

St. Mary Catholic Church

December 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Mary Catholic Church

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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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Associate Pastor: Michael Okata

Deacon: Wayne Tedford

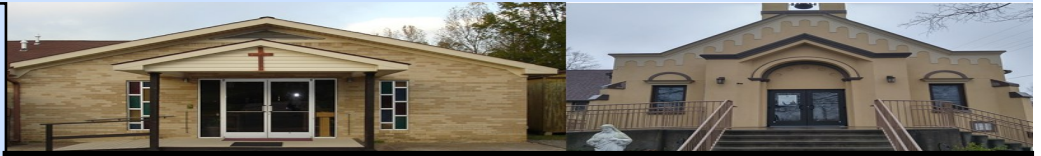
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M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



SETTING SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

As the New Year approaches many reflect on the past twelve months and begin making resolutions. While it is common to focus on physical health or professional goals, we must not neglect our spiritual growth. The turning of the calendar is an opportune time to assess our spiritual lives and set resolutions that draw us closer to God. Unlike secular resolutions that often prioritize worldly success, spiritual resolutions aim to deepen our relationship with the Lord, conform us more closely to Christ, and prepare our souls for eternity. Our lives on earth are a pilgrimage, and setting spiritual goals helps us stay on the narrow path that leads to salvation.

As St. Paul reminds us: "Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it." (1 Corinthians 9:24) Just as athletes discipline their bodies for a perishable crown, we must discipline our souls for an imperishable one. Before setting resolutions, take time to evaluate your spiritual life honestly. Spend an hour or more in prayerful reflection, asking the Holy Spirit to illuminate areas where you have grown and areas where you have fallen short. Consider the following questions: Have I been faithful to daily prayers, Sunday Mass, and the Sacraments? Have I grown in virtue, or have I allowed vices to take root? Have I cultivated love for God and neighbor through acts of charity and forgiveness?

A thorough examination of conscience, followed by the Sacrament of Confession, can provide clarity and spiritual renewal as you plan for the year ahead. Seek God's guidance as you discern your resolutions. Ask Him to reveal what He desires for you in the coming year. This discernment process ensures that your goals are not merely self-imposed but inspired by the Holy Spirit. Avoid vague resolutions such as "become holier" or "pray more." Instead, set specific goals. For example: Commit to praying the Rosary daily or weekly; attend daily Mass once a week; spend 15 minutes each day reading the Bible. Choose resolutions that are challenging yet realistic, considering your current state of life. For example, identify one or two virtues you wish to grow in, such as patience or humility, and one vice you need to overcome, such as pride and gossip. Create actionable steps to achieve these goals, such as meditating on Scripture passages related to the virtue or practicing specific acts of self-denial.

The Sacraments are vital to our spiritual lives. Make a resolution to frequent them more often: confess or sins monthly, bi-weekly or weekly; if possible, increase your attendance at Eucharistic Adoration; receive Holy Communion with greater reverence and preparation. Putting your resolutions in writing makes them tangible. Keep them in a place where you can review them regularly, such as in a prayer journal or on your phone. Periodic reviews will help you stay accountable and adjust your efforts if needed.

No resolution is without its trials. Spiritual growth requires perseverance amid setbacks and distraction. When you stumble, do not despair. Turn to God in prayer, seek His grace, and begin again. Surround yourself with supportive friends and spiritual mentors from the parish who can encourage you and hold you accountable. If possible, seek the guidance of the priest or spiritual director.

(Fr. Charles)



First Friday of the Month January 3

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

First Saturday of the Month January 4

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

BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food at Holy Family for the children's Backpack Ministry. Check with Richelle for further information.

"THANK YOU"



A very special thank you to Dan and Jean Ebeling and the Legions of Mary for the wonderful Christmas Get Together at St. Mary. The cookies were abundant and delicious!

"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.



- January 1 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass schedule as follows: Holy Family 8:30 am
St. Mary 10:45 am
- January 5 Hospitality Sunday (Holy Family)
- January 5 Fellowship Sunday (St. Mary)
- January 8 Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
- January 13 St. Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- January 15 Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (St. Mary)
- January 16 Christ's Cafe (4:00 pm) St. Mary
- January 18 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
- January 22 Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
- January 22 Legions of Mary "Pivotal Players" 6:00 pm (St. Mary)

**Hostesses for Holy Family Hospitality Sunday are Luisa Bautista and Diana Aldayturriaga.

**Hostesses for St. Mary Fellowship Sunday are Sandy Simpson, Beate Harris and Glenda Nielson.

FYI

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 and will reopen on Thursday. In case of an emergency, you can call 731-697-4250.



"Pivotal Players"

Keep your Wednesdays open once a month beginning January 22.

What are "Pivotal Players"?

In two thousand years, the Catholic Church has yielded countless saints, artists, mystics, and scholars. But among them are figures that are truly pivotal—men and women who not only shaped the life of the Church but changes the course of civilization.

Read the bulletin for further information.



"Reaching Higher"

Men's Catholic Conference, Jan. 10-11, 2025

Incarnation Church
360 Bray Station Road
Collierville, TN

Register by going to: www.reaching-higher.org or fill out the form located at the back of the church.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

January 1 (Solemnity of Mary—Holy Day of Obligation)

Holy Family	Mass	8:30 am
St. Mary	Mass	10:45 am

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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

12/22/2024

St. Mary —Enrollment	64
Regular Offering	\$1388.00

Families Contributing	16
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Holy Family — Enrollment	47
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Regular Offering	\$597.00
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Families Contributing	12
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TWO COLLECTIONS

1/5/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule

January 5, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Walter Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce Rushing/Andrea V. (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otlia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Dillon Koonce Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	12/28/2024	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Parker	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Sunday	12/29/2024	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deborah Thorne+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	12/29/2024	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Monday	12/30/2024	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	12/31/2024	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	1/01/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Boucher+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Wednesday	1/01/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Thursday	1/02/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	1/03/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/04/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	1/05/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Teresa Reiter	
Sunday	1/05/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM		

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, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Janet Robbearts, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, 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, 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; 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; 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; Terry Pace, John Waters; Kaelynn Bressler; Ruel Carmicheal; son of Betty Gagnon, Lucy Connolly; sister of Lila Korbel, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; uncle of Carrie Etter; Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbel; 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.

