

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29
2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist		Birthdays	
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Sat. 5/1	Hannah Purdy
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Art & Vera Beckerle	Sun. 5/2	Jack Martin, Anna Saltzman, Bill Traylor
4:00p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Mon. 5/3	Sharon Harrison
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Lucille Altstadt	Tues. 5/4	Andrew Alcock, Christine Beyer, Noah Melton, Jim Walling, Emma Watson
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Wed. 5/5	Michael Jordon, Marietta Werthmann
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Denise Hannon (L)	Thur. 5/6	Loretta Hook, Karen Johnston, Luke Utley
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Elmer Baumgart	Fri. 5/7	Robert Barber, Rita Dickman, Susanne Emge, Nate Gill, Keely Griggs, William Koehler, Jacob Morris, Olivia Robinson
Fri. 12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity	Sat. 5/8	Garv Bush, Mary Longtine, Tierney O'Daniel
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Pete Thole		
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	John Burek		
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased		

We Welcome New Parishioners

Zak and Terra Ours
John Radez

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 Fr. Steve at 425-1577 or splintzenich@stmaryevansville.org

Garden Party

Saturday, June 12, after 4 pm Mass.

We will be roasting a pig for this fun parish event. We will be having a cornhole competition, picking king or queen of the corn. This will be a potluck so we ask that you bring a dish to share. Last year we had over 200 out in the parking lot under tents having a great time. Volunteers are needed to set up/clean up and to help organize cornhole. Please contact Lee Griggs 425-1577 ext. 207

Ministry Highlight

Upcoming Events

Sunday 5/2	Monday 5/3	Tuesday 5/4	Wednesday 5/5	Thursday 5/6	Friday 5/7	Saturday 5/8
Mass 9:30 am Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm	Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7:00 pm	Wisdom 9:30 am Mass 5:05 pm LIFE Dinner 5:00 pm LIFE Sessions 6:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Centering Prayer 7:00 pm in Our Lady's Chapel Liturgy 7:00 pm		Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday 5/9	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14	Saturday 5/15
Mother's Day Mass 9:30 am Mass 4:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm RCIA Mystagogy 6:30 pm	Mass 5:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7:00 pm	Mass 5:05 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm MC Workshop 7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation #1 7:00 pm		Soup Kitchen 8:00 am Mass 4:00 pm

May LIFE Outreach Activity We need your help!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our April LIFE Outreach Bags drive! With your support, we filled 115 bags, nearly enough for three weeks of outreach through Aurora!

In May, we will continue our partnership with Aurora and hold a **Housing Starter Kit Blitz!** Housing Starter kits are given through Aurora to families moving from **homelessness to new homes.**

Whether you're a LIFE participant or not, you can help with this great outreach opportunity!

To help, bring any new or lightly used items listed below to church or the Ministry Center on or before Wednesday, May 5th.

Items include:

- 30-gallon Containers, small Laundry Baskets,
- Dishes and Silverware
- 4 oz. or 8 oz. Glasses
- Cooking Utensils (frying pans, saucepans, large spoons or forks, cutting knives, spatulas, can openers, measuring cups and spoons)
- Cleaning Supplies (brooms, dustpans, mops, buckets, waste baskets, garbage bags, all-purpose cleaners, dish/laundry detergent, toilet brushes)
- Linens (shower curtains/rings, bath towels)
- Aluminum foil, Sandwich bags, Kleenex

Thank you for your great generosity!

A note from the Ushers...

Thank you for being a welcoming parish community where visitors and parishioners alike are made to feel welcome. You make our job of welcoming and seating people easier by sitting closer to the front; to allow for those arriving later, scooting to the middle of the pew; helping us to find available seats and welcoming into the pews all who want to join us at Mass. Thank you for being a people of hospitality and seeing Christ in all who enter our doors.

Stewardship Reminder

Thank you to those parishioners who have returned their stewardship commitment forms. We have received 138 commitment forms out of 464 families. The commitments total \$339,110.62 in which is 43% of our proposed budget. We have also received \$17,584.00 in new restoration pledges/payments. Please return your completed commitment card by May 1st. We appreciate your response and your prayerful consideration of your commitment. If you have not received a thank you for your commitment please call the office...we have some unsigned forms.

Children's Stewardship Envelopes

Each week we receive several stewardship envelopes from the children of our parish. It is joy to see these young children begin their stewardship education by putting an envelope in the collection baskets. If your child would like to have their own envelopes please contact the church office and we will be glad to send the envelopes to them. We do ask that when your child uses the envelope to please add their name so that they will be properly credited with their stewardship. Names are not pre-printed on envelopes.

Baptismal Seminar

Please call Cindy Bernardin at the Parish Office at 425-1577 if you have any questions and to make reservations. Childcare is available if needed.

All parents are expected to participate in this preparation. Reservations are necessary. Details are also available at www.stmaryevansville.org.

May 13-session I & May 27-session II
September 9-session I & September 23-session II
Thursday from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Ministry Center

Come join us Wednesday, May 5 for WISDOM GROUP.

We meet in the **Ministry Center on the first floor** in the Gathering Room **9:30 am to noon**. Enjoy the morning with other parishioners and their guests who like to enjoy a morning out, then have lunch with us.

This month there is a **special surprise** planned by Rosie and Marti for all. Come, enjoy and be pampered.

We welcome you to bring a finger food or dish to share for our potluck lunch. Have some fun and surprise everyone with that dish you always wanted to fix.

If you have questions or more info please contact Lee Griggs at 425-1577 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org

Picnic with the Bishop

Do you think that you're alone in considering a call to priesthood, religious life or lay church ministry? Join others for a relaxing evening with Bishop Gettelfinger on June 2, 2010 at 5:00 pm at St. John Parish, Daylight. All people who have at least completed their sophomore year in high school are welcome. We'll have Mass, presentations by priests, religious brothers and sisters and lay church ministers, followed by supper and some time to have fun. Contact your parish office if you are interested or you can email us at vocations@evdio.org or call 424-5536 to make reservations.

Notice...

Due to staff changes we are doing an inventory of our church keys. We have a completed our list, but want to make sure all keys are assigned correctly. If you have a church key please call or email Sally in the parish office to let her know, 425-1577 ext. 210. Thank you!

Report on general operations and Restoration debt.

St. Mary Church has been blessed abundantly. In 2007, we decided to restore our prayerful space to the tune of three million dollars. This commitment in faith was made possible by the sacrifices of many parishioners. Through the hard economic times and as a result of the recession, a significant amount of committed monies were not fulfilled. We are still in need of new commitments of one million dollars. Please continue to send in your "Commitment Cards" for the New Fiscal Year that state your commitment to general operations and the restoration debt. I will be writing weekly updates in the bulletin to all parishioners and guests who want to support our parish.

Fr. Steve