

# St. Mary Catholic Church

May 26, 2024 The Most Holy Trinity

## 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

### 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

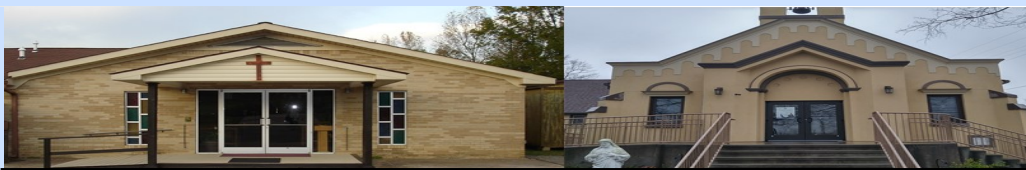
**Deacon:** Wayne Tedford

**Secretary:** Sandy Simpson

**Accounting:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F  
11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## TEACH US TO PRAY

As followers of Christ, prayer is not only an activity we engage in; it is the very lifeline that connects us to God. Through prayer, we nourish our souls, seek guidance, and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. In the Gospel of Luke 11:1, we see the disciples approaching Jesus with a simple yet heartfelt request: “Lord, teach us to pray.” This request shows us the fundamental recognition that prayer is essential for our spiritual journey. Jesus responded by giving them the Lord’s Prayer, a prayer encompassing praise, supplication, and submission to the Father’s will.

Prayer is the breath of the soul. Just as our bodies require oxygen to live, our spirits need prayer to thrive. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, St. Paul exhorts us to “pray without ceasing.” This does not mean we must be on our knees in prayer every moment of the day, but rather that we should cultivate an ongoing awareness of God’s presence in our lives. Our hearts should be attuned to Him, seeking His guidance and offering our daily actions as prayers.

In our busy world, it can be easy to neglect prayer. One often prioritizes work, family, and leisure, relegating prayer to a mere afterthought. Yet, when we place God at the center of our lives through consistent prayer, everything else falls into its rightful place. Our true peace and fulfillment come from communion with God, which we achieve through prayer.

The saints provide us with exemplary models of fervent prayer lives. St. Teresa of Avila dedicated herself to deep contemplative prayer and described prayer as “an intimate sharing between friends.” She teaches us that prayer is not about eloquent words or lengthy recitations but about opening our hearts to God with honesty and love.

In the book of Psalms, David’s prayers reveal a man after God’s own heart, constantly seeking forgiveness, expressing gratitude, and asking for strength. His life shows us that through prayer, we are transformed to reflect more of Christ’s love and mercy.

We must also remember that prayer is not a solitary endeavor. As a Church, we are called to pray together. Jesus Himself said, “where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20) Our communal prayers, especially the Holy Mass, are vital for our unity and strength as the Body of Christ.

To maintain a strong prayer life, I encourage you to set aside a specific time each day for prayer. Begin your day with a morning offering, asking for God’s guidance and blessing. Pause throughout the day for short prayers of thanksgiving and intercession. Conclude your day with an examination of conscience, seeking God’s forgiveness and grace. Additionally, immerse yourself in the rich tradition of Catholic prayers, such as the Rosary and the Liturgy of the Hours. These prayers connect us with the universal Church and deepen our faith. May each of us renew our commitment to a strong prayer life. Through prayer, we encounter the living God, who loves us very much. Let us, like disciples, ask our Lord to teach us to pray.

(Rev. Fr. Charles Allen)



**First Saturday of the Month June 1**

Mass, recitation of the spiritual rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass begins at 9:00 am.

**First Friday of the Month June 7**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9:00 am and Mass will begin at 12:00 pm.



June, 2024

- June 15 Holy Family Crafters  
9:30 am
- June 16 Father's Day
- June 16 Hospitality Sunday (HF)
- June 19 Knights of Columbus (HF)  
6:00 pm

\*\*The host and hostess for Hospitality Sunday are Bob and Brenda LeFever.

**KNIGHTS NEWS**



The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the Knight of the Month; Dennis Blackwell and the Family of the Month, Tom and Anna Mills. Thank you for all you do for

**Religious Articles**

If you would like to purchase or are in need of any religious articles, there is a Religious Article Cabinet located in the Fellowship Hall at St. Mary. Feel free to browse at any time. You can contact Debra Davenport, Grace Garza or just call the office if you would like to purchase an item.



**FYI**

St. Mary's will not hold Fellowship Sunday through the months of June, July, and August due to summer traveling. We will resume in September 1



Due to the Memorial Holiday, Monday's meeting on May 27 has been changed to Thursday, May 30 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.



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/>

**SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:00-4:30

Sunday

\*Any time by appointment.

**Baptism**

Arranged by appointment. At least one godparent must be a practicing Catholic; the other a practicing Christian may serve as a Christian witness. Parents must be registered with the parish.

**Matrimony**

Arranged with the Pastor. Please call the office.

**Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Please call the office if someone is hospitalized or ill at home and/or would like to receive Holy Communion, Confession, and/or Anointing of the Sick. (NOTE: the hospital does not notify the church about admissions.)

**Our Lady Queen of Peace**

We are pleased to announce the upcoming retreats and invite you and your family and friends to join us! For more information, please visit our website: [www.olqpretreats.com](http://www.olqpretreats.com) or call us at 731-548-2500.

June 7-9, 2024 Ignatian Silent Retreat

June 24—30, 2024 Directed Silent Retreat

September 6-8, 2024 Women’s Silent Retreat  
“They Recognized Him in Breaking of the Bread” (Lk 24:31-35)

**Church Office**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 due to the Memorial holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, May 29. If there is an emergency, you can contact Sandy at 731-697-4250.



**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Week Ending**

5/19/2024

**St. Mary—Enrollment** 70

Regular Offering \$1678.00

Families Contributing 22

**Holy Family — Enrollment** 47

Regular Offering \$542.00

Families Contributing 15

**ONE COLLECTION**

6/2/2024

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

**Ministry Schedule**

June 1, 2024

**St. Mary Catholic Church**

*Lectors*

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

*Counters:*

Beate Harris and Debra Davenport

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

*Lector*

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Allen and Karen Pierce

*Counters:* Wayne Tedford and Wyatt Brooks

*Gift Bearers:*

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	05/25/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michael Parker+	Joyce Parker
Sunday	05/26/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	05/26/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Pat Baloga+	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Monday	05/27/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jimmie McMillon+	Pam McMillon
Tuesday	05/28/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	05/29/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Joan Ann Brooks+	Wyatt Brooks
Thursday	05/30/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Deborah Thorne	Mary Johnson
Friday	05/31/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Joyce Rushing
Saturday	06/01/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor/Richard Gagnon	Barbara Taylor/Betty Gagnon
Sunday	06/02/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Joan Ann Brooks+	Wyatt Brooks
Sunday	05/02/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Larry Weibel	Joyce Rushing

### **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:** Jim Simpson, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Mickey Baloga, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Patty Russo, Joe Griggs, Kitty Shelton, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, 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:** Joy Ross, friend of Norma Villalobos; Lily Mills, granddaughter of Tom and Anna Mills; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Katy Walker, mother of Patrick Walker; Nancy Engerski, cousin of Jean Ebeling; 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 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; 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.