

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 17, 2023 Twenty Fourth 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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Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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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



BLESSED BE THE NAME OF THE LORD

Giving thanks to God on daily basis, is a fundamental aspect of our faith, one that transcends divisions and unites us as brothers and sisters in acknowledging the abundant blessings that our Heavenly Father bestows upon us.

Unfortunately, it is all too easy to forget the simple act of gratitude. We often consumed by our desires, ambitions, and challenges, which can obscure the countless gifts that our Lord continually showers upon us. Yet, when we pause and truly open our hearts, we begin to see God's grace in every aspect of our existence.

The Scriptures reminds us of the importance of thanksgiving time and time again. In the Psalms, we read, "Give glory to the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." (Psalms 106:1/107:1). This verse encapsulates the essence of gratitude. Out gratitude should be genuine acknowledgement of God's eternal and boundless love for us. It is a recognition that God's goodness is unwavering, even with the reality that each of us are imperfect.

Throughout the earthly ministry of our Lord Jesus, He set a powerful example of gratitude. He gave thanks before performing miracles, such as when He multiplied the loaves and fishes (St. Matthew 14:19) and when He raised Lazarus from the dead (St. John 11:41). Jesus demonstrated that gratitude is not only about thanking God for what we have but also about acknowledging God's Presence and power in every aspect of our lives.

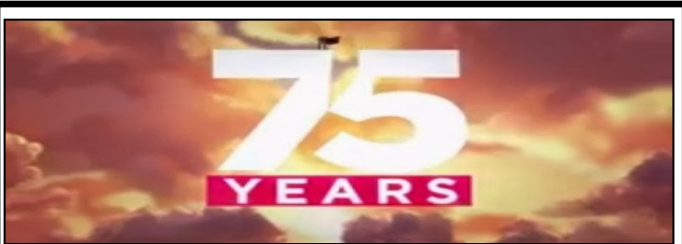
Why is gratitude so important? It transforms our hearts and minds, cultivating an attitude of humility and contentment. When we express gratitude, we recognize that we are not the architects of our success, and we become aware of the many people and circumstances that have contributed to our well-being. Gratitude helps us develop a deeper relationship with God, for when we thank Him, we draw nearer to Him in prayer and worship and He draws nearer to us. (St. James 4:8)

Gratitude can have a lasting, positive impact on our relationships with others. When we are grateful, we are more inclined to be compassionate and generous. Our hearts become open to the needs of those around us, and we are more willing to share the blessings we have received. Gratitude fosters unity within our families, our communities, and the entire Church, as we realize that we are recipients of God's unmerited favor.

In a world where discontentment and entitlement rule the day, it is imperative that we strive to be countercultural. We must be people of gratitude, demonstrating God's love and joy to a world in need of light. Give thanks in times of abundance and also in times of adversity, for even in our trials, God is present, working for our good (Romans 8:28). May the holy Spirit guide us in cultivating a heart of thanksgiving, that in all circumstances, we may give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His love endures forever.

"Praise the Lord, ye children: praise ye the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and forever." - Psalm 112:1-2, Douay-Rheims/113:1-2.

(Fr. Charles)



GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!

By the grace of God, **St. Mary Catholic Church in Camden, Tennessee** will be celebrating her **75th Anniversary** of the founding of the church on Sunday, October 8, 2023. It begins with the concelebrated **Holy Mass at 10:45 am**. This offers us the opportunity to meet with our past, present, and would-be parishioners and friends. All are invited. Be part of this milestone **“home coming”** celebration.

***Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center
Fall Retreats***

Theme: They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread

Men’s Retreat: October 13-15
Women’s Retreat: November 10-12

To Register: debbie.voyles@olqp.org
or
731-548-2500



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/>



September, 2023

- September 16 Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
- September 20 Holy Family Finance Council Meeting -12:30 pm
- September 20 Knights of Columbus Meeting—6:00 pm (SM)
- September 21 75th Anniversary Meeting 6:00 pm
- September 27 Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting -12:30 pm
- September 27 Little Flowers Group 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm

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!

Quote of the Week:

Let the Church Always Be A Place of Mercy and Hope, Where Everyone is Welcomed and Forgiven. Pope Francis

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.



Clean-Up Day



On Saturday, September 23, we will be cleaning and preparing the grounds for our upcoming Anniversary celebration. We are asking as many men and women who can, to come to help with this project. We will be cleaning the outside and the fellowship hall. We will begin at 9:30 am and finish as quickly as we can. Remember, many hands make less work. Please bring buckets, rakes, gloves and anything that can help with indoor or outside clean-up.



Congratulations

Holy Family parishioners Tom and Sigi Dugger on the celebration of their "25th Wedding Anniversary"

FIRST ANNUAL

Dining with the Deacons



The First Annual "Dining with the Deacons," October 20 will be held at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Marian Hall on Friday, October 20th at 6 pm. The ticket price for the event is \$50.00 per person and the goal is to sell 200 tickets. The Deacons are raising funds to help further their continuing education and training. All Deacons are helping with the event by selling tickets and or/serving at the event.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

09/10/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$1306.00
	-1827.17
Families Contributing	18
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	-618.55
Families Contributing	12

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/24/2023

Regular Offering/Maintenance

Ministry Schedule

for September 24, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling
Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Debra Davenport (Sun.)
Lindsay Moore (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters

Tricia Smothers and Debra Davenport

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: John Edwards

Gift Bearers

The Cerda Family

Eucharistic Ministers:

Louisa and Josselyn

Counters

Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

Mass Intentio					
	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	09/16/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	09/17/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	09/17/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	John Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	09/18/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	09/19/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	09/20/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	09/21/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Veronica and Andy Novotny	Sharon Reiter
Friday	09/22/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	09/23/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Bob and Andrea Vargas	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	09/24/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Wyatt Brooks	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	09/24/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Lee Quintanar	Greg and Grace Garza

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, 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; 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.