



**PRAYER CHAIN**

pray for others

request prayers

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First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 9, 2025



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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



The Confirmation Class took a break and enjoyed some Fat Tuesday food with us Tuesday night in Rager Hall

Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays

**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 - RCIA** 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. To schedule a time for receiving 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 3/9	Monday 3/10	Tuesday 3/11	Wednesday 3/12	Thursday 3/13	Friday 3/14	Saturday 3/15
<b>DST forward 1hr</b> 1st Sunday Lent Confession 9:15 Mass 10:00 am Rite of Sending <b>CLOW</b> Rite of Election <b>@ St. Ben's 2pm</b> Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm St.VdP 5:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm <b>Women's Bible Study 10-11 am</b> Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>Bldg and Grounds 6 pm</b>	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm <b>Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm</b>	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

**Second Sunday of Lent**

First Reading; Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18  
Second Reading; Philippians 3:17 - 4:1  
Gospel; Luke 9:28b-36

**Mass Intentions**

Sat. 3/8	4:00 pm	Roland Brinker
Sun. 3/9	10:00 am	Laura Richter and Family
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 3/10	12:05 pm	A Special Intention
Tues. 3/11	12:05 pm	Roland Brinker
Thurs 3/13	12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Fri. 3/14	12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Sat. 3/15	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Sun. 3/16	10:00 am	Jack Dills and Family
	4:00 pm	Doris Bush
Mon. 3/17	12:05 pm	Rhonda Elaine Bender
Tues. 3/18	12:05 pm	Jerry Marx
Thurs. 3/20	12:05 pm	Ray Bigge
Fri. 3/21	12:05 pm	Cathy Mitchell
Sat. 3/22	4:00 pm	Jerry Bachman

**MASS INTENTION envelopes in church you can 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**  
Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Lois Miller, Cecilia Phillips, John Stephenson, Charlie Jochim, Marti Barrett, Jason McBride, Pat Barnes, Patricia Murphree, Stan Logel, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Anne Priestly.  
**OCIA** -Bradley Castillo, Paxton Stone, Abraham Palacios. Noell Bockhorst, Der'rik Hardin, Penny Goshert, Samuel Shafer  
**Pray for our loved ones in the Military...**

William Russell  
Lt. Noah Huelsing  
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon

Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson  
Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich  
LT Noah Algee

**Hi there! Welcome...** Looking for a parish home? We would love to register you here. Call Lee in the office 812-425-1577  
**We welcome our newest parishioners**  
Michael and Kathy Dressel  
Eyan Childress

**Weekly Collections**

Mass Time	3/1-2/2025
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,945.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,290.50
4:00 pm	\$ 1,041.00
Electronic	\$ 1,1807.84
Office Mail in	\$ 2,990.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,074.34</b>

**Alms \$1,284.00 StVdP \$871.00**

**Let us Pray...** That we as Christian Stewards give God the "first fruits" of our gifts – our first and best time in prayer, charitable works in ministry participation and financial support of our parish mission and community outreach.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

3/8 Kody Johnson, Luke Mortis  
3/9 Pat Fitzsimmons, Elijah Tretter  
3/10 Dcn. Tom Cervone, Melvin McClure, Kathy Weinzapfel  
3/11 Therese Asher, Jim Kothe  
3.13 Greg Epley, Teresa Stanley  
3/14 Diana Gillespie  
3.16 Brenda Whetstine, Jackson Willming  
3/18 Barbara Bazell, Rachel Domsic, Andersyn Rivera  
3/19 Harmonnee Baltzell, Carlos Rivera  
3/20 Kylee Woebkenberg

**We celebrate you!**

**Next Week Ministers for Mass**

**Sat. March 15; 4:00 pm**    **Sun. March 16; 10:00 am**  
**Lector**-Renata Rafferty    **Lector**-Kevin Allton  
**EMHC**-Charlie Jochim,    **EMHC**-Stan and Lori  
 Sandi Render    Lindaurer  
**Server**-Sandy Render    **Ushers**-Mark Priestly, Joel  
**Ushers**-Sheryl Lemmer,    Schafer  
 Daryl Schutz  
**Sun. March 16; 4:00 pm**  
**Lector**-Christy Baker **EMHC**-Ed Goebel, Brad Simms  
**Ushers**-Bob Barber, Ed Goebel

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

Without the snow to close down the St. Vincent de Paul call center, we had a full roster of 15 Neighbors in need of assistance this past week. This included one family of three adults who had no power or gas, and two families whose water was cut off the day we were calling on them. We helped the Center Point outage family get somewhat caught up, and directed them to other agencies who may be able to help. There will be some assistance in better planning for that family, the husband of whom has a full-time job. One of the clients who lost her water is hospitalized. The other is a grandmother with numerous grandchildren she has taken in to care for. In both instances, we immediately pledged enough to catch them up, and dropped off a check at the water department the next morning so that their water service could be restored. All families were so very grateful. We had other requests, including 7 for rental assistance, and a few less critical utility requests. For the past two months, we had been augmenting our assistance with a grant from an outside organization, Sacred Heart (not the local church), and we finished up with that grant Tuesday night. Thanks for all you do to support this outreach ministry.

**God bless you** for your donations that make it possible to help those in need who reach out to us for help.

**Extra note...**

**Before close of the Food Pantry on Thursday a woman came to the door with a donation she wanted to give to St. Vincent de Paul. She said it wasn't much but our StVdP had helped her through a rough time and she wanted to repay the kindness and possibly help someone else in need.**

**Take a Virtual Tour of St. Mary Church! Visit our website [stmaryandjohnparish.org](http://stmaryandjohnparish.org) and take a virtual tour with information about the areas of church, statues, windows and much more.**

**Also visit our Resource tab on our website for Lent information and activities and much more!**

**Love Your Neighbor**

**Sunday March 30th, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm in Rager Hall**

We will have light refreshments in Rager Hall after the 10am Mass on March 30 while we listen to experts and personal stories related to the housing struggles of our neighbors. Ask questions, discuss, and reflect. All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

During Lent on Fridays there will be Stations of the Cross in church at 5:30 pm.  
March 7, 14, 21, 28 April 4 and 11  
Also on Good Friday at 3 pm

**FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN LENT**

During the 40 days of Lent we are asking for your help to fill the shelves. The list below are items we will be collecting each week of Lent. We appreciate all you are able to do.

**40-days of Lent Food Pantry Collection**

**1st week March 9:** Bar soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, detergent, dish soap  
**2nd week March 16:** Spaghetti sauce 24 oz or larger, spaghetti noodles  
**3rd week March 23:** Peanut butter and Jelly  
**4th week: March 30:** Canned fruits and vegetables  
**5th week April 6:** Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oatmeal  
**6th week April:** Soup

Our parish **Food Pantry** is open to serve our neighbors in need 4 days a week. Volunteers are needed. Please call the parish office for more information.

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERING**

We are collecting Easter flower donations in memory of or in honor of your loved ones. Please send in your name along with the names of your loved ones to be remembered in the Easter bulletin.



Easter flower envelopes may be found by the entry of church. Please return to the parish office by Monday, April 14.

**First Sunday of Lent - Stewards Blessed**

**"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - DEUTERONOMY 26:10**

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely Stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.