

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Services:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:45 a.m.
Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00 – 4:30

Director of Music:

Pam Warren

Director of Religious

Education:

Sandy Simpson

Holy Family Catholic Mission

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220 W. Main Street
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Services:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

Confessions:

Sunday: 7:30 – 8:00 a.m.

Director of Music:

Dorothy Wood

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Rev. Anthony Onyekwe, Pastor
Debbie O'Bryant, Office Mgr
Office Hours: M, W, Th, F
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



"He that shall drink of the water
that I will give him, shall not
thirst for ever: But the water that
I will give him, shall become in
him a fountain of water,
springing up into life
everlasting." (John 4:13,14)

Ministry Schedule

Weekend of 12/20/2015

St. Mary's Catholic Church

LECTOR

Saturday: Pat Baloga
Sunday: Joyce King

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday: Pat Baloga
Mary Dashper
Sunday: Sharon Latendresse
Sharon Place
Lois Mahoney

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday: Josh Latendresse

COUNTERS

Sunday: Sharon Simpson
Jeff Latendresse

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

LECTOR

Mark Wood

GIFT BEARERS

Deborah Thorne & Dennis Blackwell

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Bennette Brou
Karen Pierce

ALTER SERVERS

Wayne Tedford

Dates to Remember

Penance Service: Monday, December
14 at **Holy Family** at 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM.

Penance Service: **St. Mary's**

Wednesday, December 16 at 6-7 PM.

Christmas Eve Mass, Holy Family

Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 PM,
and at **St. Mary's** Thursday, December
24. Choir program starts at 10:30PM,
Mass will be at 11:30 PM.

Christmas Day Mass, St. Mary's

Friday, December 25 at 10:45 AM.

Holy Family New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, December 31 at 11:30 PM
Breakfast following Mass.

New Year's Mass, Solemnity of Mary,

St. Mary's Friday January 1st 2016, at
10:45 AM.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

OFFERTORY FOR WEEK ENDING 11/29/2015

St. Mary's

Family Enrollment	120
Total Families	
Contributing	45
Total Regular	\$2,598.00
2nd Collection	\$1,172.00

Holy Family

Family Enrollment	52
Total Families	
Contributing	22
Total Regular	\$1,613.00
2nd Collection	\$263.00

ONE COLLECTION

Dec 20, 2015

General Offering

† Mass Intentions †					
DAY	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR:	REQUESTED BY:
Saturday	12/12/15	St. Mary's	5:00 PM	Robert Stiegleiter+	Joyce Parker
Sunday	12/13/15	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Betty Rocheleau+	Boucher Family
		St. Mary's	10:45 AM	George Turner+	Valerie Turner
Monday	12/14/15	St. Mary's	12:00 noon	Charles Lomax+	Esther Lomax
Tuesday	12/15/15			NO MASS	
Wednesday	12/16/15	Holy Family	12:00 Noon	Paul George Joseph+	Lyn Hollis
Thursday	12/17/15	Holy Family	12:00 Noon	Joan Brooks+	Sharon Reiter
Friday	12/18/15	St. Mary's	12:00 noon	Harlan & Catherine Krug+	Joan & Norman Krug
Saturday	12/19/15	St. Mary's	5:00 PM	Polly Mitchell	Friends of St. Mary's
Sunday	12/20/15	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Robert Stiegleiter+	Joyce Parker
		St. Mary's	10:45 AM	Fr. Joey Kaump	Grace and Greg Garza

Prayer Intentions

For the health and recovery of our parish family...

"Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently this life which you have created, now and forever. Amen."

St. Mary's: Gil Jambard, Mercedes Gibbons, Shirley Petit, Irene Marinak, Walter Krupa, Jim Latendresse, Hugh Conrad, Fr. Bill Byrnes, Raul Simoes, Donna Salay, Suzanne & Kim Zahir, Roger De Angles, Tom Farrell, Joyce Parker, Bill Richenbach, Dan Ebeling, Allen York, Robert Zembiec, Betty Gagnon, Larry King, Mary Brown, Susan Damron, Ken Wilkins, Barbara Taylor Family, Ray Maasen, Brian Gibbs, Diane Gibbs, Judy Young, Polly Mitchell, Richard Wheatley, Kenny Wilkins.

Holy Family: Garry Korbelt, Pat Boucher, Bob Simko, Karen Pierce, Toni Stokes, Mary Rodgers, Donna Reindl, Victoria Morris, Delores Galloway.

For Our Extended Family: Don & Camilla Hartmann family members of Garry & Lila Korbelt; Della Jungels, Carrie Etter's, Mother; Dennis Robinson, son of Marilyn Miller; Barbara Elizando, daughter of Jeannette & Dennis

White; Jr. Cuascut brother of Evelyn Ward; Danny Hart, friends of the Baloga's; Billy Burkett, Joan Papes' Son; Johnny Harris, Father of the Harris Children; Matthew Ebeling, Son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Amber Massen, Granddaughter of Ray & Beverly Maasen; Charles Glover; Landry Broussard, granddaughter of Joyce & Larry King; Web Maddox; Sisters of Betty Gagnon; Angie Beck, mother of Grace Garza; Josh Forrest, Nephew of Kathy Trull; Brenda Boodman, friend of Mark Yatsko; Iris Olguin, sister of Evelyn Ward.

For those on active duty in the military: Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; David Farrell, son of Tom & Patty Farrell; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Josh Jambard, grandson of Anne & Gil Jambard; Jason Krug, grandson of Norm & Joan Krug; Jonathan Placido, son-in-law of Hugh & Arlene Conrad; Austin Ellis, son of Bob Ellis, Justin Brenner, grandson of Brian & Diane Gibbs; Mark Smith, son-in-law of Ken & Trish Wilkins; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill; Catrina Garza, daughter of Greg & Grace Garza.

Save the Date for Women's Morning Spirituality

Saturday April 9, 2016 at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15. Keynote Speaker is Kelly Nieto. Witness Speaker is: Leslie Harden. Music with Bethany and Kevin Paige. Celebration concludes with Mass.

General Announcements

Feast Day of the Holy Family

On Sunday, December 27, Holy Family will be celebrating the Feast Day of the Holy Family with Mass being said at 5:00 p.m. only. After Mass, we will have a Dutch Treat meal at Maria's Mexican Restaurant in McKenzie (located on 1944 Cedar Street). It is hoped that everyone can attend to celebrate our special day.

Please let Karen Pierce know (986-9786) by December 20 so arrangements can be made. If you are wondering why there is a change of venue, our Mexican restaurant in Huntingdon no longer has room to accommodate a large group and there is nothing else open on Sunday nights in Huntingdon.

Villa Vianney

Each year at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, our parishes take up a second collection for Villa Vianney, the senior priests' residence. The funds we gather help to cover the costs of running Villa Vianney. Located in Cardova, Tennessee, the residence is a place for senior diocesan priests to live comfortably and safely. Although the pace of life is slower at Villa Vianney, our senior priests continue to offer Masses for our intentions, and support parishes while a pastor is away, and advise groups like Cursillo. Their priesthood lasts a lifetime, and they are still loved and still needed. Please give generously to the second collection for Villa Vianney.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas, let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is April 22-24, 2016 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Stanton, TN. For more information, or to apply, visit our website at www.arkansaswwme.org/apply or contact us via email: apply@arkansaswwme.org or call 479-806-5711.

Christmas Party

St. Mary's Christmas party will be held on Sunday, December 13 immediately following Mass. It will be in the building behind the Apex Bank of Camden on HWY 641 North.

Ham and chicken will be provided by the Church. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish and or a dessert to share. Drinks will be provided. The PRE children will be putting on a play and there will also be a surprise guest. Please come and join your fellow parishioners for this festive event.

Ladies' Guild Booth

If you did not have a chance to shop at the Ladies' Guild bazaar, we now have a booth at the Five K's Vendor's Mall on the court square. It's a great place to shop for the holidays and support the hard work of the Ladies of our parish!

Holy Family News

Holy Family Catholic Mission will be collecting money for a family in need, so they may have a Christmas. In the past and depending on the generosity of our community, two families may be able to be helped. Donations will be taken Sunday December 13th. Thank you for your generosity. Diana Stanfill and Karen Pierce.

Holy Family Christmas Party December 15th at 6 pm

Come join us for a delicious meal, Christmas carols and a fun game of Dirty Santa. Meat will be provided by the Church, bring your favorite dish and a gift for Dirty Santa game. Any questions call Karen Pierce, 731 986-9786.

Christmas Decorating

Holy Family on December 20th right after Mass we will be decorating the Church for Christmas, please stay many hands make light work.



The Opening of the Holy Door

Many Catholics are discussing the topic of the “Holy Door.” Perhaps you too have heard about this from a friend or on the news. What is the Holy Door and what is the significance of its being opened?

This practice is nothing new for the Church. It is part of a set of years, often referred to as a jubilee year, that is associated with the opening of the doors at St. Peter's Basilica. In fact, it was as far back as the year 1300 when Pope Boniface VIII declared the very first “Holy Year.” Since then, the Church has observed Holy Years – in most cases every twenty-five years. This interval has taken place at least since the late 1400's. However, there have been some special cases when a Holy Year was declared. One of these instances was back in 1983, when a Holy Year was declared to commemorate the anniversary of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many Catholics take this opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Rome as an act of reparation for sin, followed by the renewal of one's life to Christ and His teaching. One of the acts involved with the pilgrimage is passing through the Holy Door.

Concerning this ritual, Pope John Paul II said that it “evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish. Jesus said, 'I am the door' (John 10:7) in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through Him. This designation which Jesus applies to Himself testifies to the fact that He alone is the Saviour sent by the Father. There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into this life of communion with God: This is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation. To Him alone can the words of the psalmist be applied in full truth: 'This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter' (Psalm 118:20).” (*Incarnationis Mysterium*)

When we pass through the door just outside of St. Peter's, entering into the basilica, it is symbolic of the pilgrim passing from the world of darkness and into the presence of God. This act is reminiscent of the Temple in the Holy City of Jerusalem when the High Priest would pass through the veil that covered the entryway of the Holy of Holies to offer the atonement sacrifice on the Festival of Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement).

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door, on December 8, which marks the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. With the Holy Door being opened this year, it should be every Catholic's prayer that spiritual weakness, vices and various temptations that lead to sin be removed so that we “may dwell in the house of the Lord unto length of days.” (Psalm 22:6; *DRB*; or 23:6 in the *NABRE*)

Charles Allen, Dec. 8, 2015
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