

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

St. Mary Catholic Church

220 West Main Street
Camden, TN 38320
Office: 731-584-6459
Fax: 731-707-4100
Email: smchfchatholic@gmail.com
Website: stmaryscamden.org

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



OUR DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

The veneration of the Sacred Heart stands as an integral facet of Catholic spirituality deeply entrenched in the venerable traditions of the Holy Catholic Church. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus occupies a unique and revered position in our hearts, capturing the very essence of Christ's divine love and compassion for humanity. To gain a deeper understanding, it is imperative to examine this venerable practice, looking into its historical, theological, and spiritual dimensions.

Historically, the roots of the devotion to the Sacred Heart trace back to the revelations bestowed upon St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. Through a series of mystical experiences, Christ unveiled His Sacred Heart as a symbol of His boundless love for mankind. This revelation sparked devotion within the Church, subsequently finding expression in liturgical practices and devotional acts.

Theologically, the veneration of the Sacred Heart finds its foundation in the Church's comprehension of Christ's nature—both human and divine. The heart, symbolically denoting the seat of emotions and the core of one's being, has long been associated with profound significance. In the case of our Lord, the Sacred Heart symbolizes not merely His human emotions but also captures His divine love, mercy, and redemptive sacrifice. It becomes a deep symbol of the incarnation, where the divine and the human conjoin inseparably in the person of Jesus Christ.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart harmonizes with our broader understanding of God's boundless love and unfathomable mercy. Through the lens of this devotion, we are summoned to contemplate the depth of Christ's love, as exemplified by His wounded heart. The pierced heart emerges as a symbol of Christ's selfless sacrifice on the Cross, where His love triumphed over the darkness of sin and death. The Sacred Heart pulsates with divine love, extending an invitation to the faithful to respond with gratitude, repentance, and a commitment to live in harmony with the Gospel.

The evolution the Sacred Heart transcends the realm of abstract theological concepts, evolving into a lived experience manifesting in various rituals, prayers, and traditions within the Holy Church. Spiritually, the veneration of the Sacred Heart serves as a real, life-changing practice for individuals seeking a deeper communion with Christ. It fosters a contemplative prayer life, urging Christ's disciples to meditate on the mysteries of His life and His boundless love. The devotion contains acts of reparation for sins, cultivating a sense of humility and contrition in the face of God's infinite mercy. Through consecration to the Sacred Heart, we strive to align our lives with the teachings and love of Christ, allowing His Sacred Heart to become the focal point of our walk with the Lord. This consecration represents a solemn commitment wherein individuals or communities dedicate themselves to the love and service of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This act entails a recognition of Christ's sovereignty over every facet of one's life acknowledging His lordship and responding with a desire for a deeper union with Him. The consecration often involves a preparatory period encompassing prayer, reflection, and examination of conscience, fostering a genuine and intentional commitment.

A pivotal element of the devotion is the observance of First Friday Devotion. This practice entails receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months, serving as an expression of love and reparation of the Sacred Heart. Rooted in the revelations to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Christ promises abundant graces to those faithfully participating in this devotional act. It deepens the intimate connection between the Eucharist, the pinnacle of the Christian life, and the Sacred Heart, symbolizing Christ's sacrificial love. In addition to the First Friday Devotion, the Church commemorates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, a special occasion for the faithful to gather in prayerful, contemplative celebration. This day offers an opportunity to reflect on the significance of Christ's love as manifested in His Sacred Heart. The liturgy of the feast accentuates themes of love, mercy, and redemption, facilitating a deeper understanding of the mysteries inherent in the devotion to the Sacred Heart.

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from Page 1)

The devotion often incorporates visual representations of the Sacred Heart in Religious art. These depictions typically feature Christ's heart enveloped in flames, symbolizing the intensity of divine love, and adorned with thorns, signifying the sacrifices made for the salvation of humanity. These visual aids serve as potent reminders of the deep symbolism embedded in the Sacred Heart devotion, providing focal points for contemplation and meditation.

The devotional practices associated with the veneration of the Sacred Heart furnish tangible and life-changing means for engaging with the mysteries of Christ's love. Whether through consecration, the First Friday devotion, liturgical celebrations, or visual representations, we are invited to immerse ourselves in the opulence of this tradition, allowing the Sacred Heart of Jesus to illuminate our path.

Through these practices, we draw nearer to the heart of Christ, experiencing the warmth and radiance of His divine love in our lives.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)

75th Anniversary Picture Slide Show

If you are interested in having the picture slide show presented at St. Mary's 75th Anniversary celebration, we are taking orders. The pictures have been put on a Jump Drive and will be sold for \$10.00. Please call the office at 731-584-6459 to place your order. Many great memories.

Holy Family News!!!!

Holy Family Crafters will not meet in December.

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



- December 6 HF Finance Council Meeting (12:30 PM)
- December 11 Ladies Guild (SM) 10:00 am
- December 12 Holy Family Christmas Party (5:30 pm)
- December 13 Little Flowers Group 3:45 pm
- December 13 Knights of Columbus Meeting (HF) 6 pm
- December 17 St. Mary Christmas Party (12:30 pm)

*Adoration at Holy Family in Huntingdon is held every Thursday. Will notify if cancelled.

January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary



Both Holy Family and St. Mary will be joining thousands of others in praying the rosary on January 1 in honor of our Blessed Mother. Please take time to look at and read the flier that has been added to the bulletin.

ADVENT SCHEDULE



- December 11 Penance Service 5:30 pm (St. Andrew, Lexington)
- December 13 Penance Service 5:30 pm (St. Regina, Parsons)
- December 14 Penance Service 5:30 pm (Holy Family, Huntingdon)
- December 15 Penance Service 5:30 pm (St. Mary, Camden)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Mass 7:00 pm (St. Mary, Camden)

Holy Family's Annual Christmas Party



Holy Family's Christmas Party and Gift Exchange will be Tuesday, December 12, starting at 5:30 pm with appetizers. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.

Holy Family Parishioner need to sign up for what they will bring..... appetizers, side dishes and desserts will start the Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 26).

Decorating the Father Joey Hall for the Christmas Party will be after Mass, Sunday, December 10.

Prayers Needed!

Please keep St. Mary parishioners, Pam and Jimmy McMillon in your prayers. Pam was in a car accident and has been moved to Vanderbilt



"Lights for Christ"

On the first Tuesday of December each year, the Knights of Columbus celebrate "Lights for Christ" all across the United States. Our Knights will be serving a chili supper and lighting the nativity on Tuesday, December 5 at St. Mary. Dinner will be served at 6 PM and the lighting will follow. All parishioners from both Holy Family and St. Mary are invited to share in this wonderful tradition.

First Sunday of Advent

"We are the clay and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hands"

Being chosen to serve God's people is an amazing work of the Lord. May the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother help you recognize and be faithful to your vocatio

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at (901) 373-1244, or write to: vocationsDirector@vocations.cdom.org.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

11/26/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$892.00
Families Contributing	10
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$7433.00
Families Contributing	11

TWO COLLECTIONS

12/10/2023

Regular Offering/Christmas Flowers

Ministry Schedule

December 10, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday:	Jean Ebeling
Sunday:	Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
Jay Johnson (Sun.)
Michael Vance (Sun.)
Lindsay Moore (Sun.)

Counters:

Debra Davenport and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Gift Bearers

Don Reindl

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Otilia Mendez

Counters:

Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/02/2023	St. Mary	9:00 AM	Edward Taylor+	Barbara Taylor
Saturday	12/02/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	12/03/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Alex Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	12/03/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Pam McMillon	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Monday	12/04/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/05/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	12/06/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	12/07/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	12/08/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Julio Pulido+	Christina Colbert
Saturday	12/09/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Chase Ray	Robert Kryszak
Sunday	12/10/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron and Amanda Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	12/10/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	John Tezak +and Anita Brown+	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: Father Herbert, Pam and Jimmy McMillon, Nydia Hernandez, 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, 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 Korbelt, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Mary Boucher, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling; Michael McCloskey, brother of David McCloskey; TJ Haines, John and Tammy Carroll, friends 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 Korbelt; 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 Korbelt; 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.