



# 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** to the parish office.
- 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 - No Mass**

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

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

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

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

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

**Adoration: Wednesday 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:**

Wednesday Confessions 5:00-5:50pm

First Friday Confession 6:30-6:50am

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



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 3:30-4:15pm

**Sat - Aug 30** 4:30pm † Linus & Helen Humbert Family

**Sun - Aug 31** 7:00am † Mark Flynn  
 10:00am † Members of St. Mary Parish

**Labor Day**

**Mon - Sept 1** 9:00am † For Those Who Labor

**Tues-Sept 2** 6:00pm † Norb Dick

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

**Wed - Sept 3** 6:00pm † Ted Schmitt

**Thurs - Sept 4** 7:00am † Dominic & Shirley Schmitt Family

First Friday Confessions 6:30-6:50am

**Fri - Sept 5** 7:00am † Rudy Hulsman

**Sat - Sept 6** 8:00am † Teresa Diefenbach

Private Confessions 3:30-4:15pm

**Sat - Sept 6** 4:30pm † Dean Vollmer

**Sun - Sept 7** 7:00am † Members of St. Mary Parish  
 10:00am † Earl Hulsman



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

Weekend Collection for August 23 & 24.....\$ 8,050.00

July Average Electronic Weekly.....\$ 5,770.75

Total Collection.....\$ 13,820.75

**Budget Shortage.....\$ 3,179.25**

Year-To-Date Budget (07-01-2025).....\$ 136,000.00

Year-To-Date Total.....\$ 129,277.86

**Year-To-Date Difference Shortage.....\$ 6,722.14**

Thank you for your financial support!

**Mass attendance for August 23 & 24**

4:30 pm [230] 7:00 am [] 10:00 am [310]



**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.

## 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.

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

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

**Happy Birthday** to the following parishioners who will be celebrating their birthday **August 30 to September 5:**



**August 30:** Clara Kempf, Angie Love, Phyllis Schitter, Andrea Shaughnessy, Melissa Wagner

**August 31:** Marilyn Beier, Tyler Denu, Kate Kaiser, Campbell Lichlyter, Grace Miller, Nolan Sander, Dustin Schmitt, Marlene Schroeder, Heather Schwenk, Kendal Wehr, Annette Weidenbenner, Kathryn Wilz

**September 1:** Jacquelyn Beier, Colin Buettel, Corbin Hochgesang, Lennon Hochgesang, Kerrigan Kieffner, Denise Miller, Breanna Poole, Zain Schmitt, Bryan Schnaus, Gary Seger

**September 2:** Rebekah Luff, Anne Mehringer, John Merder, Kaleb Renner, Terry Stenftenagel

**September 3:** Megan Brinkman, Jae Clark, Elvira Crutchfield, Barbara Hopf, Alicia Mehringer, Matthew Mehringer, Todd Stemle, Annette Streicher, Matt Werner

**September 4:** Saylor Brescher, Larry Hillyard, Jr., Samantha Hoffman, Aiden Leinenbach, Parker Reckelhoff, Mark Seibert, Presley Vogler, John Weyer

**September 5:** Rachelle Buffenbarger, Jackson Heichelbech, Harold Sander, Gina Schmitt, Rosemary Schnaus, Loren Seal, Graham Thimling, Amy Wigand

## 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**

September 4 - Hosea

September 11 - No Session on the Prophets (see below)

September 18 - Micah

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).



## Join Fr. Bill as he presents:

**The Biblical Virgin Mary:  
How the Holy Scriptures  
Presents the Mother of Jesus**

**Thursday, September 11 at 6pm in Annunciation Hall**

The Catholic Devotion of Mary takes many forms and many layers. Fr. Bill presents where and how the Virgin Mary is presented in the Holy Scriptures, what each story says about her and how it compliments and/or differs from the popular devotions to Mary we may be familiar with.

## 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 [08/30]:

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

#### 22nd Sunday [08/31]:

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

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

- **Parish Office will be Closed**
- **Homebound Communion Visits**
- **Mass** celebrated at 9:00am

#### Tuesday [09/2]:

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

#### Wednesday [09/3]:

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** Noon - 6pm. Parish Cafeteria
- **Holy Hour/Adoration** for Vocations beginning at 5:00pm
- **Private Confessions** 5:00-5:50pm
- **Mass** for Vocations celebrated at 6:00pm

#### Thursday [09/4]

- **Mass** celebrated at 7:00am
- **Fr. Bill Zoom Scripture Series 7:00pm** online or in person in Annunciation Hall (Lower level of church)

#### Friday [09/5]:

- **First Friday Confessions** 6:30-6:50am
- **Mass** celebrated at 7:00am. Coffee and donuts in the lower level after Mass.

#### Saturday [09/6]:

- **Mass** celebrated at 8:00am
- **Private Confessions** 3:30-4:15pm

### **The Daughters of Isabella Jasper Circle #140**

Will meet on Monday, September 8, in Room 301 in St. Joe's Parish Center, Jasper, at 6:30pm. All Catholic women from the circle's area of parishes in Jasper, Ireland, Huntingburg, Celestine, Dubois, Schnellville, and St. Anthony are invited to join the Daughters of Isabella. Please contact Kathy Schneider at 812-309-9108 for more information.



#### **"Our Journey of Faith begins in Baptism"** **We welcome into the Family of God:**

Lillian Rose Merkel, Child of Ryan and Molly (Schwenk) Merkel.



#### **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.

### Upcoming Parish Events

**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.

**September 15:** Ireland K of C 20/20 1st Drawing and Meal

**September 22:** Ireland K of C 20/20 Drawing and Meal

**October 4-6:** TEC

**October 12:** Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook Off

### Liturgical Ministers for September 6 & 7

#### Extraordinary Ministers:

- 4:30 pm Bonnie Meadows, Maria Buettel, Audrey Wehr, Julie Hopf, Ruth Small, Jill Weidenbenner, Helen Vonderheide
- 7:00 am Cassey Ziegler, Jesse Bachman, Carla Durcholz, Cheryl Fromme, Joyce Gehlhausen, Melinda Weidenbenner, Annette Weidenbenner
- 10:00 am Kristin Dahmer, Brian Fleck, Missy Sinnott-Fleck, Bev Himsel, Tyler Showalter, Marvin Schepers, Rachel Gegogaine

#### Lector:

- 4:30 pm Hannah Schwenk
- 7:00 am Dylan Schmitt
- 10:00 am Michelle Renner

#### Ushers:

- 4:30 pm Kathy Vollmer - Ed Vollmer
- 7:00 am Lauren Emerson - Anthony Emerson
- 10:00 am PJ Peter - Jill Peter

#### Servers:

- 4:30 pm Need 2 Servers
- 7:00 am Emma Emerson - Emma Schmitt
- 10:00 am Dawson Dittmer - Roslyn Dittmer

### **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.

### **2025 Irish Sweepstakes Raffle Winner**

**August 24, \$100.00 Irish Sweepstake Raffle Winner is Sue Schroeder**

**Congratulations!**

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

**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 in Jasper for a Rosary at 7pm, then go to Dairy Queen for a sweet treat courtesy of Bosco! Open to middle, high school and collegiate students.

To get Text info send a text to 81010 and text this message  
[@bosco131](https://www.bosco131.com)

### **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

### **Youth Babysitters Needed**

We are looking for responsible youth volunteers to help provide childcare during Bible Studies. If you enjoy working with children and would like to share your time and talents, please contact Bonnie at the Parish Office 812-482-7041 or email [bmeadows@evdio.org](mailto:bmeadows@evdio.org) to be added to our list. This is a great way to serve our parish family!

### **Area Events**

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

**September 13:** 2025 Men's Conference at St. John the Baptist Church, Newburgh

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

**October 4:** Race for Vocations. Downtown Evansville

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

**October 28:** K of C Priest, Deacon and Religious Appreciation Dinner at Huntingburg Event Center. Doors open at 5:45pm, Dinner at 7:00pm

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

### **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 23 & 24 Children's Collection was \$87.50.

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 this manner!