

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** **January 17, 2009**

<b>Parish Pastoral Council 2009-2012</b> Mary Jo Bennett Richard Burek Rich D'Amour Jeff Duncan Scott Evernham Deborah Fox Raechel Go Stephanie Groenert Cindy Howard	Justin Jarvis Walt Kalesia Pauline Kothe Fr. Stephen Lintzenich Bill Muller Carol Tenhumberg Otha Warren, III Charleen Williamson	<b>Mission Statement</b> We, the people of St. Mary Church, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, <i>are inspired</i> to be a hospitable Catholic community in downtown Evansville, Indiana. <i>We are dedicated</i> to celebrating God's presence in our lives through sharing the Eucharist and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. <i>We are committed</i> , as disciples of Jesus, to seek out and serve the needs of the hungry, the hurting, and the homeless. <i>We hold sacred</i> all family life through the nurturing of marriage, the engagement process, and the single life. <i>We are entrusted</i> to pass on our faith tradition through Catholic education, evangelization, and ongoing Christian formation. <i>We are challenged</i> to be stewards of God's abundance, stewards of prayer, of one another, and the Earth. <i>We are called</i> to be a people of justice.
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<b>Stewardship of Membership</b> 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.	<b>Stewardship of Gospel</b> <b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 1st Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12 :12 -30 Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21
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Stewardship of Relationships			
Eucharist		Birthdays	
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Timothy J. Hannon (L)	Sat. 1/9	Zoe Niemeier, Evan Reed
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Sun. 1/10	John Kaufman
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Mon. 1/11	Kyle Chumley, Carty Jordon, Beth Thompson
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Elmer Baumgart	Tues. 1/12	Brennan Yancey
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Art and Vera Beckerle	Wed. 1/13	James Courson, Rachel Forbes
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Pete Thole	Thur. 1/14	Janice Paul, Melody Vezzoso
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Fri. 1/15	Sean Browning, Michelle Funk-Neimeier, Steve McCallister, Emily Murphy
Fri. 12:00 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sat. 1/16	Ed Chang, James Ethridge, Laura Reed
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Sue Delker	Sun. 1/17	Sharon Cain, Keith Emge, Emma Horstman, Patty Woerter
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Norma Owen		
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased		

We Welcome New Parishioners		Ministry Highlight
Erik Hansen Norma and Manuel Apodaca		<b>Volunteers Are Needed for the Following Ministries:</b> <b>Website Contributors:</b> people to edit or keep up specific sections of our new website. This can be done through the internet at home. <b>Directory Coordinators:</b> A new St. Mary Directory will be coming out in 2010. We are looking for several people to organize a committee for scheduling, calling, planning and layout. <b>Vacation Bible School Committee:</b> help plan VBS for 7/14/10 <b>Call Lee Griggs if you are interested, 425-1577, ext. 207</b>

Upcoming Events						
Sunday 1/17	Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20	Thursday 1/21	Friday 1/22	Saturday 1/23
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts MLK Jr. Celebration Mass 4:00 pm	<b>MLK Jr. Holiday Parish Offices and Food Pantry Closed</b> Mass 5:05 pm Finance 6 pm Parish Council 7 pm	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 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 <b>RCC Rainbow Catholics in Christ</b> 6:30 pm		Wedding Liturgy Workshop 10 am Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday 1/24	Monday 1/25	Tuesday 1/26	Wednesday 1/27	Thursday 1/28	Friday 1/29	Saturday 1/30
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts Mass 4:00 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm RCIA 6:30 pm	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Communion Service 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm Women's bible study 6:30-8:30pm Catholics Returning Home 7-8:30 pm 3rd fl Ministry	Communion Service 5:05 pm Stewardship 7 pm Symphonia 7 pm Baptismal Preparation #2 7 pm		RCIA Retreat at Sarto Retreat 9 am-2 pm 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!**

**Attention parishioners:**  
 Finger foods are needed for this celebration reception. Also help is needed to prepare, host 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.

**Thank you** to Gene and Charlotte Warren, Michael Martin and Denver for the help with snow removal last week. Have free time on a snow day? Come shove! **Thank you** to the de-decorators who stayed after Mass on Sunday 4 pm and took down the decorations, trees, swept, and took out trash. **YOU ARE AWESOME!**

**Rainbow Catholics in Christ** will have their next meeting on Thursday, January 21 beginning at 6:00pm in the Ministry Center. The goal of RCC is to educate ourselves and our church community to the existence of unexamined prejudice, as well as to the consequences of injustice. We will work to put an end to discrimination toward gay and lesbian people, their families and friends, by building bridges of cooperation and understanding within and outside of the church community. We'll begin the evening with pizza, salad, desserts, and refreshing drinks. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

**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!

**Check it out! We have a new website.** The address is the same... [www.stmaryevansville.org](http://www.stmaryevansville.org). It has a lot to offer parishioners and visitors who are looking for information, events, schedules, blogs, calendars and much, much more. Please log on, look it over and then let us know what you think. Your comments and suggestions are appreciated so that we may offer a website that is welcoming, informative, convenient and user friendly. **We would like to thank, parishioner, Brian Scroggins for all his hard work and expertise on creating this website.**

**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) at parish offices or on the high school websites. **Deadline for applying is March 12, 2010.**

**Saint Meinrad Sunday**

This weekend we celebrate the mission of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Since 1861, their School of Theology has been preparing priests, and now, permanent deacons and lay ministers to serve God's people with kindness, compassion and love. St. Mary makes a donation in the parish's name to St. Meinrad as part its stewardship of giving, which is made possible because of the parishioners tithing of money to St. Mary Church.

There are brochures in the back of church with information about St. Meinrad and ways for you to help their mission with an additional gift.

**RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Did you know that St. Mary Church is one of a few parishes in our diocese that offers ongoing Christian Initiation? This means that anytime you are ready to begin this journey of faith our parish is ready to begin the process with you. If you have been thinking about becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or perhaps you just have questions about the faith, you can contact Deacon Joe at 425-1577. All are welcome and you will never be made to feel obligated.

**Church Basement Ladies.** The time for making your reservation to see this hilarious musical comedy on Saturday, February 13 is NOW. Invite your family and friends to join us as we travel to Madisonville for an evening of outstanding entertainment. The cost? Only \$39.00 for transportation, orchestra seating, and all tips and taxes. Call the parish office, 425-1577, today.

**Holy Rosary Faith Day**

Faith Day 2010 at Holy Rosary on Saturday, Feb. 27, will include almost a dozen workshops designed to enrich your faith and heighten your spirituality. Several speakers from the Catholic community will join Holy Rosary clergy and laity in leading 45- to 50-minute sessions covering subjects ranging from Catholic social teaching to care-giving to faith in sports and employment. Faith Day will begin with registration at 8:15 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. The registration cost of \$10 until Feb. 17 and \$12 after that date will include morning refreshment, lunch and printed materials. For information or registration, call Holy Rosary at 477-8923. The workshop topics and their leaders are: Care-giving, Father Ted Tempel; Catholic Social Teaching, Sister Jackie Kissel; Faith in Sports and Employment, Mike Blake; Grief, Sister Jenny Miller; Mass Explanation and Church Tours, Father Alex Zenthoefler; Paschal Mystery-Holy Week, Matt Miller; Prayer, Deacon Joe Stoffle; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christina Rosario; Theology of the Body, Christina and Peter Rosario; Vocations, Father Alex Zenthoefler, Sister Mary Mundy, Deacon Chris Borowiecki and Mary Jo Borowiecki; and Why Catholics Do, Father Bernie Etienne.