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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 15, 2026**



## Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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**Turn in bulletin items Tuesdays by 4pm**

**Office Hours:** **Food Pantry Hours:**

Monday-Friday Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

8 am- 4 pm 9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

### 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



Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth; you have revealed  
to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.

## Baptism, First Communion, Become Catholic - OCIA

**Confirmation** Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules. 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 2/15	Monday 2/16	Tuesday 2/17	Wednesday 2/18	Thursday 2/19	Friday 2/20	Saturday 2/21
Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am <b>CLOW Coffee &amp; Donuts</b> Confession 3:15 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>Creation Care meeting 6pm @ St. Anthony's Gym</b>	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>MARDI GRAS POTLUCK IN RAGER 6-8PM</b>	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 <b>Ash Wednesday Masses 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm</b> Women's Bible Study 10:00 am	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Ministry Ctr. Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	
				Choir Practice 6:30-8 pm		

### First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

1st Reading; Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
2nd Reading; Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19  
Gospel; Matthew 4:1-11

### Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/14 4:00 pm Rose Weiss  
Sun. 2/15 10:00 am Bob Minton  
4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of the Parish  
Mon. 2/16 12:05 pm Mary Colton  
Tues. 2/17 12:05 pm Lita Dominique and Maria Reese birthday  
Wed. 2/18 12:05 pm Alan Groves  
5:30 pm Delores Ketcherside  
Thurs. 2/19 12:05 pm Jerry Marx  
Fri. 2/20 4:00 pm William and Virginia Fowler  
Sat. 2/21 4:00 pm Needs and Intentions of the Parish  
Sun. 2/22 10:00 am Deceased members of the Burek and Supinsky families  
4:00 pm Ginny Bonenberger  
Mon. 2/23 12:05 pm Adela Lagman heavenly birthday  
Tues. 2/24 12:05 pm In memory of Carrie Ellen (Spear) Vix

**MASS INTENTION envelopes in church. Please fill out and drop in the stewardship basket at Mass, or contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 or [ligriggs@evdio.org](mailto:ligriggs@evdio.org).**

For the family of Cecilia Phillips, Gene Warren, Carolyn Skelton, Janice Stephenson, Austin Eldridge, Helen MacDermott, Jaya Dodd, Basia Bazell and Renata Rafferty, Marilyn Cox, Lovella Martin, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Jean Ann Priestly, Jim Wall, Cap Berg, Paul Walker, Jim Lance.

**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

### In Loving Memory...

We Remember parishioner, Cecilia Phillips, 86, who died February 9, 2026. Cecilia's funeral Mass is Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 10:00 am here at St. Mary Church; visitation 9:00 am to Mass time. Please keep Cecilia's family in your prayers.

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**LET US PRAY...** That our faith grows and we as Christian Stewards generously share out of love and not out of obligation.

### ON THE JOURNEY... Pray for our OCIA

**Catechumens:** David Tuley, Zak Ours, and Maria McCrea and **Candidates:** Mark McDaniel, Kim Birkhead, Vasyl Liulka, Tanja Liulka, and Eliza Liulka.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/14 Karen Hahn, Becky Luzio  
2/16 Martin Ohlsen, Kathy Oxby  
2/18 Paul Bragin, Larry McBride, John Stephenson  
2/19 Gladys Layne  
2/21 James Pankey  
2/22 Charlie Jochim  
2/23 Lisa Gwaltney, Paul Johnson  
2/25 John Dunn, Angie Kessler, Jessica Nellis, Tony Russell, Terri Schaefer  
2/26 Autumn Arney, Mary Anne Baumgart, Matthew Willming

**We celebrate you!**

### Next Week Ministers for Mass

**Sat. February 21; 4:00 pm** Lector Bobbie Schutz  
EMHC- Sheryl Lemmer, Diana Gillespie **Server-Sheryl Lemmer** **Ushers-** Daryl Schutz  
**Sun. February 22, 10:00 am**  
Lector-Pat Kerstiens EMHC-Tom and Karen Bryan  
Ushers-Joe McConnell  
**Sun. February 22, 4:00 pm**  
Lector-Jill Ohlsen EMHC-Inese Lewis, Brad Simms  
Ushers- Ed Goebel

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



This week we addressed the requests of 16 Neighbors. Again, one-half needed help with their cold/snowy weather CenterPoint bills. From our own experiences, we have all felt the financial pressure of the recent frigid conditions. We especially pray for the veteran who is suffering from PTSD, for the mother who oversees the welfare of her mentally ill son, and wheelchair-bound husband, along with her own financial challenges. Also in our prayers are the mother and disabled child who are in a relatively new home, but whose utility bills seem unreasonably high, especially when taking into account their limited income. Lastly, in thanksgiving, for the long time Neighbor with 5 children who has been able to gain new housing adequate for their needs in subsidized housing. Visiting and prayer are an integral part of our St. Vincent de Paul mission, even if we cannot completely solve the financial aspects of their needs. The parish is a huge part of this. Please keep our Neighbors in your prayers.

**LENT** is a time for Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Check out Bishop David Ricken's "10 things to Remember During Lent." [www.usccb.org/resources/10-things-remember-during-lent](http://www.usccb.org/resources/10-things-remember-during-lent) **FASTING DURING LENT** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. Also Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59; from meat is age 14 upwards. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. [www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/lent) Also visit [stsmaryandjohnparish.org/resources](http://stsmaryandjohnparish.org/resources) **LENT REFLECTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH THIS WEEKEND**

There will be a **new Women's Bible Study and Spirituality Group** held on Saturday mornings starting **February 28th at 10am in the Ministry Ctr.** Join me in Rager Hall after 10 am Mass Sunday in Rager Hall or email me [laurie.ewers@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.ewers@gmail.com) to provide some input and to register. ~Laurie Ewers

### PARISH NEWS and DATES TO SAVE

Save the date... **MARDI GRAS POTLUCK MEAL** Tuesday, February 17, 2026 in Rager Hall 6-8pm Bring a Potluck dish! Desserts are provided. **JOIN US FOR FOOD, and Activities for kids and adults!**

### ASH WEDNESDAY February 18;

**Masses 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm**

(Tues, March 31, 2026 Chrism Mass at St. Ben's)

### Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday Mass, April 2; at 7:00 pm**

**Good Friday Service, April 3; at 7:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 4 at 8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday Masses, April 5, 2026 7:30 and 10 am**

**NO 4:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday**

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time-Righteous Stewards

**"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20**

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, not Stewardship. They used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

**February 28/March 1 – Leave a smaller Carbon footprint Lower your thermostat 2 degree**

**March 7/8 – Take a walk in nature, our spiritual connection to creation**

**March 14/15 – Visit/donate to an Eco-cause, ie. Wesselman Nature Center, Sierra Hoosier Chapter**  
**March 21/22 – Plant a tree, bush, flower (native, non-invasive)**

**March 29/29 – TBA**  
**April 4/5 - TBA**

Join us for a good time...

## MARDI GRAS POTLUCK MEAL

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

in Rager Hall 6-8pm

Bring a Potluck dish to share!

Drinks & Desserts provided.

Activities for kids and adults!

Hope you can join us!!



Sts. MARY & JOHN

P A R I S H

St. Mary Catholic Church

613 Cherry St. in downtown Evansville

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**Join us for a 3-day Lenten Mission**

*Sunday, February 22, 2026; 6-7:30 pm*

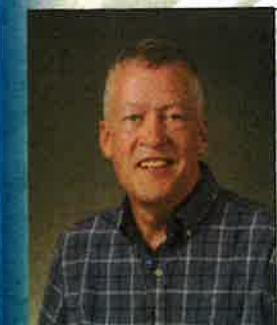
*Monday, February 23, 2026; 6-7:30 pm*

*Tuesday, February 24, 2026; 6-7:30 pm*

**Dr. James Ware** presents...

*"The Mystery of the Christian Hope Unveiled."*

Prepare for a revolutionary Lenten journey in 2026 by joining us for our Lenten Parish Mission on February 22, 23, and 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm each night. Our speaker will be Catholic biblical scholar and author Dr. James Ware. The theme will be "The Mystery of the Christian Hope Unveiled." Come to grow in your faith by learning about the mystery that, although it is unknown to many Catholics, is at the heart of the Christian faith, the Bible, and the Mass! These truths will transform your life and your walk with Christ. Bring a friend!



Dr. Ware is a scholar of the Bible and Christian theology. He earned his PhD in New Testament and ancient Christianity from Yale University. He is professor emeritus of religion at the University of Evansville and teaches courses for Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. He is the author of several books, his latest being a deep dive into 1 Corinthians 15, the great resurrection chapter of the Bible, entitled *The Final Triumph of God: Jesus, the Eyewitnesses, and the Resurrection of the Body in 1 Corinthians 15* (Eerdmans, 2025). He is a member of Annunciation Parish in Evansville.