

St. Mary Catholic Church

February 23, 2025 Seventh 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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Holy Family

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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



HOW WE CAN SHARE THE GOOD NEWS—PART 8

Live with Joy

Joy is one of the most powerful tools of evangelization. In a world full of anxiety, despair, and confusion, a joyful Christian stands out as a light offering hope. This joy is a deep, abiding sense of peace that comes from a relationship with Christ. As St. Paul writes, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). When others see your unwavering joy, even amidst suffering or difficulty, they become curious about the source of your strength, opening the door to share your faith.

A joyful Christian life naturally attracts others to Christ. Joy is contagious and invites people to ask questions, creating opportunities for evangelization. When your joy is genuine, it communicates that the faith is not a burden but a source of fulfillment and purpose. Your joyful witness can inspire others to seek the same peace that only Christ can give, leading them to encounter Him in the Sacraments, prayer, and the community of the Church.

Living with joy also involves showing how your faith provides peace and purpose in the face of challenges. Life’s difficulties—such as illness, loss, or financial struggles—are often moments when people question the meaning of life. By facing these challenges with hope and trust in God’s providence, you demonstrate the power of faith. Share how prayer, the Sacraments, and trust in Christ a compelling witness to the strength that comes from God. have helped you overcome trials, offering

This joyful witness does not require perfection or pretending to be immune to suffering. Rather, it involves showing how God’s grace sustains you through both joy and sorrow. It is about maintaining hope even when circumstances are difficult because of your trust in our Lord’s promises. People are drawn to authentic joy that acknowledges life’s hardships but remains steadfast because it is rooted in the love of God.

Evangelization is about embodying the Gospel. By living joyfully, you become a living testimony of the life-changing power of Christ. This involves showing love, patience, and forgiveness, especially in challenging situations. Your example of faith in action—through acts of charity, kindness, and courage in standing up for the truth—invites others to encounter the same joy you have found in Christ. By letting your light shine before others (Matthew 5:16), you fulfill your calling to lead others to Christ through your example, love and courage.

(Fr. Charles)



First Saturday of the Month March 1

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

First Friday of the Month March 7

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

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING! (St. Mary)

The St. Mary Pastoral Council and Finance Committee will be having a joint meeting on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00 pm. Please make an effort to attend.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross
Schedule**

*Every Friday beginning March 7. There will be no Stations on Good Friday, April 18.

Holy Family	3:00 pm
St. Mary	5:00 pm

“Love your enemies and do good to those who hurt you” (Luke 6:27)

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org



- March 2 Hospitality Sunday (HF)
 - March 2 Fellowship Sunday (SM)
 - March 5 Ash Wednesday
 - March 5 Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
 - March 5 HF Finance Committee (12:30 pm)
 - March 10 St Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
 - March 15 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
 - March 19 Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
 - March 19 Knights of Columbus (6:00 pm) SM
- *Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are: Dennis Blackwell and Pat Boucher.
- *Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday are: Julia Johnson, Martha Valenzuela and Shelia Melton
- **Ash Wednesday schedule will be posted in next week’s bulletin.

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.



"Old Palms"

We are collecting your old palms from last year . Please bring them to the Fellowship Hall. There is a basket set up for them. Father will burn them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Directory Update:

It is time for a Holy Family update to the directory. Will you please review the directory information and give any corrections or changes of the information to Phyllis Wendt. If you are not in our directory, will you please provide us with your information so we can include you in our update.

Holy Family News!

Please sign up for the dates you can spare your time to help work on designated Fridays, monetary donations and food donations for our fish fry. Any further information needed, please see Bennette Brou or call 731-432-4262.

Sign up sheets will be in the Fr. Joey room!

HOLY FAMILY LENTEN

CATFISH FISH FRY

Fried Catfish, Hush Puppies, French Fries

White Beans,

Vinegar or Mayo Slaw

Dessert and Drink

Carryout will be available

\$17.00 dinner

\$8.00 Children under 8 yrs old

EVERY FRIDAY IN MARCH

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Time 4:30 pm—7:00 pm



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

2/16/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	66
Regular Offering	\$1854.02

Families Contributing	22
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Holy Family — Enrollment	54
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Regular Offering	\$237.00
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Families Contributing	11
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TWO COLLECTIONS

3/02/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule

March 2, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Tricia Smothers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Otilia Mendes and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: The Angel Ochoa Family

Counters: Richelle Stokes and Tom O'Bryant

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	2/22/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Ron and Patty Russo	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	2/23/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Harold "Teddy" Brou+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Sunday	2/23/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Betty Gagnon	Barbara Taylor
Monday	2/24/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	2/25/2025	St. Mary		No Mass	
Wednesday	2/26/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Evelyn Polking+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	2/27/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Deborah Thorne+	Mary Johnson
Friday	2/28/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	3/01/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	3/02/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Larry Polking+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	3/02/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Kevin and Evelyn Fortin	Dan and Jean Ebeling

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: 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: Annette Cooley, Tomasas Ocho-Villasenor, 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: Guy Handley, brother-in-law to Sheila Melton, 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 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.

