

# St. Mary Catholic Church

June 2, 2024 Corpus Christi

## 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

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### Mailing Address:

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

**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



## OVERCOMING FEAR WITH FAITH

Fear is a matter that touches each of our hearts at some point in our lives. Sometimes fear can seem like an insurmountable obstacle. Yet, as we look into the Scriptures, we find that our Lord offers us a remedy for the pervasive emotion: faith.

In the Bible, we frequently encounter the exhortation "Do not be afraid." This phrase, or its equivalent, appears more than 365 times in the Bible, once for each day of the year. This repetition demonstrates the importance that our Heavenly Father places on our living without fear, anchored in the assurance of His love and providence. For example, we read Isaiah, "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (41:10) This beautiful promise should cause us to think about the fact that we are never alone. God's presence is a steadfast source of strength and support, even in the darkest of times.

In the book of Joshua, we hear God's command to Joshua as he assumes leadership of the Israelites: "I command thee, take courage, and be strong. Fear not and be not dismayed: because the Lord thy God is with thee in all things whatsoever thou shalt go to." (1:9) Joshua faced immense challenges and uncertainties, yet God's assurance enabled him to lead with confidence and faith.

Turning to the Holy Gospel, we see how Jesus addressed fear in the lives of His disciples. In the Gospel of Matthew, when the disciples were terrified during a storm at sea, our Lord approaches them, walking on water, and said, "Be of good heart: it is I, fear ye not." (14:27) Recognizing the presence of Christ can dispel fear. During times of turmoil, knowing that Jesus is with us provides deep and meaningful peace.

Our faith in Christ is further strengthened by the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, whom Jesus assured would be with us always. In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, do I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." The peace offered by Christ is a divine peace that surpasses all understanding and is rooted in the trust of His eternal presence and guidance.

In the book of Wisdom, we read: "For every creature according to its kind was fashioned again as from the beginning, obeying thy commandments, that thy children might be kept without hurt." (Wisdom 19:6). This passage reassures us that God's creative power and providence are directed towards our ultimate good and protection. When we understand that all creation is under God's sovereign control, our fears diminish in the light of His omnipotence. In the book of Sirach, we find this wisdom: "Trust in him, and he will help you; make you ways straight, and hope in him." (2:6) Trust and hope are the antidotes to fear. By entrusting our lives to God and making sure our ways are in accordance with His will, we find a sure path that leads away from anxiety and towards serenity.

The Blessed Mother Mary exemplifies overcoming fear with faith. When the angel Gabriel announced that she would conceive and bear the Son of God, she was initially troubled. Yet, her response was a testament to her faith: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:38) Mary's trust in God's plan serves as model for us all.

Saint Paul, too, encourages us to cast aside fear through faith. In his letter to the Philippians, he writes, "Be nothing solicitous; but in every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-6) These verses can help us realize that prayer and thanksgiving are vital practices in cultivating a faith that overcomes fear.

To live without fear is not to deny the reality of challenges or the existence of threats, but to affirm the greater reality of God's power and presence in our lives. As we face the various problems and hurdles of life, let us remember the words of Psalm 23-4: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me." The imagery of the Good Shepherd protecting and guiding us through life's valleys provides true comfort and assurance.

(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 5 Pastoral Council Meeting (SM) 6:00 PM
- 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.

**Benton and Carroll County Food Bank**



With children out of school for the summer, parents will need to provide more meals for their families. The food banks are in extra need of assistance. If you can, "pay it forward" by giving to your local food bank, please consider donating. Anything that you can give would be most appreciated.

**Food**

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| Canned Soups     | Canned Vegetables |
| Canned Spam      | Cereal            |
| Canned Spaghetti | Juice             |
| Crackers         | Cookies           |
| Spaghetti Sauce  | Spaghetti         |

**Assorted Cleaning Supplies**

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| Laundry Soap | Cleaning Supplies |
| Toothpaste   | Shampoo           |
| Bar Soap     | Toilet Paper      |

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass Honoring Married Couples with Bishop Talley**

August 3, 2024, 5:00 pm  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

At the Mass, married couples will renew their sacramental vows.

We will have special seating for those who are celebrating 25, 50, 60 plus years of marriage.

For more information, contact the office of Pastoral Life at 901-373-1234.

**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/>

### 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Surpasses Goal

The Diocese is now at \$2,341,628 million or 101% of our goal. Thank you to all across our 47 churches who have made their gift this year. St. Mary is at 106%. All Glory to God!

### 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

### 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.

### Facebook Page:

If you have any church related information to be inserted on the church's Facebook page, please contact or text Tessa Walker at 731-220-5199.

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

#### Week Ending

5/26/2024

<b>St. Mary</b> —Enrollment	70
Regular Offering	\$1556.00
Families Contributing	18
<b>Holy Family</b> — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$1186.00
Families Contributing	15

### TWO COLLECTIONS

6/9/2024

Regular Offertory/Father's Day Flowers

### Ministry Schedule

June 9, 2024

#### St. Mary Catholic Church

##### Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Jay Johnson (Sun.)

##### Counters:

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

##### Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Leah Koonce

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

Gift Bearers: The Koonce Family

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	06/01/2024	St. Mary	9:00 AM	Edward Taylor+/Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Saturday	06/01/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Beverly Chappell+	Glen and Gwen Latendresse
Sunday	06/02/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Joan Ann Brooks+	Wyatt Brooks
Sunday	06/02/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Larry Weibel	Joyce Rushing
Monday	06/03/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Steve Ruhlman	Barbara Taylor
Tuesday	06/04/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM		
Wednesday	06/05/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	06/06/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	06/07/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim and Sandy Simpson	Joyce Rushing
Saturday	06/08/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Leon and Ellena Houle+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	06/09/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deacon Wayne Tedford	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	05/09/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	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.



**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.