

1st Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2010

Parish Pastoral Council 2009-2012

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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 of Lent**

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist			Birthdays		
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Elmer Baumgart	Sat.	2/20	HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	John Burek	Sun.	2/21	TO YOU!!!
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Mon.	2/22	Chetta Hobby, Charlie Jochim
Mon.	5:05 p.m.	Elmer Baumgart	Tues.	2/23	Lynne Lewis, George Vittori, Allison Yancey
Tues.	5:05 p.m.	Thelma Dieter	Wed.	2/24	Happy Birthday!
Wed.	5:05 p.m.	Millie Melchiors	Thur.	2/25	Rafael Moya, Tony Russell
Thurs.	5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Fri.	2/26	Mary Anne Baumgart
Fri.	12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sat.	2/27	Ann Mendel, Patricia Reisinger
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Pete Thole	Sun.	2/28	Mike Joyce, CJ Regin
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Art & Vera Beckerle		2/29	Linda Montejano
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased			

We Welcome New Parishioners

Shannon Woolsey; son Cody
Ruth Saalweachter
Donna Nichols
Darlene Sims

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

Visitors Ministry

Looking for a great hospitality ministry? Something you could do from home? Maybe the whole family could help.

Send a personal note in a card from St. Mary parish to those who have visited our church and signed in our visitor's book.

Contact Lee Griggs to learn more about this ministry, 425-1577, ext. 207 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org

Upcoming Events

Sunday 2/21	Monday 2/22	Tuesday 2/23	Wednesday 2/24	Thursday 2/25	Friday 2/26	Saturday 2/27
1st Sunday of Lent Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts Anointing at Mass Mass 4:00 pm Rite of Sending @ St. Ben 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 Gospel of Mayberry 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Catholic Returning Home 7:00 pm me 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm CAJE Potluck @ Rager 5:30 pm Marriage Prep Workshop 7:00 pm	Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday 2/28	Monday 3/01	Tuesday 3/02	Wednesday 3/03	Thursday 3/04	Friday 3/05	Saturday 3/06
2nd Sunday of Lent Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts 1st Communion Class 10:45 am Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Gospel of Mayberry 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Wisdom 9:30 am Mass 5:05 pm LIFE Potluck 5:00 pm Sessions 6:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm Liturgy 7:00 pm Marriage Prep 7:00 pm	Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	Mass 4:00 pm

Have you changed your phone number lately?
Are you just using cell phones?
Have you changed your email address?
How about the address where you live...have you moved?
Did you have a new baby?
These are the changes your parish needs to know about.

If you answered yes to any of these questions please contact Sally in the parish office with your information changes, 425-1577 or info@stmaryevansville.org.

Way of the Cross - Fridays @ 5:30 PM during Lent

Join us every Friday during Lent for prayer and reflection, as we walk the Way of the Cross. Each week, a different ministry group will lead this reflection. If your ministry group is interested in leading the stations, please contact Paul at 425-1577/pschutz@stmaryevansville.org

Reminder: All Soup Kitchen Volunteers...

There will be a meeting on the consolidation of our Soup Kitchens.

We are asking all workers to attend either Saturday, February 20 after 4 pm Mass or Sunday, February 21 after the 9:30 Mass. We will meet in church.

Please come to be informed, to ask questions and to support this ministry.

Call Pat Fitzsimmons or Deacon Joe with any questions...425-1577.

SOUP, SALAD, AND STYLE at Patchwork Central

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 11:30 am-1:00 pm
100 Washington Avenue
A Taste of Provence--
Gourmet Lunch prepared by Patchwork Chefs
Spring Fashions from Wildflower
Art for every guest created by Patchwork Artists
\$35 per person-includes lunch and a piece of unique art
Call 424-2735 to make your reservations
All proceeds will benefit the ongoing work of Patchwork Central to serve the people of our community.

Fr. Steve invites everyone to a potluck on Thursday, February 25, at 5:30 pm in Rager Hall.

There will be a discussion about CAJE's analysis of how our city could lift families from poverty simply through an improved transportation system and more affordable housing.

There are **three very simple acts** for you to help transform our community. Come to the dinner is the first act and then you will hear about the other two acts. Call the church office to RSVP with Fr. Steve.

"...when you refuse to help the least of these my brothers, you were refusing to help Me." Mt. 25:44

Family Fun: The Andy Griffith Bible Study Series begins this **Tuesday, February 23, at 6:00pm** in the Ministry Center. Barney tries to find a wife for Andy and the fun begins and the laughter never stops. Come and share this hour with your entire family as we find God in the midst of this zany series. Everyone is welcome. For more info contact Deacon Joe at 425-1577 ext. 208.

Do You Want to Send Your Child To Catholic School?

If you are planning to register your child in a Catholic School for the school year 2010-2011 you will need to fill out a Catholic school family application that can be found in the back of church or pick one up in the parish office. If you will be a first time school family please contact Fr. Steve at 425-1577 ext. 205. As a member of St. Mary parish your children may attend any Catholic school of your choosing. For more info please contact the parish office.

RACE FOR VOCATIONS...

The Race for Vacations takes place within the One America Festival Mimi Marathon and 5K on May, 2010 in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. The Race for Vocations welcomes people of all ages to run/walk in the mini or 5k to both promote and pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, sacred married life and sacred single life.

Hundreds of participants pray while they train, attend the Mass for Vocations and Pasta Dinner the Friday night before the race and then run/walk in the mini or 5k. Please join the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Diocese of Lafayette and Diocese of Evansville this year as we Race for Vocations! Visit www.heargodscall.com to learn more about how you can participate.

RCIA Update:

This weekend we send our catechumens and candidates to our bishop as the diocese celebrates the Rite of Election. Our catechumens will now be called the Elect. Let us remember in prayer our catechumens: Mary Messer, Jeff Alvey, and Nathan Fleener. We remember also our candidates: Debra Ritz, Hallie Flynn, Lauren Singleton, Morgan Anderson, Ardith Schiele, John Matzen, and Rick Barter. May the Lord continue to bless them and keep them in His care.

Justice for Immigrants Campaign...a journey of hope

Please fill out a Justice for Immigrants postcard in the back of church with your name and address if you are concerned that the U.S. immigration system is broken and is in need of repair. Leave them and we will mail them all together by March 1. You can also go online to www.justiceforimmigrants.org/pcard and you can send the postcard directly to your elected official.

We Are One Family Under God

Stewardship Note: "therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." Offering to God the very best of what God had provided for us is at the heart of stewardship. Do we offer the best of ourselves, or do we offer what is left over? Probably we've all done both, at one time or another. However, if we still strive to offer our best, we will undoubtedly actually do this more times than not.