

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 21, 2025 Twenty Fifth 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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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

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



WALK FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

In every age of the Church, the faithful have faced trials, uncertainties, and seasons of discouragement. Yet the call of Christ is unchanging—to take up the Cross and follow Him without wavering. In the darkness of doubt, temptation, or hardship, the light of the Gospel remains a steady flame. As St. Paul reminds us, “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). It is this faith, planted within us at Baptism and nourished by the sacraments, that enables us to persevere when the path is hard and the horizon seems dim.

To press onward is not the reality of pain or difficulty, but to place our confidence in the victory already won by Christ’s Resurrection. The Risen Lord Himself told His disciples, “In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Every Eucharist we receive is a foretaste of that victory, strengthening us to endure with hope. When we feel weighed down, the parish community is supposed to become a refuge, lifting one another in prayer and mutual support, reminding us that no one journeys alone.

We must also remember that pressing onward is an active witness. Our perseverance is shown in daily fidelity, such as in prayer when it feels dry, in charity when it costs us something, in forgiveness when our pride resists it. By these simple acts of obedience, the darkness is slowly pierced by light. This witness does not remain unnoticed; even in small gestures, the world sees the steadfastness of believers who refuse to surrender to despair.

Therefore, let us not shrink back when trials arise, but rather walk forward with confidence, knowing that Christ is with us until the end of the age (Matthew 28:20). Each Mass, each confession, each prayer offered from the heart is a step further along the pilgrim path that leads to eternal life. The saints before us pressed through the darkness with trust, and now they surround us as a great cloud of witnesses. We too, strengthened by grace, must keep running the race that is set before us, until the day we behold the face of God in glory.

(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**

\$15/PERSON | CASH BAR
SILENT & LIVE AUCTION | SPONSOR TABLES AVAILABLE

QUESTIONS?
BMWJPETIT@BELLSOUTH.NET



Father Herbert is looking for one parishioner from Holy Family and one from St. Mary to serve as Ambassadors for Catholic Charities. Your role is about service and inspiring others to serve. Your influence in nurturing the spirit of service within your church is significant and inspiring. Please contact the office at 731-584-6459 or talk to Father Herbert.

**“No servant can serve two masters. You cannot
serve God and mammon.”
(Joh 16:13)**

A vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is a call to single-hearted service to God. If you think you have a vocation to one of these, then talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244 or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org.



Church Calendar

September 24	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45 PM
October 3-4	First Friday-First Saturday (SM)
October 5	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
October 5	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
October 5	No PRE 9 (Fall Break)
October 8	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45 pm
October 9	Christ's Cafe (SM) 4:00 pm
October 12	Holy Family/Saint Mary Picnic (SM) 12:00 pm
October 13	St. Mary Ladies Guild 10:30 am
October 15	HF Pastoral Council Meeting 12:30 pm
October 15	KC Meeting (HF) 6:00 pm
October 18	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 am
October 22	HF Finance Council Meeting 12:30 pm
October 22	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45 pm

*Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are Bobby and Phyllis Wendt.

* Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday are Kathy Solomon, Andrea Vargas, The Walker Family

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



St. Mary and Holy Family's annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, October 12 immediately following 10:45 mass. As in the past, the Knights of Columbus will be providing the hot dogs and hamburgers and once again Bobby and Jeff Latendresse will also be grilling. The Ladies Guild is supplying the drinks, plates, silverware, napkins and cups. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Along with the delicious food, there will be a cake-walk, bingo and pony rides for the children. Julia Johnson has graciously offered to be the chair for the picnic. The picnic will be held at the pavilion located at St. Mary in Camden. This is a great time for parishioners from both parishes to enjoy fellowship, fun, and getting to know each other. All are invited.

NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!!!

If you are available to help set up tables and chairs for the picnic on Saturday, October 11, please call the office at 731-584-6459 so that you could be put on the list. Closer to the event, we will get in touch with all who volunteers as to what time you would need to come to the church. Many hands make less work.

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.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending
 9/14/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1564.00
Families Contributing	17
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$520.00
Families Contributing	11

TWO COLLECTIONS

9/28/2025
 Regular Offertory/Catholic Charities

Ministry Schedule

September 28, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Suzanne Crawford
 Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)
 Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
 Tricia Smothers (Sun.)
 Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: John Edwards

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: Bobby and Phyllis Wendt

Counters: Tom O'Bryant and Richelle Stokes

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	9/20/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Michelle Martin+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	9/21/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mary Ellen Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	9/21/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	Bennett Brou
Monday	9/22/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Josh and Haley Herron	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	9/23/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	9/24/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Lauren Smith	David Baloga
Thursday	9/25/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Friday	9/26/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Saturday	9/27/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Barbara Taylor	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	9/28/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jim Simpson+	Bennett Brou
Sunday	9/28/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Barbara Gillespie	Dan and Jean Ebeling

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, Ron and 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; John and Don Parker, sons 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; ;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.

