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Mission Statement

We, the people of St. Mary Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, *are inspired* to be a hospitable Catholic community in downtown Evansville, Indiana. *We are dedicated* to celebrating God's presence in our lives through sharing the Eucharist and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. *We are committed*, as disciples of Jesus, to seek out and serve the needs of the hungry, the hurting, and the homeless. *We hold sacred* all family life through the nurturing of marriage, the engagement process, and the single life. *We are entrusted* to pass on our faith tradition through Catholic education, evangelization, and ongoing Christian formation. *We are challenged* to be stewards of God's abundance, stewards of prayer, of one another, and the Earth. *We are called* to be a people of justice.



SUNDAY EUCHARIST - Saturday 4:00 pm • Sunday 9:30 am and 4:00 pm
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST - Monday-Thursday 5:05 pm • Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

Stewardship of Membership

An active member of St. Mary Parish is registered and participates on a regular basis in the spiritual and liturgical life of the parish. All parishioners are expected to share their time and talents by becoming involved in at least one area of ministry. St. Mary Parish believes in Total Stewardship of Life. We actively teach tithing and ask that all members of the parish return 10% of their annual income to God: 6% through St. Mary Parish and 4% to other charities of your choice.

Second Sunday of Advent
1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist		Birthdays	
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish	Sat. 11/26	Kathy Agnew, Laura Finch, Monisha Woodruff
4:00 p.m.	Elka Lee Shuler	Sun. 11/27	Patrick Behnke, Mary Lynn Isaacs, Tony Schmitt, Stacey Shanks
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish	Mon. 11/28	Ashleigh Dearing, Lee Griggs, Marce Halbig
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Wed. 11/29	Hunter Arney, Cindy Bernardin, Jalen Hale, Charlotte Warren
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Thurs. 11/30	Gemma Jackson, Cori Meunier, Judy Seib, Lyndsey Smitha
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Fri. 12/1	Cynthia Brinkmeyer, Lori Fehrenbacher, Joe Stofleth
Fri. 12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity		
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Pat Schmitt		
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Delores J. Buccilli		
4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of St. Mary Parish		

We Welcome New Parishioners

Carol Stratman

If you would like to join our parish family, please contact Lee Griggs at 425-1577 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org or you can inquire online on our website: www.stmaryevansville.org.

RCIA... *If you are interested in becoming Catholic or finding out more about Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, please contact Deacon Dennis at 425-1577 or drussell@stmaryevansville.org*

Ministry Highlight

ALMS COLLECTION

Alms will be collected on the weekend of December 3 and 4 at all Masses. Thank you for giving generously to Alms which benefits St. Mary parish's outreach to the poor in the community.

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Lessons and Carols

Come enjoy with us...

Readings from Scripture and Advent Carols put on by the Choir, St. Mary Singers and Musicians of the parish.

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm

All are welcome...Reception will follow in Rager!

Upcoming Events

Sunday 11/27	Monday 11/28	Tuesday 11/29	Wednesday 11/30	Thursday 12/1	Friday 12/2	Saturday 12/3
First Sunday of Advent Mass 9:30 am Rite of Acceptance 10:45 am, RCIA, First Communion Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Children's Team 6:00 pm RCIA Advent Prayer and Meditation 6:30 pm	Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6:00 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Advent Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Liturgy Meeting 6:30 pm Centering Prayer in Our Lady's Chapel 7:00 pm		Women's Advent Tea in Rager Hall 9 am-11 am Men's Breakfast 7 am Ministry Center Mass 4 pm Alms Collection
Sunday 12/4	Monday 12/5	Tuesday 12/6	Wednesday 12/7	Thursday 12/8	Friday 12/9	Saturday 12/10
Second Sunday of Advent Mass 9:30 am Alms Collection 10:45 am, FFF, First Communion Nephesh 5 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Building and Grounds 5:30 pm	Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6:00 pm Choir and St. Mary Singers 7 pm	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 5:05 pm Lessons and Carols 6:30 pm Reception Following	Immaculate Conception Mass 5:05 pm		Mass 4:04 pm

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Women of the parish and friends...
you are invited to **St. Mary's Advent Tea**
Saturday, December 3, 2011
9:00 o 11:00 am
Rager Hall

Begin this Advent with
The Friendship of
Mary and Elizabeth

You may bring your favorite tea cup and saucer.
RSVP by Monday, 11/28 to 425-1577 or
lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org
If you would like, bring along a unisex deodorant or
shampoo for the Food Pantry.

Give the Gift of Life...Donate Blood!

St. Mary Annual Blood Drive.
Sunday, December 11, 8 am - noon
Rager Hall.

Please call today and reserve your time!
Lee Griggs 425-1577 x 207 or
lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org.

What's Happening in the Parish

November 30, Wednesday, **Advent**

Reconciliation Service, 7:00 pm.

December 3, Saturday, **Women's Advent Tea**,
Rager Hall 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Breakfast will be provided.

December 7, Wednesday, **Lessons and Carols**, in
Church, 6:30 pm. Reception will follow in Rager Hall.

December 11, Sunday, **Red Cross Blood Drive**,
Rager Hall 8:00 am to Noon.

December 17, Saturday, **Christmas Church**
Decorating, notice time will be 7 am - 11 am. We
need many hands.

January 15, Sunday, **Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Celebration, 6:00 pm in Church. Reception will follow
in Rager Hall.

Go to our website www.stmaryevansville.org and click
on our calendar to find out more dates and times for
happenings at St. Mary.

Hospitality is Needed...

Finger foods are needed for **Lessons and Carols on**
Wednesday, December 7.

Hospitality Hostesses to help with the reception and to
meet and greet people are needed.

Holiday cookies and dessert items are needed for the
reception.

If you can help in any of these areas please contact Lee
Griggs at 425-1577 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org

If you are a Memorial or Mater Dei
Student or will be next year, please fill
out the CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION
TUITION ASSISTANCE FORM.

The 2012-2013 school year application which will be posted
on the school website by November 1, 2011.
Parents may download, type and print the CEF application
from the Memorial or Mater Dei websites .

The priority deadline for applications will be
December 15, 2011. Please note that this
deadline will be earlier than in previous years.

For more information, please contact the CEF office
at 402-6700, ext. 302, or cef@evdio.org.

Advent Evening Prayer at the Cathedral

Take some time this Advent to prepare for the celebration
of Christmas with the evening prayer of the Church.
St. Benedict Cathedral every Sunday in Advent (Nov. 27,
Dec. 4, 11 and 18) at 5:30 pm for the celebration of Evening
Prayer (vespers). Evening Prayer consists of the singing of
psalms and canticles, the reading of Scripture, homily and
intercessions. This is a great opportunity for anyone
looking to give thanks to God this Advent season.
Questions contact Matt Miller mmiller@evdio.org or 800-
637-1731 or Jeremy Korba jkorba@evdio.org

Christmas Year Round was established almost 3 years
ago as a Christmas season collection at St. Mary to be used
throughout the year to serve those who come to our doors
for help outside of the guidelines of our St. Vincent de Paul
or Food Pantry; providing emergency shelter, traveling to
attend family funerals, necessary medication, school
supplies, school clothes, work uniform, a bicycle for
transportation to work...etc. We continue to find needs in
our neighborhood which CYR can help with. At this time of
year for being thankful and for giving to others please
remember there will be Christmas Year Round Envelopes
in baskets by the church doors. Thank you and God Bless.

All are welcome to the Dedication of the Habitat for
Humanity 2011 Catholic build home, Saturday,
December 3, 10:30 am at 1751 Shadewood Ave. (Glenwood
Neighborhood) Refreshments and a tour will take place after
the ceremony. Your hard work and stewardship of money
made this possible. Thank you!



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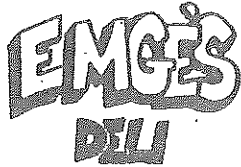
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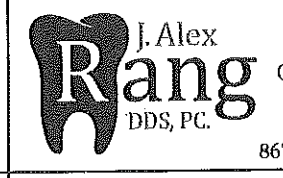


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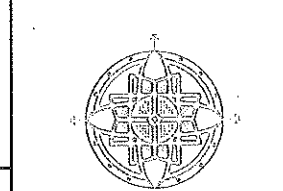
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St. Mary Youth and Children Newsletter

November 2011

Dear Family,

I got some firewood from one of our parishioners the other day and I decided it was time to get the old fireplace ready to go.

I cleaned out the grate, opened the flue and got everything ready for a nice, homey fire. As I watched the flames licking over the wood I was reminded of our own advent journey.

Advent is a season of preparation and contemplation to receive the Christ in a manger.

Like a fireplace needs to be prepared for a new season of use, our hearts need the same preparation. We need to clean out all of our insecurities, flaws, selfishness, and worldly concerns to be ready to see God in human form.

Our heart, like a fire, will take a spark and grow into a roaring flame. We will know God and see His glory in His Son and our hearts will be ablaze! We need only prepare a place for the fire. How is your heart? Is it ready for the fire? Peace

One Bread, One Cup

One Bread, One Cup is a unique opportunity that is close to home. It is a chance for youth who have completed the 9th grade to get away from home and explore their faith. We travel to St. Meinrad and the youth learn about themselves and the liturgy of our Church.

The cost is \$275, with some scholarships available, and we will be leaving June 11th and returning on June 15th. Space is very limited and all interested youth need to email Adam.

Mission Trip

The youth are going on mission trip to Charlotte, NC this year the week of July 1st-6th. The cost is \$175. We will be doing some light construction and working with the poor and needy in the community.

This trip is an opportunity to put our faith into practice and all youth are encouraged to attend!

A deposit of \$50 each by January 1st is required to hold a spot for both the Mission Trip and OBOC.

Christmas Party

The youth are going to have their annual Christmas Party at Father Steve's place on Dec. 18th. There will be tons of food, Christmas music, fun, and the joy of over-decorating Father's house! ☺

2012 Calendar

By now you should have received a packet containing the 2012 calendar by mail. If you have any questions please let me know. Also, please fill out your chaperone sheets and return them to me ASAP.

Youth/Children's Team

The youth team meets the second Monday of each month in Rager hall @ 6 and the children's team meets the last Monday of each month in Rager hall @ 6. ALL parents are welcome and invited to attend.

If you have any questions call Adam @ 425-1577 ext.209

Your servant,
adam

1 CORINTHIANS 13 (paraphrased)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, Strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls,
But do not show love to my family -- I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, Preparing gourmet meals,
And arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime,

But do not show love to my family -- I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, And give all that I have to charity,
But do not show love to my family -- It profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, Attend a myriad of
holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata,

But not focus on Christ -- I have missed the point!

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the loved ones.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas lights and yard decorations.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way,
But is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return,
But rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, Hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never fails!

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, Golf clubs will rust
But giving the gift of love will endure.

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving!

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

30 November 2011

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