



# St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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**April 7, 2024**



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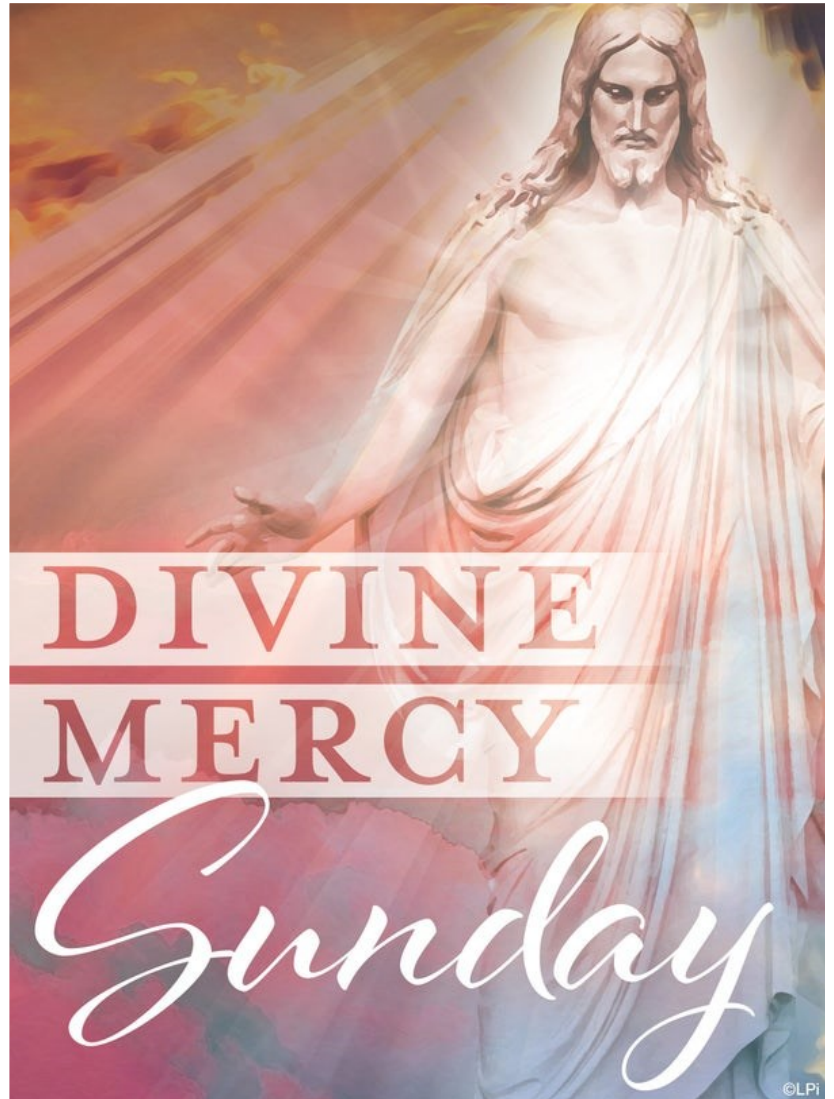
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**Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm**

**Church Hours: 6:00am-9:00pm**



**St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church Mission Statement:**  
Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church is a community of faith united in the Eucharist and committed to spreading the joy of the Gospel through authentic discipleship.

**Website: [www.stmaryireland.com](http://www.stmaryireland.com) Facebook: St Mary Church Ireland**

**St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 7:00am & 10:00am**

**Monday Mass at 6:00pm (this week only)**

**Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm**

**Wednesday Mass at 7:30am Thursday Mass at 6:00pm**

**Friday Mass at 7:30am**

**No Adoration this week**

**Anointing of the Sick:**

If facing surgery, dealing with a chronic illness, serious accident or nearing the end of life, notify the parish office for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Confessions:**

Monday Confessions 5:30-5:50pm (this week only)

Tuesday Confessions 5:30-5:50pm

Thursday Confessions 5:30-5:50pm

First Friday Confessions 7:00-7:20am

Saturday Confessions 4:00-4:20pm

Sunday Confessions 6:30-6:50am & 9:30-9:50am

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

The Church teaches us that parents are the primary educators in the faith of their children. All parents scheduling a baptism are encouraged to attend Fr. Luke's Baptism class before their child is to be baptized. Call the parish office for information on the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Registered parishioners who wish to be married at St. Mary Church are asked to contact the parish office no later than six months prior to their wedding date.



**Church Support**

**Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs: \$16,200.00**

Weekend Collection for March 23 & 24.....	\$ 15,206.25
Weekend Collection for March 30 & 31 (Easter).....	\$ 22,058.25
Total Collection.....	\$ 37,264.50
Budget overage.....	\$ 4,864.50
Year-To-Date Budget (07-01-2023 to current).....	\$ 648,000.00
Year-To-Date-Total.....	\$ 657,636.23
Year-To-Date-Difference Overage.....	\$ 9,636.23

Children's Rice Bowl Collection March Palm Sunday \$	34.00
Children's Rice Bowl Collection Easter.....	\$ 146.00

Thank you for your financial support!

**Mass Attendance for March 23 & 24**

4:30pm [260] 7:00am [198] 10:00am [307]

**Mass Attendance for March 30 & 31**

9:00pm [250] 7:00am [525] 10:00am [700+]

**Mass Intentions**

Private Confessions 4:00-4:20pm

**Sat-April 6** 4:30pm † Dave & Michael Schroeder

Private Confessions 6:30-6:50am

**Sun-April 7** 7:00am † Ken & Betty Mehringer

Private Confessions 9:30-9:50am

10:00am Members of St. Mary Parish

**Sunday, April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday**

Confession begins at 2:00pm Service begins at 3:00pm

- Adoration
- A brief Homily
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy

All are welcome !!

No Adoration - Private Confessions 5:30-5:50pm (this week only)

**Mon-April 8** 6:00pm Vocations

**Tues-April 9** 2:00pm

John Tague (St. Charles Health

Private Confessions 5:30-5:50pm

Care Center)

6:00pm † Kenny Schitter

**Wed-April 10** 7:30am † Donald & Rita Werne

Private Confessions 5:30-5:50pm

**Thurs-April 11** 6:00pm † Larry & Jayne Mehringer

**Fri-April 12** 7:30am † Ed & Virginia Heim

Private Confessions 4:00-4:20pm

**Sat-April 13** 4:30pm Members of St. Mary Parish

Private Confessions 6:30-6:50am

**Sun-April 14** 7:00am † Othmar & Liz Schmitt Family

Private Confessions 9:30-9:50am

10:00am † Arnie & Cyrilla Heim Family



St. Mary Church and the Diocese of Evansville has made your giving to St. Mary a little easier.



**Scan the QR code or donate using the following steps:**

- Step one: Go to [evdio.org](http://evdio.org). Click on "Donate Now"  
 Step two: Go to "Sunday Offertory For Parishes" "Give Now"  
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2. Gift amount - Gift frequency - Start date - Continue
3. Enter email - Create an account for a recurring gift
4. Payment information - Payment type - bank or credit card

Enter your credit card or banking information and submit your gift. The diocese will send your donation to St Mary Parish. Thanks to those who are using this method of giving - this is a free service from the diocese for our parish. St. Mary also offers ACH through the area financial institutions. Giving is any of these ways saves the parish money on monthly envelopes and postage.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive - Thursday, April 25 - 2:00-6:00pm - St. Mary Community Center**



**Ask Fr. Pastory  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The feast of Divine Mercy has come into the liturgical calendar recently. A Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska, who died in 1938, was an apostle of the devotion to Divine Mercy. During revelations to her, Jesus asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to Divine Mercy, and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. This feast, which had previously been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was extended to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the canonization of St Faustina on 30 April 2000.

Saint Faustina was an apostle of Divine Mercy, and she lived here on earth only for 33 years as Jesus himself lived only for 33 years. Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks:

- 1st, to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy.
- 2nd, to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; and
- 3rd, to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

Through her, Lord Jesus communicates to the whole world the great message of God's mercy and reveals the pattern of Christian perfection, based on trust in God, and on the attitude of mercy toward one's neighbors. As Jesus told St. Faustina, Jesus is telling everyone of us: *"I do not want to punish the aching (the suffering) mankind, but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My Merciful Heart."* So, we are encouraged to resolve to take advantage of the great Sacrament of Mercy during this time of grace, giving thanks "to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." Amen.

The **Men's Softball Season** will be starting before long. If you played last year, you should be on the roster. If you would like more information, call Jamie Clark at 812-630-6469. Always looking for additional players.

**Happy Anniversary** to the following couples who will be celebrating their **50+ Wedding Anniversary** in the month of April: Mike & Marsha Hile, April 14; Gary & Marcia Wagner, April 17; Darrell & Shirley Greulich, April 18; Dennis & Diane Henke, April 20; Darrell & Mary Weisman, April 20; Gene & Dianne Mehringer, April 23; Gary & Linda Rasche, April 24; Ken & Marilyn Schnaus, April 24; and Floyd & Sharon Jones, April 29.  
**Congratulations!!**

Everyone having their child baptized is encouraged to attend a **Baptism Class** before scheduling their baptism. Baptism Class will be **April 11** after the 6:00pm Mass in the lower level of church. Call the parish office to make your reservation. You do not have to wait until your child is born to attend.



**It is mowing season for the cemetery.** All things in the cemetery on the ground or stuck in the ground will need to be removed. If there are things that we pick up and cannot be placed on the stone, they will be put by the gazebo. We want to keep our cemetery beautiful and safe for our mowers. Thanks!

**Happy Birthday** to the following parishioners who will be celebrating their birthday **April 6 to April 12:**



**April 6:** Andrew Fleck, Jan Flynn, Betty Jenkins, Marilyn Nicholson, Bev Schmitt, Donald Steinhart, Beverly Weyer

**April 7:** Matt Bueltel, Bradley Gehlhausen, Kathleen Holmes, Kevin Jacob, Kyle Kordes, Charlene Leinenbach, Bridgett Linette, Jennifer Poteet, Dylan Young

**April 8:** Fr. Luke Hassler, Logan Kempf, Brad Leinenbach, Joyce Schulte, Danna Sermersheim, Walker Swan, Tom Wagner

**April 9:** Brooke Kendall, Terra Leinenbach, Molly Mehringer, Virginia Nowakowski

**April 10:** Judy Jeffries

**April 11:** Aiden Fleck, Kynlee Gress, Kaylee Hopf, Daryl Mehringer, Dean Schneider, Dave Seng, Keith Vogler

**April 12:** Sydney Gehlhausen, Addilyn Leinenbach, Tim Schwenk, Sondra Smith, Cole Taber, Dennis Wehr

**Congratulations!**

**Red Cross Blood Drive, Thursday, April 25, 2:00-6:00pm, Community Center Cafeteria.** Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: **StMary** to schedule an appointment. **Make an impact and give if you can.**

**Ireland K of C Scholarship**

The Ireland Knights of Columbus are currently accepting applicants for 2 Scholarships to be given away in July 2024. Each Scholarship is a single payment of \$500! Applicants must be a graduating high school senior that will be attending either a 4 year university/college, a 2 year college, or any Trade School in the Fall of 2024. Applicants must be a child/stepchild of an Ireland Knights of Columbus Brother or deceased Brother. The Ireland K of C Brother/Deceased Brother must have been in good standing with dues current. Applicants are to submit a 3X5 index card with the following information to Ireland K of C, PO Box 136, Ireland, IN 47545.

- Students Full Name
- K of C Member Name
- Name of School attending in the Fall of 2024.
- 4 year, 2 year, or Trade School Degree

Applicants will be chosen by random drawing in July. Deadline to enter is 6/15/2024. Call 812-639-0453 with any questions.

**ADORATION & MASS FOR VOCATIONS**

JOIN US ON MONDAY NIGHTS AS WE PRAY FOR MORE VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE FOR OUR DIOCESE

WHERE: ST. MARY IRELAND  
WHEN: MONDAY NIGHTS  
ADORATION: 6 PM  
MASS: 7 PM

CONFESSION WILL BE OFFERED DURING ADORATION  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### This Week's Parish Events

#### Saturday [04/06]:

- **Private Confessions** 4:00-4:20pm.
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 4:30pm.

#### Divine Mercy Sunday/Second Sunday of Easter [04/07]:

- **Private Confessions** 6:30-6:50am and 9:30-9:50am.
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 7:00am and 10:00am.
- **Coffee and Donuts** after Mass in the lower level. Everyone welcome.
- **Rosary** prayed before the 10:00am Mass.
- **Divine Mercy Sunday** - Confessions begin at 2:00pm. Service begins at 3:00pm.
- **No Rosary Devotion** due to Divine Mercy Sunday.
- **Women's Book Study** at 6:00pm in Annunciation Hall.

#### Monday [04/08]:

- **Happy Birthday Fr Luke.** Have a great day!
- **No Adoration this week.**
- **Private Confessions** 5:30-5:50pm
- **Mass for Vocations** celebrated at 6:00pm.
- **Ireland K of C Rosary** at 7:30pm; **Meeting** at 8:00pm.

#### Tuesday [04/09]:

- **Mass** celebrated at St. Charles Health Care Center at 2:00pm.
- **Private Confessions** 5:30-5:50pm
- **Mass** celebrated at 6:00pm.
- **Choir Practice** after Mass.

#### Wednesday [04/10]

- **Mass** celebrated at 7:30am.
- **Quilting** in the lower level of church, noon to 4:00pm.

#### Thursday [04/11]

- **Private Confessions** 5:30-5:50pm
- **Mass** celebrated at 6:00pm.
- **Baptism Class** after Mass, 6:30pm, in the lower level conference room. Call the parish office to let us know you will be attending. Parents must attend a class before the baptism of you child.

#### Friday [04/12]

- **Mass** celebrated at 7:30am.

#### Saturday [04/13]:

- **Private Confessions** 4:00-4:20pm.
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 4:30pm.

#### Third Sunday of Easter [04/14]:

- **Private Confessions** 6:30-6:50am and 9:30-9:50am.
- **Mass** will be celebrated at 7:00am and 10:00am.
- **Rosary** prayed before the 10:00am Mass.
- **Women's Book Study** at 6:00pm in the lower level

#### *2024 Irish Sweepstakes Raffle Winner*

**March 31, Easter 2 - \$250 Winners** are,  
Geri Wehr and Amy Keusch and the  
**\$100.00 Irish Sweepstakes Raffle Winner** is  
Joni Dillon.  
*Congratulations!*

### Upcoming Parish Events

- April 7:** Divine Mercy Sunday - Confessions begin at 2:00pm. Service begins at 3:00pm.  
**April 7:** No Rosary Devotion - come to Divine Mercy Sunday  
**April 7:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**April 13:** St Mary Golden Gala - parishioners 65+ after Mass.  
**April 14:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**April 21:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**April 25:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-6:00pm.  
**April 28:** St Mary 1st Communion at 10:00am.  
**April 28:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**April 28:** Savio at St. Mary, 6:00pm-8:30pm in the basement of the Social Hall.  
**May 5:** Rosary Devotion at 3:00pm in church.  
**May 5:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**May 12:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**May 19:** Women's Book Study at 6:00pm in the lower level.  
**June 24-27:** St. Mary Vacation Bible School  
**July 3:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 2:00-6:00pm.  
**July 20-22:** TEC here at St. Mary  
**August 29:** Red Cross Blood Drive, noon-6:00pm.  
**September 8:** St Mary Church annual picnic  
**November 9-11:** TEC here at St. Mary

### Liturgical Ministers for April 13 & 14

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

4:30 pm	Doris Harris - Cheryl Erny - Joyce Gehlhausen
7:00 am	M Weidenbenner - D Renner - A Weidenbenner
10:00 am	Kristin Dahmer - Gina Scherle - Craig Beck

#### Lector:

4:30 pm	Jerry Schuck
7:00 am	Dylan Schmitt
10:00 am	Brian Seibert

#### Ushers:

4:30 pm	need ushers
7:00 am	Phil & Dianne Gogel
10:00 am	Kevin & Martha Keusch

#### Servers:

4:30 pm	Sawyer Reckelhoff - Traycen Haase
7:00 am	Tyler Emerson - Levi Mehringer
10:00 am	Carson Powell - Garrett Beck

The family of Robert "Bob" Allen wants to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness during his death. Your prayers, visits, food and concern meant a lot to all of us. Please know that you will be remembered. Thank you so much for your kindness.

*The Robert "Bob" Allen Family*

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of  
**John Goepner who died March 30.** May they  
be comforted by our prayers.



Join our Catholic brotherhood of sacrifice,  
learning, prayer and fraternity for guys ages  
13 -18 and their dads, 6:00pm-8:30pm. DuCo  
Savio is **April 28.** Join Fr. Luke for fun, food and  
prayer in the basement of the Social Hall.



**St. John Bosco Youth Ministry**  
Email [boscodirector@evdio.org](mailto:boscodirector@evdio.org),  
text/call 812-639-4227

**April 6:** Praise and Worship, 7:15-8:15pm at St. Joe  
**April 7:** Holy Crafts!, 2:30-5:00pm at the Bosco House  
**April 7:** Bosco Lounge, 7:00-9:00pm at the Bosco House  
**April 10:** Bosco Youth Group, 8:30-9:30 at the Bosco House  
**April 12:** Conversation & Donuts, 7:00-7:55am at Jasper High School Comm. Rm  
**April 12:** Middle School Fun Friday, 3:00-5:00pm at Fellowship Hall  
**April 13:** Women's Bible Study, 9:30-10:30am at the Bosco House  
**April 13:** Praise and Worship, 7:15-8:15pm at St. Joe  
**April 14:** Sports group, 2:30-5:00pm, at St. Joseph Parish Center Gym  
**April 14:** Bosco Lounge, 7:00-9:00pm at the Bosco House  
**April 17:** Bosco Youth Group, 8:30-9:30 at the Bosco House  
**April 19:** Conversations & Donuts, 7:00-7:55am at Jasper Middle School LPI Room  
**April 19:** Middle School Fun Friday, 3:00-5:00pm at Jasper Middle School LPI Room  
**July 17-21:** National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis

We are searching for a new **Bosco Youth Minister**. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, go to [evdio.org](http://evdio.org), click "Employment Opportunities" in the taskbar, and look for the job description under "Director of St. John Bosco Youth Ministry." This is a full-time position .

St. John Bosco Youth Ministry uses "**Remind**" to keep you in the loop on middle and high school youth events. Text @bosco20 to 81010 to get reminders of events for your youth.

## Area Events

**April 7:** Christ the King Parish, St. Henry, BBQ, begins at 11:00am at the St. Henry Financial Life Hall  
**April 8:** Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140 Meeting at 6:30pm in Room 301 at the St. Joseph Parish Center.  
**April 11:** Theology on Tap for young adults ages 18-39 at St. Benedict's Brew Works, Jasper, 7:00-8:30pm. The speaker will be Fr Brian Emmick, "The Ancient Devotion to the Precious Blood".  
**April 13 & 14:** Sts Peter and Paul "Die Kirche Auktion"  
**April 15:** Catholic Charities "Neighbor to Neighbor" program information Session at Precious Blood Church, 6:00pm.  
**April 20:** Diaconate Ordination at St. Benedict Cathedral

**Teddy Bear Walk** - The Ireland K of C is hosting their annual Teddy Bear Walk on the grounds here at St. Mary's. The Walk is on Saturday, May 11th. Registration is at 7:30Am. Walk at 8:00am. Breakfast will be served following the Walk. The Walk is less than a mile on the beautiful grounds of St. Mary's. Entry fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and the breakfast. Kids 6 and under are free. Registration forms will be available in the back of church or by contacting any K of C Member. 100% of the proceeds are used to purchase Teddy Bears. Call 812-630-3802 or 812-639-0453 with questions.



St. Mary Parish would like to welcome

*Clyde and Susan Leonard and Dominick and Bailey Tedeschi to our parish.*

*Welcome*

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