

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

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Immediately report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18yrs old) to the Department of Child Services (DCS)
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In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese. Toll-free: 866-200-3004, local: 812-490-9565. To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, or to report their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service. Toll-free: 800-276-1562, or report online: ReportBishopAbuse.org.

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28, 2025



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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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 on sacrament schedules.

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 12/28	Monday 12/29	Tuesday 12/30	Wednesday 12/31	Thursday 1/1	Friday 1/2	Saturday 1/3
Feast of the Holy Family Confession 9:15-9:45 am Cantata 9:30 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Parish Offices and Food Pantry are Closed Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	Parish Offices and Food Pantry are Closed Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm NO SVDP Meeting	Parish Offices and Food Pantry are Closed New Year's Eve Holy Day Vigil Mass 4:00 pm	New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary; the Holy Mother of God Mass 9:00 am Parish Offices and Food Pantry are Closed	Parish Offices are Closed Adoration 11am Communion Service 12:05 pm	Alms Collection Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm Anointing after Mass

Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2026

1st Reading; Isaiah 60:1-6
 2nd Reading; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel; Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/27	4:00 pm	Paul Webb
Sun. 12/28	10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm	Eugene Latham
Mon. 12/29	12:05 pm	Julie Edmister Happy Birthday
Tues. 12/30	12:05 pm	Laura Richter
Wed. 12/31	4:00 pm	Mary Ann Eickhoff
Thurs 1/1	9:00 am	Rose Weiss
Fri. 1/2	12:05 pm	Clarence and Freida Cronin
Sat. 1/3	4:00 pm	Paul Webb
Sun. 1/4	10:00 am	In Memory of Alan Groves on his birthday
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the parish
Mon. 1/5	12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Tues. 1/6	12:05 pm	Special Intention
Thurs. 1/8	12:05 pm	James Cronin
Fri. 1/9	12:05 pm	Jerry Bachman
Sat. 1/10	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge



Basia Bazell and Renata Rafferty, Marilyn Cox, Lovella Martin, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Marti Barrett, Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Jean Ann Priestly, Jim Wall, Ben Weaver, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg, Paul Walker

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

Connor Day
 William Russell
 Lt. Noah Huelsing
 1st. Lt. Corey Cannon

Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
 Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
 LT Noah Algee

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!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Thankful Stewardship

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." COLOSSIANS 3:17
 Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a Stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness; gratitude and generosity are in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.
Let us Pray... That we as Christian Stewards use our words and our actions for the glory of God, Our Heavenly Father!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/27 Terra Ours
 12/28 Gillian Kelley
 12/29 Bo Bonnell
 12/30 Mary Anne Schmitt
 12/31 Catherine Baumgart, Dawn Dixon

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/3 Kyler Greenwell
 1/4 Brian Babcock, Carol Miskinis
 1/5 Jean Anne Priestly
 1/8 Eugene Brouillard, Lisa Paxton
 1/9 Hilary Arney, Phillip Mortis
 1/10 Vicky Carl, Michael Carter
 1/11 Barry Collignon
 1/12 Christy Baker, Mike Whetstone

We
celebrate
You!

Holiday Hours for Food Pantry and Parish Offices...

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Catholic Diocese of Evansville
The Diocesan Dashboard
November 2025

- Mass Attendance Annual Statistics Update:**
 - 35% of members attend weekly up from 34%; A 4% increase in attendance
 - Remains lower than 37% in 2019 (Pre-Covid) - 10% lower than 2019
 - CARA Survey National Average = 24%; up from 18.6%
- Catholic World Report Study ranked Diocese of Evansville 15th most fruitful Diocese in the country (175 Dioceses)...9th in Seminarians per # of Catholics**
- Completed Confirmations for 2025: Over 700 Confirmed - 6% Increase**
- Paid \$775K into 403b Plan for eligible employees across the Diocese**
 - Annual discretionary contribution: **Paid out 13 Consecutive Years**
- Vocations hosted 12 High School upperclassmen for Discernment Retreat**
- Held Brute Society Mass & Induction Ceremony: 81 Recipients & 500+ guests**
- Held Diocesan Leadership Formation Days: 80 Parish/School Leaders attended**
- Hosted 180 for Serra Vocations Banquet & ~ 200 for Elementary Spell Bowl**
- Published 1st two 3-D Communications Diocesan Dept Overview Videos**
 - Will release - two per month for the next several months
 - 3-D Link**
- Retreat House Chapel Designs & full facility renderings nearing completion**
- Fiscal YTD Results through 11/30/25 3.5% under budget on total expenses**
- 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal - 1st 60 Days: \$4.4M pledged (~67% of Goal); \$3.5M Paid - Same as Prior Year**

Per General Distribution - Snapshot of key activities of the month

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2026

UNVEILED
A PREMARITAL RETREAT
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SATURDAYS
*HOLY ROSARY
JANUARY 10, 2026

*SARTO RETREAT HOUSE
MAY 9, 2026
AUGUST 22, 2026
OCTOBER 31, 2026
08:00 AM - 08:00 PM
*ALL TIMES CST

INDIANA YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE
JANUARY 22, 2026
9:00AM - YOUTH RALLY FOR LIFE
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SAVE THE DATES
SOUPE SUPPER; Saturday, January 24, 2026 after 4:00 pm Mass in Rager Hall
MARDIGRAS POTLUCK
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in Rager Hall 6-8pm