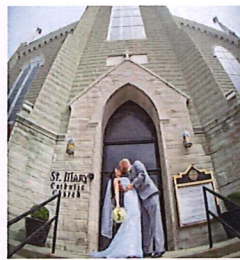


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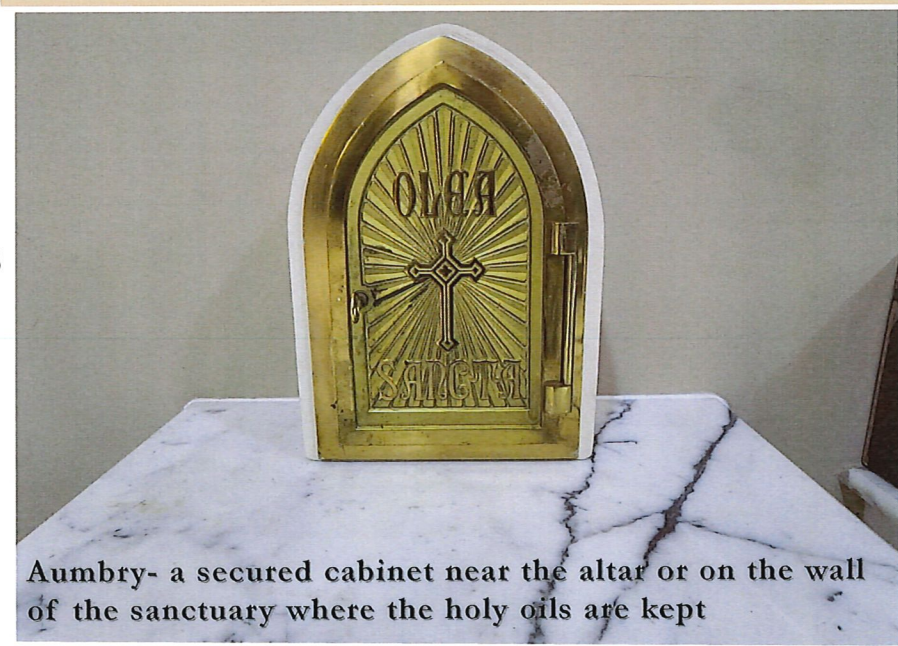


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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday Mass 10:00 am | Confession 9:15-9:45 am
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WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm



Aumbry- a secured cabinet near the altar or on the wall of the sanctuary where the holy oils are kept

Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 12:00 pm on Tuesdays
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm
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Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.

Become Catholic - RCIA 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.

Marriage Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving please contact the Parish Office.

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 4/23	Monday 4/24	Tuesday 4/25	Wednesday 4/26	Thursday 4/27	Friday 4/28	Saturday 4/29
Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship Confession 3:15-3:45 pm 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 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8pm	Finance Meeting 10 am Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Parish Council 6 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023**

1st Reading; Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading; 1 Pt 2:20b-25
Gospel; Jn 10:1-10

Mass Intentions

Sat. 4/22	4:00 pm	Leona Logel
Sun. 4/23	10:00 am	Rosie Greeson
	4:00 pm	In Memory of Matt Dillon
Mon. 4/24	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues. 4/25	12:05 pm	Stan and Jacki Logel
Thurs. 4/27	12:05 pm	Jim Callahan Memorial
Fri. 4/28	12:05 pm	Rosie Greeson
Sat. 4/29	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun. 4/30	10:00 am	John Michael Dunn
	4:00 pm	Sonia de Leon on her birthday
Mon. 5/1	12:05 pm	In Memory of Matt Dillon
Tues. 5/2	12:05 pm	Jack Dills
Thurs. 5/4	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Fri. 5/5	12:05 pm	Tom Schlechte
Sat. 5/6	4:00 pm	Geraldine Madeline Schaefer
Sun. 5/7	10:00 am	Maria Staton
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Mon. 5/8	12:05 pm	Charles Egan

MASS INTENTIONS... Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or you can fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church and drop it in the stewardship basket or go to our website.
PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request... something or someone you would like us to pray for.

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish home or have been attending here for awhile and not registered, we invite you to register here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. We would love to welcome you as a member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

Weekly Collection April 15-16, 2023

Mass Time	Collections
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,167.50
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,335.00
4:00 pm	\$ 735.25
Electronic	\$ 2,809.83
Office Mail in	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,047.58

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Let us Pray... That we as Christian Stewards take time in silence, every day, to ask God what he wants us to do.



The DeBaillie family, Anne Priestly, Bill O'Nan, Lee Ann Kipta, Liz Saum, Jan Howell, Ray Bigge, Gladys Lane, Mary Eichenberger, Carolyn Stagg.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military... LT Jake Morris, 1st LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; Air Force Special Agent, Lt. Noah Huelsing, 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon, Staff Sergeant Shaun Nelson, Nathan Ulrich; Marines

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/22 Ron Hook, Robin O'Quinn, Sheila Williams
- 4/23 Brad Baumgart
- 4/24 Clara McClure
- 4/25 Sandra Nguyen, Gerald Nord, Maureen Shepherd
- 4/27 Tracy Collins
- 4/28 Autumn Hunt, Ryan Ohlsen, Braden Woebkenberg, Ed Bittner
- 4/29 Stephen Rehner
- 4/30 Don Hahn

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Hannah Purdy
- 5/3 Sharon Harrison

We Celebrate You

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

This week we had fifteen neighbors who were requesting help. Six households needed assistance with their Center Point bills. We were able to avoid a shutoff for one family, and significantly reduce the amount owed on some of the others. When we do this, we point them in the direction of some of the other sources of assistance, such as Catholic Charities, CAPE, and the Salvation Army, to name a few of the principal ones. We also had seven rent requests, and in one instance, avoided an eviction for a tenant in Buckner Towers (across the street from our church campus). Part of our ministry is to find out what prayer needs the neighbors have, and then include them in our prayers at the meetings. Your support, both spiritual and monitorial, is having its effect for the better on families in need. Thank you and may God bless you for all you do!



*We would love for you to join us on Tuesday at 5:00 pm in the Parish Ministry Center for our meetings.

PARISH GARDEN AND GROUNDS WORK DAY will be **Saturday, May 6, 7:30 - 11:30 am**



Please join us to spruce up, plant and get our parish grounds looking good for spring and summer. Bring your gloves and any gardening tools you like to help. Bring the family and enjoy the morning with other parishioners. Many hands make for less work and more fun!

DIVINE MERCY

Don't forget it's not too late to meet the requirements for Divine Mercy that God wants to give you through His Son. One has to go to Confession within twenty days of Divine Mercy Sunday (4/16), pray one Our Father, recite the Creed, receive the Eucharist, Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and say one heartfelt prayer to Jesus. This relieves one from temporal punishment and complete forgiveness of sin.

"Weekly Tips" on Caring for our Common Home by Vince Stricherzto, to remind people of how their individual actions can have a huge impact for our Earth.

Laudato Si'

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home

When eating at a buffet restaurant, or even at coffee and doughnuts after Mass on Sunday, you can help conserve natural resources and reduce waste by taking just one plate, one napkin and only the utensils you need. Encourage others to do the same.



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- Bethlehem United Church of Christ
- Central United Methodist Church
- Cleaves Memorial CME Church
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- Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- First Presbyterian Church of Evansville
- Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
- Holy Rosary Catholic Church
- Independence Baptist
- Islamic Society of Evansville
- Mt. Olive Galilee Baptist Church
- Nazarene Baptist Church
- Old North United Methodist Church
- Patchwork Central
- St. Benedict Cathedral
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- St. Lucas United Church of Christ
- Sts. Mary & John Catholic Parish
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church
- St. Peter's (Highland) United Church of Christ
- St. Wendel Catholic Church
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
- Tri-State Hindu Temple
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Evansville
- Zion Missionary Baptist Church

Monday, May 1, 2023
Sign in at 6:00 pm
Call to Order 6:30 pm

All Saints Catholic Parish
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Having discerned problems and their solutions in our community regarding safe and affordable housing, dually diagnosed children, and crisis care, we muster our people-power at the Nehemiah Action.

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- We expose disturbing trends.
- We publicly ask decision-makers to commit to the solution.

Our network of justice-seekers stand tall for needed change. We include the officials who have the authority to implement what justice demands.

JOIN US!

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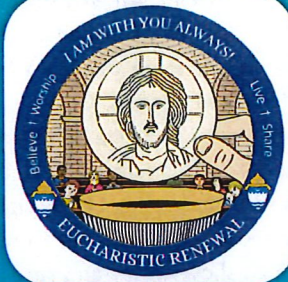
**April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter
Stewards Listen**

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

Encountering the Eucharist

Believe ✦ Worship ✦ Live ✦ Share



Purificators are special linens which pertain to the Eucharist. The purificator (*purificatorium*) is a white linen cloth which is used to wipe the chalice after each communicant partakes. It is also used to wipe the chalice and paten which follow Communion. Before laundering them, they are presoaked to allow all particles and remnants of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ to dissolve into the water. During the presoak and removal of the linens from the presoak water, care must be taken so as not to spill or splash this water around, because it contains the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. Because this is the True Presence of Christ, this water must be handled carefully and disposed of properly by being poured down the sacrarium.

What We Believe...

Due Reverence for the Holy Eucharist

There is a rather mysterious and enigmatic exchange in the Easter story in John's Gospel between Our Lord and Mary Magdalene. Mary goes to the tomb and is distressed that she cannot find the Lord's body. Suddenly, seeing a man who she erroneously supposes to be the gardener of the cemetery, she asks: "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." We are told by the gospel writer that Mary Magdalene did not know



that it was Jesus she was speaking to. Similarly to the disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke's gospel, Mary's eyes were kept from recognizing this man as Jesus. That is, until Jesus calls her by name. Suddenly, Mary's eyes are opened and she finally realizes who she is talking to! She says the Hebrew word for teacher, "Rabboni!" Next comes the puzzling response by Our Lord: "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father." The Greek implies that Mary is already touching Him and she is to desist. The difficulty with this scene is that we cannot understand why Jesus should forbid Mary

Magdalene to touch Him, when a week later He would invite Thomas to probe His wounds! According to Pope St. Leo the Great, an Early Church Father and Doctor of the Church, this line teaches us that we began to know Jesus better from the moment in which He returned to the glories of the Father by His Resurrection and Ascension. He says, "A better instructed faith then began to draw closer to a conception of the Son's equality with the Father without the necessity of contact with the corporeal substance in Christ, whereby He is less than the Father (cf. Jn 14: 18), since, while the nature of the glorified Body still remained, the faith of believers was called upon to touch not with the hand of flesh, but with the spiritual understanding the Only-Begotten, Who is equal with the Father. Hence comes that which the Lord said after His Resurrection, when Mary Magdalene, representing the Church, hastened to approach and touch Him: 'Touch Me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father' (Jn 20: 17). That is, I would not have you come to Me as to a human body, nor yet to recognize Me by carnal perceptions: I set for you higher things, I prepare greater things for you: when I have ascended to My Father, then you shall handle Me more perfectly and truly, for you shall grasp what you cannot touch and believe what you cannot see."¹ In other words, those "higher things" would include His Eucharistic Presence where we do touch Him incorporeally (i.e. sacramentally) and yet see Him not. In one of his homilies on the Gospel of John, St. Chrysostom—an important Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople and considered the most prominent doctor of the Eastern Church—adds yet another layer of meaning. He explains that Mary Magdalene "wished still to converse with [Jesus] as before, and that in her joy she perceived nothing great in Him, although He had become far more excellent in the flesh. To lead her therefore from this idea, and that she might speak to Him with much awe,

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“At the Last Supper, on the night when He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed”

—Sacrosanctum Concilium 47

“Due Reverence for the Eucharist” continued from the front...

(for neither with the disciples does He henceforth appear so familiar as before,) He raises her thoughts, that she should give more reverent heed to Him. To have said, 'Approach Me not as you did before, for matters are not in the same state, nor shall I henceforth be with you in the same way,' would have been harsh and high-sounding; but the saying, 'I am not yet ascended to the Father,' though not painful to hear, was the saying of [Christ] declaring the same thing."² What both SS. Leo and Chrysostom are attempting to show is that, after His Resurrection, Christ permitted the glories and privileges of His divinity, that He-willingly put aside during His life before the Resurrection, (cf. Philippians 2:7), to once again be assumed in a similar fashion to what is described during His Transfiguration (cf. Matt. 17:1-9). In this way, Jesus was now calling His disciples to understand that, because of His Resurrection, they were to now show Him more reverence. Thomas Aquinas defines reverence as the virtue that inclines a person to show honor and respect for persons who possess some dignity. Consequentially, because the Eucharist is the resurrected body and blood of Christ, this explains why the Church adores Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Adoration is the supreme act of worship due to God alone: "In the Liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the Real Presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord" (CCC, 1378). Cardinal Arinze explains that we can "show reverence by the way we receive Holy Communion, kneeling, standing, on the tongue or in the hand. Even how we dress, how we walk, and how we share in the congregation's acts of singing, standing, sitting, listening and kneeling can show our faith."

¹St. Leo the Great. *Sermo LXXIV*, c.4: *ML* 54, 398-399. ²St. John Chrysostom. *Homily LXXXVI*.

Life in the Eucharist: St. Gemma Galgani

St. Gemma Galgani, also known as the Flower of Lucca, was an Italian mystic often referred to as the "Daughter of Passion," for her intense replication of the Passion of Christ. She was born on March 12, 1878, in a small Italian town near Lucca. Throughout her life, Gemma had many mystical experiences and special graces. These were often misunderstood by others, causing ridicule. Gemma suffered heartaches in reparation, remembering that Our Lord Himself had been



misunderstood and ridiculed. We can learn so much from Gemma, but perhaps the most important thing is her most passionate love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. She once said, "Is it possible that there are souls who do not un-

derstand what the Blessed Eucharist is? Who are insensible to the Divine Presence. Jesus is such a sweet and irresistible Lover; how can one fail to love Him with one's whole heart and soul? How can one not wish to be wholly united in Him, and consumed in the flames of His holy love?" On another occasion she said, "Come, come, Lord, and help me. I do not wish to receive You thus so ill prepared. Make me worthy of You, at least a little less unworthy. By what means? By Your most precious Blood."

Adoro te Devote: The Purification of the Sacred Vessels

Every particle of the host and every drop of the Precious Blood, no matter how small, is equally Jesus Christ. That is why, after the distribution of communion is completed, the priest and/or the deacon return to the altar and purify the sacred vessels. The procedure for purifying the vessels is briefly described in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*: "Upon returning to the altar, the priest collects any fragments that may remain. Then, standing at the altar or at the credence table, he purifies the paten or ciborium over the chalice then purifies the chalice, saying quietly 'Lord, may I receive,' and dries the chalice with a purificator. If the vessels are purified at the altar, they are carried to the credence table by a minister. Nevertheless, it is also permitted, especially if there are several vessels to be purified, to leave them suitably covered on a corporal, either at the altar or at the credence table, and to purify them immediately after Mass following the dismissal of the people" (#163).

