

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 7, 2009**

**Parish Pastoral Council 2009-2012**

Mary Jo Bennett	Justin Jarvis
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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  
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1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20  
Gospel: Luke 6:17,20-26

**Stewardship of Relationships**

Eucharist			Birthdays		
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Denise Hannon (L)	Sat.	2/6	JP Bryan, Kathy Halbig, David Koehler, Randy Lattner, Benjamin Sloan
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Millie Melchiors	Sun.	2/7	Danielle Morris
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Mon.	2/8	David Rodenberg, Neil Werthmann
Mon.	5:05 p.m.	Rob Robinson	Tues.	2/9	Rich D'Amour, Georgia Kerswick, Chris Slade
Tues.	5:05 p.m.	Sue Delker	Wed.	2/10	Rosemary Alcock, Norma Apodaca
Wed.	5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Thur.	2/11	Phillip Field, John Given, Caroline Sloan, Sherman Tennes
Thurs.	5:05 p.m.	Elmer Baumgart	Fri.	2/12	Robert Bowen, Susie Fox, Mary Saltzman,
Fri.	12:00 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sat.	2/13	Russ McCormick
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Pete Thole	Sun.	2/14	Becky Luzio
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Rob Robinson			
	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased			

**We Welcome New Parishioners**

Lynn McDaniel  
Shannon Woolsey; son Cody  
Ruth Saalweachter

*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*

**Ministry Highlight**

**When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would have not a single bit of talent left and could say...**

**"I used everything You gave me!"**

**Contact Lee Griggs to join a ministry here at St. Mary, 425-1577, ext. 207 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org**

**Upcoming Events**

Sunday 2/7	Monday 2/8	Tuesday 2/9	Wednesday 2/10	Thursday 2/11	Friday 2/12	Saturday 2/13
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts Return Palms Rice Bowl Handout Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm  RCIA 6 pm dinner in Rager 7 pm session	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Catholics Returning Home 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm  Symphonia 7 pm		Mass 4:00 pm Anointing at Mass
Sunday 2/14	Monday 2/15	Tuesday 2/16	Wednesday 2/17	Thursday 2/18	Friday 2/19	Saturday 2/20
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts Anointing at Mass Mass 4:00 pm  Happy Valentine's Day	Mass 5:05 pm  Parish Council 7 pm  President's Day	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Masses noon and 5:05 pm Reconciliation Service 7 pm Catholics Returning Home 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm RCC 6:30 pm Eucharistic Minister Workshop 7:00 pm	Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	Soup Kitchen 8:00 am Mass 4:00 pm  "Hot Night in Cold February" Couples Dinner 6 pm

**Anointing of the Sick**

Will be next weekend Saturday and Sunday, February 13 and 14, at all of the Masses. The Anointing of the Sick is for anyone who is facing surgery, illness, or is chronically ill.

**Food Pantry Needs...**

Our Food Pantry needs **plastic bags**. They can be brought to church on the weekends or dropped by the Ministry Center during the week.

Please call Pat Fitzsimmons to volunteer or to get more information at **425-1577 or 477-8006**

**Attention 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.**

**Thank you for all you do for those in need**

**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*

**First Communion Classes** will begin Sunday, Feb. 21, 10:45 pm in the Ministry Center. **A short meeting with Fr. Steve for parents and their child will be held after 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, February 7 in church.**

Please call Lee Griggs if you have a child in 2nd grade that needs to make their First Communion. **More info and a schedule will be given out at the meeting.**



**Ash Wednesday will be February 17.**

Mass will be at noon and 5:05 pm. There will be a Reconciliation Service also on that evening at 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at all three celebrations.

**Catholics Returning Home will meet Wednesday, February 10, in the Ministry Center, 7 pm.**

If you have been away from the church, feel disconnected or just have questions please feel free to come to this meeting. For more information please contact Deacon Joe at 425-1577 ext. 209 or email; jstofleth@evdio.org

**GOSPEL OF MAYBERRY**

The Andy Griffin Show always had a great moral theme to all of its shows.

Here at St. Mary we will be showing episodes from that series and then a discussion will follow where we will share how the theme of these 30 minute videos are relative to our life today.

Please join us in the Ministry Center on the 3rd floor beginning Tuesday February 23 at 6 pm and the following four Tuesdays for this interesting way to look at different values. All are welcome including families with middle school age and up youth. For more info contact Deacon Joe at 425-1577

**RCIA NEWS-**

This Monday evening finds our catechumens, candidates, and parish sponsors gathering for a meal in Rager Hall before examining the topic for the evening: Lent. The question for these men and women, and for each one of us, is simply this: How will Lent change me? Will I be a different person at Easter than I was on Ash Wednesday? An interesting thought. How will you answer?

**RAINBOW CATHOLICS IN CHRIST-**

The next meeting of Rainbow Catholics in Christ will be **Thursday, February 18 at 6:30pm**. We gather on the third floor of the Ministry Center here at St. Mary. We are pleased to have with us Mr. Scott Wylie, Attorney, who will speak to us on the legal issues that confront gay and lesbian people in regards to housing, domestic relations, health care access, and estate planning. It promises to be a very interesting evening and we hope that you and your friends will join us. Everyone is welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER-**

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!' This sure goes against the advice of not volunteering before you know what you will be asked to do. But then, stewardship does go counter this worldly norm. "Here I am, send me!" This statement carries with it the explicit and faithful belief that God walks with us when we say yes to God. Stewardship helps us encounter and live the reality that God does indeed walk with us.