

# St. Mary Catholic Church

August 25, 2024 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

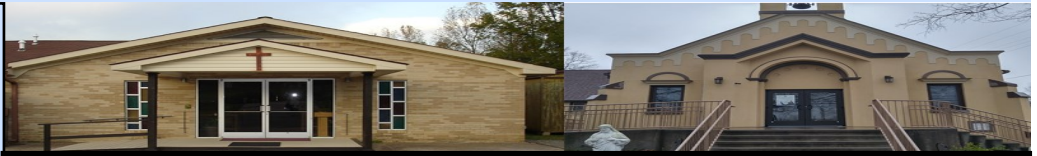
**Secretary:** Sandy Simpson

**Accounting:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## THE SACRED INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY—PART 1

The family, as designed by God, is under relentless attack from modern ideologies. The sanctity of the traditional family, rooted in the teachings of Holy Scripture and upheld by centuries of Church doctrine, is being eroded by cultural forces that promote unnecessary divorce, cohabitation, and gender confusion. The consequences of these modern influences have been devastating. Not only is the traditional family under siege, but the very foundation of the domestic Church—the center of Catholic life and teaching—has been gravely weakened.

The family, ordained by God from the very beginning, is the foundational institution of society. The Bible teaches us that the union of man and woman is divinely established: “Wherefore a man shall leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be two in one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24) The family is the first and most fundamental community. It is where life begins and where the virtues of love, faith, and duty are cultivated. A strong family is crucial to developing faith in God, teaching His commandments, and raising children to live virtuous lives. Yet, as we witness today, the family is being progressively undermined, which in turn weakens the Church and Catholic society at large.

One of the most alarming developments in recent decades has been the increasing rate of divorce. Once considered a rare and tragic event, divorce has become commonplace in society. The modern world promotes the false idea that marriage is an arrangement of convenience rather than a sacred covenant before God. This cultural shift has led many to view divorce as an easy solution to marital problems rather than seeking reconciliation and healing through prayer, penance, and grace. Christ’s own words make it clear: “Therefore now they are not two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:6) Yet, despite the divine command, the divorce rate continues to climb, causing untold damage to families, particularly children who often suffer the most from broken homes. This reflects a broader societal trend of moral relativism, where objective truths, such as the indissolubility of marriage, are disregarded in favor of personal preferences and lifestyles.

Perhaps the most insidious threat to the family today is the spread of gender confusion and the assault on the nature of man and woman as created by God. The Scriptures tell us: “And God created man to his own image: to the image of God he created him: male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27) The modern world, however, seeks to blur these distinctions, promoting ideologies that reject the biological reality of gender. This distortion not only denies God’s creation but sows confusion and division within families. Parents are pressured to conform to these ideologies, often being coerced into affirming their children’s gender confusion rather than guiding them towards truth and healing.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)



**First Friday of the Month September 6**

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

**First Saturday of the Month September 7**

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

**HARVEST BAZAAR**

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is now renting tables for their Harvest Bazaar being held on Saturday, October 12. The price per table is \$20.00. You can call the office at 731-584-6459 to secure a table.



**St. Mary News:**

There will be no PRE classes at St. Mary for the 2024-2025 school due to lack of teachers. Age appropriate materials will be sent home for the families to help their child/ren stay on task for their religious education grade level. If further information is needed, please call Tessa Walker at 731-220-5204.

**"BE AN ALTAR SERVER"**



**September, 2024**

- September 1 HF Hospitality Sunday
- September 6-7 First Friday and First Saturday
- September 8 SM Fellowship Sunday
- September 9 SM Ladies Guild 10:30 AM
- September 18 Knights of Columbus (SM) 6:00 PM
- September 21 HF Crafters 9:30 AM
- September 23 SM Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- September 30 SM Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM

\*\*Hostesses for HF Hospitality Sunday are: Andy and Veronica Novotny

\*\* Hostesses for SM Fellowship Sunday are: Sandy Simpson, Tessa, Maxine and Freya Walker

**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.



## Knights of Columbus Fundraiser



### Boston Butt Sale August 31, 2024

To reserve a Boston Butt see one of the Knights for ticket or call: 731-586-2844 or 731-415-1100

You can also reserve a Boston Butt by contacting the office at: 731-584-6459

Your order can be picked up at St. Mary between 10:30 am and 1:00 pm on August 31.

### Knight's News

Congratulation to the Knight of the Month; Wyatt Brooks and to the Family of the Month; Mark and Dorothy Wood. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

### FYI:

The Church office will be closed Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.

### 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.

September 6-8, 2024 Women's Silent Retreat

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/>



## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

8/18/2024

**St. Mary**—Enrollment 73  
Regular Offering \$1516.00

Families Contributing 22

**Holy Family** — Enrollment 53

Regular Offering \$531.00

Families Contributing 17

### ONE COLLECTION

9/01/2024

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

## Ministry Schedule

September 1, 2024

### St. Mary Catholic Church

*Lectors*

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

*Counters:*

Dan and Jean Ebeling

### Holy Family Catholic Church

*Lector*

Sunday: Jullienne Salma

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Jerry Sosnowski and Paul Multon

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	08/24/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Jack and Mary Dashper	David Baloga
Sunday	08/25/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Sunday	08/25/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	James R. Houseman+	Victoria Houseman
Monday	08/26/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson	David Baloga
Tuesday	08/27/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	08/28/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Josselyn Hernandez	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Thursday	08/29/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jenny Anthony	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Friday	08/30/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Mike Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	08/31/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Robert and Gail Anderson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	09/01/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Clayton and Carley Rich Family	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	09/01/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Harold and Diane Nunnery+	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:** Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, James Story, Tricia Smothers, 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 McMillan, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

**Holy Family:** Wyatt Brooks, Ramona Loggains, Lila Korb, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korb, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Deborah Thorne, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Sissy Munoz.

**For Our Extended Family:** Nicholas Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; Ken Roach, father of Leah Koonce; Tonya Smothers, friend of Joyce Rushing; Mike Dashper, son of Jack and Mary Dashper; Teresa Reiter, daughter-in-law of Sharon Reiter; Louise Taaffe, mother of Marco Taaffe; 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 Korb, Gus Palmieri; friend 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 Korb; 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.