



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

COURAGE is a Catholic organization that offers hope and support for men and women with same-sex attraction who wish to live chaste lives. For more information go to their website; couragerc.org or email Courage@evdio.org

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Sts. MARY & JOHN

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 16, 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

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you,
and when they exclude and insult you,
and denounce your name as evil
on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

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 - 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 Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving 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 2/16	Monday 2/17	Tuesday 2/18	Wednesday 2/19	Thursday 2/20	Friday 2/21	Saturday 2/22
#diaperdrive St. Meinrad Sunday Confession 9:15 Mass 10:00 am Children's Liturgy Women's Bible Study 11 am Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	#diaperdrive President's Day 12 pm Art and Environment Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 St.VdP 5:00 pm	#diaperdrive Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 St.VdP 5:00 pm	#diaperdrive Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8:00 pm	#diaperdrive Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	#diaperdrive Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	#diaperdrive Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading; Je1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Second Reading; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel; Luke 6:27-38

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/15 4:00 pm	A Special Intention
Sun. 2/16 10:00 am	Jack Dills and Family
	4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 2/17 12:05 pm	Elaina Mary Collyer
Tues. 2/18 12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Thurs 2/20 12:05 pm	In Memory of Cathy Mitchell
Fri. 2/21 12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Sat. 2/22/ 4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun. 2/23 10:00 am	Jack Dills
	4:00 pm Laura Richter and family
Mon. 2/24 12:05 pm	Roland Brinker
Tues. 2/25 12:05 pm	Communion Service
Thurs. 2/27 12:05 pm	Adela Lagman happy heavenly birthday
Fri. 2/28 12:05 pm	Norbert Nemeier

MASS INTENTION envelopes in church you can fill out and drop in the stewardship basket at Mass, or contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 or lgriggs@evdio.org.

Prayer Request
Cecilia Phillips, John Stephenson, Dan DiLegge, Charlie Jochim, Marti Barrett, Angie Smith, Jason McBride, Pat Barnes, Patricia Murphree, Stan Logel, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Anne Priestly.
OCIA -Bradley Castillo, Paxton Stone, Abraham and Tiffany Palacios, Noell Bockhorst, Der'rik Hardin, Penny Goshert, Samuel Shafer

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

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

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!

Are you attending Mass here and possibly have been for a while? Are you a registered member of a parish? We would love you to register here. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 ext. 207 or email lgriggs@evdio.org.

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	2/8-9/2025
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,163.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,409.00
4:00 pm	\$ 797.00
Electronic	\$ 1,021.07
Office Mail in	\$ 625.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,015.27

ALMS \$225.00 St Vincent de Paul \$226.00

Let us Pray... That we as Christian Stewards have the strength and courage to joyfully proclaim our faith, especially in uncomfortable situations.

End of the Year Statements for donations

If you did not receive an end of the year statement and you want to get one sent to you, please contact Kim Kuehn in the parish office 812-425-1577.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/16 Martin Ohlsen, Kathy Oxby
2/18 Paul Bragin, Larry McBride
John Stephenson
2/19 Gladys Lane
2/21 James Pankey
2/22 Charlie Jochim
2/23 Lisa Gwaltney, Paul Johnson
2/25 John Dunn, Angie Kessler, Tony Russell,
Terri Schaefer

We celebrate you!

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. 22; 4:00 pm **Sun. 23; 10:00 am**
Lector-Pat Kerstiens **Lector**-Stan Lindauer
EMHC-Sandi Render, **EMHC**-Tom and Karen Bryan
Diane Tomas **Ushers**-Joe McConnell and Joe Barisano
Server-Sandi Render
Ushers-Sheryl Lemmer and Ken Render
Sun. 23; 4:00 pm
Lector-Laurie Ewers **EMHC**-Inese Lewis, Laurie Ewers
Ushers-Bob Barber

Neighbors helping neighbors.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

The St. Mary Church was granted its St. Vincent de Paul "Accession" in 1949. So, we are now over 75 continuous years in this parish! When we merged with St. John's and assumed the Holy Trinity parish area we were given a merged conference status. This parish has been so supportive that we are helping others to a greater extent than ever. This week we had 4 CenterPoint, three furniture requests (including two Sleep-in-Heavenly Peace beds) and the rest of the fifteen "referrals" were rent help requests. The need to furnish out new rentals continues, as Evansville and the charitable agencies at work here are doing good work getting people into housing. Thanks again for all your help. These Neighbors are so brave, and so appreciative.

Evansville, a Resilient City: Tri-State Creation Care will be holding its annual conference on **Sat., March 8**, with the theme "**Building Resilience Together**". We will hear from three state and city leaders on Evansville's plans for a more environmentally friendly city and how we can come together in lieu of weather related emergencies. **Bishop Siegel** will be offering the invocation. The conference will be held at the **CK Newsome Center (100 E. Walnut)** and **begins at 9:00 am with doors opening at 8:30** for registration and exhibits. There is **no cost and all are welcome.**

We would like to welcome Fr. Sean and thank him for celebrating Mass with us this weekend!

St. Meinrad Sunday This Weekend, February 15 & 16, 2025
For many years, the Diocese of Evansville has benefited from the ministry of those formed at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. Our parish will

learn more about their important work from a monk of Saint Meinrad.

In our diocese, 46 active and retired priests, 46 permanent deacons, and 312 lay ministers attended Saint Meinrad. In addition, countless high school students were formed in faith and prepared for liturgical ministry through Saint Meinrad's "One Bread, One Cup" program. After the weekend of February 15 & 16, you will sent a letter asking for your financial support to continue their efforts. Please consider partnering in their work.

As always, please continue to pray more vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, vowed religious life, and lay ministry.

To learn more about Saint Meinrad and to submit prayer requests, visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/prayer

DID YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MONTH IS???

The **Right to Life DIAPER DRIVE** February 2 — **March 2, 2025.** We will take donations Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm at the Parish Office or drop off donations in church at any Mass. Marked boxes will be available to drop your donations. **DIAPER DRIVE IS ON... DIAPERS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED!!!!!!**

St. Mary Church has installed a new hearing assist system. We have four hearing assist devices that you can check out at a Mass in the back of church OR you can use your phone. *****requires standard 3.5mm headphone jack.***Please bring your own headphones or earbuds; Sts Mary and John will NOT furnish headphones or earbuds.**

WAVECast Hearing Assist System instructions

To use your Smartphone with headphones or earbuds:
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3) The password for the network is Hearing Assist, with initial caps and a space between the two words.
4) After you join the Hearing Assist network, open the WAVECast app. WAVECast
5) will appear as "St. Mary's FM_PLUS_C."
6) Plug in your headphones and listen to the Mass.

Welcoming the Eucharistic Jesus in the Jubilee:

The broken bread becomes nourishment for the life and presence of God that strengthens and sustains us. It is necessary to experience this important moment with greater awareness in the certainty that the Lord enters each person's life and desires to be received into a generous and attentive heart. As you approach Holy Communion, some silent prayers can be recited in your heart that will prepare you to receive the Lord with greater awareness and gratitude.

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Stewards Proclaim

"Blessed are you when people hate you... exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live Stewardship. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

FAST TUESDAY

PARISH POTLUCK March 4, 2025

**Sts. Mary and John Parish
JOIN US IN RAGER HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH
FROM 6:00-8:00 PM
FOR A POTLUCK MEAL.**

***THERE WILL BE GAMES AND ACTIVITIES.**

***BRING A SOUP, SALAD, DESSERT OR YOUR
FAVORITE MARDI GRAS FOOD.**

***ALL ARE WELCOME – BRING THE FAMILY**



We are approaching Lent; a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. Thinking of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, I wonder if this last frigid snow and ice storm gave us witness to the trials many face in their lives. Some people spent hours or even days without electricity, some were put out of their homes for frozen or burst water pipes or trees on roofs, some cars wouldn't start, people struggled getting around. Now think about our neighbors who live like this daily, no electricity or water, no transportation, homeless, hungry.

This Lent as you reflect, repent, and prepare for Easter please consider helping our Outreach to the Poor with your donations; volunteering and prayers; with action.

Pope Francis in his 2014 Lenten message said, "In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it"

Our parish **Food Pantry** which is open to serve our neighbors 4 days a week, will be collecting items during each week of Lent. There will be red containers in the church hallways to drop your donations. (below is a list of each week's suggested items)



Our parish **St Vincent DePaul** Conference is a worthy ministry that advocates for the needy. They help with rent, utilities and other necessities, reaching out weekly with support and prayer to our neighbors in need. Your prayers and monetary donations make it possible for them to continue their mission to help people in need by providing food, clothing, shelter, and healing.

Alms Collection for the Food Pantry is the first weekend of every month.

St. Vincent de Paul donation envelopes are available in church or in your packet of collection envelopes monthly.

"With gratitude I want to thank you for supporting our Outreach ministries. With your help we can do much but without it we can do nothing. May God continue to bless us all."

Pat Fitzsimmons, Outreach Director.

40-days of Lent Food Pantry collection

- 1st week March 9: Bar soap, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, detergent, dish soap
- 2nd week March 16: Spaghetti Sauce 24 oz or larger, Spaghetti Noodles
- 3rd week March 23: Peanut Butter and Jelly
- 4th week March 30: Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables
- 5th week April 6: Pancake Mix and Syrup, Oatmeal
- 6th week April 13: Soup