

**Baptism of the Lord** **January 10, 2009**

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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.

**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.

**Stewardship of Gospel 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 1st Reading: Isaiah 62 : 1 -5  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 : 4-11  
 Gospel: John 2 : 1 -11

**Stewardship of Relationships**

Eucharist		
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Maurice and Kate Appuhn	
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	John Burek	
	4:00 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners living and deceased	
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Pat Deig	
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Pete Thole	
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Art and Vera Beckerle	
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Sue Delker	
Fri. 12:00 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Timothy J. Hannon (L)	
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Agnes Beckerle	
	4:00 p.m. St. Mary Parishioners living and deceased	

Birthdays		
Sat. 1/9	David Koehler III, Phillip Mortis	
Sun. 1/10	Reece Bowen, Vicky Carl, Tracie Young	
Mon. 1/11	Lillian Alcock, Barry Collignon, Michael Halbig	
Tues. 1/12	Christy Baker, Peter Birkhead, Joe Stevens	
Wed. 1/13	Greg Meunier	
Thur. 1/14	Lani Etheridge, Phyllis Meyer	
Fri. 1/15	Zoe Niemeier, Evan Reed	
Sat. 1/16	John Kaufman	
Sun. 1/17	Kyle Chumley, Carty Jordon, Beth Thompson	

**We Welcome New Parishioners**  
 Erik Hansen  
 Norma and Manuel Apodaca  
 Lori and Denny Fehrenbacher; Robin  
*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 Joe at 425-1577 or jstofleth@evansville-diocese.org*

**Ministry Highlight**  
**Newsletter Committee...** Do you like write or interview or investigate or use a red pen. We need editors, writers, photographers, news and information gatherers for our newsletter. Help communicate to the parish the most interesting things happening at St. Mary and our surrounding community? People, places, and events that mark our lives as a faith community is the focus for the St. Mary People newsletter, which is published four times a year. Contact Lee Griggs at 425-1577 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org for more information.

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday 1/10	Monday 1/11	Tuesday 1/12	Wednesday 1/13	Thursday 1/14	Friday 1/15	Saturday 1/16
Mass 9:30 am Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm RCIA 6:30 pm	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Catholics Returning Home 7-8:30 pm 3rd fl Ministry Center Women's Bible Study 6:30 Rager	Mass 5:05 pm Symphonia 7 pm <b>Baptismal Preparation #1 7 pm Ministry Center</b>		Soup Kitchen #2 8am-noon Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20	Thursday 1/21	Friday 1/22	Saturday 1/23
<b>St. Meinrad Sunday</b> Mass 9:30 am Mass 4:00 pm <b>MLK Celebration</b> 7:00 pm Reception following in Rager	<b>MLK Jr. Day Parish offices and Food Pantry closed</b> Mass 5:05 pm Finance 6 pm Parish Council 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Youth Choir 3:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Octet 7 pm Catholics Returning Home 7-8:30 pm 3rd fl Ministry Center	Mass 5:05 pm RCC Rainbow Catholics in Christ 6:30 pm		Wedding Liturgy Workshop 10 am Mass 4:00 pm

**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**  
**Sunday, January 17 at 7:00 pm**  
**Reception will follow in Rager Hall**  
**All are welcome to join us!**

**Churches from around the city will be here along with their choirs to participate in this service.**

**Attention parishioners:**  
 Finger foods are needed for this celebration reception. There will be many visitors attending this event and it is great if we can welcome them with a great array of finger foods from our St. Mary cooks. Baked goods, hot appetizers, chips and dips etc. be creative.

Also help is needed to set up and to clean up after the event. "Many hands make a big job enjoyable to do together."

**For planning purposes...**  
 CONTACT LEE GRIGGS IF YOU ARE BRINGING A FINGER FOOD OR CAN HELP WITH SET-UP/CLEAN-UP. 425-1577 ext. 207 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org.

**Do You See What I See?**  
**An Email...An Email**  
**Coming from the parish!**  
 If you are not receiving emails from St. Mary which are sent out several times a month, please send an email to our [info@stmaryevansville.org](mailto:info@stmaryevansville.org). We will check to see if your address is correct in our files. ALSO... If your address, phone numbers or other info like place of employment have changed please notify the parish office.

**Iraqi Student Project Dinner & Auction**  
 Saturday, January 30th, St. Anthony Catholic Church  
**Silent Auction** from 5:00-6:30 PM  
**Dinner** served from 5:30-7:00 PM  
**Live Auction** begins at 6:30 PM

**Donated auction items are needed!**  
 Contact Maureen O'Connor if you have an auction item.

For two years, people from across the diocese have led the Evansville Support Group for Zaid Majeed, a UE student in the Iraqi Student Project, an international organization that provides Iraqi refugee-students with undergraduate degrees from universities across the U.S.

Join us for a great night of food and fun! Support a great cause! Adults \$7.50; Children 2-12 \$4.00; <2 Free

Contact Maureen O'Connor at 455-7390 for more info!

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN:** Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 13, 2010**, when the St. Mary Trekkers travel to the Glema Mahr Center in Madisonville to see the hilarious musical comedy, "Church Basement Ladies." This will be a night of great entertainment and the cost is only \$39.00/person. Reservations must be received by Wednesday, January 20, so contact your favorite traveling partner and call the office today.

**2010-2011 TUITION GRANT APPLICATION FOR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**  
 The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) is announcing that applications for tuition assistance for the 2010-2011 school year are available at the offices of Reitz Memorial High School and Mater Dei High School, at Catholic grade school offices (where 8th graders are enrolled) and at parish offices.

To download, type and print an application from Reitz Memorial High School website, [www.reitzmemorial.org](http://www.reitzmemorial.org), select "Admissions" tab, then "Tuition Assistance".

To download, type and print an application from Mater Dei High School website, [www.materdeiwildcats.com](http://www.materdeiwildcats.com), select "About MD" tab, then "Tuition and Fees".

Students wishing to attend either Mater Dei High School or Reitz Memorial High School may apply. CEF tuition awards are based entirely on financial need. Complete confidentiality is assured. Deadline for applying is March 12, 2010. Most of the grant funds will be awarded to those who apply on time.

**RAINBOW CATHOLICS in CHRIST: On the third Thursday of each month, the RCC gathers in the Ministry Center to welcome, support and affirm its gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, parents and families with gay or lesbian children, friends of gay or lesbian individuals, and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 6:00pm when we begin the evening with pizza, salad, and desserts. All are welcome!**

**Your Help is needed...**  
 De-decorating the church will be this Sunday, Jan. 10, after the 4 pm Mass. Please bring your gloves and wire cutters or just yourself to help. Poinsettias will be given out to those wanting to take one home. Remember... "Many hands make a big job enjoyable to do together."

**RCIA UPDATE:** Our catechumen, candidates, parish sponsors and catechists will be attending the annual diocesan retreat on Saturday, January 30. This will be an opportunity for them to meet others from our diocese that are also on the journey toward the Easter sacraments, to join in conversation with them, and to be united with each other in a day of prayer. Please continue to be a sign of welcoming and support to these men and women.

**CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME: This is a series designed to welcome home non-practicing Catholics who have been away from the Church and wish to return. It is an opportunity to come and share your story and to seek answers to your questions in a very hospitable and non-judgmental surrounding. Our first session is Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00pm on the third floor of the Ministry Center. Please call the parish office to register or for additional information.**