

## 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](mailto:lgriggs@evdio.org)

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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](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org).

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2026



## Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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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 9/20                                                                                                            | Monday 9/21                                                                                                                                      | Tuesday 9/22                                                                                                                                                                       | Wednesday 9/23                                                                               | Thursday 9/24                                                                                                                                                          | Friday 9/25                                          | Saturday 9/26                              |
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| Confession<br>9:15-9:45 am<br>Mass 10:00 am<br>CLOW<br>Coffee/Donuts<br><br>Confession<br>3:15-3:45 pm<br>Mass 4:00 pm | Food Pantry<br>9-12 and 1-3<br>Adoration 11 am<br>Confession 11:30<br>Mass 12:05 am<br><br><b>Creation Care<br/>Meets 3 pm<br/>Ministry Ctr.</b> | Food Pantry<br>9-12 and 1-3<br>Adoration 11 am<br>Confession 11:30<br>Mass 12:05 pm<br><b>Bible Study<br/>12:45-2:15 pm<br/>St. Vincent de<br/>Paul MC 5pm<br/>Choir 6:30-8 pm</b> | Food Pantry<br>9-12 and 1-3<br><b>Adoration 11 am<br/>Confession 11:30<br/>Mass 12:05 pm</b> | Food Pantry<br>9-12 and 1-3<br><b>Women's bible<br/>study 10am MC<br/>Adoration 11 am<br/>Confession 11:30<br/>Mass 12:05 pm</b><br><br><b>Parish Council<br/>6 pm</b> | Adoration 11 am<br>Confession 11:30<br>Mass 12:05 pm | Confession<br>3:15-3:45 pm<br>Mass 4:00 pm |

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026

1st Reading; Ezekiel 18:25-28  
2nd Reading; Philippians 2:1-11  
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

### Mass Intentions

|             |          |                                    |
|-------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| Sat. 9/19   | 4:00 pm  | Sam Fitzsimmons and Paul Webb      |
| Sun. 9/20   | 10:00 am | Alan Groves                        |
|             | 4:00 pm  | Needs and Intentions of the Parish |
| Mon. 9/21   | 12:05 pm | Doris Bush                         |
| Tues. 9/22  | 12:05 pm | Ray Bigge                          |
| Wed. 9/23   | 12:05 pm | Joseph Melcher                     |
| Thurs. 9/24 | 12:05 pm | William C. Collyer                 |
| Fri. 9/25   | 12:05 pm | Patrick Bender                     |
| Sat. 9/26   | 4:00 pm  | Sam Fitzsimmons                    |
| Sun. 9/27   | 10:00 am | Alan Groves                        |
|             | 4:00 pm  | Needs and Intentions of the Parish |
| Mon. 9/28   | 12:05 pm | Wilbur Boulet                      |
| Tues. 9/29  | 12:05 pm | Doris Bush                         |
| Wed. 9/30   | 12:05 pm | Chuck Hirsch                       |
| Thurs. 10/1 | 4:00 pm  | Wanda and Ray Klueh                |

**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.**

Pat Kersteins, Geri Kempf, Pat Barnes, Donna Laymon, Joe Stagg, Charles Asher, Marti Barrett, Gene Warren, Carolyn Skelton, Jaya Dodd, Basia Bazell, 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 Huelising   | Staff Sgt. Andrew Hicks (deployed) AF |
| Captain Corey Cannon | EN2 Coletan 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 \$ 132,627.00**

**Year to date actual collection \$ 108,935.86**

**September 12-13, 2026 Collection**

**Weekly Budget \$ 12,057.00**

**Actual Weekly Collection \$ 5,048.53**

**Alms \$ 25.00 StVdP \$ 75.00**

**LET US PRAY...** That we as Christian stewards recognize everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God, including our very own lives.

**CREATION CARE MEETING WILL BE THIS  
COMING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 3:00 PM IN  
THE MINISTRY CENTER GATHERING ROOM.  
PLEASE JOIN US, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/20 Heather Estes, Ella Russell  
9/21 Paula Lewis, Virgil Mesker  
9/22 Sheila Stambush  
9/23 Aidan Schum  
9/24 Sam Griggs, Tina Hirsch  
9/25 Emily Milligan, Brady Reidford, Ashley Yeaden  
9/30 Birk Fischer, Tina Wells



### Next Week Ministers for Mass

**Sat. Sept. 26 4:00 pm**

**Lector** Christy Baker EMHC- Sandi Render, Diane Tomas  
**Server-** Sandi Render **Ushers-** Ken Render

**Sun. Sept 27, 10:00 am**

**Lector-** Mary Grace McMullen EMHC-George Ann Griffin-Atkinson, Rich Burek **Usher** -John Barisano

**Sun. Sept 27, 4:00 pm**

**Lector-** David and Mary Bower EMHC- Kody Johnson, Brad Simms **Ushers-** Bob Barber

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

The 19 parishes with St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the diocese unsurprisingly have unequal demands on their resources, both financially and in numbers of volunteers to service them. Our parish's SVdP conference is first in the number of volunteers, second in the number of referrals we receive annually, and around 5th or 6th in the amount of assistance we render. There is an effort to redistribute some of the concentrations of requests to parishes who are less burdened by referrals. Our "hot spots" include both Kennedy and Buckner Towers. Letting another parish's conference handle them would reduce the demand on Sts. Mary & John. But shifting those Neighbors out of our sphere of responsibility would do a real disservice to what this parish means to its neighborhood. People from these units rely on assistance from us. They pick up their checks (payable to their landlords) in our food pantry. Frequently, they get a food order at the same time. We are set up to give them clothing vouchers to use at the Thrift Store. Sts. Mary & John parish is a real neighborhood resource to these folks, and that should make us feel good about what we do for them. The load on the various conferences is always being reviewed, but for now, those housing units will stay with us. Thanks for supporting us in fulfilling this role.



STS. MARY AND JOHN PARISH PRESENTS

## Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER

It's time to eat pasta with a purpose! Help us raise funds for the Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul! Enjoy homemade spaghetti plates available for dine-in or takeout in Rager Hall.



**Dinner includes: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and a Beverage.**

**Also: There will be a Beer and Wine Cash Bar!**

### How to Get Tickets

To purchase Tickets or for Questions  
contact the Parish Office 812-425-1577  
Kim kkuhn@evdio.org or Lee lgriggs@evdio.org



**WALK WITH US FOR A CAUSE!** Walk with us at the **State Hospital on Saturday, Sept. 26...**

bring your friends, bring the family **COME EARLY** at 8am enjoy the activities, snacks and register, then walk at 9 am. Love to see you there!

### More Than a Walk

This year's event is designed to give families even more reasons to come out and spend the morning together.

**Before the Walk begins, school-aged children** will have the opportunity to explore a **STEM-based mobile classroom**, offering a hands-on educational experience for young participants.

**The Evansville Fire Department is also scheduled to join the festivities** with a fire truck for children and families to visit.

**The event is family-friendly and pet-friendly, and there is no cost to participate.**

**ALL Funds raised through the Friends of the Poor Walk remain local** and support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's work serving individuals and families in need throughout the Evansville District. **Gather with families, teams, local organizations and community partners.**

**For more info on the walk, to register or about what St. Vincent de Paul does in our community go to... <https://www.svdpevansville.org/>**

**Wanna come to the "watch party" in Rager Hall on September 29th at 5:30 pm CT? Enjoy Bill McKibben's speech from Faith in Place's 2026**

**Environment & Spirituality Summit**, then we can discuss together in person how we can engage the world. **FREE AND ALL are welcome. Food for the evening by Dan DiLegge. Call Jenny DiLegge she can register you...812-306-4512**

### 25th Sunday - Stewardship Sharing

**"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - MATTHEW 20:16**

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts through stewardship, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives