

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 24, 2023 Twenty 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

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



SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

Today I would like to take a brief moment to share with you the life and legacy of a remarkable saint, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, commonly known as Padre Pio. His life was a testament to the boundless mercy and love of our God, and his example continues to inspire us today. He was born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887, in the small Italian town of Pietrelcina. From a young age, he exhibited a deep devotion to God and a wholehearted desire to serve Him. At the age of 15, he entered the Capuchin Friars and took the name Pio. Little did anyone know that this humble friar would one day become one of the most beloved and revered saints of the 20th century.

One of the most striking aspects of Padre Pio's life was his close and mystical relationship with our Lord, which was exemplified by the stigmata—the wounds of Christ—that he bore on his hands, feet, and side. For over 50 years, he carried these wounds, sharing in the physical sufferings of Christ. It was not only the physical wounds that made Padre Pio a true follower of Christ; it was his unwavering faith, his deep prayer life, and his commitment to the Sacraments that set him apart. Padre Pio once said, "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart." He lived this truth daily, spending long hours in prayer and offering himself as a living sacrifice to God. His life was a constant reminder to us that prayer is our lifeline to the divine, a means of drawing closer to God and seeking His will in our lives.

Along with his life of prayer, Padre Pio has a gift of discernment and ability to read souls. People from all walks of life came to him seeking spiritual guidance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. He would spend hours in the confessional, serving as a conduit of forgiveness and healing for countless souls. His compassionate heart and his deep understanding of human weakness allowed him to be a channel of God's mercy.

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina's love for the Eucharist was another hallmark of his spirituality. He often said, "It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." He recognized the immense grace and power contained in the celebration of the Mass, and he urged us all to approach it with utmost reverence and devotion.

Countless people have been inspired by his unwavering faith, his deep love for God, and his commitment to prayer and the Sacraments. May each of us strive to follow his example in seeking a deeper relationship with Christ, in offering ourselves in prayer, and in extending God's mercy and forgiveness to others. Saint Pius of Pietrelcina teaches us that holiness is attainable for all who earnestly seek God and trust His boundless love.

(Fr. Charles)

Knights News



Congratulations to the Co-Knights of the Month; Wyatt Brooks, Dennis Blackwell, Wayne Tedford and Tom O'Bryant, and our family of the month; Jeff and Sharon Latendresse. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

Father/Son Program

Who: Boys ages 12-15/6-10 with their father or trusted godfather/uncle/brother

When: Sunday, October 1 3:30-6:30 pm
(Nativity KC will be serving hotdogs)

Where: Church of the Nativity
5955 St. Elmo Rd. Bartlett 38133

Questions and/or to RSVP, Please email:

Jessica.Robbins@Nativity.cdom.org

*There is no cost to attend

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.



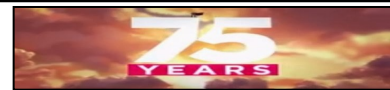
Our Parish is in the **NORTHERN** Deanery

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



September, 2023

September 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



75th Anniversary and Church Picnic

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.

Reverend Father Herbert Ene (Pastor)

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.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS



Michael O'Connell	Oct. 3
Pam Warren	Oct. 5
Richard Royston	Oct. 10
Vicky Story	Oct. 10
Jay Johnson	Oct. 17
Emily Knight	Oct. 26
Lois Mahoney	Oct. 27
Stephen Walker	Oct. 20
Natalee Melton	Oct. 31
Nathaniel Melton	Oct. 31
Sharon Reiter	Oct. 31



Tom and Debbie O'Bryant	Oct. 3
Garry and Lila Korbel	Oct. 5
Robbie and Emily Knight	Oct. 7
Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Oct. 19

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
09/17/2023

St. Mary—Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$1719.00
	-1414.17
Families Contributing	22

Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	\$ 810.00
	- 928.55
Families Contributing	14

TWO COLLECTIONS

10/01/2023
Regular Offering/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule
for October 1, 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.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Mark Wood

Gift Bearers

Garry and Lila Korbel

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Counters

Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

Mass Intentio					
	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	09/25/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	09/26/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	09/27/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Vincent and Joanne Hughes	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	09/28/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family p\Parishioners	
Friday	09/29/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	09/30/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Nancy Engerski	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	10/01/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Bill Harder+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	10/01/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mercedes Gibbons+	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, 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.