

## PRAYER CHAIN



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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](mailto:lgriggs@evdio.org)

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



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

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.

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

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 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3  Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm <b>Creation Care meeting 6pm @ St. Anthony's Gym</b>	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3  Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm <b>MARDI GRAS POTLUCK IN RAGER 6-8PM St.VdP 5pm</b>	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3  <b>Ash Wednesday Masses 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm</b>  <b>Choir Practice 6:30-8 pm</b>	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3  <b>Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Ministry Ctr.</b> Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 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 Dominiquez 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 lgriggs@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	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
William Russell	Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
Lt. Noah Huelsing	LT Noah Algee
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon	

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 Oxyb  
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.



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.

**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-](http://www.usccb.org/resources/10-things-remember-during-lent)

[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 [stmaryandjohnparish.org/resources](http://stmaryandjohnparish.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

**Creation Care Meeting this month will be**

**Monday, February 16 at 6 pm at St. Anthony**

**Church on First Ave. in the Gym. JOIN US!**

**CREATION CARE SUGGESTIONS 4 LENT**

**February 14/15** – (and every Friday) consider plant-  
based meals (meat is high in CO 2)

**February 21/22** – attend the **Tri-State Creation Care**  
**Conference** on Feb 28, 9am-noon.

Tri-State Creation Care will be holding its annual conference on  
Saturday, Feb. 28th. Keynote speakers will be Janet McCabe,  
former director of the Environmental Protection Agency and  
Steven Rhodes, designer and builder of green homes. Both will  
be addressing what we can do in these times to better care for  
our Earth. The conference will be held at the Islamic Center,  
4200 Grimm Rd, Newburgh. Doors open at 8:30 am (CST) to  
view exhibits. Program begins at 9:00. All are welcome and the  
event is free.

**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!!



St. Mary Catholic Church

613 Cherry St. in downtown Evansville

Please Park in the lot behind the church and enter through the gates!

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.