

St. Mary Catholic Church

February 5, 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Services:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:45 AM

Monday & Friday: 12:00 noon

Confession:

Saturday: 4:00 PM—4:30 PM

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Services:

Sunday: 8:30 AM

Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

Director of Music:

Dorothy Wood

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Herbert Ene

Deacon: Wayne Tedford

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

“You are the lights of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, here it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

A few years ago, a dear friend of mine was suffering from crippling depression. In the course of a conversation about how it felt, he spoke of darkness surrounding him, and then added that he felt that death “sat on his chest.” I remembered thinking at the time of the passage from Isaiah, announced at the Christmas Mass during the night: “The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light, on those who dwell in the land of gloom, a light has shown.” To dwell in that light helps drive the power of death away.

Having just celebrated the ancient feast of Candlemas this past week (Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary), the Church invites us to consider the means to this light that gives life. The first reading, also taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, tells us that the light will break forth like a dawn in us when we share our food, when we clothe those who are naked, when we don't turn our back on the suffering brothers and sisters in the human family. If we remove oppression through laws, community behavior, attitudes of the self-centered, attend to those who are starving for the good, whether that is food, education, beauty, clean water or whatever else the human family genuinely thirsts for, then the light will rise, and the gloom of our world will transform to midday. This pronouncement of a prophet hundreds of years before Jesus should challenge us to listen closely to Jesus' words in the Gospel about being the light of the world. The light comes from living in God's presence. To be God is to be and agent for God's mercy in the harsh places of the world.

This does not imply that we have the will or ability to just decide to love the Trinity. We first need to allow ourselves to be loves-to know the compassion of God. Saint Paul told the Corinthians and the church today that life and faith have to rest on the power of God. Paul sees himself as coming to preach God's love out of his own weakness rather than great strength. Like AA and other successful recovery programs we own that we ourselves don't have the tools to bring the light-it shines through us from God. We allow ourselves to be transparent so as not to obscure it.

But should we think that we have nothing, Jesus reminds us that we are the light of the world. If we have been called to faith and the pursuit of love of God, then we must not abandon the way. The cost of doing so is the land of gloom-the darkness of hopelessness.

The illness of Clinical Depression is simply that, an illness. Like cancer, heart disease or other ills of the body it requires more than willing it to go away. Like all illnesses it is subject to God's healing, and we should consistently pray for that for others and for ourselves. For the great swath of humans who experience other forms of the gloom of hopelessness, the light of God's mercy and forgiveness might well be the light of healing.

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The light of compassion, after the death of a love one, may bring surcease from the grief's most insidious anguish. The sense of ennui that pervades so much of Western Culture may be addressed by the labor of bringing the light of hope to others. Anxiety about tomorrow's possibilities may be healed by confidence that a loving God holds us in care.

It is well for us in the Northern Hemisphere still caught in the throes of deep winter darkness to remember the light that God brings to us through the practices of unselfishness, justice, and compassion. It is worth seeking the path of those Ways given in today's scriptures and the prayers of the Liturgy.

"Care for the needy and your light will break forth like the dawn" - Gospel antiphon of morning prayer.

(Eileen Burke-Sullivan, Creighton University's Online Ministries)

"They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread"

Retreats being held at Our Lady Queen of Peace

Why we believe in the Real Presence, Transubstantiation, Fruits of Holy Communion and how to prepare for the sacrament

- ♦ For the first time we will present the Eucharistic Stations
- ♦ Men Feb. 10-12, 2023
- ♦ Women: March 24-26, Aug. 4-6, 2023
- ♦ Women & Men: Jan. 13-15, 2023, Mar. 3-5, May 5-7, 2023
- ♦ Log on to **OLQPre retreats.com** & click on calendar
- ♦ Or call to register 731-548-2500

"Teaching Mass"

Imagine having your questions you have regarding The Holy Mass answered in a 1/2 day event at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat center.

Priest will explain all aspects, components, and rituals of The Holy Mass.

Saturday, April 22, 2023.

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Or call to register: 731-548-2500 or email

debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org

DATES TO REMEMBER :

February, 2023



February 5	Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family)
February 5	Fellowship Sunday (St. Mary)
February 8	Little Flowers Club (SM 3:30 PM)
February 13	SM Ladies Guild (10:30 AM)
February 15	Knight's Meeting (SM 6 PM)
February 18	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 AM)
February 22	Little Flowers Club (SM 3:30 PM)
February 22	Ash Wednesday (Mass: HF 12:00 PM SM 5:00 PM)

HOSTESSES:

Holy Family Hospitality Sunday: Richelle Stokes plus 1.

St. Mary Fellowship Sunday: Debra Davenport and Sandy Simpson.

Bulletin Items

If you have an item that you would like to put in the bulletin, please have it sent to the office by Wednesday of each week. You can email it to Sandy at smchfhcatholic@gmail.com or call the office at 731-584-6459.

This is a good way to keep parishioners up to date on all that is happening.



Women's Morning of Spirituality

Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Church of the Incarnation. Doors open with 7:15 Continental Breakfast. Program begins at 8:15; Mass 12:15. Keynote Speaker: Ann Leatherman. Witness Speaker; Cathy Reineking. Leading us in song: Marie-Stephane Bernard and Marie Miller. Bishop Terry Steib will be our Mass Celebrant. Register at <http://womensmorning.com/> or WMOS on Eventbrite. Please carpool. For more information, email wmosmemphis@gmail.com

QUEST Retreat

9th and 10th Grades
February 24-26, 2023 (a weekend retreat)
Sacred Heart of Jesus High—Jackson, TN
Go to Youth Retreats—Catholic Diocese of Memphis (cdom.org) or Contact Sharon Kowalke in Youth Ministry at 901-373-1234.

Quote of the Week:

"Do not lay too much store on the favorable judgements of men, for I love thee with a perfect love. I spent My earthy existence in humiliations and scorn and in a hidden life. It was thus that I glorified My Father, laid the foundations of My Church, and remedied the evils of pride. This is the path that thou must follow."

Our Lord to Blessed Maria Celeste Crostarosa



Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

01/29/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$1331.00
Families Contributing	25
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$956.00
Families Contributing	14

ONE COLLECTION

2/12/2023

Offertory

Ministry Schedule for February 12, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Ed Mireles
Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Debra Davenport (Sun.)
Dan Ebeling (Sun.)
Jean Ebeling (Sun.)

Counters

Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Anna Mills

Gift Bearers

Villalobos Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Allen and Leah Koonce

Counters

John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

Mass Intentions

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	02/04/2023	St. Mary	9:00 AM	Edward Taylor+	Barbara Taylor
Saturday	02/04/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	02/05/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Eric Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	02/05/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jodie Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Monday	02/06/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Tricia Smothers	Sharon Reiter
Tuesday	02/07/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	02/08/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Bud and Katie Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	02/09/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mae Roach+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Friday	02/10/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	02/11/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Pat and Mary Barry+	Jay and Julia Johnson
Sunday	02/12/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Ellen Sinclair+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	02/12/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	

Prayer Intentions for the Health and Recovery of our Parish Family...



God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress.
The Lord of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. (Ps. 46)

St. Mary's: Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Jim Simpson, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Steve Ruhlman, David Johnson, Patrick Schasser, Sherrie Goldman, Jim McMillon, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Mary Brown, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Anna Mills, Kamila Aldaytomaga, Debbie O'Bryant, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Carl Reetz, friend of Holy Family Parishioners; Don Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Becky Orr; Scott Henderson, friend of Craig and Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Nancy Vargas, mother of Bob Vargas; Paul Harrison, friend of David McCloskey; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedmore, sister of Pam McMillan; Susan, Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; Jeff and Edna Henry; John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler, niece of Dan and Jean

Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbara Taylor; Arley McMillon, brother of Jim McMillon; Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Richard Muenze, brother-in-law of Pam McMillon; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbelt; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; John H. Costello, brother of Pam McMillon; John Brinker, uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Ruth Johnson, Aunt of Jean Ebeling; Dee Vohnoutka, sister of Garry Korbelt; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix, Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, Matthew Ebeling, son of Dan & Jean Ebeling; Charles Glover; Brenda Boodman.

For those on active duty in the military:

Hudson Hazlerig, grandson of Jay and Julia Johnson, Kyle Moore, grandson of Barbara Taylor, Kyle Bissen, grandson of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, Jonathon Placido, son-in-law of Arlene Conrad; Zakkary Klinzing, grandson of Mary Jane Klinzing; Eric Huot, husband of Lorna Johnson Huot; Brendon Dugger, son of Sigi & Tom Dugger and grandmother Bella Stahl; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill.