



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2024



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

LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024. Masses 12:05 pm & 5:30 pm.

Seven Sorrows of Mary Presentation by Deacon Tom Kempf
Sunday, February 25; 11:10 am in Rager Hall

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays at 5:30 pm;
February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Chrism Mass at St. Benedict Cathedral
Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 pm.

Holy Thursday March 28, 2024; Mass at 7:00 pm

Good Friday March 29, 2024; Service at 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil March 30, 2024; Mass 8:00 pm.

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024

Masses 7:30 am and 10:00 am. NO 4pm Mass on Easter.

Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 12:00 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.

PRAYER CHAIN



pray for others ~ request prayers
If you would like the ability via email to ask others in the parish to pray for your intentions or if you would like to be notified via email when fellow parishioners are asking for prayers, send an email to mjprayerchain@gmail.com or call Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207

Wanting to schedule a Wedding at St. Mary Church? Please contact Kim Kuehn in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext 210 or kkuehn@evdio.org



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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15	Friday 2/16	Saturday 2/17
Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. Art and Environment Meeting 12:15 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. Staff Meeting 3pm StVdP meets 5 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Ash Wednesday Mass 12:05 pm Mass 5:30 pm Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9-12 & 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. Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm in church	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

First Reading Gn 9:8-15
Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22
:Gospel Mk 1:12-15

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/10	4:00 pm	Steve and Judy Logel
Sun. 2/11	10:00 am	Burek and Supinsky families
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of our Parishioners
Mon. 2/12	12:05 pm	Special Intentions
Tues. 2/13	12:05 pm	Marci Halbig and family
Wed. 2/14	12:05 pm	In Memory of Doris Bush
	5:30 pm	Jean Elpers
Thurs. 2/15	12:05 pm	Tessie Lagman Birthday
Fri. 2/16	4:00 pm	For Tara Blessinger on her birthday
Sat. 2/17	10:00 am	Stan and Jacki Logel
Sun. 2/18	4:00 pm	Carolyn Stagg
Mon. 2/19	12:05 pm	The Needs and Intention of parishioners
Tues. 2/20	12:05 pm	Jan Howell 1953 High School Class St. Scholastic's College
Thurs. 2/22	12:05 pm	All our Mothers
Fri. 2/23	12:05 pm	Lita Dominguez 80th birthday
Sat. 2/24	4:00 pm	In Memory of Marilyn Ballard
Sun. 2/25	10:00 am	Jack Dills
		Needs and Intention of our Parishioners

For Mass Intentions or Prayer Chain Requests please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 x207; lgriggs@evdio.org

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED TO THE PARISH...

If you are or know of a parishioner who is in the hospital, please notify the parish office 812-425-1577 so that we can keep them in prayer and provide a pastoral visit and stay connected. (Hospitals do not give out information of where a person is placed in rehab to us.)

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!

Are you attending Mass here at Sts. Mary and John and possibly have been for a while and are not a registered member of any parish? We would love you to register here at this Parish and welcome you as a registered member of our parish family. Please contact Lee Griggs 812-425-1577 or email

Weekly Collection

Mass Time	February 3-4, 2024
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,783.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 4,950.00
4:00 pm	\$ 800.00
Electronic	\$ 2,383.54
Office Mail in	\$ 995.00
Total	\$ 11,911.54

Alms \$1,159.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$478.00

Let us Pray... That everything we do as Christian Stewards is for the glory of God.

Jim Wall, Hudson Diehl, Betty Feller, Kathy Weinzapfel, Nancy Burek, Lovella Martin, Stan Logel, Cap Berg, Chris Render, Tara Nellis, Ray Bigge, Tara Blessinger, Liz Saum, Nancy Hamilton, Sue Dills-Wall, Anne Priestly. and for all those sick in our parish.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
2nd Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/12 Kyle Bonnell
2/13 Briar Baumgart, John Bober
2/14 Karen Hahn, Becky Luzio
2/16 Martin Ohlsen, Kathy Oxby
2/17 Matthew Gaddis
2/18 John Stephenson
2/19 Gladys Layne
2/21 Jim Pankey
2/22 Charlie Jochim
2/23 Lisa Gwaltney, Paul Johnson

We Celebrate You!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE RESOURCES PAGE FOR LENT!! You will find prayers, formation, stories, calendars, ideas and activities for your Lenten journey. www.stsmaryandjohnparish.org (click on Resources)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

We are back into our meetings and visits. We had a total of 17 households this week, some by actual in-person visits and some by telephone. We helped one Neighbor with her water bill, and four with their Center Point bills. In one instance, the grandmother was present to help us interview her adult granddaughter who suffers from dyslexia. Very nice folks, struggling to get the young woman launched with her own place and into a nursing home job. They were very thankful. We are seeing more folks who have acquired housing but need furnishings. For those folks, we provide them with a spendable household voucher at the SVdP Thrift Store. We also connected several with the "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" folks for beds for their children between ages 3 and 17. Thanks for supporting our work. Sts. Mary and John has much of which to be proud.



St. Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology

For many years, the Diocese of Evansville has benefited from the ministry of those formed at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. This weekend our parish will learn more about their important work from a monk of Saint Meinrad.

In our diocese, 47 active and retired priests, 58 permanent deacons, and 310 lay ministers attended Saint Meinrad and countless high school students were formed in faith and prepared for liturgical ministry through "One Bread, One Cup" After this weekend, Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, will send a letter asking for your financial support to continue their efforts. Please consider partnering in their work. As always, please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, vowed religious life, and lay ministry. Scan the QR code to learn more about Saint Meinrad. To submit prayer requests, visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/prayer.



God desires for us to DO JUSTICE

Explore how you can fulfill God's call for you to DO JUSTICE, **Thursday February 29th, 1-2pm in Rager Hall.** Snacks provided. All are welcome! CAJE/Justice Ministry members are especially encouraged to attend. Questions? TerriBerg@outlook.com or 314.239.5919

Laudato Si'

A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home #38

To conserve water, wash your car less frequently and use a commercial car wash. Estimates are that an average homeowner uses more than 100 gallons of water to wash a car, while most car washes use far less and properly dispose of the dirty water. Runoff from car washing in a driveway, street or parking lot can pollute the environment.

CELEBRATE GIVING IN LENT

Acts of giving allows us to focus on the needs of others. So as we prepare for Lent, we are asking your help in collecting items to give out in our Food Pantry. **Each week of Lent** we will be asking for different items.
1st Week of Lent canned vegetables and fruits
2nd Week of Lent pasta sauce and pasta noodles
3rd Week of Lent peanut butter and jelly
4th Week of Lent cereal, oats, pancake mix and syrup
5th Week of Lent rice; bagged or boxed
(Toilet paper, soap and detergent are always needed) Look for the "Red Tubs" in church to place your donations.

Lenten reflection books for adults and children will be available in church this weekend. Please pick up one to accompany you on your journey to Easter.

You can also pick up an **Easter Flower Memorial envelope** in church beginning this weekend.

Our Lady of Sorrows (The Seven Sorrows of Mary)

"[Simeon] took the child Jesus into his arms and blessed God, saying: 'Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.' The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed'" (Luke 2:28-35)



ALL ARE INVITED TO A PRESENTATION ON 'OUR LADY OF SORROWS'

with **Deacon Tom Kempf, OP**, after 10 am Mass (11:10am) **Sunday, February 25th Rager Hall; Sts. Mary & John Parish.** As part of our Lenten journey, let us contemplate the Sorrows of our Blessed Mother as she journeyed with her Son from the Prophecy of Simeon to the Burial of Jesus.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Priorities

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your Stewardship priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "If I'm doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"



Because the world can change a lot in 40 days. Lenten Creation Care 2024



VAIPL's theme this year is "Reclaiming our future." During the six weeks of Lent, we invite you to consider the ways in which the powers that be can convince us to believe that current negative trajectories are unchangeable as a way to discourage us from faithful action. This year, amid many daunting challenges, we commit to reclaiming our shared future from those narratives, instead embracing a spirit of prophetic imagination and taking to heart these words from Jeremiah 29:11: "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Let us act in line with our belief that the future is flexible, and God works with us for ecological renewal.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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Week Theme: Mindfulness in Daily Life

February 11 12 **Meatless Monday** 13
Prayer: Loving Creator, As New Netflix series "You Are what you Eat: A Twin Experiment," suggests that eating a vegan diet leads to better heart health, and simply eating less meat and more plants has substantial health benefits. Food for thought! Amen

Week Theme: Recognizing God's Abundance

18 **Prayer:** Sustainer of all, gently bring our attention to all that which you have given us, and help us to understand that contentment and abundance are found in simplicity, not overconsumption. Amen

19 Meatless Monday 20
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Week Theme: Leading with Light

25 **Prayer:** Creator of the Sun, Moon, and Stars, every day the sun rises, reminding us of the warm light of your love for us. We pray that you illuminate our path forward, leading us into a brighter future. Amen.

26 Meatless Monday 27
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Week Theme: On the Road to a Hopeful Future

3 World Wildlife Day 4 **Meatless Monday** 5
Prayer: God, you accompany us on our walk through life. We ask that you help us grow more aware of the ways we physically move through your world, and guide our movements to be gentler on the earth.

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Week Theme: Making our Gardens and Forests Grow

10 **Prayer:** God of hope, who filled our world with trees to shade us, create fresh air, and feed us with delicious fruits and nuts, we repent from overconsumption, and ask for guidance in living as stewards, not destroyers, of your forests.

11 Meatless Monday 12 **International Day of Forests** 13
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Week Theme: Practicing and Celebrating Good Leadership

17 **Prayer:** God has given each and every one of us unique gifts to use to work with God for a more just world for all. Spend a few moments considering your own gifts, and the ways in which God is calling you to lead.

18 Meatless Monday 19
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Week Theme: Stirring the Waters of Justice

24 Palm Sunday 25 **Meatless Monday** 26
Prayer: The Word of God begins with the good news that God's ruach (breath) has gone out over the waters. Let us respect water as a source of life and means of baptism. Hold some water in your hand and reflect on your connection to God.

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31 Easter "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." - Psalm 79:1
Reclaiming Our Future? Conclude your Lenten creation care practice by making a personal pledge to advocate for an environmentally just and resilient world with your faith community, legislature, and in your neighborhood.

