

St. Mary Catholic Church

August 31, 2025 Twenty Second 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

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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

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



LIVING WITH HOPE

Living with hope is a central characteristic of the Christian life. The virtue of hope is a theological gift by which the soul is anchored in God's promises. St. Paul teaches, "We are saved by hope. But hope that is seen is not hope. For what a man seeth, why doth he hope for?" (Romans 8:24). Hope carries the believer beyond the immediate troubles of the present age, lifting the heart towards the eternal kingdom that Christ has promised to His faithful. It is the virtue that sustains endurance when faith is tested and charity seems costly.

The life of hope does not negate suffering; rather, it illumines it with meaning. St. Peter exhorts the Church, "Be you therefore also ready: because at what hour you know not the Son of man will come" (Luke 12:40). To live with hope is to remain vigilant, confident that Christ will be true to His word, even when the shadows of the world seems heavy. This anticipation allows Christians to see every trial as a preparation for glory, trusting that "the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18)

Hope also shapes daily conduct. It is an active trust that leads to upright living. St. John wrote, "And every one that hath this hope in him, sanctifieth himself, as he also is holy" (1 John 3:3). Our outlook, speech, and actions ought to reflect the sanctifying hope, which transforms ordinary life into a continual offering to God. Hope, then, is a discipline of the heart, fostering patience, perseverance, and joy, even amidst uncertainty.

Christian hope has a communal dimension. The faithful are not called to journey alone, but to strengthen one another with encouragement and prayer. Writing to the Thessalonians, St. Paul instructed, "comfort one another; and edify one another, as you also do" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). To live with hope is to be a witness of light to others, radiating trust in God's providence and inviting them into the assurance of His promises. In this way, hope becomes a gift multiplies, spreading peace through the Body of Christ, and keeping alive the certainty that "hope confoundeth not; because the charity of God is poured forth in our hearts, by the Holy Ghost, who is given to us" (Romans 5:5).

(Fr. Charles)



First Friday of the Month September 5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 9:00 am and Mass will begin at 12:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month September 6

Mass, recitation of the scriptural rosary and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass begins at 9:00 am

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Birthdays and Anniversaries for each month will be celebrated at St. Mary on the First Saturday of each month in the Fellowship Hall immediately following Mass. We will begin on October 4.



If you are interested in receiving the bulletin and church notices through your email, you can put your name and email address on a slip of paper and put it in the collection basket at the weekend masses. For those who have changed their email address, your change of information can be put in the collection basket.

**“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted”
(Luke 14:11)**

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a 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.



September 1	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 5-6	First Friday and First Saturday
September 7	PRE Begin 9:30 am (SM)
September 7	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
September 7	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
September 8	OCIA Classes Begin 5:30 pm
September 8	St. Mary's Ladies Guild
September 10	Little Flowers Group
September 17	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00 pm (HF)
September 20	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
**St. Mary Fellowship Hostesses for September are: Julia Johnson, Shelia Melton, Martha Fonseca	
**Holy Family Hospitality Hostesses for September are: Norma Villalobos, Luisa Bautista and Diana Aldayturriaga.	

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.





To explore and deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith, consider coming to class beginning Monday, September 8 at 5:30 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.

"For Your Information"

Father Herbert has asked that when there is a second collection at Holy Family and St. Mary, it should take place at the time of the post communion prayer.



Please keep the students, teachers, and families involved in the Minnesota school shootings in your prayers. Lila and Garry Korbel's eleven year old granddaughter, Mary is a student at Annunciation Catholic School and was witness to this tragic event. Lila and Garry are parishioners at holy Family Mission Church.

Women's Cursillo

3-Day Weekend

#118

September 18-21, 2025

Christ is counting on you - will you say yes?

- Learn to follow Christ more faithfully and effectively
- Encounter Christ in a new way
- Learn a method to live in God's Grace



Deadline for applications is Sunday 09.14.25

Send completed applications or any inquiries to
precursillo@memphiscursillo.com



Learn more online at www.memphiscursillo.com



Our Lady Queen of Peace
Retreat Center

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

8/24/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1390.00
Families Contributing	20
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$359.24
Families Contributing	8

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/07/2025

Regular Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule

September 7, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Bob LeFever

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Luisa Bautista

Gift Bearers: Alma Bissen and Pat Long

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Dennis Blackwell

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	8/30/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Ron and Patty Russo	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	8/31/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	8/31/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	9/01/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Tuesday	9/02/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	9/03/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Thursday	9/04/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	9/05/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	9/06/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Betty Taylor
Sunday	9/07/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	9/07/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Steve and Leah Koonce

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.

