

# St. Mary Catholic Church

May 21, 2023 The Ascension of The Lord

## 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

### Director of Religious Education:

Tessa Walker

## Holy Family

### Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive  
Huntingdon, TN 38344  
731-584-6459

### Mailing Address:

220 W. Main Street  
Camden, TN 38320

### 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



## A BEACON OF LIGHT

As we gather together in the presence of our Lord, let us reflect on the words of Saint Paul in his letter to the Ephesians specifically on the passage from Ephesians 1:17-23. In these verses, Paul offers a profound prayer for the Ephesian believers, and through his words, we are reminded of the power and glory of our God. Paul begins his prayer by acknowledging the Father of glory, the One who grants wisdom and revelation. He desires that the Ephesians may come to know God more deeply, that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened. This prayer is not merely for head knowledge or intellectual understanding, but for a spiritual awakening, a profound encounter with the living God. It is an invitation for each one of us to seek this same wisdom, to open our hearts to the fullness of God's wisdom and revelation.

The Apostle continues his prayer, speaking about the hope to which God has called us. This hope is not a mere wishful thinking or a vague optimism. It is a confident expectation based on the power and faithfulness of our God. It is a hope rooted in the resurrection of Christ, in His victory over sin and death. As followers of Christ, we are called to live this hope, to allow it to shape our lives and guide our decisions. It is a hope that transforms us from within, enabling us to face the challenges of life with courage and steadfastness.

St. Paul also reminds us of the immeasurable greatness of God's power, which is at work in us who believe. The power is the same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at the right hand of the Father. It is the power that surpasses all earthly limitations, a power that can bring life out of death, hope out of despair, and healing out of brokenness. It is a power that is available to each one of us, empowering us to live as witness of Christ's love and mercy in the world.

As we reflect on these words, let us consider the implications they have for our lives as Catholics. We are called to be a people who continually seek God's wisdom and revelation, who desire to know Him more intimately. This requires a commitment to prayer, to reading and meditating on Scripture, and to seeking guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives. We are called to live in the hope to which God has called us. In a world marked by uncertainty and despair, our hope in Christ shines as a beacon of light. We are called to be people of hope, bringing the Good News to those who are in need of it, and offering a message of joy and consolation to a world hungering for meaning and purpose.

We are invited to embrace the power of God that is at work within us. The power is not meant to be kept hidden or unused. It is meant to be unleashed for the transformation of our lives and the world around us. We are called to live as courageous disciples, allowing the power of God to heal our wounds, to strengthen us in times of trial, and to empower us to bring about positive change in our families, communities, and society.

Let us take to heart the words of Saint Paul in his prayer for the Ephesians. May we be a people who seek God's wisdom, who live in the hope to which we are called, and who embrace the power of God that is at work within us. In doing so, we become true witnesses of Christ's love and bringers of His Kingdom here on earth.

(Fr. Charles Allen)

## Knights News



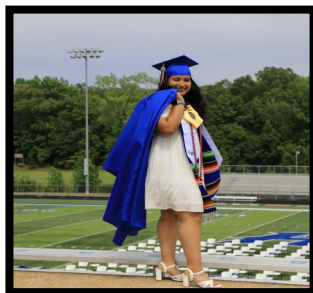
Congratulations to Dwayne Pierce; the Knight of the Month and Jeff and Sharon Latendresse; the Family of the Month. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

The Change of Officers will be held at Holy Family on June 21. A dinner will be served, and all Knights and families are invited. District Deputy Tony Stigler will be present to install the incoming officers.

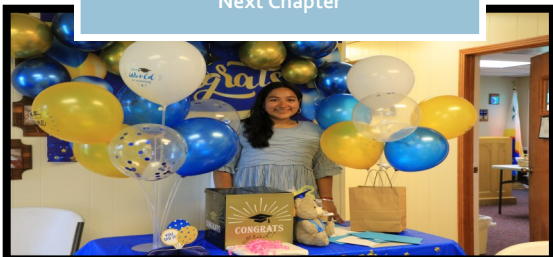
*Let the children come to Me and don't hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to them.*



New Beginnings



Next Chapter



## DATES TO REMEMBER :

May, 2023



May 22

St. Mary Pastoral  
Council Meeting  
6:00 pm

May 26, 29

Church Office  
Closed

### "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
- ◆ Women: March August 4-6, 2023
- ◆ Log on to [OLQPre retreats.com](http://OLQPre retreats.com) & click on calendar
- ◆ Or call to register 731-548-2500

### Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Talley

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis invites all married couples, celebrating 25, 40, or 50 plus years of marriage in 2023, to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Talley.

#### **Important Details:**

- ◆ We will honor couples who celebrated their special date in 2023
- ◆ Each couple will receive a certificate from Bishop Talley
- ◆ This celebration is designed for the anniversary couples only .
- ◆ Reservations are required.

June 24, 2023 at 10:00 am

St. Ann Catholic Church

6529 Stage Rd. Bartlett, TN 38134

Everyone must sign up online. Click on the link

[Diocesan Anniversary Mass](#)

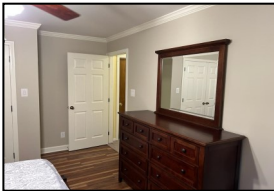
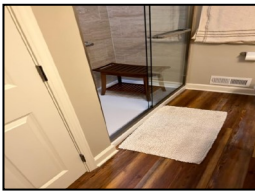


## Bulletin Items

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](mailto: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.

## Rectory Renovation Update Pictures



## Church Office Closed



The church office will be closed on Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 29. We will reopen on Wednesday, May 31. If you have an emergency, please call 731-697-4250.

## Quote of the Week:

“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”  
St. John Paul the Great

## Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension of the Lord) — May 21, 2023

“Go and make disciples of all nations” The Holy Spirit will strengthen your faithfulness to the vocation to which it is leading you. If you think that God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest, a deacon, or in consecrated life, visit <https://www.memphisvocations.com>. Call our Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901)373-1244, or write to: [VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org](mailto:VocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org).

## 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

05/14/2023

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$710.00
Families Contributing	17
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$1174.00
Families Contributing	15

## ONE COLLECTION

5/28/2023

Regular Offering

## Ministry Schedule

for May 28, 2023

### St. Mary Catholic Church

#### Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing  
Sunday: Michael O’Connell

#### Eucharistic Ministers

Joyce Rushing and Andrea Vargas (Sat.)  
Theresa O’Connell (Sun.)  
Beate Harris (Sun.)  
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

#### Counters

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

### Holy Family Catholic Church

#### Lector

Sunday: Sharon Reiter

#### Gift Bearers

Dwayne and Karen Pierce

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Leah Koonce and Richelle Stokes

#### Counters

Richelle Stokes and Tom O’Bryant

## Mass Intentions

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	05/20/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Leon and Ellena Houle+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	05/21/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Maureen Mills+	Tricia Smothers
Sunday	05/21/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Cliff Johnson+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	05/22/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mike and Pat Baloga+	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	05/23/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	05/24/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	05/25/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	05/26/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Pam McMillan	St. Mary Parishioner
Saturday	05/27/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Larry Weible	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	05/28/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Maureen Mills+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	05/28/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Catherine Hazlerig	Jay and Julia Johnson

### **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, 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; Joshua Parker, grandson of Willis & Joyce Parker; Thomas O'Bryant III, son of Thomas & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill, grandson of Grady & Diana Stanfill.