

St. Mary Catholic Church

August 17, 2025 Twentieth 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

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Pam Warren

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Holy Family

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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



SERVING THE LORD WITH ENDURING FAITH

The inspired counsel of Sirach speaks directly to the heart of every disciple of Christ: “My son, if you come to serve the Lord, prepare your soul for temptation. Set your heart aright, and constantly endure, and do not make haste in time of trouble” (Sirach 2:1-2). This exhortation is no less urgent for us today than it was for the faithful of old. To serve the Lord is to step into the very path our Saviour walked, and He Himself said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Our journey is not a path of ease, but one of spiritual battle, in which the trials and temptations we face become the proving ground of our fidelity to God. Thus, before we even begin the work of discipleship, we must resolve to persevere through hardship, for perseverance is the seal of authentic love.

The wisdom of Sirach urges us to set our hearts aright, for a heart disordered by self-will or fear will falter under pressure. The Apostle Paul teaches that “we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; and patience trial; and trial hope” (Romans 5:3-4). This hope is nothing like the wishful thinking of the world but the sure confidence in God’s unfailing promises. To endure constantly is to cling to Christ not only in seasons of consolation but also in times of darkness and confusion. Our Lord warned that “in the world you shall have distress: but have confidence, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). The soul that trusts Him will not be shaken, even when the weight of trial presses heavily.

When storms come, the natural impulse is to flee, to find quick solutions, or to abandon the struggle altogether. Yet the Bible assures us, “Be still, and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10, NRSV-CE). The peace of Christ is not found in evading hardship but in resting securely in His will, knowing that He governs all things for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:24). When we resist the temptation to act in fear, we give space for God’s grace to work in us and through us, transforming our trials into occasions of sanctification.

Our stronghold is indeed the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the “rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God” (Psalm 62:8). To prepare our souls for temptation is to anchor ourselves in Him through prayer, the sacraments, and constant meditation on His word. The Eucharist strengthens us with His very Body and Blood, the Sacrament of Penance restores us when we stumble, and the daily discipline of prayer keeps our hearts aligned with His. The trials will come, but so will the grace. If we remain steadfast, Christ will lead us safely through every storm, until at last we hear His voice: “Well done, good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy lord” (Matthew 25:21).

(Fr. Charles)

THIRD ANNUAL
DINING WITH THE DEACONS:
A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MARIAN HALL



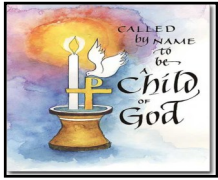
TICKETS SALES, SPONSORSHIPS,
AUCTION ITEMS, DONATIONS

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

QUESTIONS?
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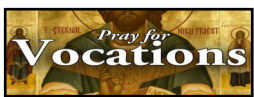



On Sunday, August 17, Payton Marie McCord, the daughter of Dustin and Melissa McCord, will be baptized at Holy Family. The family is inviting their fellow church members to come and celebrate this special day with them. A reception will immediately follow Mass and will be held in the Father Joey Kaump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




**“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”
 (Luke 12:49)**

Christ’s words about setting the earth on fire can inspire married couples to cultivate an enduring love for one another. The fire of love within marriage, when nurtured, grows into a flame that can bring light and warmth to the world. Our hearts should be ablaze with love for our spouse, reflecting God’s love through your marital union.






August 18	St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
August 20	Holy Family Finance Committee 12:30 pm
August 23	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
August 27	Holy Family Pastoral Council Meeting 12:30 pm




To explore and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, consider coming to class beginning Thursday, September 11 at 5:00 pm. The classes will be held at St. Mary in Camden. If you are interested in attending or just have questions, please contact the office at 731-584-6459.



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.





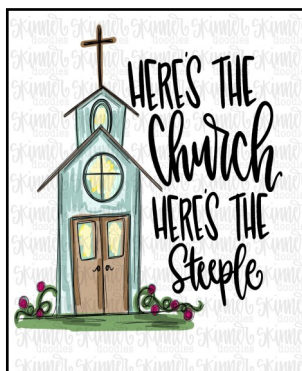
FYI FUNDRAISER

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 you 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

Holy Family

Congratulations on Your New Steeple



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

8/10/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$2011.00
Families Contributing	26
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$1187.00
Families Contributing	12

ONE COLLECTION

8/24/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

August 24, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Debbie O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: Bennette Brou and Alma Bissen

Counters: Richelle Stokes and Yom O'Bryant

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	8/18/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Connie Lester+	Joyce Parker
Tuesday	8/19/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	8/20/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Richard Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	8/21/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Tom and Debbie O'Bryant
Friday	8/22/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Saturday	8/23/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Shirley Petit	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/24/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	8/24/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Joyce Parker

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.

