

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 25, 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
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1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Stewardship of Relationships

Eucharist		Birthdays	
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Agnes Beckerle	Mon. 7/26	Rosemary Toelle
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Jerome Rafferty	Tues. 7/27	Tom Lemmer, Stephen Miller, Bennett Slade, Eve Timmons
4:00p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased	Wed. 7/28	Dawn Bowen, Joshua Flynn, Gary Morris, Sandra Render
Mon. 5:05 p.m.	Communion Service	Thur. 7/29	Angie DeWeese, Isabella Odum
Tues. 5:05 p.m.	Communion Service	Fri. 7/30	Christina Bernardin, Connor O'Daniel, Nicholas Purdy, Sandy Schell, Mark Valenzuela, Alex Williams
Wed. 5:05 p.m.	Communion Service	Sat. 7/31	Jacob Alcock, Addison Brown, Tony Paul, Melissa Willis
Thurs. 5:05 p.m.	Communion Service		
Fri. 12:05 p.m.	Mass at Holy Trinity		
Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Virginia Riordan		
Sun. 9:30 a.m.	Dot Hirsch		
4:00 p.m.	St. Mary parishioners living and deceased		

We Welcome New Parishioners

Lindsey VanDoornik

*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 Rob Henson at 425-1577 or rhenson@stmaryevansville.org*

Ministry Highlight

Meal Brigade

This is a wonderful ministry of reaching out and connecting. As a Meal Brigade minister you will be called upon to prepare and bring a much-appreciated hot meal and a smile to the door of a family after the birth of a new baby. Meal Brigade ministers will have the opportunity to carry the message of caring and support to those it serves. Please contact Lee Griggs 425-1577 ext. 207 or lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org
If you are currently a meal brigade member or would like to be please email Lee. We are updating our list.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 7/25	Monday 7/26	Tuesday 7/27	Wednesday 7/28	Thursday 7/29	Friday 7/30	Saturday 7/31
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and Donuts	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Farmer's Market Downtown	Mass 4:00 pm
Mass 4:00 pm	RCIA 6:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm Choir 7:00 pm				
Sunday 8/1	Monday 8/2	Tuesday 8/3	Wednesday 8/4	Thursday 8/5	Friday 8/6	Saturday 8/7
Mass 9:30 am Coffee and Donuts	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Wisdom 9:30 am	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Farmer's Market Downtown	Mass 4:00 pm Alms Collection
Mass 4:00 pm	Bldg & Grounds 5:30 pm	St. Vincent de Paul 6 pm	Communion Service 5:05 pm	Centering Prayer in Our Lady's Chapel 7:00 pm		

Celebration Brunch

There will be a brunch on **Sunday, August 15 after 9:30 am** Mass to celebrate and thank Paul Schutz, Director of Worship, for his four years of ministry to St. Mary Parish. Paul will be leaving on August 19 to study Theology at Fordham University. You may contact Lee Griggs to volunteer or with any questions 425-1577 / lgriggs@stmaryevansville.org

Alms Collection

There will be an Alms collection at all Masses the weekend of August 7 and 8. All alms collected help our Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry and St. Vincent de Paul to minister to those in need of basic needs like food, clothing and shelter. Your generosity is appreciated.

The **Iraqi Student Project** local committee is in the process of raising funds for Zaid Majeed's junior year at the University of Evansville. As a thank you to all donors and potential donors, the ISP committee is **hosting a cookout on Friday August 6th from 6-8:30 p.m.** at the home of Carl and Maureen Shepherd. There is **no charge** to attend but an **RSVP** is required. This will be a great opportunity to meet and talk with Zaid. For more information, call Maureen at 473-3283 or email mocs612@gmail.com or talk to Marcia or Tom Ballard.

"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do little - do what you can." -Sydney Smith

Circle of Care visits- We have a group of dedicated volunteers who regularly visit homebound parishioners and make communion calls. If you know of someone who would benefit from such a visit, please call Rob Henson 425-1577.

National Night Out

In it's 28th year National Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August. At this event the police and the community come together for a night of fun and activities.

Where: Akin, Garvin and Lorraine Parks

When: Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm -9:00 pm

A neighborhood-community-police partnership. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend.

Becoming Catholic

Today, more and more people are reflecting on God, their relationship with God, and living a fuller faith life. For some people, that might mean the beginning of a call to explore membership in the Catholic Church. As Catholics, we are committed to a life in union with Jesus and His teachings, proclaimed to us through Scripture and Tradition. Our parish offers an Inquiry Session which welcomes "Inquirers" to come and ask their questions, and to reflect on Christ's presence in this faith community, as well as Christ's call to each of us to a deeper life of faith. Please consider this invitation to schedule an RCIA Inquiry Session by calling Rob Henson at 425-1577.

Tell Us Your Story!

*I came to St. Mary because...
My grandparents were married here in 1894...
My most memorable moment at St. Mary was...*

The St. Mary Marketing Committee is launching a **"Tell Us Your Story" Campaign**, a drive to collect and share the stories of St. Mary parishioners past and present.

If you have a family with a long history at St. Mary, a story of what drew you here, an encounter with the Holy Spirit, or anything else you'd like to share, we want your story!

Submit your story in writing to 613 Cherry St., 47713, via email to pschutz@stmaryevansville.org, or via the website!

If you have **pictures, video, or audio** to share, please contact Paul. We are planning a **Tell Us Your Story exhibition** and would love all media we can find!
Thanks!

The Service project for Vacation Bible School this year was the Christmas Jars.

What is a Christmas Jar?

A Christmas Jar is a jar you have around to collect your spare change each day.

All coins you collect throughout the year are dedicated to the jar, and during the week before Christmas you carefully select someone to give it to anonymously. Has someone you know lost their job? Is there someone you know who is sick or has had an accident? Do you know someone or a family who has fallen on hard times? Simply put your coin filled jar on their porch, in their car, on their desk—wherever—and you could change their life for good!

If you want to learn more about the story of the Christmas Jar go to www.christmasjars.com This story tells of hope, love, friendship, faith, and trusting in one another. One family's blessings are another family's hope in their time of need. It brings families together through one simple lesson: THE GIFT OF GIVING.

There will be jars prepared by VBS families available this weekend in the back of church.

Report on General Operations & Restoration Debt

Stewardship is faith in action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that our faith always bears fruit in action. Stewardship is a faith journey that calls us to profess our belief in God's goodness and to act in accordance with that belief. The readings from Colossians and the Gospel of Luke this weekend call us to respond to God's plan for humankind with generosity! We are to share the time, and talents, and treasures that we manage with others. As this summer continues so do the ministries of our parish like outreach to the poor, faith formation, and youth ministry. Your stewardship of these ministries is a great blessing!

Fr. Steve