

St. Mary Catholic Church

April 16, 2023 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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

Director of Music:

Pam Warren

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Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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220 W. Main Street
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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 BLESSED PRESENCE

As Catholics, one of our most treasured beliefs is the belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We believe that the bread and wine used in Mass become the body and blood of Jesus Christ through the process of transubstantiation. This means that while the bread and wine appear to be unchanged, their substance is transformed into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ.

The belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is not a new one. In fact, it can be traced back to the earliest days of Christianity. In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6:35) He goes on to say, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you." (John 6:54) While some of His disciples found this teaching difficult to accept and turned away from Him, the apostles, particularly Peter, affirmed their faith in Jesus and His teachings.

The Blessed Presence is a profound mystery that we accept on faith. We believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, not just symbolically, but in a real and substantial way. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus Himself, and He comes to dwell within us. This is why we treat the Eucharist with such reverence and respect. It is not just a piece of bread or a sip of wine, but the most precious gift that Jesus has given us—His very self.

In the Eucharist, we find not only the physical presence of Jesus but also His spiritual presence. When we receive the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus in a deep and intimate way. We become one with Him, and He becomes one with us. This union with Jesus is what gives us the strength and grace to live the Christian life. It is through the Eucharist that we are nourished and sustained on our journey of faith.

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Our Christian Life. It is the center of our worship and the heart of our faith. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus and with one another as members of His body, the Church. We are called to bring the grace and love of the Eucharist into the world and to share it with those we meet.

The belief in the Real Presence of Jesus is rooted in several biblical passages. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I am the living bread, who descended from heaven. If anyone eats from this bread, he shall live in eternity. And the bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." (John 6:51,52) This passage, along with the ones previously mentioned, is known as the Bread of Life Discourse. When Jesus says that He will give His flesh as bread for the life of the world, He is foreshadowing His sacrifice on the Cross, where He gave His body and blood for the salvation of all.

At the Last Supper, Jesus took bread and wine and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this as a commemoration of me." (Luke 22:19) He also said, "This chalice is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you." (Luke 22:20) By instituting the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus gave us a tangible way to remember and participate in His sacrifice.

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St. Paul also affirms the Real Presence in his first letter to the Corinthians. He says, "The cup of benediction that we bless, it is not a communion in the blood of Christ? And the bread that we break, is it not a participation in the Body of the Lord?" (1 Corinthians 10:16) He goes on to say, "And so, whoever eats this bread, or drinks from the cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be liable of the body and blood of the Lord." (1 Corinthians 11:27) These passage emphasize the importance of receiving the Eucharist with utmost reverence and respect, recognizing that we are truly receiving the body and blood of Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are filled with the grace and love of Christ.

Again, the belief in the Blessed Presence in the Holy Eucharist is grounded in biblical passages that emphasize the real and substantial Presence of Christ. As Catholics, we recognize the significance of these passages and their role in shaping our belief in the Eucharist as the source of our Christian life.

In conclusion, the Real Presence is a central belief of the Catholic faith. It is a belief that has been handed down to us from the earliest days of Christianity and is grounded in the teachings of Jesus Himself. The Eucharist is not a symbol or a reminder of Jesus, but the real and substantial presence of Jesus Himself. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Jesus and with one another as members of His body, the Church. We are called to cherish and protect this precious gift and to share it with the world.

(Fr. Charles Allen)

Reminder

Please return your baby bottles in order for us to get your donation to FYI and Beating Hearts.

Sunday of Divine Mercy— April 16, 2023

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Visit <https://www.memphisvocations.com>. Call our Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901)373-1244, or write to: VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER : April, 2023



April 15	HF Crafters 9:30 am
April 16	SM Baptism and Holy Communion
April 19	Little Flower's Girls Club (3:30 pm)
April 19	KC Meeting 6:00 PM (St. Mary)
April 23	SM Confirmation

St. Mary Parishioner: Many have been concerned about the health and recovery of Larry Weibel. He has been moved to West TN Transitional Care, 597 Forest, Jackson. He is in Room A102. Please drop him a card to let him know that he is missed and in our prayers.

Fun Times for All Ages



"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.

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

Saturday, April 22, 2023.

log on to OLQPre retreats.com & click on calendar
Or call to register: 731-548-2500 or email
debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org

"SPRING BAZAAR"

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a Spring Bazaar on Saturday, May 20. At this time, they are renting table space for \$20.00 per table. Please contact Debra Davenport at 731-336-0259 or the church office at 731-584-6459 to reserve a table.

Knights News



The Knights will be sponsoring a Bunco night and dinner on Saturday, April 22 at St. Mary in Camden immediately following 5:30 pm mass. Donations accepted.

AED Training

On Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 AM, Anna Mills will be conducting a class on how to use the AED equipment. Anna is a CPR Instructor and is inviting anyone interested to attend. The class will be held at Holy Family in the Father Joey Hall.

You are Invited!



The family of **Annabella Kay Hicks** invite you to celebrate her Baptism and First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 16 with a reception immediately following Mass. Please join them on this happy occasion.

FY!!!

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, April 19. Father has a meeting in Memphis and Deacon Wayne will be out of town on that day. So, there will be no services at Holy Family in Huntingdon. If you have an emergency; call 731-697-4250.

Please keep **Jullienne Gail Salma** in your prayers. She will be making her Confirmation on Sunday, April 23.



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

04/09/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$3055.00
Families Contributing	28
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$1083.00
Families Contributing	21

TWO COLLECTIONS

4/23/2023

Regular Offering/Mother's Day Flowers

Ministry Schedule

for April 23, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling
Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Deacon (Sun.)
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Debbie O'Bryant

Gift Bearers

Garry and Lila Korbel

Eucharistic Ministers:

Leah Koonce and Richelle Stokes

Counters

Tom O'Bryant and Richelle Stokes

Mass Intentions

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	04/15/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Betty Gagnon	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	04/16/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Brian Churchhill+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	04/16/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tricia Smothers	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	04/17/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mary Johnson	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Tuesday	04/18/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	04/19/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	No Mass	
Thursday	04/20/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	04/21/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mary Blackwell Johnson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	04/22/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dena Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	04/23/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Tommie Tedford	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Sunday	04/23/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	TJ Haines+	Dan and Jean Ebeling

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: Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, 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: Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Aldaytomaga, Debbie O'Bryant, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Bill Harder, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Michael McCloskey, brother of David McCloskey; TJ Haines, nephew of Dan and Jean Ebeling, John and Tammy Carroll, friend of Barbara Taylor, Susan Johnston, daughter-in-law of Barbara Taylor, Nicholas Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon, 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; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Barbara Gillespie, sister of Dan Ebeling; Carolyn Tedmore, sister of Pam McMillan; Susan, Kitty Shelton; Terry Pace; John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler, niece of Dan

and Jean Ebeling; Ruel Carmicheal, son of Betty Gagnon; Patty Douglas, friend of Barbra 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 Korbel; 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 Korbel; 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:

Bridget Bissen, granddaughter of Kenneth and Alma Bissen, 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.