

PRAYER CHAIN



pray for others

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

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 8, 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

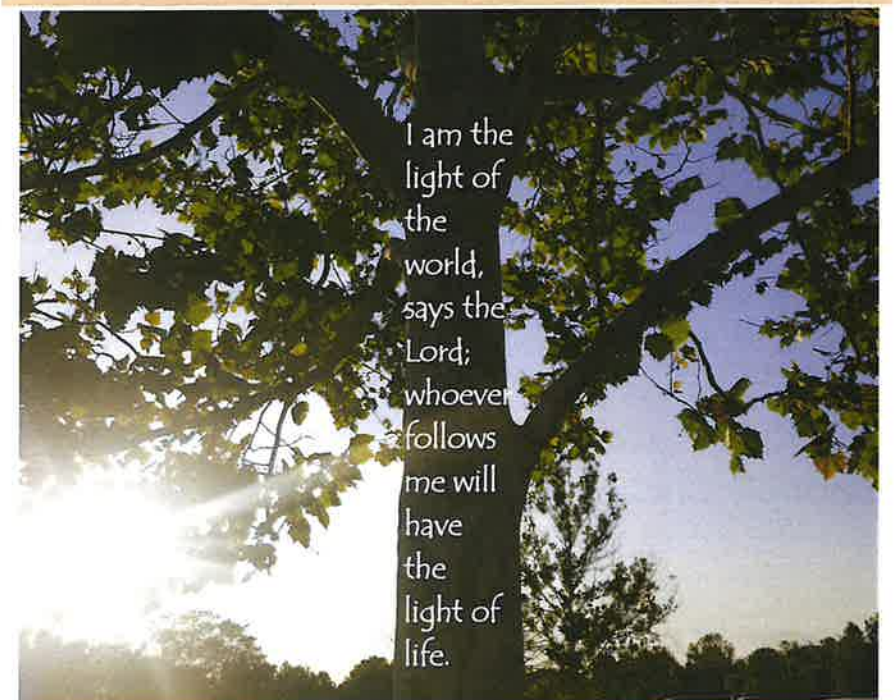
We welcome you and are here to help answer all those questions from the call that God is inviting you to follow. Contact the Parish Office.

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.



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 2/8	Monday 2/9	Tuesday 2/10	Wednesday 2/11	Thursday 2/12	Friday 2/13	Saturday 2/14
Alms Collection Anointing after Masses Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am CLOW Coffee & Donuts Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm Men's Group Meeting 5:30pm Rager Hall	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul meets 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	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 14, 2026

1st Reading; Sirach 15:15-20

2nd Reading; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel; Matthew 5:17-37

Mass Intentions

Sat. 2/7	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 2/8	10:00 am	Alan Groves
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 2/9	12:05 pm	Nati Salinas and Te de Jesus happy birthday
Tues. 2/10	12:05 pm	In Memory of Carrie Ellen (Spear) Vix
Thurs 2/12	12:05 pm	Jerry Bachman
Fri. 2/13	12:05 pm	In Memory of Aurelio Lagman
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
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 Kathy Weinzapfel, The Watzlavik family, 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, Ben Weaver, 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...

Remember in prayer Paul & Holly, Dan & Caeli Watzlavik and family in the loss of Paul's mom Lola Watzlavik, 89, who died Friday, January 30, 2026

We Remember parishioner, Kathy Weinzapfel, 86, who died January 26, 2026. Please keep her family in prayer.

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	1/31 - 2/1/2026
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,315.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,796.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,408.00
Electronic	\$ 2,315.53
Office Mail in	\$ 946.34
Total	\$ 7,780.87

ALMS \$ 75.00 SVdP \$ 288.00

LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards let our light shine before others and be a bold witness of our faith!

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

2/7 Evelyn Baumgart
 2/8 Mary Abaray
 2/12 Kyle Bonnell
 2/13 Briar Baumgart, John Bober
 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

We celebrate you!

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. February 14; 4:00 pm Lector Diane Weiss-Altstadt
 EMHC- Vicky Carl, Diane Tomas **Server-**Carol Stratman
 Ushers- Sheryl Lemmer

Sun. February 15, 10:00 am

Lector-Holly and Dan Watzlavik **EMHC-**Angela Smith, Paul Watzlavik **Ushers-**John Barisano

Sun. February 15, 4:00 pm

Lector-David and Mary Bower **EMHC-**Kody Johnson, Brad Simms **Ushers-** Bob Barber

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

We have remained busy since early January. Utility bills dominate our requests for help. We helped one Neighbor avoid a water shutoff by dipping into our reserves, and paying her whole bill. She and her three children were able to keep the water service. This week, of our 15 referrals, 8 were for CenterPoint. With the bitter cold and the high rates, the average gas and electric request was for well over \$500 owed. For CenterPoint requests, we try to budget the amount of assistance we give, against the anticipated needs of other Neighbors in the coming weeks, and our experience with income from the parish and other sources. As always, we do as much as we can to avoid shutoffs, and then counsel the Neighbor on other possible sources of support. Through it all, it is inspiring to see their expressions of faith in the Lord, and the thankfulness. So many in the parish have been very generous through the Christmas season, and it has made our job much easier. However, the need stays with us. Thanks for all you do and have done.



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Contagious Stewardship

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good Steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

DIAPER DRIVE... The Right to Life of Southwest Indiana Diaper Drive is from **February 1 - March 1.** **Donation Box can be found in the church hallway** (Diaper Sizes needed: Newborn to Size 6) (Pull-ups Sizes needed: 2T to 5T)

Via Fortis Men's Club Meeting Our next Men's Club meeting is **Monday, February 9th at 5:30 pm** in **Rager Hall**. The theme for this meeting will highlight the humility of IU Quarterback Fernando Mendoza and how we can apply it to everyday life. All men 18 and over are welcome. Please join us!!

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 or email me at laurie.ewers@gmail.com to provide some input and to register. ~Laurie Ewers

St. Mary Catholic Church
 613 Cherry St. in downtown Evansville
Walk in the back parking 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.

CHOIR...We invite interested singers to join the choir. No audition is necessary reading music is helpful, but not required. Rehearsal in Rager Hall on Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Questions please either call or email Tina Schutte 812-430-1594 - tkraibley@evdio.org.