

St. Mary Catholic Church

August 10, 2025 Nineteenth 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

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



CULTIVATING GODLY FRIENDSHIPS

We are surrounded by superficial connections, as a result true companionship is rare. Our faith teaches us that authentic friendship is not only a grace but also a vital aid in the journey toward holiness. True friendship, rooted in our Lord Jesus Christ, is a reflection of the divine love shared within the Most Holy Trinity. As the Scriptures attest, “A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter: he that has found one has found a treasure” (Sirach 6:14). Such friendships are not built on convenience or mere shared interests, but on mutual desire for virtue, truth, and salvation.

Godly friendships call us out of isolation and egoism. They allow us to love and to be loved in a manner that strengthens our souls. Our Lord Himself exemplified this in His friendship with Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, as well as in the intimate fellowship shared with His Apostles. “No longer do I call you servants...but I have called you friends” (John 15:15), He declares, elevating the notion of friendship to something sacred and transformational. These holy relationships are marked by honesty, prayerful, and a willingness to bear one another’s burdens. As Saint Paul instructs, “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians).

The cultivation of such friendships requires both discernment and intentionality. Not every association leads to virtue. The Bible warns us: “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals’” 91 Corinthians 15:33). Therefore, we must seek those companions who lead us closer to God, who encourage us in prayer, the Sacraments, and works of charity. At the same time, we are called to be such friends ourselves—individuals of integrity, humility, and compassion, who speak truth in love and are present in times of trial. Friendship must be nourished by grace and directed toward the eternal good of the other.

Ultimately, godly friendship is a participation in the communion of Saints and a foretaste of the Kingdom to come. As we grow in union with Christ, our friendships, too, become more conformed to His image—anchored not in passing sentiment, but in eternal love. Let us therefore pray for such friends, and be such friends to others, so that, together, we may “spur one another on to love and good works” (Hebrews 10:24), and rejoice in the company of the blessed both in this life and in the life everlasting.

(Fr. Charles)

THIRD ANNUAL
DINING WITH THE DEACONS:
A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MARIAN HALL



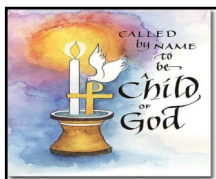
TICKETS SALES, SPONSORSHIPS,
AUCTION ITEMS, DONATIONS

\$75/PERSON | CASH BAR
 SILENT & LIVE AUCTION | SPONSOR TABLES AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS?
 BMWJPETIT@BELLSOUTH.NET




On Sunday, August 17, Payton Marie McCord the daughter of Dustin and Melissa McCord will be baptized at Holy Family. The family is inviting their fellow church members to come and celebrate this special day with them. A reception will immediately follow mass and will be held in the Father Joey Kaump Fellowship Hall.



“You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”
(Luke 12:40)

The call to serve can come unexpectedly. Be open to the ways God may be calling you 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



Church Calendar

August 11	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
August 15	Holy Day of Obligation (Assumption of Mary)
August 16	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
August 18	St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
August 20	Holy Family Finance Committee 12:30 pm

ASSUMPTION OF MARY Friday, August 15 Mass Schedule

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



If you would like your picture to be in the newest addition of the St. Mary directory, Suzanne and Kathy will be taking pictures on August 20, 21 and 22 between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. These dates fall on a

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are unable to make those dates, you can call the office and we will set you up with an appointment. The church office number is 731-584-6459.

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.





FYI FUNDRAISER

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is hosting a Pampered Chef Fundraiser to support our local FYI Clinic on Monday, August 18 at 10:30 am. All are invited to attend, but if can't make it you can still help out by shopping online at:
www.pamperedchef.com/party/fyiclinic

Kathy Solomon will be our host and if you can't attend but would like further information on a product you can contact Kathy at
 731-201-9567



"TWENTY EIGHT YEARS AND COUNTING"
Congratulations!



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending
 8/03/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$3903.00
Families Contributing	23
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$2667.00
Families Contributing	16

ONE COLLECTION

8/10/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

August 17, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Dan E. (Sat.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Christian Cerda Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	8/09/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Anthony Caalabrase	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/10/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Richard Cabral+	Tricia smothers
Sunday	8/10/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tony Tezak	Tricia Smothers
Monday	8/11/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Danny and Mary Jane Forrest
Tuesday	8/12/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	8/13/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Joey Smart+	Tricia Smothers
Thursday	8/14/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	8/15/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Danny and Mary Jane Forrest
Saturday	8/16/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Taylor	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/17/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Joey Smart+	Tricia Smothers
Sunday	8/17/2025	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, 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.

