

PRAYER CHAIN



pray for others ~ request prayers

If you would like the ability via email to ask others in the parish to pray for your intentions or if you would like to be notified via email when fellow parishioners are asking for prayers, send an email to mjprayerchain@gmail.com or call Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023



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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 12:00 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

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.

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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 12/10	Monday 12/11	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 12/13	Thursday 12/14	Friday 12/15	Saturday 12/16
Second Sunday of Advent Anointing after Masses Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Mass 12:05 pm.	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Food Pantry 9am-Noon and 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. StVdP meets 5 pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon and 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon & 1-3 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	Christmas Church Decorating 8am - 12 pm Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

First Reading Is 61:1-2A, 10-11

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:16-24

Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/9 4:00 pm	In Memory of Cathy Funk McCormick
Sun. 12/10 10:00 am	Deceased members of the Burek and Supinsky families
	4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 12/11 12:05 pm	In Memory of Elmer Barth
Tues. 12/12 12:05 pm	Tim Lagman and Lourdes Abad Panillilio birthdays
Thurs. 12/14 12:05 pm	Healing for Tara Blessinger
Fri. 12/15 12:05 pm	Yolanda Vega Sun & Tess Olszowka Yoly
Sat. 12/16 4:00 pm	Virginia Fowler
Sun. 12/17 10:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm Zeny Floro Tadiar birthday
Mon. 12/18 12:05 pm	Sue Carol Nichols
Tues. 12/19 12:05 pm	Healing for Tara Blessinger
Thurs. 12/21 12:05 pm	Moni Titzer
Fri. 12/22 12:05 pm	Nati Mandrinan Salinas birthday
Sat. 12/23 4:00 pm	Maurice and Katie Appuhn
Sun. 12/24 10:00 am	In Memory of Charlotte Warren and Karen Markstrom

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 intention form.

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
Trisha Johnston
Joel and Gina Schafer

Are you attending Mass here at Sts. Mary and John and possibly have been for a while and are not a registered member of any parish? We would love to invite you to register here at this Parish and welcome you as a registered member of our parish family. Please contact

Weekly Collection

Mass Time	December 2-3, 2023
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,709.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,761.00
4:00 pm	\$ 2,021.00
Electronic	\$ 2,183.54
Office Mail in	\$ 2,946.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,620.54

Alms - \$ 1,115.00 St. VdP \$ 911.00

Let us Pray..That we as Christian Stewards are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.



Lovella Martin, Charlie Jochim, Tom Betz, Stan Logel, Cap Berg, Mary White, Jayden, Olivia, Carl, Chris Render, William Sanderfur, Tara Nellis, Ray Bigge, Tara Blessinger, Liz Saum, Nancy Hamilton, Sue Dills-Wall, Anne Priestly.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
 Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunner Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
 2nd Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/9 Tommy Domsic
 12/10 Sheila Rehner
 12/14 Donna Laymon
 12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Chris Clayton
 12/16 Greg Willming
 12/17 Henry Lawson
 12/18 Gary Eddmenson, Ramses Guivas, Jill Grady, Ashley Vezzoso
 12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith

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Sts. Mary and John's ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY



As we expected, we had a full roster of 15 referrals this week. The mix was a bit different, however, with only one household seeking help with CenterPoint and three with their water bills. None of these had been completely shut off, but were behind in their payments. The bigger emphasis this week was from folks needing furnishings. One mother of three was newly into an apartment and without any furniture. She had recently moved to the area. We helped her with some rent, and submitted an application on her behalf (and another for a different family) to the great folks at "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" who build beds for children. It can take a few weeks for the beds to be ready for delivery, but that group has done wonderful work in this community. We helped three other applicants with vouchers at the Thrift Store where they can shop for furnishings they need,--very often couches--or small appliances. As sometimes happens, one nice man had recently been helped by another parish, and said he no longer needed our help. Your support does great things in this community.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Please consider expressing your thanks, love, celebration or remembrance with a donation to the Christmas Flower Fund. Again this year, we will be decorating the church with beautiful poinsettias in honor of those who have shared the joys of the season with us in the past. Christmas Flower Memorial envelopes are available in church. Fill out the envelope and drop in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the parish office by December 18. A special prayer will be offered and the list will be included in the bulletin and posted on the website over Christmas.

PARISH NEWS...

Anointing of the Sick is this weekend after all Masses. Fr. Eugene will be anointing in the center aisle after Masses.

Christmas Church Decorating will be Saturday, December 16 from 8:00 am to Noon. Please join us with your family and friends to decorate for Christmas.

Parish offices and the Food Pantry will be closed Fri. Dec.22 through Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Laudato Si'

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home #31

Set aside one day a month — or better yet, a day each week — to leave the car parked and instead walk, ride a bike or use transit to get where you are going. It's a small step that can benefit the health of the Earth, and yours as well.

Join Sts. Mary and John Parish at The Diocese of Evansville EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Saturday, January 13, 2024

Old National Events Plaza Auditorium, Evansville, In
Fr. Eugene is excited to announce we have reserved a block of seats at this event that you are able to purchase to sit together with other parishioners and friends of the parish. Tickets are available NOW in the parish office, they are \$36 each and will need to be purchased by Dec. 18. Lunch can be purchased at the event or you can bring your own.
 Questions or to buy a ticket contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577

Fourth Sunday of Advent Saturday, December 23, 2023 4:00 pm Mass Sunday, December 24, 2023 10:00 am Mass	Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24, 2023 4:00 pm Mass 9:00 pm Mass (New time) Christmas Day Monday, Dec 25, 2023 9:00 am Mass New Years Day Mon., Jan. 1, 2024; 9 am Mass
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 23	Saturday Morning Mass (fulfills no obligation)	Saturday Evening Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)
Sunday Dec. 24	Sunday Morning Mass (fulfills Sunday Obligation)	Sunday Evening Mass (fulfills ONE Obligation for either day) *
Two Christmas Eve Masses can fulfill both obligations		
Monday Dec. 25	Mass on Christmas Day (fulfills Christmas Obligation)	

END OF YEAR... Thank you for your for your generosity to Sts. Mary and John Parish. If you have any questions on tithing or giving options please contact Kim in the parish office. Also please keep Sts. Mary and John Parish in mind in your year-end-gifts and estate planning. Ask your tax or financial advisor about possible tax benefits like a QCD-Qualified Charitable Distribution.

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent
Stewardship Lifestyle

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a Stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?