



First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026



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

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



Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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.

A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community committed to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ through word, sacrament and service.

Sts. Mary & John Parish Council

- Christy Baker, Richard Burek, Carolyn DiLegge, Dawn Dixon, Der'rik Hardin, Chris Jackson, Kody Johnson, Pauline Kothe, John P. Radez, Margie Schellhase

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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 2/22	Monday 2/23	Tuesday 2/24	Wednesday 2/25	Thursday 2/26	Friday 2/27	Saturday 2/28
First Sunday of Lent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am CLOW Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting in Ministry Center 5pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Choir Practice 6:30-8 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Ministry Ctr. Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm in Church	Women's Bible Study and Spirituality Group 10am Ministry Ctr. Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm SOUPER SUPPER 5pm

Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026
1st Reading; Genesis 12:1-4a
2nd Reading; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Gospel; Matthew 17:1-9

Mass Intentions

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	Virgie Tomlinson Rosary Devotion and Birthdays
Tues. 2/24	12:05 pm	Ginny Bonenberger
Thurs. 2/26	12:05 pm	Adela Lagman heavenly birthday
Fri. 2/27	12:05 pm	In memory of Carrie Ellen (Spear) Vix
Sat. 2/28	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 3/1	10:00 am	Alan Groves
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 3/2	12:05 pm	Ginny Bonenberger
Tues. 3/3	12:05 pm	Naning Lagman birthday
Thurs. 3/5	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.

Prayer Request
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

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.

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	2/7-8/2026	2/14-15/2026
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,404.00	\$ 1,234.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,631.00	\$ 2,277.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,675.00	\$ 897.00
Electronic	\$ 669.91	\$ 3,126.83
Office Mail in	\$ 6,281.00	\$ 3,285.78
Total	\$ 13,660.91	\$10,820.61

ALMS \$ 2,089.000 SVdP \$ 6,469.00

LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards prune ourselves of earthly things and nurture and develop heavenly things.

ON THE JOURNEY... Pray for our OCIA Catechumens: David Tuley, Zak Ours, and Mariah McCrea and Candidates: Mark McDaniel, Kim Birkhead, Vasyl Liulka, Tanja Liulka, and Eliza Liulka.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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
2/27 Barbara Epley
2/28 Everett Dexter

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Jaylee Bogard, Alfred Carter, Janice Wilcox

We celebrate you!

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. February 8; 4:00 pm
Lector Renata Rafferty EMHC- Sandi Render, Diane Tomas Server-Sandi Render Ushers- Ken Render

Sun. March 1, 10:00 am
Lector-Kevin Allton EMHC-Stan and Lori Lindauer Ushers-Joel Schafer

Sun. March 1, 4:00 pm
Lector-Eveline Wannemuehler EMHC-Bob Barber, Jill Ohlsen Ushers- Sam Kuester

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

We lost one of our members—her funeral was this past week at Sts. Mary & John. Cecilia was a dear person and generous to the core. She will be missed. Please pray for her and her family.

We handled 15 referrals on Tuesday. Please say a special prayer for a Neighbor who is currently residing in the Albion Fellows Bacon Center, which is within our parish's geographic district for St. Vincent de Paul. She needed help paying her portion of an oral surgery bill. We had another Neighbor who is getting into affordable housing, and she needed help retiring an old utility bill which is in collections, before she can get a new account with CenterPoint. She was one of 6 who needed CP help, along with another who needed assistance with her water bill. Prayers for all our SVdP Neighbors, and for the Washington IN St. Vincent de Paul Society—Our Lady of Hope Conference—which gave us, along with All Saints, and Annunciation very generous grants out of their thrift store accounts.



PARISH NEWS and DATES TO SAVE

Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent @5:30 pm
February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20 27

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
(Tues, March 31, 2026 Chrism Mass at St. Ben's)
Holy Thursday Mass, April 2; at 7:00 pm
Good Friday, April 3, 2026
Stations of the Cross @3:00 pm
Confession at 3:00 pm
Good Friday Service 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, April 4 at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
Masses 7:30 am and 10:00 am
NO 4:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday

First Sunday of Lent Stewardship Service

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent living Stewardship and letting go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

The SOUPER SUPPER cancelled for snow is RE-SCHEDULED
It will be on Saturday, February 28 after 4:00 pm Mass in Rager Hall.
Bring your soups to share in a crock pot. You can also bring crackers, breads or cheeses.
Hope to see you there!
All are Welcome

RIGHT TO LIFE of Southwestern Indiana DIAPER DRIVE

We are approaching the final days of the DIAPER DRIVE. Thank you for your incredible support and generosity! With your continued support, we are hoping to help RTLWIN reach the goal of 50,000 diapers before the drive ends! Drive ends March 1. If you want to participate in the Diaper Drive another way, feel free to make an online donation designated for the Diaper Drive at RTLWIN.ORG

WISDOM DAY SAVE THE DATE

Our diocese invites you to Wisdom Day 2026 — a special day celebrating the faith and witness of our seasoned disciples (age 55+), though everyone is welcome!
The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Siegel and continues with fellowship, inspiring talks, and lunch. April 21, 2026
St. John the Evangelist Parish

CREATION CARE SUGGESTIONS 4 LENT

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.