

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 8, 2023 Twenty Seventh 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

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Holy Family

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220 W. Main Street
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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



FAITHFULNESS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Let us take a moment to reflect upon a virtue that is at the very core of our faith-fulness. In these challenging times, it is easy to become discouraged, to waver in our commitment to God, and to question His presence in our lives. However, it is precisely in these difficult moments that our faithfulness is refined. The Scriptures are filled with stories of faithful individuals who endured trials and tribulations but remained steadfast in their trust in God. One such example is the story of Job. Job, a righteous man, faced unimaginable suffering—the loss of his family, his wealth, and his health. Yet, through it all, he did not waver in his faith. He said, “the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: as it hath pleased the Lord so is it done: blessed be the name of the Lord.” (Job 1:21)

In the New Testament, we also find the example of the Apostle St. Peter. Despite his flaws and moments of weakness, he ultimately displayed remarkable faithfulness. He walked on water when Jesus called him, even if he did not falter momentarily. Later, when our Lord was arrested, Peter denied Him three times. However, Peter’s faithfulness was ultimately restored when he wept bitterly for his denial and was forgiven by Christ. Peter went on to become a pillar of the Church, demonstrating that God’s grace can restore us even in our weakest moments.

In our own lives, we too face trials and challenges that can test our faith. The difficulties we encounter may be physical, emotional, or spiritual. We may experience loss, illness, or moments of doubt. It is during these times that we must remember the words of Jesus: “These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress: but have confidence, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Our faithfulness in difficult times is not based on our own strength alone but on our trust in God’s unwavering love and faithfulness to us. He is with us in our trials, guiding us through the storms of life. When we remain faithful, we become a testament to His grace and mercy.

How can we remain faithful in the face of adversity?

First and foremost, we must deepen our relationship with our Lord and Lady through prayer, Scripture, Mass and the other Sacraments. These spiritual practices nourish our faith and help us stay connected to the source of our strength. Secondly, we must seek the support and encouragement of our community. We are not expected to walk this journey alone. Our fellow believers can offer prayers, comfort, and companionship in times of difficulty. Finally, we must remember that faithfulness is not about perfection but about perseverance. We may stumble, but we must always rise again, trusting in God’s forgiveness and His ability to turn our weakness into strengths.

May each one of us strive for faithfulness in difficult times, knowing that God is faithful to us. Just as Job and Peter endured their trials and emerged stronger in their faith, so too can we. Let us trust in our Lord’s promises and hold fast to our faith, for in Him, we find strength to overcome all challenges and the hope of eternal life.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)



75th Anniversary and Church Picnic

A very special and warm welcome to all past, present and future parishioners and guests.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice.

Quote of the Week:

“A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.

(St. Faustina)

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/>



October, 2023

October 9	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 AM
October 11	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:34 PM
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

Bulletin Items Needed

I could sure use your help getting information for the bulletin.

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 or call the office at 731-584-6459.

This is a good way to keep parishioners up to date on all that is happening.

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

The Sacraments

There are seven sacraments of the Catholic Church: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation (Confession), Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders. The sacraments are not isolated from one another but instead are woven together in a unity of divine life that reflects and connects us to the ministry of Jesus Christ and His Church. The saints and Doctors of the Church have given us many beautiful reflections to ponder regarding the origin of the sacraments. St. Thomas Aquinas said that from the pierced side of Christ “flowed forth the sacraments of the Church, without which there is no entrance to the life which is the true life. That blood was shed for the remission of sins; that water it is that makes up the health-giving cup.”

The Eucharist is at the very center of our sacramental life because the Eucharist IS the Real Presence of Christ Himself.

As Catholics, we are joyfully bound to believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.



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
10/01/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Weekly Budget	\$3133.17
Regular Offering	\$3318.00
	+ 184.83
Families Contributing	22

Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Weekly Budget	\$1738.55
Regular Offering	\$2292.00
	+553.45
Families Contributing	21

ONE COLLECTION

10/15/2023
Regular Offering

Ministry Schedule for October 15, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing
Sunday: Michael Vance

Eucharistic Ministers

Joyce Rushing and Andrea Vargas (Sat.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)
Lindsay Moore (Sun.)
Michael Vance (Sun.)

Counters

Jeff and Sharon L:atendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Gift Bearers

Richelle Stokes

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa

Counters

Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

Mass Intentions					
	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	10/07/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	10/08/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Francois Buckles+	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	10/08/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	10/09/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Tuesday	10/10/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	10/11/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Garry and Lila Korbel	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Thursday	10/12/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	10/13/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Fr. Herbert Ene	James and Debra Davenport
Saturday	10/14/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Taylor	Greg and Grace Garza
Sunday	10/15/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Fr. Herbert Ene	Stephen and Leah Koonce
Sunday	10/15/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Alexander Ebeling+	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.