

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2010

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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
3rd Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist		Birthdays	
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	Mon. 3/1	Zoe DeVries, Zach Fleenor, Bev Kavanaugh, Kim Koch, Mary Jane Schenk
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Lucille Altstadt	Tues. 3/2	Deneen Miller
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Wed. 3/3	Happy Birthday!
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Rob Robinson	Thur. 3/4	Todd Dunville, Clara Strong
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Denise Hannon (L)	Fri. 3/5	Doris Bush, Natalie O'Daniel, Richard Sloan
Fri. 12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sat. 3/6	Debbie Fox, Jonathan Landowski, Christian Slade, Diane Tomas
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Rose Ellen Hartman	Sun. 3/7	CJ Bever, Debbie DeBaillie
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Millie Melchiors		
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased		

We Welcome New Parishioners

Shelly Long and daughter, Olivia
Donna Nicholson
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 2/28	Monday 3/1	Tuesday 3/2	Wednesday 3/3	Thursday 3/4	Friday 3/5	Saturday 3/6
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 Gospel of Mayberry presentation 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
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CAJE...Congregations Acting for Justice and Empowerment. Please join us and help our city lift families from poverty simply through an improved transportation system and more affordable housing.

CAJE Rally, Thurs, March 18, 6:30 pm, Nazarene Baptist Church, 867 E. Walnut St.

CAJE Action, Thurs, April 22, 6:30 pm at St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Ave.

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

WISDOM DAY IN MAYBERRY

Everyone is welcome to be with us on **Wednesday, March 3** at our monthly Wisdom celebration. Our program will be centered on the Andy Griffith Show Bible Series. The episode is entitled "Barney's First Car." Barney's love for his first car sours when he realizes the "sweet little old lady" he trusted sold him a real clunker. Ignoring Andy's seasoned advice, Barney learns the hard way not to make major decisions based on feelings. "Barney's First Car" is a delightful roller-coaster ride, as Barney's friends loyally support him through his crisis. What are the lessons we can learn from Barney's experience? "The simpleton believes everything, but the shrewd man measures his steps." Proverbs 14:15

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING PROGRAM-

On Monday, March 15, we will offer our annual Youth Protection Training Program in Rager Hall at 6:30pm. All parents and their children ages 3-18 should attend this one hour presentation. Please contact Deacon Joe at 425-1577 or 453-3048 to register.

St. Mary Annual Seder Supper

Monday, March 29, 6:30 pm in Rager Hall

All Are Welcome

Please call the parish office with your reservation by Monday, March 22.

If you are willing to help with the Seder Supper as a cook, server or general helper please contact Lee Griggs as soon as possible.

Set up and food preparation will be done on Sunday, March 21, at 11:30 am. Help is needed at this time. Also we will need our kitchen help here by 4:00 pm on Monday evening.

We will also need servers for the dinner on that evening. Servers will need to be here by 5:45 pm. For Iquestions contact Lee Griggs 425-1577 or **lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org.**

The Andy Griffith Bible Study Series: "High Noon in Mayberry." Andy faces a challenge to his faith when a man he once shot in the leg returns to Mayberry. While Barney, Otis, and Gomer stake out Andy's home to "protect" him, Opie learns that it is okay for a man to be afraid of real danger. "High Noon in Mayberry" illustrates the futility of worry, both in mind and action. Join us this Tuesday at 6:00pm in the Ministry Center. It's fun and spiritual growth for the entire family.

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.

RCIA ...

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) - Our Elect, once known as catechumens, join with our candidates to begin the Period of Purification and Enlightenment which coincides with Lent. This is a period of intense spiritual preparation as they prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery. Let us continue to walk with them in prayer.

Keep in your Prayers...

Parishioners Judy and Greg Wezet, Christine and John Matzen, Laura Reed and Sarah and Jonathan McBride, Judy's mom, Norma, and all their families and friends in the loss of Judy's father, Ray Wenzel, who died this past week.

We Remember...

Parishioner, **Arthur Collins**, who died Monday, February 22, 2010. Services were held 11 am on Friday in the church, Fr. Steve officiating. Burial followed in Oak Hill Cemetery.



Please keep in your prayers, his wife, Tracy Collins and daughter, Monisha Barnhill Woodruff, also parishioners, and all of the children, family and friends in their time of loss. Memorial contributions may be made in Arthur's memory to the St. Mary Food Pantry.

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.

Please Note Mass time changes for Easter

Easter Sunday Services will be at **9:00 am** and **11:00 am**. There will be **NO** 4 pm service. Holy Thursday Liturgy 7 pm, Children's Good Friday Service 3: 15 pm, Good Friday Service 7:00 pm, Saturday Easter Vigil 8 pm with Reception following.