

***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 Social Distancing - Strongly Recommended	Masks - Required Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible	Masks - Strongly Recommended Social Distancing - Strongly Recommended
Red	Masks - Strongly Recommended	Masks - Required (1) Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2)	Masks - Required Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2) Only Essential Personnel Extra curricular evaluated on an event by event basis	Masks - Required (1) Social Distancing - Required - to the extent possible (2)

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Second Sunday of Advent-
December 5, 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
Food Pantry Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm
Wednesday 9 am-Noon

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

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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 12/5	Monday 12/6	Tuesday 12/7	Wednesday 12/8	Thursday 12/9	Friday 12/10	Saturday 12/11
Second Sunday of Advent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship Confession 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 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 12:05 pm Mass 5:30 pm	Office open 8-4 Food Pantry 9-12, 1-3pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Office open 8-4 The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat 12/4	4:00 pm	Earl Rice Jr.
Sun 12/5	10:00 am	Burek and Supinsky families
	12:00 pm	Joan Elpers
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Tues. 12/7	12:05 pm	In Memory of Jeff Martin
Wed. 12/8	12:05 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	5:30 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Thur 12/9	12:05 pm	Marcella Meredith
Fri. 12/10	12:05 pm	In Memory of Mary Wilson Shepherd
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
Thurs. 12/16	12:05 pm	Yoly Vega Sun birthday

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

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.

**3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021**

First Reading Zep 3:14-18a
Second Reading Phil 4:4-7
Gospel Lk 3:10-18

Monday, 12/6 Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, 12/7Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday, 12/8Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, 12/9 Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday, 12/10 Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, 12/11 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS Nov. 27-28

Mass Time	Collection
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 866.00
Sunday 10 am	\$ 2,438.00
Sunday 12 pm	\$ 916.28
Sunday 4 pm	\$ 1,703.00
Electronic	\$ 412.34
Office Mail in	\$ 500.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,835.62
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Alms Collection	\$ 100.00
Christmas Year Round	\$ 1,000.

In Loving Memory... We remember, Shirley Schutte, 85, who died Saturday, November 20, 2021. Shirley is the sister of Deacon Dennis Russell. Please keep her husband Joe and their entire family in your prayers.



Zach Bessant, Susan Kroeger, Tina Stoen, Anna, Mike Purdy, Carolyn Stagg, Rosemary Toelle, Mike & Patty Deibler, Betty Feller, Sheila Stambush, Kim Morgan, Gladys Lane, Lisa Paxton, Ray Bigge, David Payne, Ida Laymon, 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...

12/4 Ralph Zint
12/5 Judy Borst, Clara Jackson, Nicole Whetstine
12/6 Betty Feller
12/7 Kim McAlister, Linda Rogers, Gianna Tretter
12/9 Tommy Domsic
12/10 Sheila Rehner
12/14 Donna Laymon
12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Christopher Clayton



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU

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.

Qualified Charitable Distributions to the Parish

If you are over 70 1/2, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). You can transfer up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity. This would be a great way to grow the parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions. Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.

Church Cleaning Volunteers

Our volunteer Church Cleaners will resume cleaning the church this Monday, December 6 at 10:00 am. All who are interested are invited to come and help. We will meet in the church at 10 am. Use the Rager/Church entrance off the parking lot. Hope to see you there.

Project Rachel is a healing ministry of the Catholic Church that helps women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. This pain can often increase during the holidays but you do not have to carry this alone. It is time to heal. The call is Confidential. 812-483-7812

Parish Holiday Schedules

Wednesday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses 12:05 & 5:30 pm
Join us Saturday, Dec.18, Christmas Church Decorating 8 am-Noon - All are Welcome
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 4:00 pm Mass
Friday, December 31, New Year's Eve Masses 12:05 pm and 4:00 pm

START SEARCHING IN ADVENT...

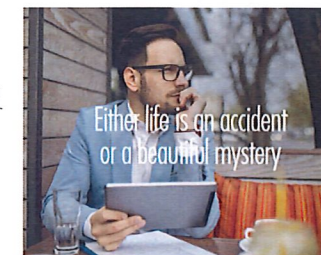
We are excited to begin this upcoming Advent Season with a series called "The Search". We will gather on **Saturday, December 4, beginning at 9:00 am in Rager Hall.** It is an incredible series that puts life-changing questions in front of us:

*What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death"?

*Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath?

*What do you want from your life during the in between?

The questions are there. And, the answers are too. **WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US IN THE SEARCH!** MORE INFO ON OTHER GATHERING TIMES TBA...Check out the bulletin and website for details.



STEWARDSHIP

2nd Sunday of Advent

"This is what I ask in prayer: may your love abound more and more in knowledge and good judgment, so that you may discern what is better ..." (PHILIPPIANS 1: 9-10)

During the holiday shopping season it's easy to get caught up in the gift-buying frenzy. However, is that "gift" a true expression of your love for the other person? Or, are you simply fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To increase friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn that you are of value to them. Maybe this year, buy fewer "things" and spend more time with those you love.

Christmas Flower Memorials

Once again, 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. Flower donation envelopes to remember those who have died, are available in church pews. 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.



Advent Outreach Opportunities

Suggestion checklist for the days of Advent

- _____ November 28th box of cereal
- _____ November 29th peanut butter creamy
- _____ November 30th bar soap or body wash
- _____ December 1st bagged soups
- _____ December 2nd cookies, granola bars
- _____ December 3rd toothbrushes or toothpaste
- _____ December 4th boxed potatoes
- _____ December 5th macaroni and cheese
- _____ December 6th canned fruit
- _____ December 7th personal care items (shampoo, deodorant etc)
- _____ December 8th canned tuna or chicken
- _____ December 9th jelly or jam
- _____ December 10th canned applesauce
- _____ December 11th pancake mix and syrup
- _____ December 12th tuna helper
- _____ December 13th dish detergent
- _____ December 14th dry beans
- _____ December 15th package of rice
- _____ December 16th oatmeal
- _____ December 17th package of pasta
- _____ December 18th large spaghetti sauce (24 oz +)
- _____ December 19th canned soup
- _____ December 20th you pick
- _____ December 21st canned vegetables
- _____ December 22nd canned pork and beans
- _____ December 23rd dry milk
- _____ December 24th laundry detergent

*These are suggested items all non-perishable items are welcome

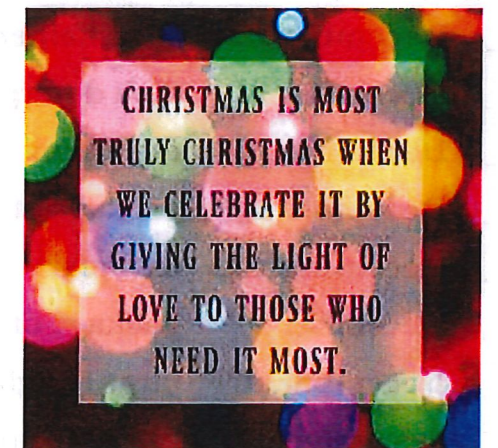
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I'm sure for all of us this has been an eventful year. I pray that Covid continues to be on the decline and that we can begin to settle into the changes in our own lives which is the "new normal". One thing that never changes is our preparation for the birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ. This gives us a wonderful way to lift our hearts and remind us that Jesus is the **ULTIMATE** in our lives. The advent wreath will be placed in church and a candle will be lit every week until Christmas. To me even the name Christmas reminds me of Christ's Mass which He has given to remind us of His love. During Advent our Outreach Ministry will be collecting food items for our **Food Pantry** and donations for both "**Christmas Year-Round**" and **St. Vincent De Paul**.

Here is a reminder of what our Outreach provides:

- The **Food Pantry** operates Monday thru Thursday to serve clients.
- We are now able to serve all who come for food.
- We give enough for at least 3 days and clients may now visit every 30 days (instead of 60).
- **Christmas Year-Round** was established to assist with requests that our other ministries do not cover (emergency shelter, relocation help, medicines, insurance co-pay, school uniforms, work and doctor appointment transportation, etc.).
- **St. Vincent De Paul** ministry has a group of committed volunteers who assist with rent, utilities and clothing and household items. With your prayers and donations, we can continue to serve those among us who are in need. I encourage you to look into your hearts and consider donating to these worthy causes.

1. Collect non-perishable food for our Food Pantry. A list of suggestions are included on back. Beginning December 1 until Christmas day there will be boxes in the church/Rager hallway for collections or you can drop off donations to the Parish Offices during business hours.
2. Donation envelopes for Christmas Year-Round will be available in baskets in the back of church and church hallway and can be dropped into the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.
3. St. Vincent De Paul envelopes are found in your monthly envelope packets or they are available in church and may be dropped into the stewardship basket at Mass.



Your generosity continues to be a blessing to so many in need. I wish everyone a very blessed and healthy Christmas season and that we feel a renewal of spirit during this Advent.

My prayers and sincere gratitude,

Pat Fitzsimmons, Outreach Director

'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.' -Mt. 25:40