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First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022



**Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish**  
St. Mary Church  
613 Cherry Street, Evansville, IN 47713  
Office: 812-425-1577 fax: 812-426-1416

**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

**Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 8 am- 4 pm

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

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"Hope...  
is faith holding out its  
hand in the dark."  
**ADVENT**

**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**  
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 11/27	Monday 11/28	Tuesday 11/29	Wednesday 11/30	Thursday 12/1	Friday 12/2	Saturday 12/3
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am Rite of Acceptance  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  RCIA Class 6-7 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	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm 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	<b>Alms/Anointing</b> Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**December 4, 2022**

First Reading; Is 11:1-10  
Second Reading; Rom 15:4-9  
Gospel; Mt 3:1-12

**Mass Intentions**

Sat	11/26	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun.	11/27	10:00 am	Mike and Patty Deibler
		4:00 pm	Shirley and Charles Kaufman
Mon.	11/28	12:05 pm	All of our Mothers
Tues.	11/29	12:05 pm	David Baumgart
Thurs	12/1	12:05 pm	Tom Schlechte
Fri.	12/2	12:05 pm	Special Intentions
Sat.	12/3	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parihis
Sun.	12/4	10:00 am	Mike and Patty Deibler
		4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon.	12/5	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues.	12/6	12:05 pm	Anna Filbert and Jack Diehl
Wed.	12/7	5:00 pm	Alice Lamping
Thurs.	12/8	12:05 pm	P. and D. Bredenkamp
Fri.	12/9	12:05 pm	All of Our Mothers
Sat.	12/10	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun.	12/11	10:00 am	Deceased members of Burek and Supinsky families

**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.



*Welcome to  
Sts. Mary and John Parish!!*

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area or are looking for a parish home, 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.

**STEWARDSHIP... A time of Thanksgiving**

During this season of being thankful Sts. Mary and John Parish would like you to know what a blessing you are to the parish. Your generosity, service, and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you and your families.

**Let us pray...**

That we as Christian Stewards don't take each day for granted and see the little miracles that occur in our lives every day.



Jan Howell, Emma Majewski, Ray Bigge, Sondra Bell, Sarah Seivers, Bill O'Nan, Sue Martin, Mary Eichenberger, Carolyn Stagg, Rosemary Toelle, Betty Feller, Anne

Priestly

**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

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

11/26 Monisha Woodruff  
11/27 Trace Griggs  
11/28 Lee Griggs  
11/30 Mark Pugh

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

12/1 Susan Martin  
12/2 Terri Berg, Kelly Grady  
12/3 Eliezer 'Mack' Guivas, Lisa Haralson, Pauline Kothe, Paul Woerz  
12/4 Ralph Zint  
12/5 Judy Borst, Clara Jackson, Nicole Whetstine

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU**

**OUTREACH... A WAY TO REACH OUT FOR ADVENT...** Advent is fast approaching and this is the time to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth. **Jesus asks us to love one another. He asks us to clothe the naked, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.** OUR PARISH OFFERS THREE WONDERFUL WAYS TO FOLLOW WHAT JESUS HAS ASKED OF US, THROUGH OUR OUTREACH MINISTRIES.

We have a **FOOD PANTRY** staffed by wonderful parish volunteers and a very active and faithful **ST VINCENT DEPAUL ministry**. In addition to this we also maintain a **"CHRISTMAS YEAR ROUND" fund** with which we help with needs not met by our pantry and StVdP ministries.

**TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT THIS YEAR PERHAPS YOU WILL CONSIDER...** *HOPE*  
**Donating non-perishable food items to our Food Pantry, or begin to use StVdP donation envelopes found in your tithing envelope box or in the back of church.** Another way would be to **donate to the Christmas Year Round fund.** *PEACE*  
**Envelopes will be available in the back of church during advent for this ministry.**

We are very blessed to serve in a parish so active in Outreach. I ask that during this season you consider donating to these valuable ministries. I ask you to pray for our volunteers, and if you are able, donate in the envelopes, bring food for the pantry or volunteer a bit of your time. Our prayer is for a beautiful ADVENT SEASON for you and your families. May we continue to answer God's call to serve. *LOVE*

We are always in search of volunteers to help. If you feel called to serve in our OUTREACH or have questions, please contact Pat Fitzsimmons (812 477-8006) pfitzsimmons@evdio.org. *JOY*

**Food Pantry...Thanks to you in October we were able to serve 144 households which added up to 321 people being served with food.**

**Church Cleaning for Christmas**

Volunteer Church Cleaners will clean the church **Wednesday, December 7, 9am-Noon.** All who are interested are invited to come and help.

**RESPECTFUL USA FLAG RETIREMENT BOX AVAILABLE...**

A USA Flag Retirement Box has been placed in the back of church near the American flag for use by everyone courtesy of St. Benedict Cathedral K of C 7544. The box was purchased by the Springer Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 253. The flags will be respectively disposed of by the St. Benedict Boy/Crew Scouts 318. When the retirement ceremony is held the parish will be notified. Please fold the USA flags appropriately before placing them in the box. For information on the St. Benedict Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council 7544 Email; kofc7544info@gmail.com.



**ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKS**

There are Advent Reflection books available in church Please choose one to accompany you on your Advent journey.

**Christmas Flower Memorials**

Soon the church will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias in memory of those who have shared the joys of the season with us in the past. Flower memorial envelopes to remember those who have died, are available in church beginning this weekend. Print the name(s) of your loved ones to remember and your name. Drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail to parish office by Monday, December 12. The memorial list will be posted in the bulletin over Christmas.



**First Sunday of Advent**

**Stewards Know**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. In Stewardship, you grow in gratitude each day, for all that we have been given.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASSES**

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass  
Thursday, December 8; 12:05 pm Holy Day Mass

**Mark your calendars**

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING**

**Saturday, December 17 | 8 am - Noon**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm  
Sunday, December 25, 10:00 am (No Sun. 4 pm Mass)