

# St. Mary Catholic Church

January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

## St. Mary Catholic Church

220 West Main Street

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

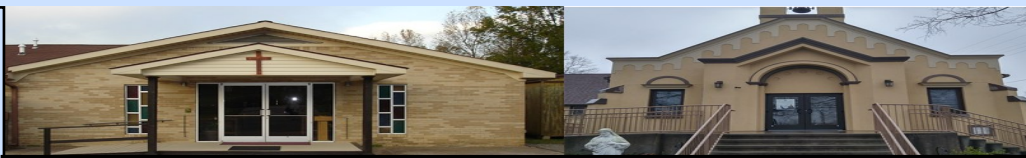
**Secretary:** Sandy Simpson

**Accounting:** Theresa O'Connell

### Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



## HOW WE CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS—PART 2

### Sharing the Gospel by Being Knowledgeable

An essential aspect of sharing the Good News is having a firm grasp of the Catholic faith. To evangelize effectively, Catholics must deepen their understanding of Scriptures, Church teachings, and apologetics. Knowledge strengthens personal faith and equips one to defend and explain it with knowledge.

The Church affirms that the Bible is the living Word of God and the foundation of Catholic teaching. Familiarity with Scripture allows us to articulate the truths of the faith clearly and demonstrate our biblical basis. Regular reading, meditation, and study of the Bible—especially the Gospels—enable a much deeper encounter with Christ and a greater ability to share His message. The Catholic Church, as the pillar and bulwark of truth (1 Timothy 3:15), has a treasury of wisdom in her teachings. Familiarity with key documents, such as older commentaries, encyclicals, and the writings of the Church Fathers, is invaluable. These resources provide a clear articulation of doctrine and moral teaching, allowing one to address contemporary issues with authority and precision.

Apologetics is the reasoned defense of the faith. In a culture that misunderstands or misrepresents Catholicism, it is vital to know how to respond to objections and clarify misconceptions. This includes understanding topics like the Real Presence in the Eucharist, the role of Mary and the saints, and the authority of the Church. A solid foundation in apologetics allows us to engage in respectful dialogue while remaining steadfast in the truth.

St. Peter exhorts the faithful to be “ready always to satisfy every one that asketh you a reason of that hope which is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15) Effective evangelization requires not only accurate answers but also a spirit of charity. It is essential to listen attentively, acknowledge sincere questions, and respond with humility and compassion. Harshness or condescension only alienates; a kind and patient approach draws others closer to Christ.

Knowledge without a vibrant spiritual life becomes sterile. Regular participation in the Sacraments, daily prayer, and devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Blessed Virgin Mary provide the grace needed to bear witness effectively. Through the Holy Spirit, knowledge is transformed into wisdom, making the message of the Gospel connect with those who hear it.

By cultivating both intellectual understanding and spiritual depth, we can become confident and charitable evangelists, capable of leading others to the truth of Christ and His church.

(Fr. Charles)

## "Presence"

### The Mystery of the Eucharist

**Where:** Holy Cross Catholic Church (Gym)  
**When:** February 1, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 am

The doors will open for sign-in, fellowship, and refreshments at 8:30 am. It will last until approximately 3:30 pm. Please call Holy Cross at 731-642-4681 if you plan to attend. You can also call June Beasley at 731-707-0040 or Carolyn Gore at 731-642-7661 for more information.

## THE WORKS OF MERCY

### CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL

FEED THE HUNGRY



INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT

GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY



COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL

SHELTER THE HOMELESS



ADMONISH SINNERS

CLOTHE THE NAKED



FORGIVE OFFENSES

VISIT THE SICK



COMFORT THE AFFLICTED

VISIT THE IMPRISONED



BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY

BURY THE DEAD



PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

"A BIT OF MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST" (POPE FRANCIS)



# JANUARY

- 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)



Bobby Latendresse has recently had a kidney transplant and is required to stay near the hospital for the next few weeks. His address is:

350 22nd Ave.  
Room 438  
Nashville, TN 37203-18

### Tax Time

Your offertory letters for 2024 will be available on the weekend of January 26. If you have any questions, please call Sandy at 731-584-6459 or come to the office.

**"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22)**

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:



### 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.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS



### “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.

#### Who are the “Pivotal Players”?

- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St. Catherine of Siena
- G.K. Chesterton
- St. John Henry Newman
- Michelangelo **\*\*Emmy Nominated\*\***
- St. Augustine of Hippo’
- St. Benedict of Nursia
- Fulton J. Sheen
- Flannery O’Connor **\*\*Emmy-nominated\*\***
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- Bartolome’ de las Casas

**Cost: An hour of your time, once a month.**

**Who: All parishioners and their friends (Catholic and non-Catholic-all are welcome)**



To the parishioners from St. Mary and Holy Family. Thanks for all the prayers, cards well wishes, and gifts this past Christmas. All is greatly appreciated. May you have a blessed 2025. May the peace and comfort of Jesus be with you the whole year.

Deacon Wayne

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

1/5/2025

<b>St. Mary—Enrollment</b>	64
Regular Offering	\$2450.00

Families Contributing	21
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<b>Holy Family — Enrollment</b>	47
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Regular Offering	\$1218.00
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Families Contributing	17
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### TWO COLLECTIONS

1/19/2025

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

### Ministry Schedule

January 19, 2025

#### St. Mary Catholic Church

##### Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

##### Lector

Sunday: John Edwards

##### Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Bennette Brou

Gift Bearers: The Salma Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/11/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	1/12/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Bill Harder+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Sunday	1/12/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Bobby Latendresse	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Monday	1/13/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Paddy Averwater+	SM Legions of Mary
Tuesday	1/14/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	1/15/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Boucher+	Garry and Lila Korbel+
Thursday	1/16/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Lila Korbel	Jim and Sandy Simpson
Friday	1/17/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/18/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Patricia Frye+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	1/19/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Carolyn Brooks+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	1/19/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim and Sandy Simpson	Barbara Taylor

### ***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.

