

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 20, 2024 Twenty Ninth 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

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

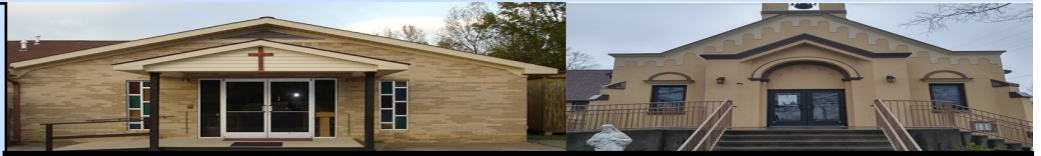
Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



RESPECT FOR THE UNBORN

The sanctity of human life is a fundamental tenet of Catholic teaching, grounded in the fact that every person is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). From the moment of conception, a unique soul is formed, a precious gift bestowed by the Creator. In Psalm 139:13, the psalmist declares, “For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb”, affirming that God’s hand is present in the formation of life. To respect the unborn is to honor the divine will and to recognize that life begins not at birth, but from the instant of conception.

Children are a precious gift from God, entrusted to parents and society for love, care, and nurturing. In Psalm 127:3, we read that children “are indeed a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.” The value of a child is not measured by the societal standards or personal convenience but is an inherent gift from God. The Church teaches that every child, born or unborn, is imbued with dignity and purpose, which must be protected and cherished.

The world in which we live seeks to devalue or discard life at its most vulnerable stages, but we are called to be a voice for the voiceless. The unborn cannot defend themselves, and it is our duty to advocate for them. In Jeremiah 1:5, God says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” God’s knowledge and care for each life exists even before birth, thus demonstrating to us just how sacred every human being is from conception.

Catholic teaching is unequivocal: the deliberate termination of unborn life is a grave sin. This respect for life is not conditional on circumstances or societal preferences but is rooted in the unchanging truth of God’s law. Abortion is not only an affront to the individual child but a violation of the order God has established for humanity.

We are responsible for creating and maintaining a culture of life, where every child is welcomed as a gift from God. This respect for life begins with the unborn but extends to all stages of life. In embracing this truth, we uphold the commandment “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13) and uphold the worth of every human life, regardless of their stage of development. By defending the unborn, we defend the very essence of humanity and honor the Creator, who is the source of all life.

(Rev. Fr. Charles)



St. Mary's Ladies Guild would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all who purchased tables, donated food and/or baked goods, supplied a fun filled raffle or just came to shop. Your support helped make our bazaar a success. Our blessings are many.

For Sale

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is selling cookbooks and Madagascar Bean Vanilla. Christmas will be here before you know it. Call the office at 731-584-6459 if you are interested in purchasing either.

MOTHER THERESA ASSEMBLY

The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will meet on Saturday, October 26 at Holy Cross Gym at 6 pm. Dinner will be served. Please contact Dennis Blackwell at 731-586-2844 if you plan to attend.

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.)



October 23

Little Flowers Girls Club

3:45 pm

Holy Family Christmas Party



Date: Tuesday, December 10

Where: Holy Family Father Joey Hall

Time: Appetizers 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

**Sign up for the Holy Family Christmas Party beginning October 20.

BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food for the children's Backpack ministry. Richelle will take all collected food and deliver it to be distributed among those children in need throughout the schools in Huntingdon.

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 News

The Knights of Columbus would like to congratulate the Knight of the month; Tom Mills, and the Family of the month; Tom and Anna Mills.

We appreciate all you do for your church and community.



Halloween Party/Trunk or Treat

St. Mary's PRE children will be having a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 31 from 5 pm to 7 pm. They will also be trunk or treating for the community in front of the church and are asking for donations of bags of candy to pass out to the community children along with adult volunteers to help that night. Please give the donated candy to Tessa Walker or bring to the office. You can also let Tessa know if you are able help that.



A representative from Catholic Charities will be speaking after Saturday, October 19 mass and Sunday, October 20 masses to inform all of what and how your donations are used.

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

10/13/2024

St. Mary—Enrollment 72
Regular Offering \$2359.00

Families Contributing 19

Holy Family — Enrollment 53

Regular Offering \$1555.00

Families Contributing 19

ONE COLLECTIONS

10/27/2024

Regular Offertory/West TN Catholic

Ministry Schedule

October 27, 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.)

Counters:

Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: John Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	10/19/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	10/20/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	The Thorne Family	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	10/20/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Monday	10/21/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	10/22/2024	No Mass	12:00 PM	NO MASS	
Wednesday	10/23/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ron Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	10/24/2024	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Deborah Thorne+	Dwayne and Karen Pierce
Friday	10/25/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	10/26/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Kendall Roudebush+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	10/27/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Wyatt Brooks	St. Mary Legion of Mary
Sunday	10/27/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Father Herbert Ene	St. Mary Legion of Mary

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 Korb, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Dorothy Wood, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korb, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Paul Multon, Leon Thorne, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Nicholas Carmichael, grandson of Betty Gagnon; John Parker, son of Joyce Parker; 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; 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; 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; 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; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korb; Anissa Jeanne Hendrix; Deacon Wayne Tedford's niece, 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.