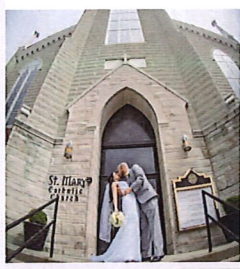


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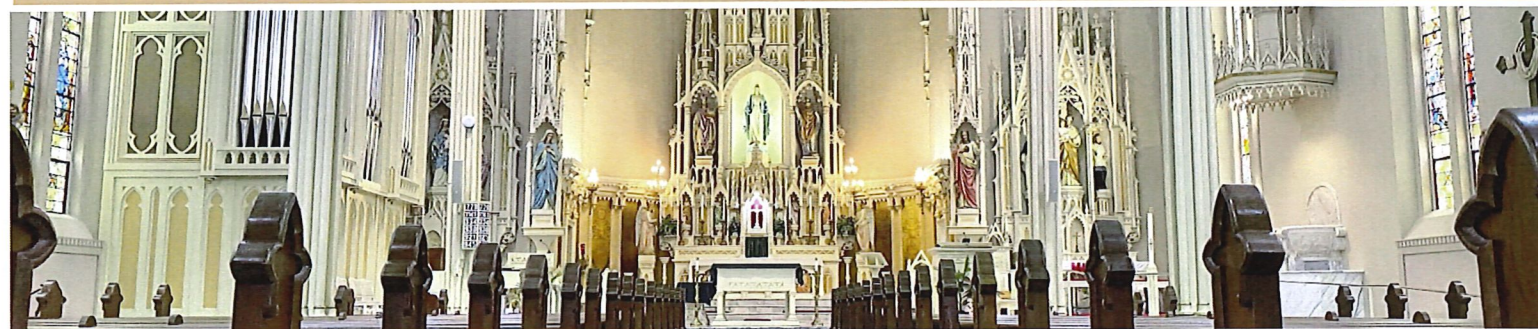


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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2022



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
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Weekday Masses
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
Adoration 11:00 am - Confession 11:30-11:55 am- Mass 12:05 pm



Connor and Keegan Day assisting Fr. Eugene Schmitt at Mass

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 9/4	Monday 9/5	Tuesday 9/6	Wednesday 9/7	Thursday 9/8	Friday 9/9	Saturday 9/10
Alms Collection Anointing Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10am Coffee and Fellowship Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	LABOR DAY PARISH OFFICE FOOD PANTRY CLOSED TODAY Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 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 6 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3pm Church Cleaning 9am- Noon Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Parish Council 6 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Latin Mass... In addition to our other parish Masses, there is a Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Sundays at Noon.

Mass Intentions

Sat	9/3	4:00 pm	Tricia Bigge Heimer
Sun.	9/4	10:00 am	Payton & Sydney Booth 1yr married
		12:00 pm	Joan Elpers
		4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Mon.	9/5	12:05 pm	Kirk Rogers
Tues.	9/6	12:05 pm	Shirley Schutte
Thurs	9/8	12:05 pm	Jack Dills .
Fri.	9/9	12:05 pm	Jamie Morris
Sat.	9/10	4:00 pm	Dan Weinzapfel
Sun.	9/11	10:00 am	Shirley Schutte
		12:00 pm	Living and deceased members Haycraft Storm, Millay and Wathen families
		4:00 pm	Jack Tyner

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.

PRAYER CHAIN... Contact Lee Griggs if you would like to join our parish Email Prayer Chain or if you have something or someone you want us to pray for.

A warm welcome to new parishioners

David and Michelle Duncan

Carl Ford

Welcome!

Rhett Lawson and son, Henry

If you are looking for a parish home we invite you to register in this parish. We would love to have you as a part of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207; lgriggs@evdio.org

Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 2022

First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Gospel Lk 15:1-32

Weekly Collection August 27-28, 2022

Mass Time	Collection
Saturday 4 pm	\$ 1,622.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,628.00
Latin 12:00 pm	\$ 1,086.28
4:00 pm	\$ 755.00
Electronic	\$ 396.92
Office Mail in	\$ 1,251.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,739.20

SVDP \$ 115.00 Alms Collection \$ —

Let us pray... That we as Christian Stewards may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.



Patty Deibler, Nancy Burek, Jan Howell, Patti and Tom Harmon, Donny Claycomb, Ray and Rosie Bigge, Sondra Bell, Sarah Seivers,

Bill O’Nan, Sue Martin, Mary Eichenberger, Mike Purdy, 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



Remember in prayer parishioner, Diane Barth and family, whose sister Ann Snyder, died July 24, 2022.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/4 Chris Brown, Ted Byrom, Gail Dunn, Aly Griggs, Lovela Martin

9/5 Jeanne Hirsch

9/6 Otha Warren

9/7 Justin Jarvis, Amy Johnson, Sophia Schmitt, Scotty Schultheis, Drew Woebkenberg

9/9 Alan Costlow

9/10 Helen MacDermott

9/11 Kelsey Bonnell

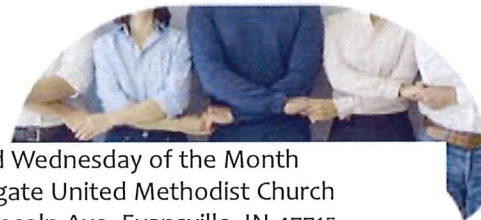
9/12 Maven Griggs, Darryl Jackson

Happy Birthday to You!!!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS... This past Tuesday evening, the parish’s St. Vincent de Paul group gathered to consider requests for help from 14 neighbor families. We were able to help 6 families with a partial payment toward their Center Point bills, one family with a water bill, and 4 families with rent payments. Three additional families were given vouchers to acquire items for their new apartments through the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Your generous contributions to St. Vincent de Paul enable our parish to help our neighbors in need. Every Tuesday evening, after praying for the needs of our neighbors, we pray in thanksgiving for our donors and supporters.

Monthly Parkinsons Disease Support Group

Together with PD



Second Wednesday of the Month
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
5130 Lincoln Ave, Evansville, IN 47715
6-8 pm... Come and enjoy conversation, community and support by fellow members of the local PD community.
www.pdevvhub.org



Catholic Charities offers Neighbor to Neighbor program...

Are you a working person who just can’t seem to get ahead? Try something new! Catholic Charities offers the Neighbor to Neighbor program, a free faith-based life-skills-education program to help families move toward self-sufficiency. The program teaches goal-setting for finance and health, and other life-skills. Upon successful completion, participants earn assistance with rent, utilities or other appropriate expenses. The next session in Evansville begins Sept. 27. Sessions will also take place in Princeton and Mt. Vernon. Call Catholic Charities at 812-423-5456 today for information or to sign up for the program!

Corpus Christi Healing Gardens Harvest Fest

Corpus Christi Parish, 5528 Hogue Rd., Evansville, third annual Corpus Christi Healing Gardens Harvest Fest. Saturday, Sept. 24, 9am-3pm CDT, Sunday, Sept. 25, 11am-3pm CDT, and Saturday, Oct. 1, 9am-3pm CDT. For more information contact Craig and Tara Blessinger at ctblessinger@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEANING Wednesday, September 7

Volunteers will be cleaning the church from 9:00 am until 12 Noon Wednesday, Sept 7. All are welcome to help.



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Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9am
Evansville State Hospital Grounds Park

www.SVdPEvansville.org/walk-for-the-poor

SEASON OF CREATION... This past Thursday, the Church began its celebration of “The Season of Creation” It began Sept. 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It concludes Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. The Season of Creation is a time of grace that the Church, in ecumenical dialogue, offers to humanity to renew its relationship with the Creator and with creation. Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects and advocacy. How will YOU celebrate this Season of Creation?

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

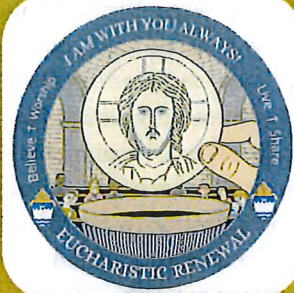
Stewardship Possessions

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, we as Stewards must renounce the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Encountering the Eucharist

Believe ✠ Worship ✠ Live ✠ Share



The two small bottles or vessels that are used to contain the water and wine used at the Consecration at Mass are called cruets. The General Instructions of the Roman Missal say, "It is praiseworthy for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful. They are then accepted at an appropriate place by the priest or the deacon and carried to the altar. Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as in the past, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still retains its force and spiritual significance." These offerings represent ourselves. The bread and wine symbolize what we have and what we are, and we acknowledge that it all comes from God and it all belongs to God.

What We Believe...

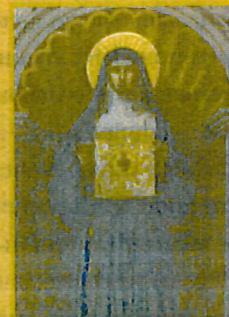
The Mass Is A Sacrifice

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "The Holy Sacrifice [of the Mass]...makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior and includes the Church's offering. The terms *holy sacrifice of the Mass*, *'sacrifice of praise,'* *spiritual sacrifice*, *pure and holy sacrifice* are also used" (#1330). These phrases and terms are probably familiar as we've heard them before especially during the liturgy. But what does it mean to call the Mass a "sacrifice?" In common usage, the word "sacrifice" has the meaning of foregoing or giving-up something that we like or want for the sake of some benefit for ourselves or someone else. For example, during Lent we willingly forego food as a self-sacrifice and penitential act to remind ourselves of the poor and our obligation to share what we have with them. Another way we understand "sacrifice" is through giving something away to help someone else. For instance a family member needs a kidney and we undergo surgery to remove one of our kidneys giving it to them so that the family member can live. It is perhaps in these ways that we understand the Mass is a sacrifice. We think we "give-up" our time and maybe some other activities that might be more exciting or appealing and we *sacrifice* them to God by our attendance at Mass. This is partially true of course, but that is not precisely what we mean when the Mass is described as a sacrifice. Literally, the word "sacrifice" comes from two Latin words: *sacrum facere* meaning "to make holy." If we allow ourselves to meditate on this for just a second it will become apparent that in some way when talking about the "sacrifice of the Mass," it has something to do with actions directed toward our holiness, that is our sanctification. The definitive act whereby we are justified and thus made holy so as to stand before God in righteousness was the death of Jesus on the cross. Nonetheless, many of us view the crucifixion as a historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We might have a somewhat vague notion that in a way we can't quite explain, the death of Christ redounds to our benefit and takes away our sin. Yet we generally conceptualize the crucifixion as a uniquely singular event long removed from our contemporary situation. And we would be wrong! In the Mass we experience the crucifixion right here, right now in our own time in history. We are not just "remembering" a past event, but we actually partake of the event *AS IF* we were living through those events in the present. The Mass is about flooding the memory and binding the mind to the eternal. In evoking the past, meaning is restored to the present and hope assured for the future. The Mass is a sacrifice not because we are "giving-up" something to be there, but because we are sacramentally witnessing the remission of our sins, our sanctification, and the renewal of our inner person by being present at the foot of the cross and watching Our Lord offer Himself to the Father in an unbloody manner. It is the *sacrifice of Christ* that is being made present at each Mass. "The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: The victim is one and the same: the same now offers



"Today the Lord wants you to honor His life wholly given to us in the Blessed Sacrament. You must be as a burning candle with no other desire than to be consumed in His honor. Surrender yourself to the Mercy of Providence and let Him do with you according to His designs."

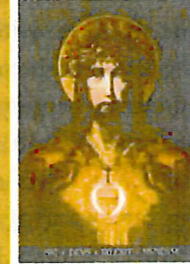
-from the writings of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



"The Mass Is A Sacrifice" continued from the front...

only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner" (CCC. #1367). Conceiving of the Mass as a re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice on the cross in this "unbloody" way might be challenging. Some people might have been taught that the Mass is principally a sacred *meal* and we are reenacting the events of the Last Supper. If the Eucharist that Jesus instituted on Holy Thursday was just a meal, then Jesus' death on Good Friday was just a Roman execution! Obviously, there is something more profound happening at Mass than some type of ritual meal. A ritual sacrifice in the bible always had three parts: the offering of the victim, the slaying of the victim, and consuming the victim either by immolation (i.e. destroying by fire) or by burial. So too, in the Liturgy of the Eucharist there are the same three parts. In the Offertory, bread and wine are brought to the altar where the priest elevates them and offers those gifts of God—the fruit of the earth and vine—and gives them back to God. The sacrifice actually happens when the words of consecration are spoken. A two-fold consecration takes place: first the bread and then the wine. When the bread is consecrated it transubstantiates into the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. When the wine is consecrated, a mystical "separation" happens. The blood is presented in distinction from and, in a sense "extracted" from the body (while retaining the whole Christ). This separation is allegorical as death occurs when a body is exsanguinated. Finally, the sacrifice is consumed by the priest through eating and drinking. Incidentally, if the priest doesn't consume the body and blood, the Mass is declared invalid.

Life in the Eucharist: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



St. Margaret Mary was born in Burgundy, France in 1647. At an early age she was drawn to devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. When she was 23, she joined the Visitation Sisters and became a nun. In 1673, she began to receive apparitions of Jesus. Those messages formed

the basis of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's the love of Jesus for us in the Eucharist. The Sacred Heart devotion is therefore linked to the Eucharist in such a way that devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Eucharist are the same. Jesus specifically asked St. Margaret Mary to make reparation for all those who mistreat Him in the Eucharist: "Behold the heart which has so loved men

that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love; in return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrilege, and by the coldness and contempt they have for me in this sacrament of love." Our attitude towards the holy Eucharist is directly related to our love for Jesus and the love He showed us on the cross. His living Sacred Heart *is present* in the host we receive!

Adoro te Devote: The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer—also called the "Canon of the Mass," sometimes called by the Greek word *Anaphora*, is the heart of the Mass. It is indeed an offering, something borne or "carried up" to the Father. The priest, acting in the very person of Christ, offers to God the Father, Himself for the sin of the world. "Jesus accomplished the only one sacrifice, the one great sacrifice, when, as priest and victim, He offered Himself on the altar of the cross. His sacrifice need not and cannot be repeated. But it can be re-presented so that we are able, sacramentally and spiritually, to enter it and draw spiritual nourishment from it."* The oldest Eucharist Prayer is the one of Hippolytus of Rome, in the *Apostolic Tradition* (c. 215). Eucharist Prayer II is an adaptation of this ancient canon.

* from *The Mass* by Donald Wuerl, p. 153



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