

3rd Sunday of Lent **March 7, 2014**

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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
4th Sunday of Lent
 1st Reading: Joshua 5:9a,10-12
 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist		Birthdays	
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Rose Ellen Hartman	Sun. 3/7	CJ Beyer, Debbie DeBaillie
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Millie Melchioris	Mon. 3/8	John Habermel, Luke Mortis
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Tues. 3/9	Tom Ballard, Pat Fitzsimmons, Nancy Koehler, Brian Scroggins
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Paula Husk	Wed. 3/10	Michael Barley, Tom Cervone, Melvin McClure, Kathy Weinzapfel
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Communion Service	Thur. 3/11	Sarah Bernardin, Herb Edwards, Jim Kothe
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Art & Vera Beckerle	Fri. 3/12	Doug Regin, Emma Young, Neil Young
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Pete Thole	Sat. 3/13	Theresa Bennett, Kayla Jones, Teresa Stanley
Fri. 12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sun. 3/14	Diane Gillespie, Amy Mischler, Cole Render
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Arthur Collins		
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Timothy J. Hannon (L)		
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

Lenten Shoe Drive Continues!
 We continue to collect shoes for the homeless throughout the Lenten season. We are in particular need of large-sized men's shoes, but all shoes are welcome!
 Please place your shoes in and around the baptistery. Many thanks for your outreach to the poor and homeless in these winter months!

Upcoming Events

Sunday 3/7	Monday 3/8	Tuesday 3/9	Wednesday 3/10	Thursday 3/11	Friday 3/12	Saturday 3/13
3rd Sunday of Lent Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts 1st Communion Class 10:45 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 Gospel of Mayberry 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Octet 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Symphonia 7 pm Marriage Prep 7:00 pm Eucharistic Minister Workshop 7:00 pm	Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	Mass 4:00 pm
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Time Change 4th Sunday of Lent Mass 9:30 am Coffee and donuts 1st Communion Class 10:45 am Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Finance Comm. 6:00 pm Youth Protection Meeting 6:30 pm Parish Council 7:00 pm	Youth Choir 3:30 pm Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Gospel of Mayberry 6 pm Choir 7 pm	St. Patrick's Day Mass 5:05 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	Mass 5:05 pm RCC 6:30 pm CAJE Rally 6:45 pm Marriage Prep 7:00 pm Lector Workshop 7:00 pm	Way of the Cross 5:30 pm	Soup Kitchen 8:00 am Mass 4:00 pm

New Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday Eucharist, April 1 @ 7 PM
Good Friday Children's Service, April 2 @ 3:15 PM
Good Friday Service, April 2 @ 7 PM
Easter Vigil, April 3 @ 8 PM
Easter Sunday Eucharist, April 4 @ 9 AM and 11 AM
 Please join us for these celebrations, truly the greatest of our liturgical year!

Way of the Cross: Fridays @ 5:30 PM during Lent
 Join us for prayer and reflection on the life of Christ and contemporary events as we walk the Way of the Cross.

Congregations Acting for Justice & Empowerment

Please join over 40 parishioners who have already committed to be members of our CAJE Network!

Help our city lift families from poverty through improved transportation and more affordable housing. **Our goal is to have at least 120 supporters at the April Action!**

CAJE Rally, Thursday, March 18, 6:45 PM
 Nazarene Baptist Church, 867 E. Walnut St.
CAJE Action, Thursday, April 22, 6:30 PM
 St. Benedict Cathedral, 1328 Lincoln Ave.

Youth Protection Training Meeting

Monday, March 15 @ 6:30 PM in Rager Hall
 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.

Annual St. Mary 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 as a cook, server, or general helper, please contact Lee Griggs as soon as possible. Kitchen help will need to arrive at 4 PM. Servers will need to arrive by 5:45 PM.

Help is also needed for setup and food preparation on Sunday, March 21, at 11:30 AM.

Questions?
 Contact Lee Griggs at 425-1577 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org.

Thank you to Susan Hagan for her great service as Sacristan while Georgia is away!
We are grateful for your wonderful service!

Andy Griffith Bible Study Series

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Ministry Center
 "Barney's First Car"
 Barney's love for his new car sours when he realizes the "sweet little old lady" he trusted sold him a real klunker. Ignoring Andy's seasoned advice, Barney learns the hard way not to make major decisions based on feelings. All are welcome to join us for a fun night of formation!

Want to send your child to Catholic School?

As a member of St. Mary, your children may attend the Catholic school of your choice. If you wish to register your child in a Catholic School for the 2010-2011 school year, **you will need to fill out a Catholic school family application**, available in church or in the parish office, by March 20th.
 First-time school families should contact Fr. Steve at 425-1577, ext. 205, for more information.

Please continue to pray for our RCIA Elect and Candidates, as they walk together through the Period of Purification and Enlightenment, which coincides with Lent.

In the next three weeks, we will pray intensely with the Elect and Candidates through the three scrutinies, which call us all to deep examinations of our hearts and call us to walk more faithfully with Christ. Let us walk with our Elect and Candidates in prayer as they walk the last leg of their journey toward the Easter Sacraments.

A note on our restrooms...

The women's restroom is available in the hallway outside Rager Hall.
 Men may use any of the unisex restrooms.
Please lock the door to ensure your privacy.

A Few Important Notes on General Intercessions

Because of the scrutinies celebrated over the next three weeks, we will pray for the sick, suffering, and those who have died, but in general terms.

The Intercessions are the prayer of the whole community, and so we read aloud the names of those who are sick, suffering, and who have died. Still, so that the entire community can share in the prayer, it's important that we know for whom we are praying. To that end, **please write full names in the book**. Hearing that we're praying for "Steve Lintzenich" connects the prayer with the whole Assembly, while "Steve" or "a sick friend" may not.

If a loved one is on your mind or a death anniversary is near, we invite you to add his or her name. Otherwise, please be sensitive to the number of names in the book.

Many thanks for your great prayer, Church!
 Fr. Steve