

St. Mary Catholic Church

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

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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Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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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:

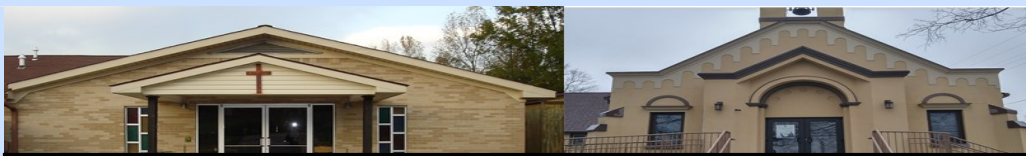
Dorothy Wood

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



In the tumultuous and ever-shifting trends and sensations of modern society, characterized by a perplexing array of confusion and vulnerabilities, there is an opportunity for the role of our families to emerge as a light of hope and steadfastness. In this dark world full of temptation, our homes should stand as sanctuaries of solace and refuge, offering respite from the worldly winds that buffet us from all directions. It is within the embrace of our familial bonds that we find strength, solace, and a sense of belonging amidst the chaos of the world.

As families constantly deal with the complicated challenges of our time, it becomes increasingly apparent that the fortification of our familial bonds is of paramount importance. The tempests of secularism, moral relativism, and societal upheaval threaten to erode the very fabric of our families, casting shadows of doubt and insecurity upon the sanctity of our homes. Yet, it is precisely in the face of these challenges that we are called to fortify the foundations of our families with the unyielding strength of faith and the guiding light from God's hand.

The Bible resounds with echoes of the imperative to safeguard our families from harm. In the words of Joshua, we find a clarion call to uphold the values of our faith within the hallowed confines of our homes: "But as for me and my house will we serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) These serve as a testament to the unwavering commitment required to nurture and defend our families in the face of adversity, anchoring ourselves firmly in the timeless truths of our faith. The challenges that comfort us in our modern world are manifold and multifaceted. From the pervasive influence of secular ideologies to the erosion of moral absolutes, our families find themselves besieged on all fronts. In these moments of trial, we are reminded of the exhortation of St. Paul to the Ephesians: "Finally, brethren, be strengthened in the Lord, and in the might of his power. Put you on the armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10-11) Let us heed these words as a call to arms, arming ourselves with the spiritual armor of faith, righteousness, and truth, that we may stand firm against the onslaught of darkness and protect our loved one from harm.

We can also draw inspiration from the example of the Holy family. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we witness Joseph's unwavering resolve to protect the Blessed Mother Mary and the holy infant Jesus from the tyranny of King Herod: "And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him." (Matthew 2:13) In the face of imminent peril, Joseph heeded the angel's warning and took decisive action to ensure the safety of his family. We too should be vigilant and proactive in shielding our families from harm, whether physical or spiritual, and entrust them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father.

I pray that we can cling ever more fervently to the promises of God, who assures us: "Fear not, for I am with thee: turn not aside, for I am thy God: I have strengthened thee, and helped thee, and the right hand of my just one hath upheld thee." (Isaiah 41:10) With unwavering faith and resolute determination, let us renew our commitment to the protection and well-being of our families, knowing that our Lord is ever faithful to His promises and will never forsake those who place their trust in Him.
(Rev. Fr. Charles)





Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross will be said every Friday at:

Holy Family at 3:00 pm

St. Mary at 5:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Our Diocese is pleased to announce that the Arm of Saint Jude Thaddeus the Apostle, venerated in Rome from ancient times, will be at our magnificent and historic Mother Church, The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 1695 Central Ave., Memphis on Saturday, March 9.

There will e a public veneration of the St. Jude Relic and a special Holy Mass at The Cathedral in Honor of St. Jude.

One of the Church’s most beloved Saints, Saint Jude Thaddeus the Apostle is the one to whom people often turn to when they are desperate and have tried everything else. When things seem lost or unbearable-when they seem hopeless-Saint Jude is a faithful advocate to those in need. All Glory to God!

Pam McMillon would like to thank everyone for the many mass cards, rosaries and prayers sent for Jimmie after his death. She sincerely appreciated all that was done for him.



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.



CALENDAR

February 17	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 AM
February 18	NO PRE Classes (SM)
February 21	Knights Meeting (HF) 6:00 PM
February 21	Little Flowers Group 3:45 PM

Lenten Baby Bottle Project!

Once again Holy Family and St. Mary will fill up baby bottles for two good causes. As in the past, Holy Family will be collecting for Beating Hearts and St. Mary will be collecting for FYI. Please be generous. You can find the bottles in back of the church.

Quote of the Week:

“Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who are we, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life...”

Pope Benedict XVI

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/>

St. Mary's PRE Lenten Project

St. Mary's PRE children will once again be collecting diapers, wipes, etc. for FYI. This year they are collecting items in honor of Mrs. Pat Baloga who was an avid supporter of FYI. Please help the children to make this a successful project. There will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall for any donations.



Pilgrimage

to the

National Eucharistic Congress

Indianapolis

July 17-21, 2024

with Bishop David Talley and the Diocese of Memphis

Registration Information

866.468.1420

NEC@CTS CENTRAL.NET

**You can contact the office for further information .
731-584-6459



The Knight's of Columbus and St. Mary's Ladies Guild are having their annual Fish Fry's on Friday, February 23, March 8 and March 22. The cost per meal will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. The meal will consist of :

Fish
Fries
Beans
Slaw
Hush Puppies
Dessert
Drink

Your support would be most appreciated.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

2/04/2024

St. Mary —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$3387.00
Families Contributing	23

Holy Family — Enrollment 45

Regular Offering \$2076.00

Families Contributing 17

TWO COLLECTIONS

2/25/2024

Regular Offertory/Religious Education

Ministry Schedule

February 18, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Debra Davenport

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Rushing/Andrea Vargas (Sat.)

Deacon (Sun.)

Debra Davenport (Sun.)

Michael Vance (Sun.)

Counters:

Debra Davenport and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Mark Wood

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Allen, Leah Koonce, Otilia Mendez

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	02/17/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Pam McMillon	James and Debra Davenport
Sunday	02/18/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jetti Sue Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	02/18/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jimmie McMillon+	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Monday	02/19/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Joyce Parker	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Tuesday	02/21/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	02/21/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Evelyn Polking+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	02/22/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Friday	02/23/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	02/24/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Betty Gagnon	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	02/25/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Father Herbert Ene	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	02/25/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse	Jim and Sandy Simpson

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: Jackie Ruhlman, 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, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Barbara Harrison, Mary Brown, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Lila Korbel, Barry Raidt, 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, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling; 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 Tedore, 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; Barbara and James Harrison, friends of Donna Melton; Lucy Connolly, sister of Lila Korbel; Gus Palmieri, friends of Jessica Glendora; 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.