

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

COURAGE is a Catholic organization that offers hope and support for men and women with same-sex attraction who wish to live chaste lives. For more information go to their website; couragec.org or email Courage@evdio.org

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Immediately report suspected abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18yrs old) to the Department of Child Services (DCS) Toll-free: 800-800-5556, or to local law enforcement 9-1-1
In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victims Assistance Coordinator for the diocese. Toll-free: 866-200-3004, local: 812-490-9565. To report allegations of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, or to report their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service. Toll-free: 800-276-1562, or report online: ReportBishopAbuse.org.



Sts. MARY & JOHN

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18, 2026



Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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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, 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 10/18	Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23	Saturday 10/24
Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am CLOW Coffee and Donuts OCIA 11am Confession 3:15 Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9-12 and 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 am No Creation Care meeting tonight Respect Life	Food Pantry 9-12 and 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 am Bible Study 12:45-2:15 pm StVDP 5pm Month	Food Pantry 9-12 and 1-3 Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm Deadline for Spaghetti Dinner tickets Choir 6:30-8pm	Food Pantry 9-12 and 1-3 Women's bible study 10am MC Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 am	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30 Mass 12:05 pm	FALL CLEAN UP DAY 8-11 AM Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2026

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Mass Intentions

Sat. 10/17 4:00 pm	Rose Weiss
Sun. 10/18 10:00 am	Kathy Weinzapfel
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 10/19 12:05 pm	Bob Wilzbacher
Tues. 10/20 12:05 pm	Norbert Neimeier
Wed. 10/21 12:05 pm	Jeri HLUBOCKY (L)
Thurs. 10/22 12:05 pm	Special Intentions
Fri. 10/23 12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Sat. 10/24 4:00 pm	Sam Fitzsimmons
Sun. 10/25 10:00 am	Chuck Hirsch
4:00 pm	Needs and Intentions of the Parish
Mon. 10/26 12:05 pm	Cecilia Phillips
Tues. 10/27 12:05 pm	Laura Richter
Wed. 10/28 12:05 pm	Mary Dianne Berry
Thurs. 10/29 12:05 pm	Mary Lou Wheatley

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.



Marti Barrett, Mona Bowling, Ron McBride, Keely Griggs, Basia Bazell, Pat Kersteins, Geri Kempf, Pat Barnes, Joe Staggs, Charles Asher, Gene Warren, Carolyn Skelton, Jaya Dodd, Lovella Martin, Dan DiLegge, Jean Ann Priestly, Jim Wall, Paul Walker, Jim Lance

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

Specialist Jay Irwin	Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
Connor Day	Staff Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
William Russell	LT Noah Algee
Lt. Noah Huelsing	Staff Sgt. Andrew Hicks (deployed) AF
Captain Corey Cannon	EN2 Coleton Shirk Navy (deployed)

Hello and Welcome to our Parish!

New to the area? Been attending here for some time?
We invite you to become a registered members.
Contact Lee in the parish office 812-425-1577 ext. 207
or email lgriggs@evdio.org.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027

Annual Collection Budget \$ 626,921.00

Year to date collection budget \$ 180,855.00

Year to date actual collection \$ 147,840.58

October 10-11, 2026 Collection

Weekly Budget \$12,057.00 Weekly Collection \$ 6,613.91

Alms \$ 59.00 StVdP \$ 60.00

Let us pray... That we as Christian stewards realize we aren't "owners" of anything but merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/17 Ben Griggs
10/18 Jeff Purdy
10/19 Robert LeVee
10/20 Kim Arney, Karen Kuhlenthalter
10/21 Eyan Childress
10/22 Dorothy Uloth, Laurie Williams
10/23 Kevin Borst
10/25 James Williams



EMAIL PRAYER

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Next Week Ministers for Mass

Sat. Oct 24 4:00 pm

Lector Renata Rafferty **EMHC-** Diane Gillespie, Diane tomas **Server-** Carol Stratman **Ushers-** Charlie Jochim

Sun. Oct. 25 10:00 am

Lector- Stan Lindauer **EMHC-** Lori Lindauer, Amand a Krause **Usher -** Mark Priestly

Sun. Oct. 25, 4:00 pm

Lector- David and Mary Bower **EMHC-** Laurie Ewers, Kody Johnson **Ushers-** Kody Johnson

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...
We wanted to share this thank you note with the parish from a woman we helped.



"To Everyone at St. Vincent;

I wanted to give you this because simply saying "thank you" when I pick up this check doesn't come close to expressing what I am feeling. I'm usually the person who figures things out. I push through, find a way, and handle what life puts in front of me. So being in a position where I had to reach out and say, "I need help," was not easy for me. What means so much to me is that when I did reach out, you didn't make me feel ashamed for needing help. You didn't make me feel like I was just another person with another problem. You listened, you cared, and you helped me when I truly needed someone to. Yes, this check is helping me catch up on my rent, and I am incredibly grateful for that. But what I'm even more grateful for is the feeling that came with it – The belief of knowing I wasn't completely on my own trying to figure this out. Sometimes you don't realize how heavy something has gotten until someone helps you carry a piece of it. That is what you have done for me. I know you help so many people, and maybe after today you'll move on to the next person who needs you, but I want you all on my side of this, what you did—mattered. Your kindness reached a real person. I will remember the kindness, and I will forever be grateful. God Bless You All! With my whole Heart, thank you."

OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Class

meets after 10:00 am Mass on Sundays in church. Sunday, October 25; Fr. E will walk through the Mass Sun, Nov. 1: session 7 Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace. ***Confirmation Class will meet Sunday, Oct. 25 in church after 10am Mass @11:00 am**

Sts. Mary and John Parish Spaghetti Dinner

It's time to eat pasta with a purpose!

Help us raise funds for our Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul Ministries...get your ticket today!

When: Monday, October 26, 2026

Serving from 4:30 to 7:30 pm - Come anytime

COST - \$20 a ticket Eat in or take out available!

Includes: DiLegge's Spaghetti and a Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage — Beer and Wine Cash Bar!

Call the Parish Office for tickets and reservations

812-425-1577 or email kkuehn@evdio.org or

lgriggs@evdio.org. ****Please call for reservation or to purchase tickets by Wed, October 21 so we can plan**

CREATION CARE

I hope you will join in Tuesday, October 27, for Catholics in Communion's bilingual Campaign Call, Cherished Belonging: Preparing for Faithful Witness in a Consequential Election.

One week before Election Day, Catholics from across the country will gather to remain grounded in prayer and explore how our communities can protect dignity and participation through courageous, nonpartisan faithful witness. Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, will open our time with a reflection on cherished belonging—the conviction that every person matters, every voice carries dignity, and we belong to one another. The call will take place from 4:30–6:00 p.m. PT / 6:30–8:00 p.m. CT / 7:30–9:00 p.m. ET, with English and Spanish interpretation available. Register here on this website; <https://www.catholicsincommunion.org/events>

A six-session Women's Bible Study will begin Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 am in the Ministry Center. More info to follow in the bulletin.

PARISH FALL CLEAN-UP DAY - Enjoy a morning in the outdoors! Join us **Saturday, October 24; 8:00-11:00 am** for our annual Fall Clean-up Day! We will be cleaning the grounds and prepping for winter. Come on down to church and bring the family... there is something for everyone

What are you doing to take care of yourself this holiday season? Please join us with Bob Stephens MS, LCSW and Catholic Charity's Jacob Hartz, M.Ed., LMHC and Denise Seibert Townsend, Executive Director on **Saturday, November 14, 2026 @10am** to gather in St. Mary's Rager Hall for education, conversation and more on...

MENTAL HEALTH AND THE HOLIDAYS

29th Sunday - Stewardship Priority

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.