

# St. Mary Catholic Church

March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent

## St. Mary Catholic Church

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Camden, TN 38320  
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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:

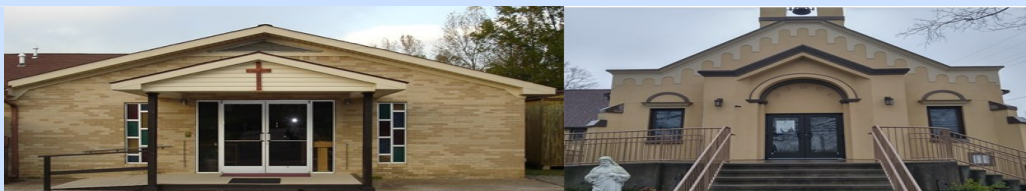
Dorothy Wood

## STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Herbert Ene  
**Associate Pastor:** Michael Okata  
**Deacon:** Wayne Tedford  
**Secretary:** Sandy Simpson  
**Accounting:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F  
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## SAFEGUARDS IN OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Just as we take measures to protect our homes, our health, and our loved ones, so too must we be vigilant in safeguarding our souls against the dangers that threaten our spiritual well-being. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we hear the words of Jesus: "Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak." (Matthew 26:41) Jesus is teaching us about the constant battle between our higher aspirations, our spirit's longing for God, and the lure of worldly desires that can lead us astray.

One of the key safeguards in our spiritual journey is prayer. Through prayer, we open our hearts to God, seeking His guidance, strength, and protection. In the Gospel of St. Luke, Jesus tells His disciples a parable about the need to pray always and not lose heart. (Luke 18:1) Prayer is not a meaningless ritual; it is a life-line that connects us to the Source of all grace and wisdom.

Another important safeguard is the Word of God. In the letters to the Hebrews, we read: "For the word of God is living and effectual, and more piercing than any two edged sword; and reaching unto the division of the soul and the spirit, of the joints also and the marrow, and is discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) Regular reading and meditation on Scripture fortify our minds and hearts, helping us discern God's Will in the middle of all the noise in the world.

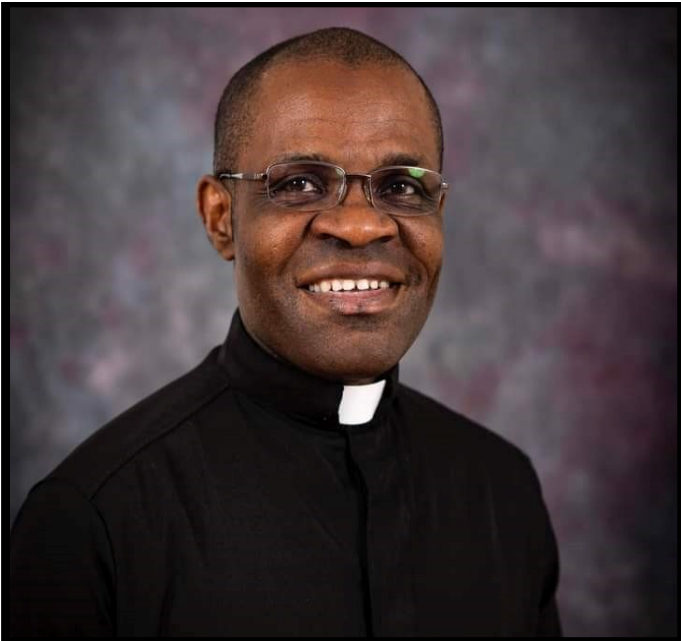
The Sacraments are powerful safeguards that Christ has given us. In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus says: "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5) Through baptism, we become members of the Body of Christ. The Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, nourishes and strengthens us on our journey.

As Catholics, we also know the importance of fellowship in our spiritual safeguards. The book of Ecclesiastes 4:9-10) In our community, we support and encourage one another, helping to keep each other on the path of righteousness.

As we face the various challenges of life, let us hold fast to each of these safeguards. Let us heed the words of St. Peter: "Be sober and watch: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, goeth about seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist ye, strong in faith: knowing that the same affliction befalls your brethren who are in the world." (1Peter 5:8-9)

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)





*A warm welcome to our new  
Associate Pastor  
Michael Okata*



The Most Rev. David P. Talley will be coming to celebrate Mass at St. Mary on Sunday, March 17. All are invited from Holy Family and St. Mary to attend. There will be a small reception following mass.

***Women's Morning of Spirituality***

Saturday: April 13, 2024  
Church of the Incarnation  
360 Bray Station Rd  
Collierville, TN

**\*More information to follow**

**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 of Events**

- March 6 Little Flowers Group (SM)  
3:45 pm
  - March 11 St. Mary's Ladies Guild  
10:30 am
  - March 13 Holy Family Parish Council Meeting 12:30 pm
  - March 14 Reconciliation Service (HF)  
500 pm Mass/5:30 pm RS
  - March 15 Reconciliation Service (SM)  
5:00 pm Mass/5:30 RS
  - March 16 Holy Family Crafters  
9:30 am
  - March 20 Knights of Columbus (SM)  
6 pm
  - March 20 Little Flowers Group (SM)  
3:45 pm
  - March 28 Holy Thursday (SM) 6:00 pm
  - March 29 Good Friday (SM) 5600 pm
  - March 30 Holy Saturday (SM) 7:00 pm
  - March 31 Easter Sunday (Reg. Times)
- March Hostesses for Holy Family: Dennis Blackwell and Debra Thorne
- March Hostesses for St. Mary are: Debra Davenport, Michael Vance and Tessa, Maxine and Freya Walker.



### ***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 be 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.



Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day  
Thursday, March 14, 2024

St. Andrew the Apostle Church  
895 North Broad Street  
731-968-6393

Reuben Sandwich     \$12.00  
Turkey Sandwich     \$12.00

Take Out:     10:30-11:30  
Dine In:     11:30—1:00

\*\*Meals include chips, pickle, dessert and drink.

### **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

**2/25/2024**

**St. Mary**—Enrollment     70

Regular Offering     \$1412.00

Families Contributing     19

**Holy Family** — Enrollment     45

Regular Offering     \$1045.00

Families Contributing     16

### **TWO COLLECTIONS**

**3/10/2024**

Regular Offertory/Easter Flowers

### **Ministry Schedule**

**March 10, 2024**

#### **St. Mary Catholic Church**

*Lectors*

Saturday:     Jean Ebeling

Sunday:     Michael O’Connell

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Debra Davenport (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Michael Vance (Sun.)

*Counters:*

*Debra Davenport and Tricia Smothers*

#### **Holy Family Catholic Church**

*Lector*

Sunday:     Bob LeFever

*Eucharistic Ministers:*

Pat Long Bennett Brou

*Counters:* John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	03/02/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+/Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor/Betty Gagnon
Sunday	03/03/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Sam Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	03/03/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Betty Gagnon
Monday	03/04/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Asher Stephens	David Baloga
Tuesday	03/05/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	03/06/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Pat Boucher+	Holy Family Crafters
Thursday	03/07/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Wally Emerson+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	03/08/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Diane Nunnery+	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Saturday	03/09/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Christian Constantine	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	03/10/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Boucher+	The Pierce Family
Sunday	03/10/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Greg and Grace Garza	Betty Gagnon

### **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:** Steve Ruhlman 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.