

St. Mary Catholic Church

March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

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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

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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



THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is a central theme in Catholic teaching, deeply embedded in the life and example of Christ. In the Our Father, we ask, "And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors." (Matthew 6:12) This powerful petition shows us that forgiveness is not merely a personal virtue but a necessary condition for receiving God's mercy. Jesus Himself models forgiveness throughout His life, from forgiving the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11) to His prayer for the Cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:24) By forgiving others, we follow Christ's example and embrace the love and mercy that God offers to all.

Forgiveness has deep, significant spiritual benefits, both for the person who forgives and the one who is forgiven. In Matthew 18:21-22, when Peter asks how many times he should forgive his brother, Jesus responds, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." Forgiveness is a continual process, allowing healing and reconciliation to take root in our hearts. Holding onto resentment or bitterness can poison our soul, but forgiving others frees us from the chains of anger and hatred, enabling us to live in peace with God and one another.

The power of forgiveness extends beyond human relationships; it also draws us closer to God. In the parable of the unforgiving servant (Matthew 18:23-35), Jesus warns that those who are unwilling to forgive will not receive God's forgiveness. "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." Our forgiveness of others is tied directly to the forgiveness we receive from God. If we are unwilling to forgive, we close ourselves off from His grace and mercy, thus preventing the healing that forgiveness brings to our souls.

Ultimately, forgiveness is a life-changing act that reflects the depth of God's love for us. It allows us to break free from the past, to heal from wounds, and to live in the light of Christ's mercy. As St. Paul exhorts in Ephesians 4:31, "Be kind to one another." In forgiving, we mirror God's compassion, and through His grace, we become instruments of His peace and reconciliation in a broken world.

(Fr. Charles)



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

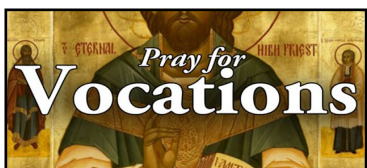
Baby Bottle Lenten Project!



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.

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)

This Lenten season, reflect on your life's direction. 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



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 26	Pivotal Payers (6:00 pm)



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.

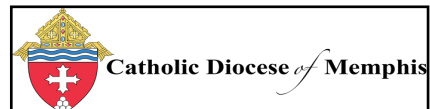
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Pray + Fast + Give

Remember your local food banks this Lenten Season!

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





**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

3/02/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 66
Regular Offering \$3690.00

Families Contributing 24

Holy Family — Enrollment 54

Regular Offering \$3931.00

Families Contributing2 23

TWO COLLECTIONS

3/06/2025

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

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

Ministry Schedule

March 16, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Michael O’Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Glenda Nielson (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Theresa O’Connell (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Long and Bennett Brou

Gift Bearers: The Villalobos Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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	SM Legions of Mary
Sunday	3/09/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Irene Latendresse+	David Baloga
Monday	3/10/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Michelle Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Tuesday	3/11/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	3/12/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Ron Swanson+	Ernie and Stacy Byrd
Thursday	3/13/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Nick Roach Sr.+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	3/14/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Irene Latendresse+	Craig and Kathy Coltharp
Saturday	3/15/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	3/16/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jesus Alvarado	Pedro and Otilia Mendez
Sunday	3/16/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim+ and 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, 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.

