

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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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 29, 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

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm

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Hosanna in the Highest
Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfill prophecy, with crowds shouting "Hosanna" and waving palm branches. This event occurred just days before his passion, crucifixion, and resurrection, marking the start of the week commemorating his final days.
~Matthew 21: 1-11

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 3/29	Monday 3/30	Tuesday 3/31	Wednesday 4/1	Thursday 4/2	Friday 4/3	Saturday 4/4
Palm Sunday Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am 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 No Mass Today St. Vincent de Paul in Ministry Center 5pm	Food Pantry 9-12; 1-3 Church Cleaning 9:00-11:30 am Choir Practice 6:30-8 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 only Women's Bible Study 10am MC Parish Office Closes at Noon Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm	Parish Offices closed today Confession 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Good Friday Service 7 pm	Easter Vigil Practice 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday April 5, 2026

1st Reading; Acts 10:34a, 37-43
2nd Reading; Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9

Mass Intentions

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
Sun. 4/5	7:30 am	Alan Groves
	10:00 am	Rose Weiss
Mon. 4/6	12:05 pm	Bill C. Collyer
Tues. 4/7	12:05 pm	Communion Service
Thurs. 4/9	12:05 pm	Luming Reyes heavenly birthday
Fri. 4/10	12:05 pm	Delores Ketcherside
Sat. 4/11	4:00 pm	Sam Fitzsimmons

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, 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 \$ 422,446.00
Year to date actual collection \$ 436,592.88

March 21-22, 2026 Collection

Weekly Budget \$ 11,117.00
Actual Weekly Collection \$ 14,740.28
ALMS \$ 150.00 SVdP \$ 290.00

LET US PRAY...

That we as Christian Stewards learn to put other's needs before our own and help our neighbor "carry his cross".

MARCH BIRTHDAYS... happy happy birthday!

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
4/9 Peter Schaefer
4/10 Katherine Glover, Kellie Reidford, Kent Williams
4/1 Andy Russell

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. April 4; 8:00 pm
Lector Christy Baker EMHC- Sandi Render, Sheryl Lemmer Server-Sheryl Lemmer Ushers Needed-
Sun. April 5, 7:30 am
Lector-Renata Rafferty EMHC- Angela Smith, Rich Burek
Sun. April 5, 10:00 am
Lector-Diane Weiss Altstadt EMHC- Paul Watzlavik, Holly Watzlavik Ushers- Joel Schafer

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



This week we had 17 neighbors reach out for help. The extra numbers were from the Homeless Connect Event from last week. The Homeless Connect of Southwest Indiana is an annual, one-day event in Evansville that provides immediate, on-site services to people experiencing homelessness or in need of support. Held at the Old National Events Plaza, this event brings together over 70 vendors to provide free health screenings, legal aid, housing assistance, haircuts, and other services to hundreds of residents. We had 5 Center Point requests, 6 rent requests and one request for a mattress for a homeless vet. One person requested a furniture and one person we were able to help with a birth certificate from out of state. It was a very busy night. Thank you for all you do for our neighbors in need.

We invite you to join us Tuesdays at 5pm in the Ministry Center Gathering Room for our weekly meetings. We would love to have you be a part of this awesome ministry. For more information call the parish office 812-425-1577 ext. 207

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday Mass, April 2; at 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Confession at 2:30 pm
Stations of the Cross @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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Stewardship Opportunities

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32
The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with Stewardship opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

ON THE JOURNEY to becoming Catholic

Pray for our **OCIA Elect**
Catechumens: Zak Ours
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



Pontifical Good Friday Collection Pope Leo has asked for our support. This collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday also known as Maundy Thursday. It commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with his disciples. It marks the institution of the Eucharist, the establishment of the priesthood, and the washing of the feet, symbolizing service. The Mass 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.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass begins after sunset with a Service of Light outside at the front steps of church, where a new fire is kindled and blessed. This fire represents the Resurrection of Christ and the new creation, dispelling darkness. The Paschal candle, symbolizing Jesus as the Light of the World, is lit from this fire and carried into the dark church. The fire is shared from the paschal candle and attendees share the light from their candles with those around them as they process into church. This night the elect prepare to be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive Holy Communion, fully initiating them into the Catholic Church