



# St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

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

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



## Picnic News

It's that time of year to start preparing for our annual Parish Picnic! To make it a success, we need everyone's help - many hands make light work! There are plenty of ways to get involved, from set-up and food service to games and clean-up. If you are new to the parish, please call the parish office to see where you can volunteer to help. Let's come together for a day of faith, fun, and fellowship!

- **Chairpersons** - Please bring your workers list to the parish office or e-mail to Dianne at dgogel@evdio.org
- Don't forget to pick your **Raffle Tickets** in the back of church
- **Basket Ideas** \$50 + Value
- **Grab Bags** - Items for Kids & Adults are welcomed
- **Country Store** - There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for needed items for the Country Store.
- Bring your **picnic quilts for the Quilt Show being held on Thursday, August 28.**
- Please bring your **Group Quilt Donations** to the office or drop in the collection basket. Group quilt donations are \$35.

## St. Mary Picnic Sunday, September 14

## 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**  
**Tuesday Mass at 6:00pm**  
**Wednesday - No Mass**  
**Thursday - No Mass**  
**Friday - Mass at 7:30am**

**Adoration: Monday beginning at 5:00pm**

**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 5:00-5:50pm  
 First Friday Confession 7:00-7:20am  
 Saturday Confessions 3:30-4:15pm  
 By Appointment

**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 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. This will provide time for prayer, preparation and paperwork.

**Gift Bearers:** If you would like to carry up the gifts at offertory, let the ushers know. Great way to get our parish families involved in the Mass.



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"  
 Step three: A new window will pop up where you choose

1. Your parish (St. Mary Parish/Ireland, IN)
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.

**Mass Intentions**

Private Confessions 4:00-4:20pm

**Sat-August 23** 4:30pm † Ted & Dorothy Bartley  
**Sun-August 24** 7:00am † Members of St. Mary Parish  
 10:00am † Jerry Terwiske

Adoration 5:00-6:00pm - Private Confessions 5:00-5:50pm

**Mon - August 25** 6:00pm † Vocations  
 † Dave Schitter

**Tues-August 26** 6:00pm † Finton & Bretha Schwenk

**Wed-August 27** No Mass

**Thurs-August 28** No Mass

**Fri-August 29** 7:30am † Dolores Klem

Private Confessions 3:30-4:15pm

**Sat-August 30** 4:30pm † Linus & Helen Humbert Family  
**Sun-August 31** 7:00am † Mark Flynn  
 10:00am † Members of St. Mary Parish



Church Support Fiscal Year 2025-2026  
 Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs: \$17,000.00

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| Weekend Collection for August 16 & 17.....   | \$ 9,720.00        |
| July Average Electronic Weekly.....          | \$ 5,770.75        |
| Total Collection.....                        | \$ 15,490.75       |
| <b>Budget Shortage.....</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,509.25</b> |
| Year-To-Date Budget (07-01-2025).....        | \$ 119,000.00      |
| Year-To-Date Total.....                      | \$ 115,457.11      |
| <b>Year-To-Date Difference Shortage.....</b> | <b>\$ 3,542.89</b> |

Thank you for your financial support!

**Mass attendance for August 16 & 17**

4:30 pm [350] 7:00 am [198] 10:00 am [330]



**Have a passion and talent for singing?**

Reading music is not a requirement but is very helpful. **CONTACT Charlene Sermersheim** for more info & to answer God's call to join our music ministry. (812-482-7837)

Choir practice will begin on  
**Tuesday, September 2 after 6pm Mass.**  
 New members are always welcome!

**September 3: Red Cross Blood Drive. 12pm - 6pm**



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

There are a few openings for children ages 3-6.

Tuesdays 3:30pm - 5pm - 2 spots open

Wednesdays are FULL

Thursdays 4:30pm - 6pm - 2 spots open

Please contact Bridget Fleck at 812-631-3022 or [bfleck@evdio.org](mailto:bfleck@evdio.org) for more details.

## Holy Trinity Catholic School Class of 2026 Fundraiser

Students of the HT Class of 2026 are selling mums as a fundraiser to help offset the cost of their class trip to Washington D.C. in the spring of 2026.

**Mums** are available in a variety of colors and come in 9" pots for \$13. To order mums please contact Jessica Mehringer at 812-630-7780 or email [jmehring1@hotmail.com](mailto:jmehringer1@hotmail.com)  
Mum orders are due by August 27.

## Thinking About Becoming Catholic OR Just want to know more about the Catholic Faith?

If you—or someone you know—are considering joining the Catholic Church or need sacraments such as First Communion or Confirmation.

Maybe someone asked you questions about your Catholic faith and you weren't sure how to answer?

Inquiry sessions will be beginning soon!

Contact Bonnie Meadows at [bmeadows@evdio.org](mailto:bmeadows@evdio.org) or call the parish office. We'd love to walk with you on your faith journey!



## St. Mary Sunday School

We are excited to begin Sunday School for children in Pre-School through Kindergarten during the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. To make this program a success, we need additional volunteers. If

you can help, please contact Martha by calling the parish office or emailing [mjschmitt@evdio.org](mailto:mjschmitt@evdio.org).



## PARENTS

We love seeing the children joyfully bring their offerings to the Treasure Chest! This is just a gentle reminder to please encourage your children to walk quietly to the chest & back to your pew.

We are in Jesus' house, and we want to show Him our love & respect through our actions.

**Happy Birthday** to the following parishioners who will be celebrating their birthday **August 23 to August 29:**



**August 23:** Eric Castillo, Dan Kreilein Jr., Shelly Main, Jennifer Merkley, Scott Reckelhoff, Hannah Schwenk, Grayson Wright

**August 24:** Braxton Blessinger, Max Bueltel, Brady Erny, Lindsey Leinenbach, Darby Patton, Ethan Young

**August 25:** Anna Buechlein, Eva Dupps, Landon Kissel, Noah Kurzendoerfer, Emerson Schmitt, Kelli Schmitt, Tanner Young

**August 26:** Henry Fromme, Kevin Hasse, Andrea Hochgesang, Martha Hochgesang, Craig Jansen, Ben Leinenbach, Riley Merder, Rodney Mundy, Marsha Stallings, Steve Stallings, Kevin Uebelhor, Kent Wendholt

**August 27:** Amy Hopf, Denise Kleiser, Mary Neuhoff

**August 28:** Carson Buchta, Kerry Hopf, Brian Klem, Scott Meyer, Marilyn Mundy, Alica Vaal

**August 29:** Cathy Bartley, Judy Englert, Aaron Leinenbach, Hayes Mehringer, Gerilyn Schmitt, Hannah Witte

## Congratulations!

If your name was omitted or we have the incorrect date, call the parish office so we can get our records updated. If your son or daughter has moved from this area or are back in the area, call and let us know. This way we can keep our records up to date.

## Fr. Bill presents:

**"The Prophets of the Lord: Voices of God in Isreal"**

**Thursdays at 7pm Zoom or in Annunciation Hall**

August 28 - Amos

September 4 - Hosea

September 11—No Class

More information can be found at [www.frbillnicholas.com](http://www.frbillnicholas.com) under "Zoom Presentations."

If you have any questions about the ZOOM Presentation or attending in person at the parish, please contact Bonnie at the parish office or email [bmeadows@evdio.org](mailto:bmeadows@evdio.org).

## Divine Providence Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The chapel is open 24/7 for you whenever you need a time out to be with Jesus. Substitutes and Adorers are always needed.

- 9:00am - 3rd & 5th Sundays
- 6:00 pm - 5th Sunday
- 11:00pm - 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays
- 2:00am - 2nd, 4th, & 5th Fridays
- 2:00pm - 2nd & 4th Saturdays
- 2:00am - 1st & 3rd Saturdays

Call or text 812-309-8033 or email [dp@adorationmanager.com](mailto:dp@adorationmanager.com).

## 2025 Irish Sweepstakes Raffle Winner

**August 17, \$100.00 Irish Sweepstake Raffle Winners are Brian & Pam Seibert**

**Congratulations!**

## Attention Quilters!!!

Quilting begins Wednesday, September 17. Noon - 4pm in the lower level of church. Help the quilters get quilts ready for the 2026 picnic!

### This Week's Parish Events

#### Saturday [08/23]:

- **Private Confessions** 3:30-4:15pm.
- **Mass** celebrated at 4:30pm.

#### 21st Sunday [08/24]:

- **Mass** celebrated at 7:00am and 10:00am. **Rosary** prayed before the 10:00am Mass.

#### Monday [08/25]

- **Homebound Communion Visits**
- **Holy Hour/Adoration for Vocations** 5:00-6:00pm
- **Private Confession** 5:00-5:50pm
- **Mass** celebrated at 6:00pm.
- **Servants of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group** at 7:00pm in the Social Hall Library
- **Ireland K of C Meeting** 8:00pm

#### Tuesday [08/26]:

- **Mass** celebrated at 6:00pm

#### Wednesday [08/27]:

- **No Mass**

#### Thursday [08/28]

- **No Mass**
- **St. Mary Quilt Show** Annunciation Hall. 11am - 4pm
- **Fr. Bill Zoom Scripture Series 7:00pm** online or in person in Annunciation Hall (Lower level of church)

#### Friday [08/29]:

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

#### Saturday [08/30]:

- **Private Confessions** 3:30-4:15pm
- **Mass** celebrated at 4:30pm.

#### Sunday [08/31]:

- **Mass** celebrated at 7:00am and 10:00am. **Rosary** prayed before the 10:00am Mass.

#### Monday [09/1] Labor Day

- **Mass** celebrated at 9:00am

### Upcoming Parish Events

**August 25:** Ireland K of C Meeting 8:00pm

**August 28:** St. Mary Quilt Show. Annunciation Hall. 11am - 4pm  
Annunciation Hall (lower level of church)

**August 28:** Fr. Bill ZOOM Presentation. 7:00 - 8:30pm

**September 3:** Red Cross Blood Drive

**September 4:** Fr. Bill ZOOM Presentation. 7:00 - 8:30pm

**September 7:** St. Mary Rosary Devotion at 3:00pm

**September 8:** Ireland K of C 7:30pm Rosary, 8:00pm Meeting

**September 11:** Fr. Bill Presents a Special: The Biblical Virgin Mary: How the Holy Scriptures Presents the Mother of Jesus.  
In person only. 6:30 - 8pm

**September 14:** St. Mary Church Picnic

**September 14:** Savio for young men at St. Mary Ireland, Sienna for young ladies in Precious Blood Basement. Both start at 6pm.  
Open to middle and high school students.

### Liturgical Ministers for August 30 & 31

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

- 4:30 pm Robin Fromme, Ann Terwiske, Emily Leinenbach, Erin Jochum, Stan Heim, Jenny Hayes, Doris Harris
- 7:00 am Brian Gehlhausen, Debbie Hopf, Alicia Mehringer, Shari Weidenbenner, Donna Wendholt, Donna Renner, Tammy Sermersheim
- 10:00 am Michelle Kieffner, Kevin Powell, Melanie Powell, Diane Brescher, Samantha Venderley, Julie Truesdale, Bridgett Linette

#### Lector:

- 4:30 pm Kevin Shepherd
- 7:00 am Tricia Schmitt
- 10:00 am Matt Fleck

#### Ushers:

- 4:30 pm Trace Weidenbenner - Greg Weidenbenner
- 7:00 am Jake Wagner - Larry Vollmer
- 10:00 am Sandy Miller - Ted Keusch

#### Servers:

- 4:30 pm Corde Leinenbach - Luke Leinenbach
- 7:00 am Anna Renner - Jake Renner
- 10:00 am Sawyer Reckelhoff - Tucker Reckelhoff

### **REMINDER!**

**Aluminum cans** - Continue to bring your aluminum cans to the trailer located north of the Community Center. Cans need to be put loose in the barrels, not dropped off in bags. Be sure and keep St. Mary in mind when you have your gatherings. ***Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward our playground update.***

We are collecting **can tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House. Remove the tabs and bring them to the parish office.

**The Weekend Children's Collection** will be used to support of the New Playground Area.  
August 16 & 17 Children's Collection was \$83.00.  
Individual donations are still being accepted.

If you would like to take aluminum cans or any payable recyclable directly to **"Junk-It"** just ask them to add to our St. Mary account we have with them. Thanks to everyone who has donated in the manner!

### **St. Mary Quilt Show**



Thursday, August 28 beginning at 11am - 4pm. The quilts can be seen in Annunciation Hall (lower level of church).

**Stop in and check out the beautiful Quilts!**

### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

Jasper Classes starting September 8

Neighbor to Neighbor is a FREE faith-based, life skill education program that helps individuals/families move beyond relief & build healthy habits for long term success.

Upon the successful completion of the Neighbor to Neighbor program, participants earn a voucher toward their rent, utilities, or other appropriate expense.

For more information or to Enroll - 812-423-5456  
This program is offered by Catholic Charities Diocese of Evansville.

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

**August 27: Opening Night of the Bosco School Year Party!**

**Open House** - 6pm-8pm - Parklands Pavillion. Food, games, fellowship - open to middle and high school students and their families (little kids welcome too!)

**September 3:** Bibles at the Bosco House - 8:15 - 9:30pm. Open to high school students.

**September 7:** Praise & Worship - at Precious Blood Church, 7pm-8pm. Food & games for students after the event until 8:30. Open to the community!

**September 10:** Bibles at the Bosco House - 8:15 - 9:30pm. Open to high school students.

**September 13:** Rosary & Root Beer Floats - 7pm - gather at Mother of God Grotto on Bartley Street. Open to middle, high school and collegiate students.

**Area Events**

**August 23:** Holy Redeemer Summer Event, Evansville, IN.  
5:00pm - 7:00pm CDT

**August 24:** Christ the King Church Picnic, St. Ferdinand Campus

**August 24:** St. Martin Church Annual Hog Roast. St. Martin's Whitfield Hall, Loogootee. 10am - 1:30pm

**September 7:** St. Bernard Catholic Chicken Dinner & Social. Fort Branch, IN. Carry-outs 10:30 - until gone. Dinners 11am - until gone. CDT

**September 27:** Middle School Diocesan Youth Day, St. John the Baptist in Newburgh

**October 19:** Cleric Cup Volleyball Tournament. St. Ben's Gym, Evansville. 5pm (Sunday Mass at 4pm St. Ben's Cathedral)

**November 20-22:** National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis, IN

**St. Mary of the Annunciation**



Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Community Center Cafeteria

Call 1-800-733-2767 or  
visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter: StMary  
to schedule an appointment.



**The Brute Society**

St. Mary Parish would like your help to nominate parishioners you would like to nominate for this award. The parishioners should possess these qualities and characteristics:

- A lifestyle that is in harmony with the teachings of the Catholic faith and in good standing with the Catholic Church
- A commitment to the principles of good stewardship. Selfless giving of time, talent, and/or treasure to the life and work of our parish.
- Fellow parishioners would be proud to have them represent our parish.

If you know a person/couple that fits these qualities, email Dianne at [dgogel@evdio.org](mailto:dgogel@evdio.org) or drop your nomination in the collection basket.

**Nominations must be in by August 24.**

**New Weekday Mass Times beginning September 1**

**Monday - No Mass**

**Tuesday - Mass** celebrated at 6:00 pm

**Wednesday - Holy Hour/Adoration** 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
**Mass** celebrated at 6:00pm

**Thursday - Mass** celebrated at 7:00 am

**Friday - Mass** Celebrated at 7:00am

**Saturday - Mass** celebrated at 8:00am