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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025



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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,

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the Parish Office about
sacramental preparation, to
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on sacrament schedules.

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We welcome you and are
here to help answer all those
questions from the call that
God is inviting you to follow.
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Marriage

Couples planning to marry
need to contact the parish
office at least 6 months
prior to their anticipated
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A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community
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This Week in the Parish

Sunday 5/25	Monday 5/26	Tuesday 5/27	Wednesday 5/28	Thursday 5/29	Friday 5/30	Saturday 5/31
6th Sunday Easter Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Memorial Day Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed Adoration 8 am Confession 8:30-8:50 am Mass 9:00 am	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 pm Women's Bible Study 10-11am Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm Parish Office closes at Noon	Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Seventh Sunday of Easter

1st Reading; Acts 7:55-60
2nd Reading; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
Gospel; John 17:20-26

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5/24	4:00 pm	For Ukraine
Sun. 5/25	10:00 am	Ray Bigge
	4:00 pm	Memorial Day 1953 HS St. Scholastica's College
Mon. 5/26	12:05 pm	Larry Miller
Tues. 5/27	12:05 pm	Repose of the Soul of Timothy B. Mahoney
Thurs 5/29	12:05 pm	For newly elected Pope Leo XIV
Fri. 5/30	12:05 pm	Ellen de Jesus Soriano Happy Birthday
Sat. 5/31	4:00 pm	Ray Bigge
Sun. 6/1	10:00 am	Bob Minton
	4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 6/2	12:05 pm	Larry Miller
Tues. 6/3	12:05 pm	St. Jane Michelle
Thurs. 6/5	12:05 pm	In Memory of Earl and Darlene Weber

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
Lisa Paxton, Kasey Barker, Ryan Seaton, A Special Intention, Dan and Jenny DiLegge, Cecilia Phillips, Marti Barrett, Pat Barnes, Stan Logel, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Anne Priestly.
Please pray for the family of Shirley Ann Rankin, 89, who passed away this week. May she rest in peace.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
1st. Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

Welcome to Sts. Mary and John Parish!!

A "Hello" and a warm "Welcome" to all guests. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish home or have been attending here for awhile and not registered, we invite you to register here at Sts. Mary and John

Weekly Collections

Mass Time	5/17-18/2025
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,139.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,881.00
4:00 pm	\$ 845.00
Electronic	\$ 2,851.14
Office Mail in	\$ 4,920.00
Total	\$ 11,636.14

Alms 00 StVdP \$ 5,640.00

Let us Pray... That the next time worry, anxiety, or fear enters our life, we as Christian Stewards make God our first choice and not your last resort.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/23 Connor Day
5/24 Daighman Carter, Harrison Lawson
5/25 Diane Hirsch, Jacob Purdy
5/26 Brenda Walling
5/27 Ed Goebel
5/31 Mark Michael, Jon Woebkenberg
We celebrate you!
Call the Parish Office to let us know if you do not see your name in the monthly birthdays.

Thank you... To all my church family for any manner of support given me throughout my mother's transitioning to a life she's long desired. It's been an exhausting journey, but I am blessed to have traveled it with her to the final destination~Diane Weiss-

Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. May 31; 4:00 pm Lector-Marge Schellhase
EMHC-Vicky Carl, Diane Tomas Server-Carol Stratman
Ushers-Daryl Schutz

Sun. June 1; 10:00 am

Lector-Bob Stephens EMHC-Karen Kuhlenhoelter,
Virginia Weiler Ushers-Joel Schafer

Sun. June 1; 4:00 pm

Lector-Jill Ohlsen EMHC-Jill Ohlsen, Kody Johnson
Ushers- Kody Johnson

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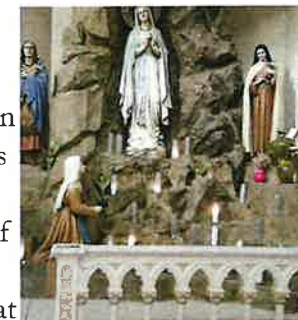
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...



Often we work with Neighbors who are behind in their utilities or rent, and we help as best we can. However, it was worse for one of our Neighbors this week. She is the mother of three children under ten years of age, and facing eviction with over \$2,000 in unpaid rent. Her plight was partially solved by the folks at the Township Trustee's office, partially by her own impending paycheck, partially by us, but she still had a significant gap to fill. We referred her to Noah W. at the District SVdP for possible intervention with the SVdP District's Crisis Fund committee. It is very common for us to join with other groups to communally approach such needs. Our hearts and prayers go out to this family. The stress of coping with a possible loss of shelter with three children is hard to imagine. With the help of others, and the help of this parish, we assisted her along towards a solution. Please keep them and our other 14 Neighbors we helped this week in your prayers. And thanks for your financial support, without which we could never do what we do.

St. Mary Grotto

Our Lady of Lourdes is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honor of the Marian apparitions that allegedly occurred in Lourdes, France. On the feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary on March 25th, the Lady at last proclaimed her identity to Bernadette, saying "I am the Immaculate Conception".



As we enter into May, a month dedicated to Mary, Fr. Eugene would like to present in greater detail the Virgin Mary appearing to St. Bernadette at Lourdes, France and the connection to our Grotto. Please join Fr. Eugene in church for this presentation on ... Sunday, May 25 after the 10:00 am Mass in church.

PARISH ONLINE DIRECTORY INFORMATION

If you have not received an email link to sign into our Parish Online Directory either we don't have your email or your correct email or you might not be registered in the parish. Please call Lee Griggs in the parish office and she can help you sign in to the online picture directory for the parish 812-425-1577.
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Book Launch for Evansville-Native Theologian's New Book... Monday, June 2 | 6:30 PM | All Saints Parish, St. Anthony Campus

On June 2, Mater Dei alumnus **Dr. Paul Schutz**—former Director of Worship at St. Mary Catholic Church and associate professor of theology at Santa Clara University—will hold a book talk and signing for his new book **A Theology of Flourishing: The Fullness of Life for All Creation**. All are Welcome!
The book launch special book price is \$20.



6th Sunday of Easter Stewards Care "...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Stewards make God their first choice and not their last resort.



Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Accompaniment Resource

Full Articles Available Here



The following are synopses of a quartet of articles written over the last year in *The Message*. As we continue to celebrate the joy of the resurrection this Easter season, we pray this resource may prove fruitful in your journey, aiding in your efforts to welcome, accompany, and love those who experience same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria, as well as those striving to live out the beautiful and freeing virtue of chastity.

Disclaimer: This resource is not meant to be a comprehensive overview of the Church's teachings on human sexuality and morals. For a more complete treatment of those topics, please visit the Catechism of the Catholic Church and documents such as *Humane Vitae* or the *Theology of the Body*.

The Limits of Labels

1. While the acronyms (LGBTQIA+) can help people feel seen, they can also be overwhelming and confusing. Though the labels aren't necessarily incorrect, the problem is that they don't say enough about the person. These labels reduce our identity to our experience of our sexual attraction, only one part of the person.
2. St. John Paul II's *Theology of the Body* teaches us that the human body reveals the person. The body isn't only sexual, it's primarily sacramental!
3. Is there an acceptable label? As Christians, St. Mother Teresa would answer: "beloved child of God". Her answer points to our deepest and fullest identity as well as what we can do, not merely what we cannot or should not do.
4. For years, those experiencing same-sex attraction, have primarily heard, "This is what not to do," but have been starving for "This is what discipleship looks like for me." All those with the various types of gender dysphoria, too, are searching for a life filled with joy, love, and meaning. All the faithful—regardless of their experience of sexual orientation and/or gender—are called to lead lives in fidelity to the Gospel, in service to one another, and in loving, authentic, and chaste relationships that respect the dignity of each person.

Universal Call to Holiness

1. Holiness is a unique attribute that sets God apart from all creation. All people, not just priests and religious, are called to a life of holiness in our imitation of Jesus Christ (cf. Mt. 5:48).
2. The Church's teachings on sexuality are not just a list of "do not's" but are a map guiding us towards authentic love as well as our heavenly home.
3. Our brothers and sisters who experience same-sex attraction often ask God, "Why did you give me this attraction if you didn't want me to act on it?" It is important to acknowledge that creation is good, and humanity was created "very good" (cf. Gen. 1:31). However, God did not say that creation was yet perfect. What we see in Genesis is called Original Harmony. But because creation is not perfect, it suffers, to varying degrees, from its imperfections. Humanity's imperfections have always been destined to be remedied through union with God.
4. God has entrusted each of us with our sexuality, regardless of the type of attraction we experience. We all struggle to live God's call to chastity, and we need to pray, "God, I see what chastity calls me to. I see my inability to do it, please transform me by your grace."

What is Accompaniment?

1. The word "accompaniment" ("bread fellows" or "messmate") is best reflected in the way Jesus met people: He shared meals with them and was willing to enter the "mess" of their lives.
2. The order of Jesus' two-fold command to "go and sin no more" is intentional and important. Jesus firstly calls us to "go" and move away from circumstances where we are most inclined to sin, and to move towards settings that promote genuine connection, love, and growth.
3. Often, those with same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria feel as though they are only loved and accepted by people who openly support the LGBTQIA+ label. The Church calls us to embrace the person, but cautions against any labels that create a sense of inevitability and replace our true identity with our struggles. "We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his son." - St. Pope John Paul II
4. Accompaniment is the virtuous friendship between the extremes of tolerance and condemnation. We must resist the notion that everything depends on us. Learning when to rely on professional help and entrusting those we accompany to our Heavenly Father's care is a sign of genuine love and humility.

Invitation, Not Condemnation

1. Every person struggles with a lie told by the devil: that we are defined by our wounds and therefore unworthy to be loved by God or others. Like Peter, we often say, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man". In identifying with our sins, we often disqualify ourselves from accepting God's love and being called to serve.
2. So much of the brokenness in our world is a consequence of human attachment to sin and prideful self-reliance. As Dr. Bob Schuchts has said, "Suffering that is not transformed will be transmitted." The transformation of our wounds is a fundamental part of Jesus' mission, reflected in his own wounds, which remain visible, though transformed by the resurrection.
3. Our Christian witness includes an invitation to freedom. Freedom from sin and freedom from the lie that we must fix ourselves instead of allowing God to heal us and make us whole. This freedom should be a source of genuine hope in the promises of Christ.
4. This Hope in Christ frees us to discard our sinful habits and attachments – to leave everything behind and follow him.



Want to learn more?

Contact the Catholic Diocese of Evansville's Office of Marriage, Family, & Life, or the Office of Catechesis

Other Recommended Resources: Courage International, Eden Invitation, Theology of the Body Institute, Ruah Woods Psychological Services

Scan for links to resources

