

St. Mary Catholic Church

August 4, 2024 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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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

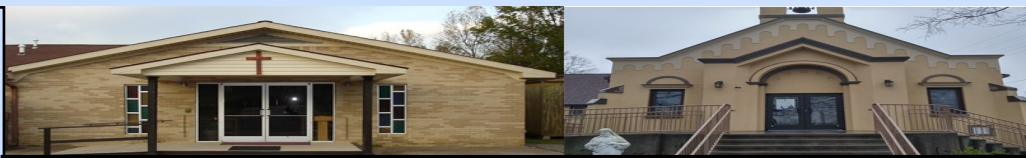
Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



THE POWER OF CHRIST'S WORD

The Gospel of St. Mark 7:31-37 presents to us a wonderful account of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ. We see Him traveling through the region of Decapolis, where He encounters a man who is deaf and mute. Those who bring the man to Jesus beseech Him to lay His hand upon him, demonstrating their faith in His divine power. Our Lord's response to this plea is both intimate and compassionate. He takes the man aside, away from the crowd, and looking up to heaven, He groans and says, "Ephpheta," which means "Be thou opened." Immediately, the man's ears are opened, his tongue is loosed, and he begins to speak plainly.

When Jesus looks up to heaven and groans, He demonstrates His unity with the Father and His deep compassion for human suffering. The word "Ephpheta" is a command that reveals Christ's authority over all creation. With this single word, He opens the man's ears and frees his tongue, restoring his ability to hear and speak. This miraculous healing is not just a physical restoration, but also a sign of the spiritual renewal that Christ brings to all who come to Him in faith.

The reaction of the people is one of amazement and praise: "He hath done all things well. He hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak." This echoes the words from the Book of Genesis, where God saw all that He had made and declared it very good. Jesus, the Word made flesh, continues this divine work of re-creation, bringing wholeness and redemption to a fallen world.

Today's Gospel passage also calls us to reflect on our own spiritual deafness and muteness. How often do we close our ears to the Word of God or fail to proclaim His truth with our tongues? We are reminded that we need the healing touch of Christ to open our ears to His voice and to loosen our tongues to speak His praises. The Sacrament of Confession is a means by which we can receive this healing grace, restoring us to spiritual health and enabling us to live our faith more fully.

May each of us approach our Lord with the same faith and trust as those who brought the deaf and mute man to Him. Let us ask Him to open our ears to His Word and to free our tongues to proclaim His goodness. And let us give thanks for the great mercy He shows us, healing our infirmities and making us whole.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)

UPCOMING EVENTS



Calendar Mark Your Calendar Mark Your

August, 2024

August 4	HF Hospitality Sunday
August 7	HF Pastoral Meeting (12:30 pm)
August 7	SM Pastoral Meeting (6:00 pm)
August 12	SM Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
August 14	HF Finance Council Meeting (12:30 pm)
August 17	HF Crafters (9:30 am)
August 21	Knights of Columbus (HF—6:00 pm)

Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are: Dwayne and

Thank you for your visit Bishop Talley!



Prayer to Begin a School Year



*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their
bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*



St. Mary's Legion of Mary has changed their meeting day to Sundays immediately following Mass or Fellowship Sunday, starting on Sunday, August 4, 2024.

“Work not for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life”

Are you being chosen to help feed and give life to the people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com
Or call the Office of Vocations at 901-373-1244

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.



St. Mary Parishioners

All **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers** or those who would like to become a Lector or

Eucharist Minister at St. Mary are asked to attend the training that has been scheduled for Saturday, August 10 at 10:00 AM. It will be held in the church. It is important that you attend!



August 4, 2024 is the 234th Anniversary of the United States Coast Guard. Thank them for their service.

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY"

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 or call us at 731-548-2500.

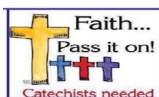
September 6-8, 2024 Women's Silent Retreat

PRE REGISTRATION

PRE Registration is now open! Check the flyers or Facebook for information on how to sign up or contact Tessa Walker at: stmarycamdenpre@gmail.com

Classes begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 am. We are in desperate need of teachers. Please consider sharing your faith with the children.

WE RUN ON VOLUNTEERS



BE A CATECHIST

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

7/28/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 76
Regular Offering \$1313.00

Families Contributing 18

Holy Family — Enrollment 52

Regular Offering \$1725.00

Families Contributing 18

ONE COLLECTION

8/11/2024

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

August 11, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters:

Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Evie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: Nathan and Stephanie Mote

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	08/03/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ / Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	08/04/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Edwin Peltz+	John and Pam Fordon
Sunday	08/04/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Lynn Smothers+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	08/05/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Kim King	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	08/06/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	08/07/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Marko and Jaka Prizmich+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	08/08/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	08/09/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Tony Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	08/10/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Donald Wilson+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	08/11/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ramona Loggains	Dayne and Karen Pierce
Sunday	08/11/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Pam McMillon	David Baloga

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: 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 McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Ramona Loggains, 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: 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 Korbel, 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 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 &