

# St. Mary Catholic Church

October 15, 2023 Twenty Eighth 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



## DO NOT FEAR THE FUTURE

In these current times of uncertainty and change, we need to remind ourselves not to fear the future because God is our refuge.

In a world filled with challenges, uncertainties, trials, civil strife and war, it is easy to become anxious about what the futures holds. We may worry about our health, our jobs, our families, or the state of the world. However, the Bible itself reminds us that we should not be consumed by fear. Why? Because God is with us. "Behold I command thee, take courage, and be strong. Fear not and be not dismayed: because the Lord thy God is with thee in all things whatsoever thou shall go to." (Joshua 1:9)

The Psalmist, in Psalm 45:2(46:1), declares, "Our God is our refuge and strength: a helper in troubles, which have found us exceedingly." This verse serves as a reminder that we have a steadfast and unwavering source of strength and protection in God. We need not face the future with trepidation, for our heavenly Father is with us every step of the way.

What does it mean for God to be our refuge? It means that, no matter what challenges we encounter, we can turn to Him in prayer and trust that He will provide us with the strength and guidance we need. God is our shelter in the storms of life, our safe haven amidst the trials we face.

In the Gospel of Matthew 6:34, our Lord encourages us not to worry about tomorrow, saying, "Be not therefore solicitous (anxious) for tomorrow; for the morrow will be solicitous for itself. Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." Our faith calls us to live in the present moment, entrusting our future into God's loving hands. As we do so, we can experience the peace that surpasses all understanding. This verse is not a call to passivity or complacency. Instead, it is an invitation to surrender our anxieties and fears to God and to take action in accordance with His will. As we face the challenges of the future, we are called to be instruments of God's love, justice, and mercy in the world.

Our faith in God as our refuge should inspire us to reach out to those in need, to be agents of positive change, and to strive for a better future for all. We can draw strength from our relationship with God, knowing that He equips us with the courage and wisdom to make a difference in our world.

Do not fear the future, God is our refuge, for He is always with us, leading us toward a future filled with hope and promise.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)

**A Most Sincere Thank You!**

**GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME!**

*I would like to take this time to thank all those involved in making St. Mary's 75th Anniversary such a success. So many worked tirelessly from the first meeting of the planning committee to all who stayed to clean-up. We were blessed with a beautiful day and were able to enjoy it with over 100 in attendance. The food was delicious and the fellowship a blessing. Thank you to all past, present and-would be parishioners and to Holy Family, our mission church for all your support. May St. Mary be blessed with another 75 years!*

Reverend Father Herbert Ene (Pastor)



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/>



**October, 2023**

- October 18 Knights of Columbus Meeting (HF) 6:00 PM
- October 19 Christ's Cafe (SM) 4:00 PM
- October 21 Holy Family Crafters 9:30 AM
- October 25 Little Flower Group (SM) 3:45 PM

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

Theme: They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread

Women's Retreat: November 10-12

To Register: [debbie.voyles@olqp.org](mailto:debbie.voyles@olqp.org)  
or  
731-548-2500



**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.





## REAPING in the HARVEST

### MASS FOR HEALING THE WHOLE PERSON

Thursday, Oct 26th 2023 at the Church of the Holy Spirit 7pm.  
2300 Hickory Crest Drive  
Memphis, TN  
Confessions prior to Mass.

### Holy Family News!!!

#### “Picture Directory”

Holy Family has scheduled their directory pictures to be taken on Hospitality Sunday, November 5. The background will be blue and they will be asking the families to fill out an information card to be used just for the church directory information. They are asking for all parishioners to be involved.



### 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  
10/08/2023

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$3108.00
	- 25.17
Families Contributing	23

<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	\$ 452.00
	-1286.55
Families Contributing	14

### ONE COLLECTION

10/22/2023  
Regular Offering

### Ministry Schedule for October 22, 2023

#### St. Mary Catholic Church

##### Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling  
Sunday: Debra Davenport

##### Eucharistic Ministers

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)  
Deacon (Sun.)  
Debra Davenport (Sun.)  
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

##### Counters

Tricia Smothers and Debra Davenport

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

##### Lector

Sunday: Pat Allen

##### Gift Bearers

Sharon Reiter

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Richelle Stokes

##### Counters

Tom O’Bryant and Richelle Stokes

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	10/14/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Taylor	Greg and Grace Garza
Sunday	10/15/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Father Herbert Ene	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	10/15/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	10/16/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	10/17/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	10/18/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Victoria Morris+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Thursday	10/19/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	10/20/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Saturday	10/21/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Kendall Roudebush+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	10/22/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deborah Thorne	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	10/22/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nancy Engerski	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:** Jack Dashper, Mickey Baloga, 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 Barbara 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.