

***NEW* Diocese of Evansville Covid-19 Protocols** - will take affect August 30, 2021. Each parish in the county they are located in will adhere to the color of their county on the ISDH Indiana State Dept of Health website. New measurements come out each Wednesday and will go into affect on Thursday... measured weekly. This is for Indoors only. (1-2) Masks required in common areas and where (three foot) social distancing is not possible. Pastors have the option to enforce more stringent requirements for their parish or school. Questions call the parish office

County Map Color	Parish - Liturgical Events	Parish - Office/Non Liturgical Events	School	Diocesan Facilities
Blue	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
Yellow	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions
Orange	Masks - Strongly Recommended	Masks - Strongly Recommended	Masks - Required	Masks - Strongly Recommended
		Social Distancing - Strongly Recommended	Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible	Social Distancing - Strongly Recommended
Red	Masks - Strongly Recommended	Masks - Required (1)	Masks - Required	Masks - Required (1)
		Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2)	Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2)	Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2)
			Only Essential Personnel	
			Extra curricular evaluated on an event by event basis	

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Third Sunday of Advent-
December 12, 2021

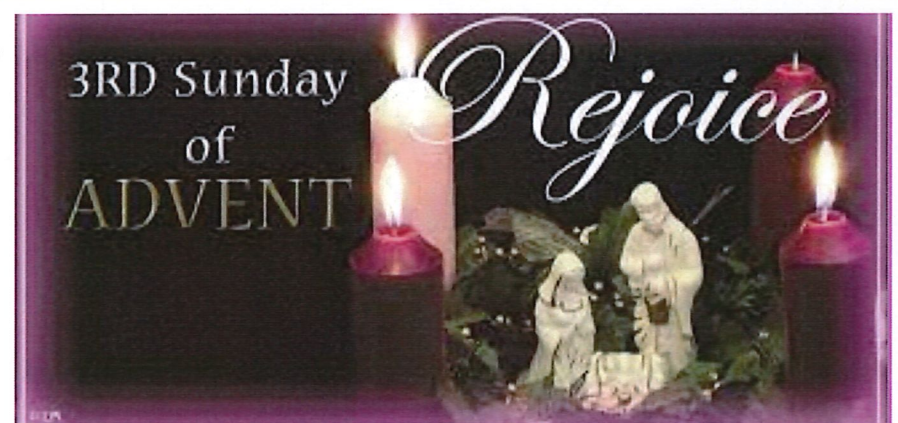


Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish
St. Mary Church
613 Cherry Street, Evansville, IN 47713
Office: 812-425-1577 fax: 812-426-1416
Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm

Weekend Masses
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm; Confession 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday Mass 10:00 am; Confession 9:15-9:45 am
Latin Mass 12:00 pm
Mass 4:00 pm; Confession 3:15-3:45 pm
Weekday Masses
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Adoration 11:00 am - Confession 11:30-11:55 am- Mass 12:05 pm

Food Pantry Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm
Wednesday 9 am-Noon

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It is called the "Shepard's Candle or Candle of Joy" and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Baptism
Parents who would like their child baptized, please contact the Parish Office about baptismal preparation and to schedule the Baptism.

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
To arrange for receiving the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, 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 12/12	Monday 12/13	Tuesday 12/14	Wednesday 12/15	Thursday 12/16	Friday 12/17	Saturday 12/18
Third Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Latin Mass 12pm Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Office open 8-4 Food Pantry 9 -12, 1-3 pm	Office open 8-4 Food Pantry 9 -12, 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meets 6pm Ministry Center	Office open 8-4 Food Pantry 9-12 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Choir 6:30-8 pm	Office open 8-4 Food Pantry 9-12, 1-3pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Parish Council 6pm in Ministry Center	Office open 8-4 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING 8AM-NOON Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat 12/11	4:00 pm	Healing for Zach Bessant
Sun 12/12	10:00 am	Jessie McConnell
	12:00 pm	Jerry Seng
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Tues. 12/14	12:05 pm	Freddie Beckman
Wed. 12/15	12:05 pm	In memory Bernard Pierre V. Drogou
Thur 12/16	12:05 pm	Yoly Vega Sun birthday
Fri. 12/17	12:05 pm	Zeny Floro Tadiar birthday
Sat. 12/18	4:00 pm	Healing for Zach Bessant
Sun. 12/19	10:00 am	Kathy Dunn Jagielski
	12:00 pm	Joan Elpers
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Tues. 12/21	12:05 pm	Val Eckerle
Wed. 12/22	12:05 pm	Marvin Hardesty
Thurs. 12/23	12:05 pm	The Warren Family

MASS INTENTIONS... Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext 207 to schedule a Mass intention or fill out a Mass Intention envelope found in church.

PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join the parish Email Prayer Chain.

Welcome! A warm welcome to new parishioners **Sarah Duncan**

If you are looking for a parish home we invite you to register in this parish. Please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207 or lgriggs@evdio.org.

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021**

First Reading Mi 5:1-4a
Second Reading Heb 10:5-10
Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Monday, 12/13 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday, 12/14 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday, 12/15 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday, 12/16 Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday, 12/17 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday, 12/18 Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Dec. 4-5

Mass Time	Collection
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 2,169.00
Sunday 10 am	\$ 2,483.00
Sunday 12 pm	\$ 930.05
Sunday 4 pm	\$ 845.00
Electronic	\$ 1,784.34
Office Mail in	\$ 2,513.00
TOTAL	\$10,724.39
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 695.00
Alms Collection	\$ 1,604.00
Christmas Year Round	—

In Loving Memory... Please keep in your prayers, parishioner, Susie Hawkins and her family in the loss of her sister, Sandy Lohman, 73, who died on November 18, 2021



Zach Bessant, Ida Laymon, Susan Kroeger, Tina Stoen, Anna, Jeff Bohling, Mike Purdy, Carolyn Stagg, Rosemary Toelle, Mike &

Patty Deibler, Betty Feller, Sheila Stambush, Kim Morgan, Gladys Lane, Lisa Paxton, Ray Bigge, David Payne, Sue Martin, Ann Priestly **For loved ones in the Military...** LT Jake Morris, 2nd LT Danielle Morris, Andrew Hicks, William Russell, Reed Shanks; 2nd Lieutenant Air Force

December Birthdays...

12/14 Donna Laymon
12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Christopher Clayton
12/18 Philip Brown, Gary Eddmenson, Ramses Guivas, Katlyn Kipta, Jill Spaetti, Ashley Vezzoso
12/19 Tandon McCray, Rebecca Smith
12/20 John Domsic, Dr. Tom Harmon, Karen Martyn, DeeDee Seib
12/21 Laurie Ewers
12/24 Larry Porter
12/25 Madeleine Rumps



MAINTENANCE POSITION OPENING... Sts. Mary and John Parish in Evansville is searching for a full time Director of Maintenance. This is a full time position with benefits. Please contact Kim Kuehn 812-425-1577, ext 210 at kkuehn@evdio.org to apply or for more information.

Join us for Christmas Church Decorating Saturday, December 18 8:00 am - Noon



All are welcome to come and help us decorate the church for Christmas. Bring a friend or bring your family there is plenty to do for everyone. We will be putting up the manger, wreaths and trees, hanging lights and decorating. The more hands the merrier! We will meet in Rager Hall.

Thank you to the Church Cleaning Volunteers

Thank you to all who helped to clean the church last week. We will be cleaning the church for Christmas on Monday, December 20 at 10:00 am. All who are interested are invited to come and help. We will meet in the church at 10 am. Hope to see you there.

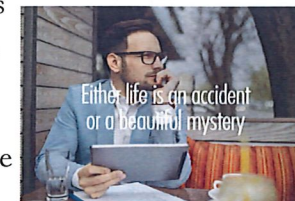
Is Christ Calling You To Become a Deacon?

God is calling on each of us to serve one another in charity and love. Some men are receiving a particular invitation from God to serve Christ and His Church in ordained ministry as Permanent Deacons. Deacons have a unique identity as neither a lay person nor a priest. Through the sacramental grace of Holy Orders, deacons are conformed into the image of Christ the Servant. If you might be interested in learning more, there is an information meeting at the Catholic Center in Evansville on Saturday, January 8 at 9AM. For more information contact Deacon Tom Evans tevens@evdio.org

Parish Holiday Schedules
Christmas Eve; Friday, December 24, Nativity of the Lord Vigil Masses 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day, Nativity of the Lord Mass 8:00 am
Latin Mass 10:30 am
NO Saturday 12/25 4:00 pm Mass
Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve Masses 12:05 pm and 4:00 pm

CONTINUE SEARCHING...

Continue 'The Search' with us this **Saturday, December 11, at 9:00 am in Rager Hall.** After this weekend we will continue 'The Search' after the first of the year on...



Saturday, January 8 at 9:00 am in Rager Hall and Saturday, January 15 at 9:00 am in Rager Hall. The questions are there. And, the answers are too. **WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US IN THE SEARCH!**

Outreach to those in need...

Thank you for your donations to our **Food Pantry, Christmas Year Round Fund & St. Vincent de Paul.** We are able to help those in need because of you and your generosity.

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use... it will be measured back to you." -Luke 6:38



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"Nothing should distress them; on the contrary, in any situation, present your wishes to God, accompanying your prayers and supplications with gratitude". (Philippians 4: 6)

Saint Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the supreme giver of gifts. He promises to give us everything we need. Remember, we were created in the image and likeness of God. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts. Placing our trust in God frees us from being slaves to our goods. It allows us to be grateful and generous to share our assets with others.

The parish offices and food pantry will be closed from Noon on Wednesday, December 23, 2021 through Friday, December 31, 2021. It will reopen Monday morning January 2, 2022.

Christmas Flower Memorials

You can find Flower donation envelopes in church... remember a loved one who has died with a flower memorial. Fill in the name of a loved one you would like remembered and your name. Drop in the collection basket or mail to parish office by Dec.13. A memorial list will be in the bulletin over Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

