

PRAYER CHAIN



pray for others ~ request prayers
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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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Sts. MARY & JOHN

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2024



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

St. Mary Church

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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.

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

LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

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

Seven Sorrows of Mary Presentation by Deacon Tom Kempf
Sunday, February 25; 11:15 am in Rager Hall

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

Chrism Mass will be held at St. Benedict Cathedral on
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 are at
7:30 am and 10:00 am. **NO 4pm Mass on Easter.**

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 2/4	Monday 2/5	Tuesday 2/6	Wednesday 2/7	Thursday 2/8	Friday 2/9	Saturday 2/10
Alms Collection Throat blessings Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Anointing after Masses Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm.	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm. Staff 3 pm StVdP meets 5 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 & 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8pm	International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking 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.	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

We have been handling referrals from the District St. Vincent de Paul at full capacity since the first of the year. This week, we had three households needing help with their water bills, and three households needing assistance with their CenterPoint charges. Of the remaining nine Neighbors, one needed a household voucher from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store for a couch, and the other eight were rent requests. Several applicants had recently become unemployed due to layoffs or illness, and we helped with rent or utilities. We had one client whom we hadn't heard from since 2019. However, her daughter who suffers from ADHD and bipolar disorder has returned to town and this has created significant challenges for the mother, financially and in many other ways. We assisted her with her Evansville Housing Authority rent, hopefully until she can get things back under control. The parish family of Sts. Mary and John Church have much to be proud of—the giving leading up to Christmas was very generous. We appreciate all that you do to support this parish ministry, and prayerfully note that the need continues to exist.

World Day for Consecrated Life was celebrated in the Church on Fri, Feb. 2, 2024, and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

God desires for us to DO JUSTICE
Please come and find out how our community is working toward being more just. With just a few hours this year, you can make an impact! More than community service or outreach, JUSTICE seeks to create positive systemic change for the benefit of ALL. 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

THIS WEEKEND in CHURCH
There will be a **Second Collection for the poor this weekend February 3 and 4 at all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.** **Anointing of the Sick** will take place after all Masses this weekend February 3 and 4. Also there will be **Blessings of Throats** during all Masses.

Laudato Si'
A weekly tip on Caring for Our Common Home #37
As much as possible, buy locally sourced and organic food. It is estimated that production and transportation of food accounts for 13 percent of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, primarily in the form of fuel and fertilizer.

CELEBRATE GIVING IN LENT

We would like to thank you for your support over the years of our Outreach Ministry. It continues to be a vital part of our parish. Lent is about fasting, prayer and conversion of heart. Acts of giving allows us to focus on the needs of others less fortunate. So as we prepare for Lent, we are asking your help in collecting items for our Food Pantry. **Each week of Lent** we will be collecting 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.

Thank you for your generosity to our Outreach Ministries. You continue to help us feed the hungry and clothe and house the needy. Please continue your support with prayer, donating food items, giving of Alms the first weekend of each month, giving with St. Vincent de Paul envelopes and volunteering. With your help we can do much but without it we can do nothing. If you feel drawn to this ministry please consider volunteering your time. We are always needing volunteers. It's a great way to meet other parishioners and help those around us who are less fortunate. With blessings and in gratitude,
Pat Fitzsimmons, Outreach Director.

Catholic Charities offers Neighbor to Neighbor Program – Your Journey to Self Sufficiency

Are you a working individual who just can't seem to get ahead? Great news – we can help! Catholic Charities offers **Neighbor to Neighbor**, a free, faith-based life skills education program that helps individuals/families move toward self-sufficiency. The program focuses on goal setting, life skill development and financial literacy. Upon successful completion, participants earn assistance with rent, utilities or other appropriate expenses. **The next session in Evansville begins February 13.** Sessions will also take place in Princeton. Call Catholic Charities at 812-423-5456 today for information or to sign up for the program!

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Prayer

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of Stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024

First Reading Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31—11:1
:Gospel Mk 1:40-45

Mass Intentions

Sat.	2/3	4:00 pm	Jan Howell
Sun.	2/4	10:00 am	Emma Majewski
		4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of our Parishioners
Mon.	2/5	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Tues.	2/6	12:05 pm	Emma Majewski
Thurs.	2/8	12:05 pm	Jan Howell
Fri.	2/9	12:05 pm	For the healing of Tara Blessinger
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	Fro Tara Blessinger on her birthday
Sat.	2/17	10:00 am	Stan and Jacki Logel
Sun.	2/18	4:00 pm	Carolyn Stagg
		12:05 pm	The Needs and Intention of 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	January 27-28, 2024
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,770.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,618.10
4:00 pm	\$ 758.00
Electronic	\$ 443.54
Office Mail in	\$ 2,666.00
Total	\$ 8,256.64

Alms \$85.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$50.00

Let us Pray... That – just as Jesus rose early to pray – we too as Christian Stewards, may find time in our day to be with God and to receive strength and nourishment from Him.

Hudson Diehl, Betty Feller, Kathy Weinzapfel, Nancy Burek, Marie Cervone, Lovella Martin, Stan Logel, Cap Berg, Chris Render, Tara Nellis, Ray Bigge, Tara Blessinger, Liz Saum, Nancy Hamilton, Sue Dills-Wall, Anne Priestly.

Pray for Ken and Sandy Render and family in the loss of Ken's brother, Wayne Render, 76, who died January 21, 2024.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...
William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/3 Michael DiLegge, Mark Priestly
- 2/5 Anne Priestly
- 2/7 Evelyn Baumgart
- 2/12 Kyle Bonnell
- 2/13 Briar Baumgart, John Bober
- 2/14 Karen Hahn, Becky Luzio
- 2/16 Martin Ohlsen, Kathy Oxy
- 2/17 Matthew Gaddis
- 2/18 John Stephenson
- 2/19 Gladys Lavne



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE RESOURCES PAGE FOR LENT!! You will find prayers, formation, stories, calendars, ideas and activities for your Lenten journey.
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Breakout Sessions

- Cultivating a Creation Care Congregation
~ Rev. Jim Antal
- Purchasing a Heat Pump: Tax Credits and Rebates
~ Bryce Brackett of Brackett Heating and Air
- Evansville's Green Future
~ Lauren Norvell, Evansville's Climate Action Director
- Gardening Through the Seasons
~ Frank Nellis



If you are interested in watching on **ZOOM** please send your email address to the email provided below.

Tri-State Creation Care is a coalition of people of faith dedicated to encouraging the care of our Earth and its resources.

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