

St. Mary Catholic Church

January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord

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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Sun.: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM

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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 1

In this multi-part series, we will be discussing various ways in which Catholics can share the authentic Gospel (the Good News) with others.

Sharing the Gospel Through Your Life

One of the most effective ways to share the Good News is by living as a witness to Christ. The Catholic faith is a way of life that transforms hearts and minds. By embodying the Gospel, we can draw others to the truth of Christ through example. This form of evangelization is not only powerful but also deeply authentic, as it demonstrates the faith in action.

People are often more influenced by what they see than what they hear. St. Francis of Assisi is famously attributed with saying, "Preach the Gospel at all times; when necessary, use words." A life lived in accordance with the teachings of Christ is a compelling testimony.

In daily life, demonstrating love, humility, and virtue can inspire others. Treat others with kindness, even when it is difficult. Forgive those who hurt you and seek reconciliation. Avoid seeking praise or recognition. Instead, serve others selflessly, reflecting Christ's humility. Strive for honesty, patience, and generosity. These qualities are rare in today's world and can provoke curiosity about the source of your strength and joy.

Living as a witness also means standing firm in Catholic teaching, even when it is unpopular or countercultural. In an age of moral relativism, the truth of the Church's teachings on issues such as marriage, family, and sanctity of life often faces opposition. However, compromising on these truths not only weakens your witness but also fails to lead others to the fullness of the Gospel.

When sharing the gospel with others, we need to be courageous. When faced with criticism or misunderstanding, remember that Christ Himself was rejected. Your steadfastness may plant seeds of conversion in others. Speak with clarity. While it is important to uphold the truth, do so with love and respect. A compassionate approach often softens hearts. It is also important to be consistent. Avoid hypocrisy. If you profess to believe in Catholic teachings, ensure your actions align with those beliefs.

Every moment of your day provides an opportunity to be a witness. Small acts of kindness, patience in adversity, or a simple prayer before meals can spark questions in others. At the same time, larger gestures—such as volunteering at a shelter, participating in pro-life activities, or mentoring someone in faith—can leave a lasting impact.

It is important to remember that living as a witness is not always easy. There will be times of failure and moments of doubt. Yet, perseverance in times of failure and a commitment to Christ will shine through. By living as a witness, we become a living Gospel, a testament to the life-changing power of Christ's love. People are searching for meaning and hope—our lives can point others to the source of true joy and peace—our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Fr. Charles)

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Please keep Lila Korbel, and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Lila's brother, Joel Kukacka passed away on January 1, 2025. Lila is recuperating from knee surgery and will not be able to be with her family. Pray for the repose of Joel's soul, and a speedy recovery for Lila.



Within this Christmas joy, we are in a Jubilee of Hope; and, come in January 2025, I will ask all of you to enter into our CDOM three-year Pastoral Plan: Living the Anointed Life!

Let us love one another, as disciples of the Lord. And, let us serve as Ambassadors of the Kingdom, as evangelists.

Let us long for the Lord, seeking His holiness, in love and in service.

God's blessings to each of you, for a joyful and fruitful 2025.

Our lady, pray for us, that all may be one (John 17:21).

Bishop David P. Talley

**"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
(Matthew 2:11)**

What gift can you offer Christ? If He is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email:



JANUARY

- 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.

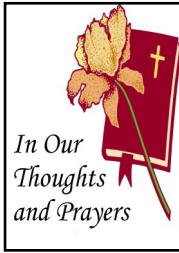


Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

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



Please keep the Latendresse family in your prayers. Recently, Benny and Amy Latendresse's son Will passed away. Also Bobby Latendresse had a kidney transplant this week and will be in Nashville for four weeks.



I will update you on Bobby's progress and get an address where he will be staying for all who would like to send cards.

"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)



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

12/29/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	64
Regular Offering	\$5104.00

Families Contributing	18
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Holy Family — Enrollment	47
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Regular Offering	\$626.00
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Families Contributing	12
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ONE COLLECTION

1/12/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

January 12, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Anna Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/4/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Teresa Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	1/5/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Teresa Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	1/5/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Monday	1/6/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	1/7/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	1/8/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Teresa Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	1/9/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ramona Loggains+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Friday	1/10/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/11/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+/Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon/Edward 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

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.

