

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

COURAGE is a Catholic organization that offers hope and support for men and women with same-sex attraction who wish to live chaste lives. For more information go to their website; couragec.org or email Courage@evdio.org

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Diocesan Policy: Report and Inform
 Immediately report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18yrs old) to the Department of Child Services (DCS) Toll-free: 800-800-5556, or to local law enforcement 9-1-1
 In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese. Toll-free: 866-200-3004, local: 812-490-9565. To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, or to report their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service. Toll-free: 800-276-1562, or report online: ReportBishopAbuse.org.



Sts. MARY & JOHN

stsmaryandjohnparish.org



Second Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2026



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

St. Mary Church

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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



OCIA
 Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

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.

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SOURCE + SUMMIT

YOUTH RETREAT

MARCH 13, 14, 15, 2026

MATER DEI HIGH SCHOOL

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life"
John 14:6



FRIENDS FAITH FUN
Our 25th Anniversary Celebration!

JOIN

Fr. Augustine Wetta, OSB - **SEEK Favorite**
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Catholic Diocese of Evansville

The Diocesan Dashboard

January 2026



- Coordinated 200+ participants & 14 Parishes/Schools attending Indiana March for Life Rally & Mass in Indianapolis
- Application process for 2026-2027 Seminarians has begun
- UE Newman Center Chapel Nearing Completion: Dedication & Blessing 3/16/26
- Completed Conceptual Renderings of New Retreat House - Moving to Capital Campaign Feasibility Study
- Hosted 3 Events at Sarto (39 booked for 2026); 26 Events at Catholic Center
- Catholic Charities served 600+ clients over 1st 6 months of the fiscal year:
 - 76% report improved functioning (counseling services)
 - 85% report improved financial wellness (Neighbor to Neighbor Program)
- Finalized The 2025 Annual Impact Report for publication in February 2026
- Accepted 15 new cases for nullity of marriage: 17% increase in case load
- Conducted 4 Reference Calls with peer Dioceses who are utilizing Church Mgmt Systems from our 2 Finalist Vendors in the PDS Replacement Search
- Began discovery meetings with Digital Strategy Firms for Diocesan Website Redesign and ongoing management strategy
- Fiscal YTD Results through 1/31/26 **2.8% under budget** on total expenses
- 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal: **\$5M** pledged (~76% of Goal); **\$4.2M** Paid
 - 8 Parishes have met goal; 13 Parishes > 90% of Goal

Prepared by: Dean Hippo, Chancellor & COO
Issue Date: 2/23/26

Grow your faith with us at



FAITH DAY 2026

Focused on Mission Holy Rosary

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026
9:00am-12:00pm in the Cafeteria
(8:30am—Check-in begins; Doors 13 & 19)
1301 S Green River Rd, Evansville

INFO: www.hrparish.org/faithday



OUR PRESENTER
We're excited to welcome as our speaker, **Fr. Alex Zenthoefer**, Vicar General with the Diocese of Evansville & Rector at St. Benedict Cathedral parish.

OUR THEME: *Focused on Mission*

The methods of evangelizing and engaging the world in faith that worked 50 years ago may no longer be effective. Fr. Alex will look at how things have shifted and the opportunities and challenges that it presents to the Church in the world today.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!
COST: A **free will offering** is appreciated.
PLEASE REGISTER BY WED., MAR. 11th at
<https://bit.ly/faithday2026>
or call the parish office: 812-477-8923

INFORMATION UPDATE:
Have you moved? Has your address changed? Are you no longer using that home phone? Got a new mobile number? Is your email still the same or has it changed? Please contact the parish office to change, add or check your information.



MARCH 9, 2026

613 Cherry St (Sts. Mary and John Parish back parking lot)
Evansville, IN 47713
8am - 3:00pm

CAPE & DEACONESS MAMMOGRAMS ON THE GO

Most plans cover mammograms. Please verify that Deaconess is an in-network provider with your insurance carrier. You may be eligible for financial assistance if you have no insurance. Please bring your ID and insurance card to your appointment.

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Sabrina Cawthorne, Director of Community Health Services
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2026 WISDOM DAY

TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026

08:00 AM - 02:30 PM
St. John the Evangelist Parish
6301 Daylight Dr | Evansville, IN 47726
Celebrating Seniors age 65+ in the South & West Deaneries

Doors open at 7:30 AM
8:00 AM with Mass celebrated by Bishop Siegel followed by coffee, donuts & fellowship

The event will feature outstanding speakers, refreshments & door prizes.
Lunch will be provided.
There is no registration fee.
A free will offering will be accepted on the day of the event.

Use one of the following methods to REGISTER BY TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026

- Email wisdomdayswi@gmail.com
- Phone/Text Doug Kries at (812) 459-2575
- Follow [LINK](#) the scan the QR Code



An event offered through the Diocese of Evansville & the Office of Marriage, Family & Life

The Chrism Mass
All are invited **Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 PM CDT, at St. Benedict Cathedral** in Evansville This is the Mass where the holy oils used throughout the year are blessed and consecrated, and the priests of the diocese make a public renewal of their priestly promises to serve Christ and the Church. Confessions prior to the Mass.

HOLY WEEK INFORMATION
Palm Sunday – We will gather before all Masses in the parking lot under the big tree to process with palms into back entrance of church. If it rains meet in Rager.

Holy Thursday – Incense will be used on Holy Thursday. We leave the Mass in silence and there will be Adoration after the Mass in Rager Hall.

Good Friday – We will enter church in silence.

Holy Saturday Vigil – We will gather out front of church by the fire to begin our Saturday Vigil. Incense will be used.

Easter Sunday – No incense will be used. Thank you for helping with the large crowds by moving in and welcoming guests into your pews.

2026



UNVEILED

A PREMARITAL RETREAT

Sponsored by Diocese of Evansville through the Office of Marriage, Family & Life

SATURDAYS

*HOLY ROSARY
JANUARY 10, 2026

*SARTO RETREAT HOUSE
MAY 9, 2026
AUGUST 22, 2026
OCTOBER 31, 2026
08:00 AM - 08:00 PM
*ALL TIMES CST



This Week in the Parish

Sunday 3/1	Monday 3/2	Tuesday 3/3	Wednesday 3/4	Thursday 3/5	Friday 3/6	Saturday 3/7
Second Sunday of Lent Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Scrutinies 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 10:00 am Ministry Ctr. Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026**

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42

Mass Intentions

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
Fri. 3/6	12:05 pm	Elaine M. Rauk
Sat. 3/7	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 3/8	10:00 am	Bob Minton
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 3/9	12:05 pm	Elaina M Collyer
Tues. 3/10	12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Thurs. 3/12	12:05 pm	Luming Reyes heavenly birthday
Fri. 3/13	12:05 pm	Repose of the soul of William G. Greif
Sat. 3/14	4:00 pm	Casper and Rose Harpeneau

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
Marti Barrett, Gene Warren, Carolyn Skelton, Janice Stephenson, Austin Eldridge, Helen MacDermott, Jaya Dodd, Basia Bazell, Marilyn Cox, Lovella Martin, Chuck and Diane Hirsch, Dan 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
Captain 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	2/21-22/2026
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,641.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,147.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,360.00
Electronic	\$ 418.53
Office Mail in	\$ 1,097.00
Ash Wednesday 2-18	\$ 2,331.00
Total	\$ 8,994.53
ALMS \$ 100.000	SVdP \$ 520.00

LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

ON THE JOURNEY... Pray for our OCIA

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/28 Everett Dexter
MARCH BIRTHDAYS
3/1 Jaylee Bogard, Alfred Carter, Janice Wilcox
3/4 Eveline Wannemuehler
3/5 Robert Durfee
3/6 Deborah Fox, Diane Tomas, Matthew Tretter
3/7 Debbie DeBaillie
3/8 Kody Johnson, Luke Mortis
3/9 Pat Fitzsimmons, Elijah Tretter
3/10 Deacon Tom Cervone, David Kuryla, Melvin McClure

We celebrate you!

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. March 7; 4:00 pm
Lector John Bober **EMHC-** Tina Hirsch, Vicky Carl
Server-Carol Stratman **Ushers-** Sheryl Lemmer
Sun. March 8, 10:00 am
Lector-Terri Schaefer **EMHC-**George Ann Griffin-Atkinson, Stan Lindaurer **Ushers-**John Barisano
Sun. March 8, 4:00 pm
Lector-Kody Johnson **EMHC-**Bob Barber, Laurie Ewers
Ushers- Bob Barber

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



One of our missions at StVdP is to bring hope to our Neighbors. Through simple conversation, empathy, the assistance we provide, and our advice on other possible sources of help, we work to make our Neighbors feel more hopeful for the future. This week, among our Neighbors needing help is a disabled former diesel mechanic. Paul (not his real name) was involved in a job-related injury when an engine fell on his lower midsection. On disability, he has been dealing with herniation repairs, and vascular insufficiency to his pelvis and hips. He came to us for the first time, genuinely embarrassed to be asking for help. We were able to assist with his CenterPoint bill, and give him guidance on other ways to get that bill fully retired. We let him know he is welcome to worship with us, and invited him to use the food pantry. Paul was most grateful. It was a real "feel good" visit for our volunteers. We ask for your prayers for "Paul" and all our other Neighbors whom we visited or called this week. Thanks for all that you do.

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

**Second Sunday of Lent
Stewards Go Forward**

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show His Stewards a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

JUBILEE HABITAT BUILD

The Diocese build days are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, We Build from 7:30 to 2:30 with a lunch break at 11 on each of those days. Volunteer activities include:

Framing Floor System and Walls
Hanging Vinyl Siding
Painting
Installing Yards (Grading, Seeding and Strawing)

To sign up go to this website volunteer.evansvillehabitat.org/need/detail
Click on the JUBILEE BUILD you will fill out a liability waiver and look at the schedule and sign up to help. Please call us if you need help signing up.

**RIGHT TO LIFE of Southwestern Indiana
DIAPER DRIVE**

This weekend is the end of our DIAPER DRIVE. Thank you for your incredible support and generosity! Diaper 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 — April 21, 2026 @St. John the Evangelist Parish 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. Speakers include Fr. Kurt Stasiak, OSB (Saint Meinrad Archabbey), Dr. James Ware, & Deacon Dean Happe. **Free —REGISTER BY TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026**
Email wisdomdayswin@gmail.com
Phone/Text Doug Knies at (812) 459 - 2575

CREATION CARE SUGGESTIONS 4 LENT

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)