

St. Mary Catholic Church

July 23, 2023 Sixteenth 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

Director of Music:

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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



GOD'S STRENGTH AND MERCY

From the reading of Wisdom 12:13, 16-19, we are reminded of the nature of our God, the one true God who cares for all of creation. These verses reveal to us the attributes of God that should shape our understanding of His divine character. The passage begins by referring to the exclusive care and authority of God. "There is no god besides you who have the care of all." It is crucial for us to acknowledge that God alone has supreme authority over all things. He is the one who lovingly tends to every aspect of creation. Moreover, His judgements are always just and righteous. We find solace in knowing that God, who knows all things, will never condemn unjustly. His perfect justice is rooted in His infinite wisdom.

We can see the inseparable link between God's might and justice. God's might does not solely manifest as a demonstration of power but as a profound embodiment of justice. His dominion over all things allows Him to govern with both leniency and mercy. He is compassionate towards us, providing us with opportunities for repentance and redemption. Let us never forget that the Father's leniency is not a sign of weakness but a testament to His divine mercy.

We are further reminded that God's might is affirmed when the perfection of His power is disbelieved. When people doubt or reject God's power and authority, He reveals His might in ways that confound and confute the unbelievers. To those who have encountered His grace and know Him intimately, God's power is not a subject of skepticism but a cause for awe and reverence. Yet, despite His immense power and authority, God's judgment is tempered with clemency. Our God, who has the ultimate power to judge, chooses to exercise His authority with great leniency and understanding. He governs us not with a heavy hand but with gentleness and compassion. His divine power is wielded not to oppress but to uplift and guide us on the path of righteousness.

In these verses, we are presented with the wisdom that God imparts to His people. God teaches us that justice is inseparable from kindness. Those who seek to live justly must also demonstrate kindness and compassion in their interactions with others—including those outside the Church. Moreover, God grants us the assurance of forgiveness and redemption. It is through His loving guidance and unending grace that we find the foundation of our hope.

We are called to imitate the divine attributes of God. We are called to embrace justice, tempered with kindness, and to show mercy and compassion to those around us. May each of us cultivate a spirit of humility and repentance, trusting in God's generous invitation to turn away from sin and embrace His forgiveness. May we draw inspiration from the words of the Book of Wisdom, allowing them to guide our thoughts, words, and actions. Let us live as testimony to God's love, reflecting His justice, kindness, and mercy in all that we do.

(Fr. Charles)

**St. Patrick
169th Irish Picnic and Homecoming**

St. Patrick Irish Picnic and Homecoming is an annual event regularly attended by over 20,000 fun-loving people from across the nation. Originated in 1854, the picnic is known for its famous barbecue pork and chicken and the secret sauce that ranks it among the most delectable barbecue ever tasted.

The picnic will be held on Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29. Admission is free. For further information call: (931)582-3493. It will be held at: 175 St. Patrick Street, McEwen, TN.



Quote of the Week:

“Know that the greatest service that man can offer to God is to help convert souls.”

(St. Rose of Lima)

RCIA Classes

For all who are interested in becoming Catholic, and for those who might know someone who would like to join the Catholic Faith, RCIA classes will begin on Thursday, September 7 at 6 pm. Or if you would like to learn more about your faith, you are also welcome to attend. Please contact the office at 731-584-6459 to register.

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“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought”

Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the Priesthood or consecrated life, Visit : <https://www.memphisvocations.com>. Call our Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901)373-1244.



July, 2023

July 26

(HF) Council Meeting
12:30 PM

“They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread”

Retreat 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** & click on calendar



A most gracious “thank you” to all the ladies from St. Mary who donated meal items, home made desserts, or came to help at Christ’s Cafe. Your generosity and support helped to feed 88 people. Our blessings are many here at St. Mary.



Please pray for the success of our Diocese’s Strategic Pastoral Planning process and participate in one of the 12 scheduled Listening Session (s) in our Deanery.

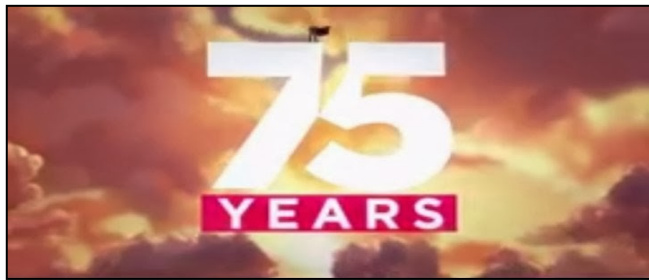
Our Parish is in the **NORTHERN** Deanery

You can also complete the online survey at : <https://cdom.org/strategic-pastoral-planning/>

Knights News



Congratulations to the Knight of the Month, Wyatt Brooks, and the Family of the Month; Pat and Tessa Walker and children. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.



St. Mary is celebrating its 75th Anniversary as a parish this year. How great is that? We would like to have the main celebration at the church picnic on Sunday, October 8 by having a huge celebration and homecoming. We would like to invite as many past parishioners and priests that we can locate. This will be a daunting task and will require many volunteers. There will be a Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, August 3. at 6 pm at St. Mary Fellowship Hall. All parishioners are invited. We will need everyone's cooperation to make this a success.

BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food for the children's Backpack ministry. Richelle will take all collected food and deliver it to be distributed among those children in need throughout the schools in Huntingdon.. Please be generous and THANK YOU!

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

07/16/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$1446.77
	-1766.40
Families Contributing	11
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	\$ 582.00
	-1156.55
Families Contributing	18

ONE COLLECTION

6/30/2023

Regular Offering

Ministry Schedule

for July 30, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Counters

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Debbie O'Bryant

Gift Bearers

The Mendez Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Allen and John Edwards

Counters

John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

Mass Intentions

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	07/22/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Debra Thibedau+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	07/23/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	John and Mary+ Nenarella	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	07/23/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jodie Tezak+	David Baloga
Monday	07/24/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	07/25/2023			No Mass	
Wednesday	07/26/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ron Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	07/27/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jeffrey Pennings+	Sharon Reiter
Friday	07/28/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	07/29/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Irene Latendresse	Joyce Parker
Sunday	07/30/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ann P. Drew+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	07/30/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tony Tezak	Tricia Smothers

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: Dwayne Pierce, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, 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: Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling, Michael McCloskey, brother of David McCloskey; TJ Haines, John and Tammy Carroll, friend of Barbara Taylor, Susan Johnston, daughter-in-law of Barbara Taylor, 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.