

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

Wanting to schedule a Wedding at St. Mary Church? Please contact the parish office for more information 812-425-1577



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Laetare Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent
 March 8, 2026



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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.

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 3/8	Monday 3/9	Tuesday 3/10	Wednesday 3/11	Thursday 3/12	Friday 3/13	Saturday 3/14
Third 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 Men's Group 5:30 pm Rager Hall	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 10am MC Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm Building and Grounds 6pm	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 Spirituality Group 10:00 am Ministry Ctr. Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026
 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
 Gospel: John 9:1-41

Mass Intentions

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	Rest of the soul Carrie Ellen(Spear)Vix
Thurs. 3/12	12:05 pm	Luming Reyes heavenly birthday
Fri. 3/13	12:05 pm	Rest of the soul of William G. Greif
Sat. 3/14	4:00 pm	Casper and Rose Harpenau
Sun. 3/15	10:00 am	Deceased members of the Burek and Supinsky families

4:00 pm Ginny Bonenberger
 Mon. 3/16 12:05 pm Miquel and Edith Madriaga
 Tues. 3/17 12:05 pm Bert de Guzman heavenly birthday
 Thurs. 3/19 12:05 pm Jo Balinghasay
 Fri. 3/20 12:05 pm In memory of Carrie Ellen (Spear) Vix
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
 Linda Hoops, Charles Asher, 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	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
 Jason and Heather Estes
 Christine Wittmer
 Maddie Moore

Weekly Collections 2/28-3/1

Mass Time	
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,329.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,672.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,182.00
Electronic	\$ 168.53
Office Mail in	\$ 12,572.00
Total	\$ 17,923.53

ALMS \$ 1,809.00 SVdP \$ 265.00
LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS... happy happy birthday!
 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
 3/11 Therese Asher, Jim Kothe
 3/12 Audra Hague
 3/13 Teresa Stanley
 3/14 Diana Gillespie
 3/16 Brenda Whetstine, Jackson Willming
 3/18 Basia Bazell, Andersyn Rivera

Next Week Ministers for Mass
Sat. March 14; 4:00 pm
Lector Bobbie Schutz **EMHC-** Sheryl Lemmer, Diana Gillespie **Server-** Sheryl Lemmer **Ushers-** Daryl Schutz
Sun. March 15, 10:00 am
Lector- Dan Watzlavik **EMHC-** Holly and Paul Watzlavik **Ushers-** Mark Priestly
Sun. March 15, 4:00 pm
Lector- Laurie Ewers **EMHC-** Kody Johnson, Amanda Krause **Ushers-** Kody Johnson

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



There are 20 conferences in the Evansville District of St. Vincent de Paul. Our conference is among the 4 busiest out of those twenty. We have almost 20 members in the Sts. Mary & John Conference, though schedules on who is available week-to-week vary. As a result, we can do both visits and calls. We had 7 CenterPoint requests this week, two Neighbors in need of furniture vouchers at the Thrift Store, one neighbor who needed help with her water bill, and the rest of our 15 were rent requests. CAPE is one organization we refer Neighbors to for utility assistance. The Community Action Program of Evansville administers federal funds available to help folks with their utility bills. Sometimes CAPE will pledge money, but may not be able to pay the pledge until their funding comes through. But, in the winter, if a Neighbor is registered with CAPE, it can avoid shutoff during the coldest months. So looking forward to warmer weather when hopefully the utility bills are lower for our Neighbors. They appreciate all that you do to help them. We invite you to join us Tuesdays at 5pm in the Ministry Center Gathering Room

The 3rd Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. The rose vestments are a symbol of joy and hope!

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 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

Third Sunday of Lent
God Centered Stewards
"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13
 Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we as His Stewards become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

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.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Remember your loved ones and give thanks for blessings through Easter flower donations, and help enhance our worship space with flowers. 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.

In Loving Memory

We remember parishioner Gene Thweatt, 92, who died Tuesday, February 17, 2026.
 A funeral Mass will be held here at St. Mary's at 10:00 am on Monday, March 9, 2026. Please keep Diane and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

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!
 Free REGISTER BY TUESDAY APRIL 7, 2026
 Email wisdomdayswin@gmail.com
 Phone/Text Doug Knies at (812) 459 - 2575

CREATION CARE SUGGESTIONS 4 LENT

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)