

St. Mary Catholic Church

July 6, 2025 Fourteenth 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

Director of Religious Education:

Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

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220 W. Main Street

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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



STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH IN CHRIST

At every stage of life, the Catholic faithful are called to deepen their trust in God, for faith is not a static possession but a living and growing gift. As St. Paul writes, “Faith then cometh by hearing; and by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). Regular meditation upon the Bible, frequent reception of the Holy Sacraments, and sincere prayer are the principal means by which faith is nourished. Like a lamp, faith must be kept alight and continually replenished.

The trial and uncertainties of life often serve to reveal either the strength or fragility of our trust in the Lord. In such times, we must recall the counsel of St. James: “The trying of your faith worketh patience” (James 1:3). Tribulations are not punishments, but rather opportunities for our trust in Divine Providence to be refined. The saints themselves endured periods of interior darkness and doubt, yet remained steadfast, believing that “to them that love God, all things work together unto good” (Romans 8:28). Their perseverance must be our example.

The Holy Eucharist, the true Body and Blood of Christ, is the supreme means by which our faith is strengthened. As our Lord declared, “He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:55). Each Mass is supposed to draw us more intimately into union with the One in whom we believe. Likewise, the Sacrament of Confession clears away the obstructions of sin, allowing the light of faith to shine more clearly within us.

Let us grow complacent in our belief, but rather echo the plea of the apostles: “Lord, increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). Fidelity to daily prayer, to the reading of the Scriptures, and to the sacramental life of the Church will anchor our trust in God with increasing firmness. Though the storms of this world may arise, the soul rooted in Christ shall not be shaken. By grace, perseverance, and the steady cultivation of devotion, we shall progress from faith to deeper faith, until we behold Him face to face.

(Fr. Charles)

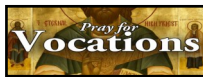


**2026 Easter Pilgrimage
"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"
Hosted by Fr. Bryan Timby
April 21-May 1**

Visit Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Patmos, Santorini, Delphi, Kalambaka, and Thessaloniki. Visit the house of Mary where she lived with St. John the Apostle. Enjoy a 3-day cruise to the Greek isles. \$5179 pp/sharing from Memphis. Taxes and fees included. **LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.** For a more full-color brochure, contact: Fr. Bryan Timby, 1104 N. Parkway, Unit 6, Jackson, TN 38305-5010. Telephone; 901-487-2909. Email: btimby0928@aol.com.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Luke 10:2)

God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference! Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sharon Reiter and family on the death of her brother Richard Cabral. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Quote of the Week:

"Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe."

St. Augustine of Hippo



July 5-6	First Friday and First Saturday (SM)
July 6	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
July 9	H F Pastoral Council Meeting
July 10	Christ's Cafe (SM) 4:00 pm
July 14	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
July 16	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (SM)
July 19	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
Holy Family (HF) St. Mary (SM)	
Hosts for Holy Family Hospitality Sunday (7/6/25) are Tom and Debbie O'Bryant.	

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Holy Family is 80.32% towards their goal of \$3150.00 and St. Mary is 96.38% of their goal of \$7875.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge. Please fill out a card located in the back of the church.



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. Mary's
New Handicap Ramp**



Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

Summer is upon us and the children are out of school. Extra food is necessary at home. The food banks are in extra need of assistance. If you can, "pay it forward" by giving to your local food bank, please consider donating. Anything that you can give would be most appreciated.

Food

Canned Soups	Canned Vegetables
Canned Meat	Cereal
Canned Spaghetti	Juice
Crackers	Cookies
Spaghetti Sauce	Spaghetti
Cereal	Tuna
Macaroni and Cheese	

Assorted Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap	Cleaning Supplies
Toothpaste	Shampoo
Bar Soap	Toilet Paper
Paper Towels	

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

**Week Ending
6/29/2025**

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1454.00
Families Contributing	19
 Holy Family — Enrollment	 47
Regular Offering	\$416.00
Families Contributing	10

ONE COLLECTION

7/13/2025
Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

July 13, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday:	Joyce Rushing
Sunday:	Suzanne Crawford

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)
Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)
Tricia Smothers (Sun.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday:	Anna Mills
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Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Dillon Koonce Family

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	7/05/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon and Edward Taylor	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/06/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	John Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	7/06/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Greg and Grace Garza	Betty Gagnon
Monday	7/07/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Tuesday	7/08/2025	St. Mary		NO Mass	
Wednesday	7/09/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	7/10/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	7/11/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	7/12/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/13/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	7/13/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton

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: Shirley Petit, 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: Jan Scarborough, friend of Tricia Smothers; Sherry Tarwater, friend of Toni Stokes and Sandy Simpson; 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.

