

# St. Mary Catholic Church

March 2, 2025 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## St. Mary Catholic Church

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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

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### 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



## PREPARING FOR LENT

Lent is one of the most sacred seasons in the Catholic Church, a time for penance, reflection, and spiritual renewal. As we approach this solemn period, it is essential to prepare ourselves both spiritually and practically. The Church invites us to reflect on our lives, identify areas for improvement, and draw closer to Christ through prayers, fasting, and alms-giving. Lent offers an opportunity to repent for our sins, renew our commitment to God, and strengthen our relationship with Him. This preparation begins long before Ash Wednesday, as we examine our hearts and resolve to make the most of this holy season.

One of the key elements of preparing for Lent is setting a clear intention for personal growth. It is important to approach this time with a prayerful mindset, considering how best to draw near to our Lord. Fasting is not just about giving up food or certain indulgences, but about choosing to sacrifice something that will help us grow in virtue. Whether it be habits that draw us away from God or unhealthy attachments that prevent us from following Christ fully, Lent call us to detach from these distractions and focus on spiritual growth. This detachment is not a punishment but an act of love and devotion, helping to bring our hearts in line with the will of God.

Prayer becomes the cornerstone of our Lenten preparation. The Church encourages Catholics to engage in deeper prayer during this time, especially through the practice of the Stations of the Cross, meditation on Scripture, and participating in the liturgical life of the Church. This focus on prayer helps to purify our hearts, quieting the noise of the world so that we may better hear the voice of God. The daily Lenten readings invite us to meditate on Christ's suffering. His ultimate sacrifice, and His love for humanity. Prayer transforms our hearts, helps us to accept the grace of God, and equips us for the spiritual battle against temptation.

Alms-giving reminds us of the importance of charity during this season. As we prepare for Lent, it is important to reflect on how we can serve others and give generously. This can involve donating time, resources, or money to those in need, particularly to those who suffer from material poverty, but also to those in spiritual need. Alms-giving is an outward expression of love that mirrors the selfless love Christ demonstrated on the Cross. It also provides an opportunity to practice humility and gratitude for the blessings we have received. By preparing for Lent in this way, we open our hearts to a season of wholehearted transformation, with the ultimate goal of growing closer to Christ and becoming more fully the people He calls us to be.

(Fr. Charles)



**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.



**Meatless Friday!**

On Friday, March 14, a meatless meal of cheese ravioli (red or white sauce), salad, dessert and drink will be served at St. Mary following the Stations of the Cross starting at 5:30 pm. All are invited to attend at no cost. There will be a donation basket for those who would like to donate. Any and all proceeds will go directly to St. Mary.

**Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule**



\*Every Friday beginning March 7. There will be Stations on Good Friday, April 18 at Holy Family, but not at St. Mary

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

**“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?” (Luke 6:41)**

Jesus calls us to self-awareness and humility, reminding us to look inward before we judge others. This same humility is essential when discerning how God is calling us to serve. Are you being called to dedicate your life to God’s service as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: [vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org](mailto: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
March 19	Pivotal Payers (6:00 pm)

**Baby Bottle Lenten Project!**



St. Mary will once again be supporting the FYI Clinic which specializes in Early Pregnancy Diagnosis for it’s annual Lenten Project. The baby bottles will be available beginning on Ash Wednesday.



**Knights News**

The Knight of Columbus Knight of the Month is Wyatt Brooks and the Family of the Month is the Tom and Theresa O’Connell family. Thank you for all you do for your church and community.

### "Old Palms"



Your old palms need to be brought to church no later than Monday, March 3.

### 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.



### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Holy Family	12:00 pm
St. Mary	5:00 pm

### HOLY FAMILY ALMSGIVING

Our parish council has voted to renew our annual Lenten commitment to Beating Hearts, Carroll County's pregnancy help center. The baby bottles, a Lenten almsgiving reminder can be picked up beginning Ash Wednesday. Take also a Beating Hearts brochure to read the worthy services this organization provides.

### 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**

**2/23/2025**

<b>St. Mary—Enrollment</b>	66
Regular Offering	\$1127.00

Families Contributing	19
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<b>Holy Family — Enrollment</b>	54
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Regular Offering	\$489.00
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Families Contributing	12
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### ONE COLLECTION

**3/09/2025**

Regular Offertory

### Ministry Schedule

**March 9, 2025**

#### St. Mary Catholic Church

*Lectors*

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Walter Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Dan and Jean Ebeling

#### Holy Family Catholic Church

*Lector*

Sunday: Bob Lefever

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Alma Bissen and Pat Long

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	3/03/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	St. Mary Ladies Guild
Tuesday	3/04/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	3/05/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Pat Deutsch+	Ernie and Stacy Byrd
Wednesday	03/05/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Thursday	3/06/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Sam Koonce+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	3/07/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Aldon Miller+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	3/08/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Taylor	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	3/09/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deacon Wayne Tedford	St. Mary Legions of Mary
Sunday	3/09/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse+	David Baloga

### ***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:** Sherry Tarwater, friend of Toni Stokes and Sandy Simpson, 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.

