

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

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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

Catholic Mission

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220 W. Main Street
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Sunday: 8:30 AM
Wed. & Thurs.: 12:00 Noon

Confession:

Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

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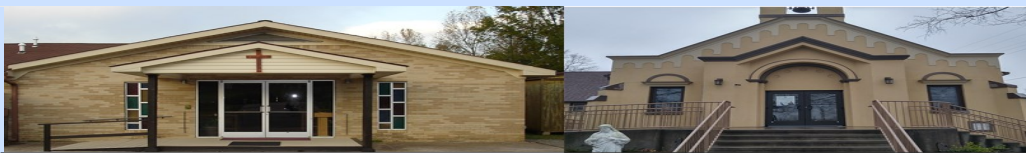
Dorothy Wood

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



THE SEASON OF ANTICIPATION

During this sacred time, we are encouraged to embrace a spirit of penance and humility, acknowledging the need for repentance and the mercy of God. The Advent season serves to remind us of the historical moment when God entered human history, taking flesh to dwell amongst us. In the busyness of the secular preparations for Christmas, the Church invites us to create significant moments of silence, prayer, and contemplation. While the Advent season consists of a commemoration of events long past, it is also a spiritual pilgrimage that extends into the future. As we await the celebration of the Nativity, we also direct our gaze towards the ultimate fulfillment of God's plan—the second coming of Jesus Christ. Advent thus becomes a time of dual focus: the historical coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and the promised return of the triumphant King.

In the midst of the cultural festivities, Advent challenges us to be counter-cultural in our approach, creating a sense of gratitude for the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Emmanuel, “God with us.” By cultivating virtues of patience, charity, and kindness, we can manifest the love of Christ in our daily lives.

With the Advent season, we encounter the mystery of the incarnation with renewed awe and wonder. It is a time to rekindle the flame of faith, allowing it to illuminate not only the season but the entirety of our lives. May the anticipation of Christ's birth during Advent fill your hearts with hope, joy, and a sincere awareness of God's enduring love of His people.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)



St. Mary Christmas Party



St. Mary will hold it's annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 17 immediately following the 10:45 am Mass. All are invited to attend. It will be a great time of food, fun and friends.

The Ladies Guild has once again graciously offered to have the meal catered. So, all you need to bring is yourself and a good appetite. Hope to see you there.

Ladies from both Holy Family and St. Mary got together to learn some painting skills from our resident artist Debra



Davenport. Everyone had a good time spending the morning together and sharing lunch.



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.



- 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.

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)

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/>

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.

Need Your Help!!!

Holy Family men will be setting up the manger on Saturday, December 23 at 9:00 am.

All parishioners are invited to stay after Mass on Sunday, December 24 to decorate the Church.



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.

Second Sunday of Advent

"In holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the Lord"

Is seeking a life of holiness and devotion filling you with a desire to follow Christ ever more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life?

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
12/03/2023

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$3943.00
Families Contributing	27
Holy Family — Enrollment	45
Regular Offering	\$2095.00
Families Contributing	21

ONE COLLECTION

12/17/2023
Regular Offering

Ministry Schedule

December 17, 2023

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing
Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Rushing & Andrea Vargas (Sat.)
Deacon (Sun.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters:

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Debbie O'Bryant

Gift Bearers

Bob Lefever

Eucharistic Ministers:

Leah Koonce, Otilia Mendez, Louisa

Counters:

Wayne Tedford and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/09/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Chase Ray	Robert Kryszak
Sunday	12/10/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron II and Amanda Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	12/10/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	John Tezak+ and Anita Brown+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	12/11/2023	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Tuesday	12/12/2023	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	12/13/2023	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	12/14/2023	Holy Family	5:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	12/15/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	12/16/2023	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	12/17/2023	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Debbie O'Bryant	
Sunday	12/17/2023	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Anton+ and Kristina+ Tezak	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, 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: Barry Raidt, Dwayne Pierce, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, 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: Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; 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.