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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 7, 2025



## Sts. Mary and John Catholic Parish

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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 - 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. To  
schedule a time for receiving  
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Office.

A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community  
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In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.



## This Week in the Parish

Sunday 9/7	Monday 9/8	Tuesday 9/9	Wednesday 9/10	Thursday 9/11	Friday 9/12	Saturday 9/13
Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am <b>OCIA Inquiry in Rager Hall 11:00 am</b>  Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm MEN'S GROUP MEETS 5:30 PM RAGER HALL	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm <b>St. Vincent de Paul 5:00 pm</b>	Food Pantry 9am-12 : 1-3 pm  <b>Choir 6:30-8:00 pm</b>	Food Pantry 9am-12 -1-3 pm Adoration 11am Confession 11:30 - 11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11am Confession 11:30-11:55 Mass 12:05 pm	<b>Alms Collection</b> Confession 3:15-3:45 pm Mass 4:00 pm <b>Anointing after Mass</b>

### Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

1st Reading; Numbers 21:4b-9  
2nd Reading; Philippians 2:6-11  
Gospel; John 3:13-17

### Mass Intentions

Sat. 9/6 4:00 pm Ray Bigge  
Sun. 9/7 10:00 am Martin Lindauer and Jerry Ticken  
4:00 pm Needs and Intentons of the Parish  
Mon. 9/8 12:05 pm Elaina Mary Collyer  
Tues. 9/9 12:05 pm Repose of the Soul of Frederick Brubaker  
Thurs 9/11 12:05 pm Repose of the Soul of Paul Posthauer  
Fri. 9/12 12:05 pm William Charles Collyer  
Sat. 9/13 4:00 pm Needs and Intention of the Parish  
Sun. 9/14 10:00 am Cecil Riley  
4:00 pm Laura Richter  
Mon. 9/15 9:00 am Special Intention  
Tues. 9/16 12:05 pm Mercy Alvarado Birthday  
Thurs. 9/18 12:05 pm Repose of the soul of Paul Posthauer  
Fri. 9/19 12:05 pm Rory Lagdameo Birthday  
Sat. 9/20 4:00 pm Paul Webb  
**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.**



Family of Erik Chandler, Pete Schaefer, David Ramsey, Frank Hilton, Helen MacDermott, Marti Barrett, Alan Groves, Catherine Bausch, Andy Funk, Dan DiLegge, Jean Ann Priestly, Sue Dills, Jim Wall, Stan Logel, Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Cap Berg,

**Pray for our loved ones in the Military...**

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

### Hello and Welcome to our Parish! Paxton Stone

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

### Weekly Collections

Mass Time	8/30-31/2025
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 1,329.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 1,414.00
4:00 pm	\$ 1,354.00
Electronic	\$ 157.84
Office Mail in	\$ 1,036.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,290.84</b>

**Alms \$0.00 St. Vincent de Paul \$72.27**

**Let us Pray...** That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called as Stewards to generously share all of our gifts.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/6 Otha Warren  
9/7 Scotty Schultheis, Drew Woebkenberg  
9/9 Annie Groves  
9/10 Helen MacDermott  
9/11 Kelsey Bonnell, David Duncan  
9/12 Maven Griggs, Darryl Jackson  
9/14 Tom Bryan, Marie Cervone  
9/15 Steve DeBaillie, Wyatt Smith, Virginia Weiler

**We  
celebrate  
you!**

### In Loving Memory

Keep in your prayers Annie and Alan Groves and their family in the loss of Annie's mom, Mary Ann Eickhoff, 92, who died Wednesday, August 27, 2025.  
**May she rest in peace.**

### Next Week Ministers for Mass

**Sat. September 13; 4:00 pm** Lector Christy Baker  
EMHC-Sandi Render, Charlie Jochim  
Server-Sandi Render Ushers-Sheryl Lemmer

**Sun. September 14, 10:00 am**

Lector-Kevin Allton EMHC-Karen Kuhlenhoelter, Bob Stephens Ushers-Joel Schaefer

**Sun. September 14, 4:00 pm**

Lector-Kody Johnson EMHC-Inez Lewis, Bob Barber Ushers- Ed Goebel

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Of our 16 assignments, we had 9 CenterPoint assistance requests this week. Most of those Neighbors are at risk of shutoff. We are seeing one or two a month who have moved away from a residence, leaving a balance due to CenterPoint. They seek help retiring that old amount so that they can get new service in the future. One such Neighbor (who also needed a refrigerator) was Spanish speaking only, and we used a Vincentian from another conference (St. Clements in Boonville) who spoke Spanish to contact her. Not only were we able to help this woman, but also St. Clements had a used refrigerator available and is arranging free delivery.



The SVdP "Walk for the Poor" is taking place at the State Hospital grounds on September 27. Pre-register at [www.SVdPEvansville.ort/walk-for-the-poor](http://www.SVdPEvansville.ort/walk-for-the-poor). Same day registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Moneys raised are allocated to the various SVdP conferences, in proportion to the number of walkers from that parish. Please consider the event.

**Anointing and Alms Collection** will be moved from the first weekend of September to the second weekend.  
**Anointing after all Masses and the Alms Collection** will be **Saturday and Sunday, September 13-14.**

**We welcome into our faith community**

**Evelyn Grace Martyn**  
Daughter of parishioners Dr. Colin and Karen Martyn who was baptized on  
Saturday, August 30, 2025 at 4 pm Mass

**OCIA INQUIRY THIS SUNDAY Sept 7; 11am in Rager Hall after 10 am Mass...**

**If you are interested and cannot attend please contact Fr. Eugene at 812-425-1577 x205 or eschmitt@evdio.org**

The OCIA Inquiry is the first phase of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**, a process for adults interested in **learning about the Catholic faith** and potentially becoming members. Come Explore, Learn, and Discern. All are welcome!



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the Catholic Church, the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a separate, age-appropriate celebration of the Mass's Liturgy of the Word for children. During this time, children are dismissed from the main service to participate in readings, a homily, prayers, and songs/activity specifically tailored to their level of understanding, before returning for the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

This practice helps children grow in their faith and better understand God's word.



**We need Leaders and Assistants for our CLOW**

**starting in September during Sunday 10:00 Mass please contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 lgriggs@evdio.org for more information or to volunteer. We need two adults per Sunday for the Children's Liturgy class to take place.** Training is available. All volunteers working with children will need to be Safe Environment Certified and have a background check.

## FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting with parents of kids making First Communion/First Reconciliation on **Sunday, September 14 after the 10 am Mass.** If your child is in second grade or older please call Kim or Lee in the parish office to sign up your child for FC classes. 812-425-1577 lgriggs@evdio.org or kkuehn@evdio.org.

## 23rd Sunday- Live Stewardship

**"Every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." LUKE 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we in Stewardship can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

*(permissions Saint Louis Archdiocese Stewardship Office)*



ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH AND FRIENDS...NEW MEN'S GROUP... COME CHECK IT OUT THIS MONDAY, SEPT 8

Via Fortis Men's Group will meet the **2nd Monday** of each month at **5:30 pm** at St. Mary Catholic Church in Rager Hall. All men (18 and over) are welcome!

If you would like information or for questions please contact Kody Johnson; 270-577-5912 or [jmk42818@gmail.com](mailto:jmk42818@gmail.com)



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**THURSDAY OCT 2**  
ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL  
5:30pm Mass in church  
6:30pm Supper & T-shirt pickup in cafeteria

**SATURDAY OCT 4**  
DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE  
7am Races see YMCA race site  
9am-NOON Family & Friends Tailgate Sts. Mary & John parking lot

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
613 Cherry St. in Downtown Evansville

Join us after 10am Mass on  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**11:15 am in church**

Catholic biblical scholar and author  
**Dr. James Ware** will be giving a talk on  
**"The Final Triumph of God: The Mystery of Eternal Life Unveiled."**

"Come to grow in your faith by learning about the mystery that, although it is unknown to many Catholics, is at the heart of the Christian faith, the Bible, and the Mass! These truths will transform your life and your walk with Christ. Bring a friend!" -Dr. James Ware

Dr. Ware has an M.A. in Greek and Latin Classical Literature from Washington University, St. Louis, and an M.A. and PhD in New Testament and Ancient Christianity from Yale University. His scholarly work focuses on the New Testament, earliest Christianity, and ancient philosophy and religion.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Saturday, September 20**  
**After 4:00 pm Mass**  
**\* in the back parking lot**

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