

**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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- Christy Baker Richard Burek
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Sts. MARY & JOHN

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2026**



**Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish  
St. Mary Church**

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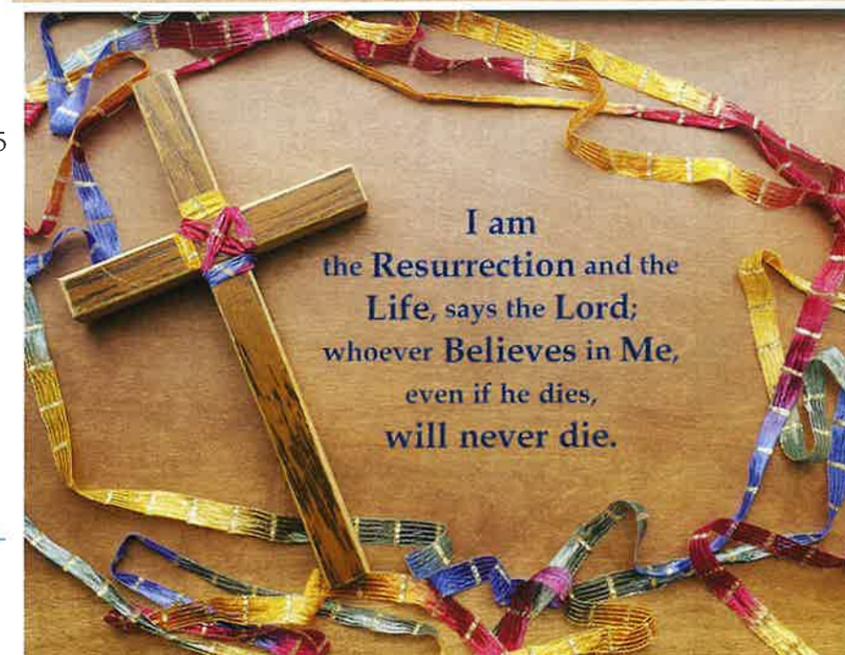
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**WEEKEND MASSES**

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



**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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**This Week in the Parish**

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

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion March 29, 2026**

Procession -Matthew 21:1-11  
 1st Reading; Isaiah 50:4-7 2nd Reading; Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 3/21	4:00 pm	Erik Chandler
Sun. 3/22	10:00 am	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Mon. 3/23	12:05 pm	William T. Collyer
Tues. 3/24	12:05 pm	Carmita Fancisco Birthday
Thurs. 3/26	12:05 pm	Ginny Bonenberger
Fri. 3/27	12:05 pm	Naida Curameng birthday
Sat. 3/28	4:00 pm	William Hager
Sun. 3/29	10:00 am	Rose Weiss
	4:00 pm	Norbert Neimeier and Needs of the parish
Mon. 3/30	12:05 pm	Special Intentions
Tues. 3/31	12:05 pm	NO MASS TODAY
Thurs. 4/2	7:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Fri. 4/3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service
Sat. 4/4	8:00 pm	William Hager

**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*  
 Joe Stagg, family of Linda Hoops, family of Gene Thweatt, Charles Asher, Marti Barrett, Gene Warren, Carolyn Skelton, Helen MacDermott, Jaya Dodd, Basia Bazell, 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	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
William Russell	Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
Lt. Noah Huelsing	LT Noah Algee
Captain Corey Cannon	Staff Sgt. Andrew Hick (deployed)

**Hello and Welcome to our Parish!**

**New parishioners**

Amy Mullican  
 Jason and Heather Estes  
 Christine Wittmer  
 Maddie Moore

**COLLECTION**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026**  
**Annual Collection Budget \$ 578,060.00**  
**Year to date collection budget \$ 411,329.00**  
**Year to date actual collection \$ 423,026.88**

**March 14-15, 2026 Collection**

**Weekly Budget \$ 11,117.00**  
**Actual Weekly Collection \$ 8,690.16**  
**ALMS \$ 850.00 SVdP \$ 110.00**

**LET US PRAY...**

That we as Christian Stewards open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives and become "partakers of the divine nature."

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS... happy happy birthday!**

3/22 Linda Cirillo, DeeDee Clayton  
 3/25 John Breidenbach, Tony Thacker  
 3/27 Ezra Smith  
 3/28 Leighton Milligan  
 3/29 Caeli Bislich  
 3/31 Christine Bessette, Gail Coates, Stephen Seng  
 4/1 Lauren Lewis, Susie Michael  
 4/5 Hanna Arney  
 4/6 Lori Lindauer, Barb Tyner  
 4/7 Leo Grady  
 4/8 Dan Watzlavik

**Next Week Ministers for Mass**

**Sat. March 28; 4:00 pm**  
**Lector** Marge Schellhase **EMHC-** Sandi Render, Diana Tomas **Server-**Carol Stratman **Ushers-** Charlie Jochim  
**Sun. March 29, 10:00 am**  
**Lector-**Stan Lindauer **EMHC-** Bob Stephens, Lori Lindauer **Ushers-**Joel Schafer  
**Sun. March 29, 4:00 pm**  
**Lector-**David and Mary Bower **EMHC-** Laurie Ewers, Jill Ohlsen **Ushers-** Sam Kuester

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...**



This week we had 17 total referrals. One was an emergency to help a Desert Storm veteran from being evicted. Formerly homeless, but now in church-related affordable housing, he suffers from heart and back issues. Upon receiving the request, we provided our help the next day—in conjunction with several other agencies—all coordinated by Catholic Charities. The result was that he was kept in his housing. And, plans are underway to stabilize his situation for the longer term. There are many good people in these other agencies who take a real interest in propping up the less fortunate. As has been our trend, CenterPoint bills account for a large share of our weekly allotment of referrals, 7 this week. It should be known, however, that the CenterPoint Foundation has provided funds for poor relief. We just finished sharing out such a grant, which we were permitted to use to help for rent or water utility assistance. Our neighbors appreciated those funds. Please pray for our Neighbors in need, and know that your support is greatly appreciated. We invite you to join us for meetings Tuesdays at 5pm in the Ministry Center.

**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 5:30 pm  
 Holy Thursday Mass, April 2; at 7:00 pm  
 Good Friday, April 3, 2026  
 Stations of the Cross @3:00 pm  
 Confession at 2:30 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**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
 Stewards Believe**

*"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40*  
 Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous Stewardship life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

**ON THE JOURNEY to becoming Catholic**

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

**CHRISM MASS  
 2026**

Tuesday, March 31

5:30 PM

Saint Benedict Cathedral

- Blessing and Consecration of Holy Oils
- Renewal of Priestly Promises
- Sacrament of Reconciliation available



**EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS**

Easter flower envelopes may be found by the entries of church. Please fill out your envelope print clearly and drop in the collection basket at Mass or return to the parish office by Friday, March 27.

**CHURCH CLEANING Volunteers needed...**

We will be doing some church cleaning before Easter on **Wednesday, April 1; from 9:00 am-11:30 am.** The more hands the more fun the quicker done

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday and Holy Week Notes**

For **Palm Sunday March 28-29** we will meet outside under the tree in the back parking lot before Mass. Palm Sunday starts outside to reenact Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We will gather for a blessing of palms followed by a procession into church.

**Holy Thursday** The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends without a blessing, leading into silent adoration. After Mass we will process out of church in silence into Rager Hall to the altar of repose for a time of adoration.

**Good Friday-** The Good Friday service begins and ends in silence; reflecting the abandonment of Jesus and the desolation of his Passion.

**CREATION CARE SUGGESTIONS 4 LENT**

**March 21/22** – Plant a tree, bush, flower (native, non-invasive)