

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 15, 2024 Twenty Fourth 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

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Pam Warren

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Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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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



OUR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD ONE ANOTHER

We all bear a certain duty as Catholics—our responsibility to care for one another, especially in a world where selfishness, indifference, and neglect are all too common. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not call us to mind only our affairs while ignoring the plight of those around us. It is imperative, for the salvation of our souls, that we take this duty seriously and examine how we live in relation to others. St. Paul teaches us in his epistle to the Galatians, “Bear ye one another’s burdens; and so you shall fulfil the law of Christ.” (Gal. 6:2) This is not just a suggestion or some optional counsel. It is a command from Almighty God that we carry the burdens of our brethren. This could be physical, emotional, or spiritual burdens. When we fail to do so, we fail to live up to the law of Christ.

Many today have adopted a mindset of selfishness. We hear all too often. “Let others fend for themselves,” or, “It’s not my problem.” Not only are these attitudes uncharitable—they are diabolical! To neglect the suffering of others is to turn our backs on Christ Himself. Remember the words of our Savior in the Gospel of Matthew: “For I was hungry, and you gave me not to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me not to drink. I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you covered me not: sick and in prison, and you did not visit me.” (Matt. 25:42-43) The consequences of this negligence are clear: “Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels.” (Matt. 25:41)

Do not deceive yourselves thinking that by attending Mass and saying your prayers, you have done enough to secure your place in Heaven. The outward observances of religion are meaningless if they are not accompanied by works of mercy. St. James is explicit when he says, “Faith without works is dead.” (James 2:26) What good is it to profess faith in Christ if you refuse to see Him in the hungry, the homeless, or the suffering?

The family, in particular, is where this responsibility is most evident. Husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers—you have a God-given duty to care for one another, not only materially but spiritually. Fathers, you must breathe spiritual life into your households, ensuring family is grounded in Faith, attending Mass, and praying together. Mothers, you are called to nurture not only the physical but the spiritual well-being of your children. You must teach them to love God and to love their neighbor as themselves. How many families today are broken by selfishness, pride, and neglect? How many fathers abandon their duties, pursuing their own interests while leaving their families in disarray? How many mothers, consumed by vanity or worldly pleasures, neglect the spiritual formation of their children? The destruction of the family is one of the greatest tragedies of our time, and it is the result of abandoning the Christian principle of mutual care and responsibility.

Let us look beyond our families to our communities. How often do we turn a blind eye to the suffering of our neighbors because it inconveniences us? How many of us fail to give to the poor, visit the sick, or comfort the lonely? Our Lord commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and if we are not doing so, we are failing as true disciples of Christ.

Are you bearing the burdens of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Are you fulfilling your duties as husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers? Are you caring for the poor, the sick, and the suffering? If not, repent while there is still time. Remember the words of our Lord, “As long as you did it not for one of the least, neither did you do it to me.” (Matt. 25:45)

(Rev. Fr. Charles)

Consecration of the Election to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary Immaculate, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the eternal Wisdom lies hidden to be adored and served by angels and men, Queen of heaven and of earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, Patroness of the United States of America, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee, our refuge and hope. Knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee the integrity of the upcoming election and its outcome, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our country may be accomplished, and that all those who are elected would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Give grace to the citizens of this land so that they will choose leaders according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, least we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken. Oh Mary Immaculate, pray for us. Amen.

Holy Family Mission



Sacramental classes for children who are age appropriate for First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation will begin at Holy Family on Wednesday, September 18 at 4:00 pm. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Debbie O'Bryant at 901-237-5200 or Anna Mills at 856-341-4893.



September, 2024

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

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.



THEOLOGY Uncorked September 24
6:30 PM

Crown Winery
3638 E. Mitchell St.
Humboldt, TN

Adults of all ages and religions are welcome to attend!

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.





The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** is the class where an adult of any background, non-religious or faith, is able to learn about Catholicism to consider joining the Catholic Church and also where a baptized Catholic adult is able to continue learning about their Catholic Faith in order to complete one or more of their Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion.

OCIA classes begin at St. Mary on Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm. Call the office at 731-584-6459 for further information or to enroll in the class.



The Legion of Mary has a new Rosary Crusade. We are looking for 100 million Rosaries starting now until November 24th worldwide. We are asking people to pray the Rosary for peace in the world, peace in the Church and peace in the womb. (OR and end to abortion) You are welcome to pray as many rosaries as you like, or if you want to be counted there is a link to a website where you can pledge the number of Rosaries you will pray.

<https://sites.google.com/view/100millionrosaries/home>

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

9/08/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 73
 Regular Offering \$1636.00

Families Contributing 24

Holy Family — Enrollment 53

Regular Offering \$1435.00

Families Contributing 13

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/22/2024

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

Ministry Schedule

September 22, 2024

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Rushing/Andrea Vargas (Sat)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters:

Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: The Salma Family

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	09/14/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	09/15/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Delores Cantore+	Mary Jane Klinzing
Sunday	09/15/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Cary Royston+	Ernie and Stacy Byrd
Monday	09/16/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim and Sandy Simpson	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Tuesday	09/17/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	09/18/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ramona Loggains	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	09/19/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	John Tezak+	Tricia Smothers
Friday	09/20/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Albert Mir	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman
Saturday	09/21/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	09/22/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Rich and Mary Otte	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	09/22/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Betty Gagnon	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman

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

Holy Family: Wyatt Brooks, 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: 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 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 & Debbie O'Bryant; Daniel Stanfill.