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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**Sunday, April 6, 2025**



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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm  
Sunday Mass 10:00 am | Confession 9:15-9:45 am  
Sunday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm



Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday  
8 am- 4 pm

**Food Pantry Hours:**  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs  
9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

<p><b>Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation</b> Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.</p>	<p><b>Become Catholic - RCIA</b> We welcome you and are here to help answer all those questions from the call that God is inviting you to follow. Contact the Parish Office.</p>	<p><b>Marriage</b> Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.</p>	<p><b>Anointing of the Sick</b> Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving please contact the Parish Office.</p>
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**A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community committed to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ through word, sacrament and service.**



## This Week in the Parish

Sunday 4/6	Monday 4/7	Tuesday 4/8	Wednesday 4/9	Thursday 4/10	Friday 4/11	Saturday 4/12
<b>5th Sunday Lent</b> <b>Alms Collection</b> Confession 9:15 Mass 10:00 am <b>CLOW</b> <b>Anointing after Masses</b> Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>St.VdP 5:00 pm</b>	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm <b>CHURCH SPRING CLEANING 9AM-NOON</b>  Choir 6:30-8:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm</b>	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

### Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

At the Procession Gospel Luke 19:28-40  
 1st Reading; Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd Reading; Phil 2:6-11  
 Gospel; Luke 22:14—23:56

### Mass Intentions

Sat. 4/5	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 4/6	10:00 am	Deceased members of Burek and Supinski families
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 4/7	12:05 pm	Elaina Mary Collyer
Tues. 4/8	12:05 pm	Sr. Jane McConnell
Thurs. 4/9	12:05 pm	Cathy Mitchell
Fri. 4/11	12:05 pm	Roland Brinker
Sat. 4/12	4:00 pm	Jerry Bachman
Sun. 4/13	10:00 am	Martin Lindauer and Jerry Tieken
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 4/14	12:05 pm	William Charles Collyer
Tues. 4/15	—	Chrism Mass at St. Ben's 5:30 pm
Thurs 4/17	7:00 pm	In Memory of Cathy Mitchell
Fri. 4/18	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service

**MASS INTENTION envelopes in church you can fill out and drop in the stewardship basket at Mass, or contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 or lgriggs@evdio.org.**



Michelle Collignon, Therese Asher, Basia Bazell, Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Cecilia Phillips, John Stephenson, Charlie Jochim, Marti Barrett, Jason McBride, Pat Barnes, Stan

Logel, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Anne Priestly.

**OCIA** -Bradley Castillo, Paxton Stone, Noelle Bockhorst, Der'rik Hardin, Penny Goshert, Samuel Shaefer, Abraham Palacios.

**Pray for our loved ones in the Military...**

William Russell	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
Lt. Noah Huelsing	Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon	LT Noah Algee

**In Loving Memory...** We Remember, Michael Schellhase, 78, who died March 26, 2025. Michael is the brother of parishioner Margie Schellhase. Please keep her family in your prayers.



### Weekly Collections

Mass Time	3/29-30/2025
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,207.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,705.00
4:00 pm	\$ 3,657.00
Electronic	\$ 155.00
Office Mail in	\$ 14,103.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,827.00</b>

**Alms \$ 100.00 StVdP \$ 259.00**

**\*There will be a second collection for Alms this weekend April 5-6**

**Easter Flower envelopes due by Mon. April 14**

**Let us Pray...** That we as Christian Stewards keep God first in everything and not put other gods before God.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/5 Hanna Arney  
 4/6 Lori Lindauer, Barb Tyner  
 4/7 Leo Grady  
 4/9 Peter Schaefer  
 4/10 Katie Glover  
 4/11 Andy Russell  
 4/12 Carolyn Helm  
 4/13 Kevin Allton  
 4/14 Jane Johnson  
 4/15 Ann Byrom, Mechelle Payne  
 4/16 Teresa Barber  
 4/18 William Kelley, Bev Williamson

**We celebrate you!**

### Next Week Ministers for Mass

**Sat. April 12; 4:00 pm**

**Lector**-Diane Weiss-Altstadt **EMHC**-Vicki Carl, Diana Gillespie **Server**-Carol Stratman **Ushers**-Ken Render

**Sun. April 13; 10:00 am**

**Lector**-Bob Stephens **EMHC**-Tom and Karen Bryan **Ushers**-Joe McConnell

**Sun. April 13; 4:00 pm**

**Lector**-Laurie Ewers **EMHC**-Brad Simms, Kody Johnson **Ushers**- Ed Goebel

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



The rush to catch up with CenterPoint, now that the winter shut-offs are no longer prohibited, continues. Nine of our 16 Neighbors needed help with their gas and electric bills. We help with as much as we can afford and try to partner with other agencies such as the Township Trustee, CAPE, and Salvation Army to avoid service interruptions. Very often, the best we can do is work to avoid shut-off, which leaves unpaid amounts to be dealt with next month. Two of our volunteers met with a Neighbor who lost her house in an adjacent county. She has gone through rehab, and is staying clean. She is living in a room in a house of a friend, and though potentially disabled, she babysits when she can to get some living money. She now has significant health issues, and asks prayers that she can continue on her thus-far successful rehabilitation track, and have some economic stability. Her faith in the lord was palpable, and she feels He has been guiding her through the process. We have helped her with her rent, and have tried to give her some additional guidance on other programs she can access to become independent and productive. The parish support of this outreach does affect so many people. Thank you for that.

## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN LENT

**5th week April 6: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal**

**6th week April 13 Soup... canned or bag**

## REMINDER TO SIGN UP FOR FORMED!

**LOTS OF INFORMATION, FORMATION, ACTIVITIES, MOVIES AND MUCH MORE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS AND ITS FREE.** Go to our website [stsmariandjohnparish.org](http://stsmariandjohnparish.org) Click **FORMED** in the headings and register or pick up a how to card in church.

**Take a Virtual Tour of St. Mary Church!** Visit our website [stsmariandjohnparish.org](http://stsmariandjohnparish.org) and take a virtual tour with information about the areas of church, statues, windows and much more.

**Also visit our Resource tab on our website for Lent information and activities and much more!**

## Committee Meetings and Activities on our Campus

If you are wanting to hold a meeting, schedule a practice or an activity or use an area in one of our buildings you will need to contact Lee Griggs in the parish office to find out about availability and then reserve the space. 812-425-1577 ext 207 or lgriggs@evdio.org

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

Chrism Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral 5:30 pm

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

Mass 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 19, 2025**

Mass 8:00 pm

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025**

Easter Masses 7:30 am and 10:00 am No 4pm Mass

**Practice**

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Practice will be

Monday, April 14 at 9:00 am

Holy Saturday Vigil Practice will be Sat. April 19, 9am

**Easter Schedule**



**2025 WISDOM DAY CELEBRATION**  
**SOUTH & WEST DEANERIES**

*Celebrating the Over 55 Population in the Diocese of Evansville*

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mass (optional)

8:30 a.m. Registration

2:30 p.m. Closing

Times are Central Time

Location: St. John the Evangelist  
 5301 Daylight Dr,  
 Evansville, IN



Speakers include:

- Bishop Joseph M. Siegel
- Father Tyler Tenbarger
- William J. Blanke, M.D.

Lunch will be provided.

RSVP by April 15, 2025  
 Seating is limited.

Ways to Register:

- Scan QR Code
- Call/text Doug (812) 459-2575
- Email: [wisdomdayswin@gmail.com](mailto:wisdomdayswin@gmail.com)

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturdays 4:00 pm; Sundays 10:00 am and 4:00pm

We invite you to arrive a few minutes early for Mass to fully participate in the introductory prayers and to prepare our hearts for the celebration.

Reminder; doors lock 15 minutes after Mass starts

## Fifth Sunday of Lent - Living Stewardship

**"... For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."**

**"(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)"**

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts. Living Stewardship by sharing our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.





### **We are called to do justice.**

*You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

- Micah 6:8

*Catholic social teaching is a central and essential element of our faith. Its roots are in the Hebrew prophets who announced God's special love for the poor and called God's people to a covenant of love and justice. It is a teaching founded on the life and words of Jesus Christ, who came "to bring glad tidings to the poor . . . liberty to captives . . . recovery of sight to the blind" (Lk 4:18-19), and who identified himself with "the least of these," the hungry and the stranger (cf. Mt 25:45). Catholic social teaching is built on a commitment to the poor. This commitment arises from our experiences of Christ in the eucharist.*

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

### **How do we answer?**

Our St. Vincent de Paul ministry serves the poor among us with charity. But charity alone is not enough. Which is why our justice ministry addresses the underlying issues that contribute to poverty. Chief among these is a lack of safe, affordable housing; rising costs for rents and utilities force many of our neighbors to make choices nobody should have to face.

*Do I forego my insulin in order to pay the light bill?*

*Do I skip the grocery store this week so I can scrape together the rent money?*

*Maybe we can get some things at the food pantry to tide us over...*

The problem of affordable housing is big. If we do not act, it will only get worse — and more and more families will suffer.

### **What is "affordable housing"?**

*Affordable Housing* is defined as no more than 30 percent of a family's gross income for rent/mortgage, utilities, taxes and insurance. The average cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Evansville is about \$1030 per month and utilities are about \$200. To afford this, a family needs an annual income of \$49,000. If two people in the household are working, their combined wages need to be at least \$30/hour.

### **What we must do now.**

On Monday, May 5, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium at Bosse High School (doors open 6:00 PM) we will publicly ask city leaders to ensure that Evansville's Affordable Housing Trust Fund is replenished and strengthened with a dedicated revenue stream for annual increases. Research shows this is a crucial step for a long-term and sustainable effort to make housing more affordable for low-income families. Here's how we will bring this forward.

Following the example of Nehemiah, who called a great assembly and demanded that the money-lenders end the usury that had forced the Israelites into slavery, we will assemble as one with our member congregations in CAJE (Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment). We need you to stand with us. The more people in attendance, the more powerful our insistence becomes, and the more likely city leaders will take the necessary action.

### **Will you give an hour of your time for the least among us?**

To know more, contact the Sts. Mary and John parish office at 812-425-1577.



*Please plan to join  
us on May 5!  
- Father Eugene*

WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE.

### **RALLY**

Monday April 7th 6pm  
Central UMC 300 Mary St.

### **NEHEMIAH ACTION**

Monday May 5th 6pm  
Bosse High School 1300  
Washington Ave.