

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 28, 2025 Twenty Sixth 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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Sunday: 8:30 AM

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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



THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

The very heart of the Gospel is the love of God Revealed in Jesus Christ, a love that rescues humanity from the bondage of sin and opens the way to eternal life. Writing to the Corinthians, Saint Paul expressed this central truth when he said, "For I delivered unto you first of all, which I also received: how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures: And that he was buried, and that rose again the third day, according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Here we see the essential proclamation that has resounded throughout the centuries-the death and resurrection of the Lord for the salvation of the world.

The Gospel is not simply a philosophy nor a collection of moral precepts alone, but the living action of God's mercy in history. In the words of the Apostle to the Romans, "But God commendeth his charity towards us; because when as yet we were sinners, according to the time, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). It is this divine charity-unearned and unmerited-that lies at the centre of the Christian message. The Cross is not a tragic defeat but the glorious victory of divine love, a victory in which the faithful are invited to share through faith, the sacraments, and obedience to the commandments of God.

The Gospel also unveils the promise of transformation through grace. Our Lord Himself said, "I came that they may have life, and may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The abundant life promised is not confined to material blessings, but is the supernatural life of the soul in communion with God. Through baptism, the soul is raised to new life; through the Eucharist, it is nourished by the very Body and Blood of Christ; through penance, it is healed when wounded. Thus, the Gospel is not only a message of forgiveness but also the means by which God recreates man, restoring him to the image and likeness for which he was made.

The heart of the Gospel; calls forth a response. As the Apostle James admonished, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). The good news demands conversion, fidelity, and love in action. To believe in Christ is to allow His grace to shape every thought, word, and deed. The Gospel is therefore both a gift and a summons-a gift of divine mercy freely offered, and a summons to live as disciples who radiate the light of Christ in a darkened world. This is the heart of the Gospel-God's love in Christ Jesus, crucified and risen, drawing all men unto Himself.

(Fr. Charles)



First Friday of the Month October 3

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

First Saturday of the Month October 4

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

BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food at Holy Family for the children's Backpack Ministry. Check with Richelle for further information.



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.

**"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."
(Luke 16:31)**

This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for us as you discern your vocation.



October 3-4	First Friday-First Saturday (SM)
October 5	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
October 5	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
October 5	No PRE (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



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.



Anniversaries and Birthdays

Join us after the 5 PM Mass (October 4) to celebrate all of our Parish October Birthdays and Anniversaries! Celebrate with a piece of cake and a beverage! Let your Parish friends celebrate with you!

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
9/21/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$1361.00
Families Contributing	20
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$2120.00
Families Contributing	11

TWO COLLECTIONS

10/05/2025
Regular Offertory/Building Fund

Ministry Schedule October 5, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson
Sunday: Kathy Solomon

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)
Tricia Smothers (Sun.)
Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Mike and Kathy Solomon

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Karen Pierce and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: The Mendez Family

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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
Monday	9/29/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	John G. Weiher
Tuesday	9/30/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	10/01/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Tommy Turner	David Baloga
Thursday	10/02/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Martin Perez+	HF Legions of Mary
Friday	10/03/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Anne Jambard+ and Mercedes Gibbons+	Tricia Smothers
Saturday	10/04/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	10/05/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jim Simpson+	Garry and Lila Korbel
Sunday	10/05/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	James and Deba Davenport

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.

