

PRAYER CHAIN

pray for others

request prayers

Be a link in our parish email prayer chain contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207 or lgriggs@evdio.org

Wanting to schedule a Wedding at St. Mary Church? Please contact the parish office for more information 812-425-1577

Sts. Mary & John Parish Council

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

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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

Pat Kerstiens, Sts. Mary & John Parish
2025 Brute Society Inductee

Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 4:00 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

Become Catholic - OCIA
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. Or to schedule a time to be anointed 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 12/14	Monday 12/15	Tuesday 12/16	Wednesday 12/17	Thursday 12/18	Friday 12/19	Saturday 12/20
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Confession 9:15 Mass 10:00 am Coffee and Donuts First Comm. class Confession 3:15 Mass 4 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm Creation Care will meet at the St. Anthony campus tonight	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm CHURCH CLEANING 9:00 AM-NOON Choir 6:30-8:00 pm	Adoration 8 am Confession 8:15 - 8:45 Mass 9:00 am	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING 8AM - 11:00AM Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2025

1st Reading; Isaiah 7:10-14
2nd Reading; Romans 1:1-7
Gospel; Matthew 1:18-24

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/13 4:00 pm	Sue Carol Nichols
Sun. 12/14 10:00 am	Alan Groves
	4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 12/15 12:05 pm	Ginny Bonenberger
Tues. 12/16 12:05 pm	Yoly Vega Sun Happy Birthday
Thurs 12/18 12:05 pm	Zeny Floro Tadiar Happy Birthday
Fri. 12/19 12:05 pm	Nancy Ferguson
Sat. 12/20 4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 12/21 10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm Doris Bush
Mon. 12/22 12:05 pm	Conchita Jalandoni Minaya Birthday
Tues. 12/23 12:05 pm	Nati Salinas & Ted deJesus Happy Bday
Wed. 12/24 4:00 pm	In Memory of Alan Groves
	9:00 pm In Memory of Erik and Pete Chandler
Thurs. 12/25 9:00 am	Naty Happy Heavenly Birthday
Fri. 12/26 12:05 pm	1953 Classmates Memorial St. Scholastica's College
Sat. 12/27 4:00 pm	Paul Webb



Marilyn Cox, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Basia Bazell and Renata Rafferty, Larry Porter, Paul Walker, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Frank Hilton, Dan DiLegge, Jean Ann Priestly, Pat Barnes.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

Connor Day	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
William Russell	Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
Lt. Noah Huelsing	LT Noah Algee
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon	

Hello and Welcome to our Parish!

New to the area? Been attending here for some time? We invite you to become a registered member. Contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext. 207 or email lgriggs@evdio.org. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Weekly Collections

Reminder... Any donations you would like counted for 2025 must be received in the parish office by December 31, 2025.

Let us Pray...

That through daily prayer we as Christian Stewards gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/14 Donna Laymon
12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Chris Clayton
12/16 Gregory Willming
12/18 Philip Brown, Gary Eddmenson, Jill Grady, Ramses Guivas
12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith
12.20 Karen Martyn, Jensen Ours, DeeDee Seib
12/21 Laurie Ewers
12/24 Denise Hirsch, Donna Moritz, Larry Porter
12/26 Ted Nguyen, Sue Ann Noveroske, Nancy Russell
12/27 Terra Ours
12/28 Gillian Kelley
12/29 Bo Bonnell
12/30 Mary Anne Schmitt

We celebrate you!

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. December 20; 4:00 pm Lector Marge Schellhase
EMHC- Vicki Carl, Sheryl Lemmer Server-Carol Stratman Ushers-Charlie Jochim

Sun. December 21, 10:00 am

Lector-Pat Kerstiens EMHC-DeeDee Seib, Karen Kuhlenhoelter Ushers-Joel Schafer

Sun. December 21, 4:00 pm

Lector-Kody Johnson EMHC-Kody Johnson, Inese Lewis Ushers- Samuel Kuester

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

Thanks to those who especially remember our Sts. Mary & John outreach ministries, including our St. Vincent de Paul conference, at Christmas time. Both outreach groups have almost no overhead. This week was a rent "cycle" with most of our 16 Neighbors requesting assistance in keeping a roof over their heads. As parishioners, you are likely aware that we have over 5 Evansville Housing Authority properties in our area of coverage. Most closely, we are across the street from Kennedy and Buckner Towers. But, our district extends south to the levy (Caldwell Homes) and west to Schnute Apartments on West Franklin. If the Neighbors in those facilities have any significant income, they generally pay around 30% of that for rent. Even though most occupants are on Section 8 housing, they are expected to pay some rent (minimum \$50 per month), and often we assist with that. Three Water and three CenterPoint referrals rounded our assignments for the week. We have two more active weeks' worth of referrals before the end of the year. Our Neighbors greatly appreciate all this parish does for them.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATING

Saturday, December 20; 8:00am-Noon

Christmas Eve; Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 pm and 9:00 pm Mass

Christmas Cantata 8:30 pm

Christmas Day; Thursday, December 25, 2025

9:00 am Mass

Holy Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

New Year's Day; Thursday, January 1, 2026

Holy Day Mass 9:00 am

Third Sunday of Advent

Patience Stewardship

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. Stewards are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

(permissions Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)

OUTREACH...

We are collecting food for our parish Food Pantry. There is a great need this year. We are all feeling the rise in our expenses, but we hope you can share a little this year to help those we serve. The list below are some of our needs. Our neighbors we help will be very grateful. Thank you! Questions, please email pfitzsimmons@evdio.org or call 812 457-5771.

CEREAL

OATMEAL

PEANUT BUTTER

Pancake mix

PANCAKE SYRUP

Canned fruit

Canned soups

POWDERED MILK OR SHELF STABLE MILK

INSTANT POTATOES

TUNA FISH

WHITE RICE

Canned corn

Canned green beans

Canned vegetables

Pork and Beans

Pasta Noodles

PASTA SAUCE

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NORTHERN BEANS

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soap

Holiday Hours for Food Pantry and Parish Office

*Food Pantry will be closed Mon. December 22 and
**Parish Offices will close at Noon Dec. 23. Both will open again on Monday January 5th, 2026. If you have an emergency and need to contact the parish during this time please leave a message and a staff member will return your call. Call 812-425-1577 press 3.

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Please join us to clean the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 17 from 9:00 am to 12pm
Many hands make for less work and fellowship time.
All are welcome.

RAGER HALL KITCHEN RENOVATION

In response to parishioners desiring more fellowship, a committee has been formed to update the Rager Hall kitchen to accomodate parish social events. The committee has plans drawn up which have been approved by Parish Council, Finance, and supported by Fr. Eugene. Monetary donations to this important project are much appreciated.
Diane Altstadt Committee Chair