

St. Mary Catholic Church

March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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:

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Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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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



ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER IN THE FAITH

Division, discouragement, and spiritual confusion are everywhere around us. As Catholics it is our duty to encourage one another. In these times, it is more vital than ever. The Bible repeatedly exhorts us to lift each other up, strengthening the bonds of charity that unite the faithful. St. Paul urges us in 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." This powerful command reveals that encouragement is not the only kind gesture but an essential Christian duty. By fostering hope, inspiring virtue, and sharing our burdens, we imitate Christ Himself.

Encouragement begins within the home—the domestic church. Parents are entrusted with nurturing their children's faith, forming hearts that trust in God's providence. Spouses, too, must uplift one another, especially during trials, reminding each other that their union is sanctified by God. In times of financial hardships, sickness, or spiritual dryness, words of comfort and assurance can rekindle hope. As St. Francis de Sales wisely observed, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrel of vinegar." By cultivating patience and gentleness, families become wells of encouragement for their members and a beacon of light to others.

Parish life offers another vital arena for encouragement. The faithful must be mindful of those struggling silently—the widow longing for companionship, the young convert grappling with doubts, or the elderly burdened by loneliness. Simple act of kindness, such as offering a word of praise or praying with someone in need, can transform lives. The Church thrives when its members actively bear one another's burdens fulfilling St. Paul's command: "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Encouragement also extends to those who have drifted from the faith. Many souls feel abandoned or overwhelmed by past mistakes, believing they are beyond redemption. In these cases, we must offer them the hope of our Lord's boundless mercy. The Prodigal Son's return was not met with scorn but with a father's embrace. By demonstrating compassion and understanding, we can remind fallen-away Catholics that Christ's love is always available to those who seek Him.

Ultimately, true encouragement is rooted in prayer. Asking the Holy Spirit for the wisdom to speak words of comfort, guidance, and truth enables us to be instruments of God's grace. As St. John Chrysostom taught, "No matter how just your words may be, you ruin everything when you speak with anger." When we encourage one another with love, patience, and humility, we reflect Christ's own heart—a heart that tirelessly seeks to strengthen and console His flock.

(Fr. Charles)





The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Bunco/Pasta Night on Saturday, March 22 at 6:00 pm. All ages Welcome!



Lenten Stations of the Cross Schedule

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

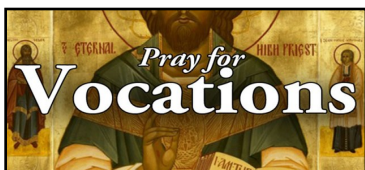
Holy Family	3:00 pm
St. Mary	5:00 pm

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. Our goal is to have 100% participation in our church family that is the Diocese of Memphis.



**“This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”
(Luke 9:35)**

In prayer, listen to the voice of Jesus calling you. Could he be inviting you to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org



- March 17 St Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- March 19 Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)
- March 19 Knights of Columbus (6:00 pm) SM
- March 26 Pivotal Payers (6:00 pm)
- March 29 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)



Little Flowers Group

The Little Flowers group will be collecting diapers (all sizes) to donate to FYI for their Lenten Project. Please help them make this a successful endeavor. Diapers can be brought to the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Penance Services

Holy Family	Thursday, April 10	5:30 pm
St. Mary	Friday, April 11	5:30 pm

*Mass will be at 5:00 pm. There will be no 12:00 pm mass on April 10-11.

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.





**St. Catherine of Sienna
the "Mystic"**

St. Catherine was considered to be uneducated, yet she was a counselor to both popes and kings and is a Doctor of the Church. She was a mystic and her understanding was that God is beauty, truth and love itself and stated the God is "crazy in love" with the world.

Next viewing will be Wednesday, March 26 at 6:00 pm.

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

3/09/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 66
Regular Offering \$1602.00

Families Contributing 25

Holy Family — Enrollment 46

Regular Offering \$520.00

Families Contributing2 17

ONE COLLECTION

3/23/2025

Regular Offertory

St. Mary News:



God
is good
all the time



We would like to announce the start of our new handicap ramp. Access to the Fellowship Hall will soon be more available for all.

Ministry Schedule

March 23, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: John Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: Olga Wosz and Kim Leitl

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

**HOLY FAMILY LENTEN
CATFISH FISH FRY**

Carryout will be available

\$17.00 dinner

\$8.00 Children under 8 yrs old

March 21, 28

Time 4:30 pm—7:00 pm



	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	3/15/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Robert and Gail Anderson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	3/16/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Carolyn Brooks+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Sunday	3/16/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Monday	3/17/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	The Latendresse Family	Mary Johnson
Tuesday	3/18/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	3/19/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Bill Harder+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Thursday	3/20/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	3/21/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	3/22/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Ron and Patty Russo	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	3/23/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Harold (Teddy) Brou+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Sunday	3/23/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Betty Gagnon	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: Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, James Story, Tricia Smothers, Jim Simpson, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, 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: Wayne Tedford, Pat Long, 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.

