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Sts. MARY & JOHN

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2023



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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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



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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.

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 12/3	Monday 12/4	Tuesday 12/5	Wednesday 12/6	Thursday 12/7	Friday 12/8	Saturday 12/9
First Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon and 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Communion Service 12:05 pm.	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 CHURCH CLEANING 9 AM -12 PM Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-Noon & 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. Holy Day Vigil Mass 5:30 pm	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Holy Day Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm Anointing after Mass



Sts. Mary and John's ST. VINCENT DE PAUL With the Thanksgiving holidays, the St. Vincent de Paul call center was closed several of the days during which we would normally receive referrals. We only had 10 households requesting help this week, down from our usual 15. Through phone calls and actual visits, we assisted 5 neighbors with CenterPoint bills, 3 neighbors with water expenses, and two with rent. Your contributions avoided utility shutoffs for several families. We expect full rosters in December, leading up to Christmas. Along with helping these folks, we are also enrolling any who qualify for a "Tons of Toys" program to provide Christmas presents for the children of these families. This is operated by radio station WIKY 104 FM and the District St. Vincent de Paul. If anyone wants to help support this, there is a Tons of Toys - Evansville website which can be found in Google for more information. Toys can be dropped off at the Lucas Oil Centers, at the Donut Bank locations, Sterling United Federal Credit Union or at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift store. The last day is December 9. Cash contributions are also welcome. As always, thanks for what you do to help this ministry.

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.
Seat tickets are \$36 each and will need to be purchased by Dec. 18 by calling the parish office. Lunch can be purchased at the event or you can bring your own.
 A letter from the Bishop is below. check out the flyer included in this bulletin for more information. Questions contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext. 207



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Diocese of Evansville, we are blessed that, as a capstone of our observance of the National Eucharistic Revival, we will be having a Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Old National Events Plaza Auditorium in Evansville. I strongly encourage you to attend this event.

The Eucharistic Congress is intended to be a uniquely powerful manifestation of the unity of our Diocesan Church, rooted in the Holy Eucharist. It is hoped that Catholics from around the Diocese - clergy, religious and lay - will gather to celebrate the Lord's great gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and to bear witness to our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Along with the celebration of the Mass and opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration, there will be presentations by well-respected speakers, including Msgr. James Shea, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Andrew and Sara Swafford and musical offerings by John Michael Talbot and PJ Anderson.

This Eucharistic Congress is intended to stoke the fires of faith and evangelization in our Diocese. It is about an encounter with the Eucharistic Lord in worship, prayer and formation, and then being sent forth to fulfill the mission He gave us to live and share our faith and to be of service to those in need. It is my hope that, inspired by the Holy Spirit, Catholics who gather for our Eucharistic Congress, will experience a transformative encounter with our Eucharistic Lord.

Let us pray that through a deepened love, understanding and celebration of the Eucharist, God may revive our hearts, our families, our parishes and our Diocese, launching us into a new chapter of missionary faith in Southwest Indiana. I look forward to seeing you on January 13th.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph M. Siegel
 Most Rev. Joseph M. Siegel, D.D., STL
 Bishop of Evansville

Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023
 First Reading IS 40:1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading 2 PT 3:8-14
 Gospel MK 1:1-8

Weekly Collection

Mass Time	November 18-19 & 25-26
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 832.00 1,539.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,008.00 1,613.00
4:00 pm	\$ 933.00 1,610.00
Electronic	\$ 3,856.84 393.54
Office Mail in	\$ 3,900.00 241.92
TOTAL	\$ 10,529.84 5,397.46

Alms - \$ 00 00 St. VdP \$ 255.00 \$150.00

Let us Pray..That we as Christian Stewards don't take our time on Earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from God.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/2 4:00 pm	Jan Howell
Sun. 12/3 10:00 am	Rosie Greeson
	4:00 pm Jean Elpers
Mon. 12/4 12:05 pm	Communion Service
Tues. 12/5 12:05 pm	In Memory of Mary Ann Zenthoefter
Thurs. 12/7 12:05 pm	In Memory of Mary Shepherd
	5:30 pm Randall Wilson
Fri. 12/8 12:05 pm	Healing and Strength for Tara, Craig and Ana Blessinger
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 Panillilo birthdays
Thurs. 12/14 12:05 pm	Healing for Tara Blessinger
Fri. 12/15 12:05 pm	Yolanda Vega Sun and Tess Olszowka Yoly

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.

Prayer Request

Remember Jim Cavera, 81, who died November 25, 2023. Prayers for Ann and their family. Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

LT Jake Morris	2nd Lt. Corey Cannon
1st LT Danielle Morris	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
William Russell	Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
Lt. Noah Huelsing	LT Noah Algee

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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Terri Berg, Kelly Grady	We Celebrate You
12/3 Eliezer Guivas, Lisa Haralson, Pauline Kothe, Paul Woerz	
12/4 Ralph Zint	
12/5 Judy Borst, Nichole Whetstine	
12/6 Betty Feller	
12/7 James Bell, Linda Rogers, Gianna Tretter	
12/9 Tommy Domsic	
12/10 Sheila Rehner	
12/14 Donna Laymon	

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!
 Trisha Johnston

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 Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email Lee at lgriggs@evdio.org.

Please browse our website at: www.stsmariandjohnparish.org
Register for a free subscription to this online resource called FORMED! IT'S FREE Lots of formation tools, programs, movies, audio, books etc... for all ages!

USI CHOIRS PRESENT FREE CONCERT AT ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL... The University of Southern Indiana Chamber Choir and Women's Choir under the direction of Daniel Craig and accompanied by Thomas Drury will perform "Music for the Feast of Christmas" at 7 p.m., Sunday, December 10 at St. Benedict Cathedral (1328 Lincoln Avenue in Evansville).
 No tickets are required. Admission is free and open to the public.
 Please contact Jeremy Korba at 812-589-3886 or via email at jkorba@evdio.org for more information.

COMING UP IN THE PARISH
Church Cleaning for Christmas will be this coming Wednesday, December 6; 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome to help.

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 close Fri. Dec.22 and will reopen on Wednesday January 3, 2024

Laudato Si'
A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home #30
 Try to limit the use of disposable wet wipes, which are sold for a variety of purposes. Many are made with plastics or synthetic fibers that can disintegrate into micro-plastics that become harmful to wildlife in aquatic environments. Some wipes also have been shown to damage sewer systems. Search the internet for instructions on making reusable wet wipes for various purposes around your home.

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent
Living Stewardship

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today living Stewardship by thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



The Diocese of Evansville
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

*A Revival for Your Heart
 Life for Your Soul*

**Old National Events Plaza
 Auditorium
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**Saturday
 January 13, 2024
 Congress Begins at 8:30 AM**

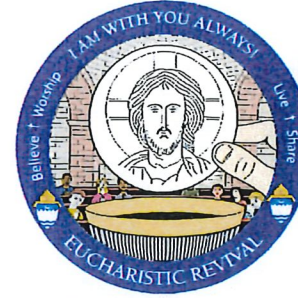
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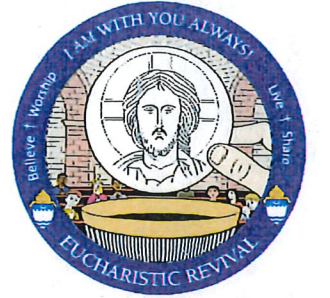
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 Rev. Tyler Tenbarge - EMCEE**

More details on back ➔

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**THE DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE
 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**
January 13, 2024
Old National Events Plaza Auditorium



DON'T MISS THIS EPIC EVENT!

This Eucharistic Congress will provide an opportunity to grow deeper in our love for and knowledge and appreciation of our Lord Jesus Christ and share in His life with us in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is not a what, but a Who: the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. This is a time of reawakening to the greatness of God and his merciful grace to us.

The Bishops of the United States have called for this revival already providing the graces for us to be renewed. It is like Jesus standing at the entrance of our personal tomb and crying for us to "Come out!". We can either rise like Lazarus and receive what Jesus is offering us or we can remain bound in our own comforts.

A Eucharistic Congress seeks to draw the local body of Christ together for worship, adoration, education, service, joy and, especially, mission. We are called to share the good news, and this Congress could be the beginning of a new age of mission in the Diocese of Evansville.

When – Saturday, January 13, 2024 – Doors open at 7:30 AM
 Congress begins at 8:30 AM – Closing Mass begins at 4:00 PM

Where – Old National Events Plaza Auditorium, Evansville, IN

Cost – \$40 per person – Reserved seating
 Tickets available through our website or Ticketmaster.

Food – Box lunch may be purchased for \$15 in advance through Ticketmaster or you may bring your own or purchase from ONEP Concessions.

For complete details go to www.eucharisticcongressevdio.org



SCAN ME

Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Siegel – Bishop of the Diocese of Evansville
 Main Celebrant and Homilist of the closing Mass.

Reverend Tyler Tenbarge – Master of Ceremonies. Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Evansville, Director of the Propaedeutic Program, and Chaplain and Director of the Father Deydier House in Evansville.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Monsignor James Shea – A National Eucharistic Preacher, commissioned to ignite the flame Eucharistic faith and devotion by guiding hearts to individual conversion.

Dr. Edward Sri – Highly acclaimed speaker, author and presenter of faith formation programs used by thousands of parishes. Co-founder of FOCUS Campus Ministries.

Dr. Andrew & Sarah Swafford – International speakers and authors helping thousands to live Eucharistic centered lives and relationships built on heroic virtue.

MUSIC MINISTRY

John Michael Talbot – #1 Catholic recording artist and best-selling author. His music has been the soundtrack to the faith journey of millions around the world.

PJ Anderson Music Group – an Indiana native, has led thousands in worship at events worldwide, most recently at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, after Pope Francis led 800,000 pilgrims in the Way of the Cross.