Daily Mass this day.

FEAST OF ST. JOHN



CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR PATRON, ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

December 27 12:10pm Mass at St. John's

Don't forget to celebrate the Feast of our Patron! Join us on December 27th for our daily 12:10pm Mass for the Feast Day of St. John the Evangelist.

HELP SAVE BABIES & SUPPORT MOMS



Great Lakes Gabriel Project began as a ministry in 1998 at St. Bartholomew Church in Columbus, Indiana – 50 miles south of Indianapolis. By the end of the first year, they had helped 18 pregnant mothers. They were invited to participate in local hospital

committees formed to improve services for pregnant women.

Today, the Gabriel Project is continuing their outreach to pregnant women in need and are desiring to spread that care further. They are currently renovating a home in the Indianapolis area as place for women in crisis to come, rest, and receive the resources that she and her child need. Support this project by going to: https://engage.suran.com/goangels/s/give/new-gift?slug=website-donate-button.

HOLIDAY OFFICE & ADORATION HOURS

This week, December 24-January 1, the Parish Office will be closed and there will be a change in our Adoration schedule. There will be no Adoration on these days (including our community Holy Hour on Thursday from 8pm-9pm). Adoration and normal Office Hours will return to normal on Tuesday, January 2. During this week, we will still have our Daily 12:10pm Masses, with the exception of January 1 for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9:30am Mass).

HOSPITALITY GREETERS NEEDED

Do you love the church and want to help greet people as they come in? We are in need of Hospitality Greeters to help welcome people as they come into the church for prayer and Adoration. These are paid positions that are great for college students, someone who is retired or someone wanting to get out of the house for a few hours a week to serve the church. Our current open hours are below:

- + Sundays 3-7pm
- + Tuesdays 3-7pm

Questions, need more info or to apply for these positions contact: Father Nagel (fathernagel@gmail.com) or Allison Heller (allison.heller@stjohnsindy.org or call 317-635-2021).

EXODUS 90 BEGINS JAN. 1

Men - our culture today has no shortage of distractions, comforts, and vices that hold us back from true unity with God. If we're ruled by these, how can we truly be free to become the men God made us to be? Exodus 90 gives you the tools to take control of your life.

Join us as we start on January 1, 2024. You can learn more by visiting exodus90.com. If interested, let us know by filling out the form on stjohnsindy.org. Questions? Contact Brian Bibb at brian.bibb@stjohnsindy.org.

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OPEN HOLY HOURS

What better way to get actively involved in the Eucharistic Revival than to take an hour to sit at the feet of Jesus? Please consider taking a weekly Holy Hour. It will make a difference in your life and the life of our community. Open Holy Hours are listed below. To sign up for a Holy Hour: Larry Holbrook at adoration@stjohnsindy.org.

OPEN HOLY HOURS:

Sundays - 1 pm to 2 pm - one adorer needed Sundays - 3 pm to 4 pm - one adorer needed Sundays - 4 pm to 5 pm - one adorer needed Sundays - 6 pm to 7 pm - one adorer needed Mondays - 6 pm to 7 pm - one adorer needed Tuesdays - 3 pm to 4 pm - one adorer needed Tuesdays - 4 pm to 5 pm - one adorer needed Wednesdays - 6 pm to 7 pm - one adorer needed

Thursdays - 4 pm to 5 pm - No Coverage - two adorers needed Fridays - 10 am to 11 am - one adorer needed

NOTRE DAME FOLK CHOIR - JAN. 13



Come see the University of Notre Dame Folk Choir for their Winter Tour perform at St. John's on Saturday, January 13th at 7PM!

The Folk Choir serves the University of Notre Dame as one of its principal liturgical choirs, with sixty-plus members singing every Sunday during the academic year at the 12:00pm liturgy in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. This is a free, un-ticketed event open to all!

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes for adults who are wanting to be Catholic or Confirmed have started! If you would like to join us to learn more about the Catholic Faith or to receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), now's the time!

If you have any questions or would like to join, contact our Director of Adult Catechesis, Bri Campbell, at bri.campbell@stjohnsindy.org.

PARKING PASSES

Do you need a parking pass for a neighboring garage? We have parking passes for the World of Wonders (Mall Garage) located on Illinois Street and the Plaza Park Garage located on Capitol Avenue. Please see one of the greeters following Mass to receive a parking pass that is good for up to 2 hours.

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