

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 2, 2025 All Soul's Day

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:

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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



THE HEALING POWER OF FORGIVENESS

Few words in the Christian faith carry as much weight as the word forgive. It is simple to say, yet deeply demanding when we are called to live it. Forgiveness stands at the center of Christian life, for it was upon the Cross that Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:24). In the world, resentment is nurtured and people hold on to offences until bitterness shapes who they are. Disagreements harden into divisions, and small wounds build walls between friends and families. The refusal to forgive slowly poisons the heart and denies us the peace that God desires for His children.

When we pray the words of the Our Father, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. This exchange leaves no room for pride. It reminds us that we cannot receive mercy while withholding it. Forgiveness is not optional for those who walk in Christ's light. It is not the same as excusing evil or pretending that harm never occurred, nor does it erase justice. It is the choice to release our grip on vengeance and to trust God, who alone judges rightly. In that surrender lies freedom, for only then do we step away from the endless circle of retribution and begin to live as children of peace.

True forgiveness often begins in quiet prayer. Sometimes we may not yet be able to forgive, but we can ask God to help us move toward it. Even the smallest desire to forgive is already grace working within the heart. Over time, the wound begins to heal, and the soul learns to breathe again. When we forgive, the healing that follows is not only for the one who wronged us but also for ourselves. Resentment binds us, but forgiveness releases us. It restores our relationship with the Lord and renews our capacity to love others with out fear.

To forgive in today's world is an act of courage. It defies the spirit of anger that dominates public life and challenges the habits of pride and self-defense. In our homes, our communities, and our speech, forgiveness bears witness to the living presence of God. Each act of mercy becomes a quiet sermon that speaks louder than words. Forgiveness is not a feeling that fades with time. It is a steady decision that draws us nearer to the peace of Christ. When we forgive, we make room in our hearts for grace to dwell. Only the forgiving heart knows true peace, and only the forgiving soul can rest securely in the mercy of God.

(Fr. Charles)



First Friday of the Month November 7

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

First Saturday of the Month November 1

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



Taste and See: An Evening for Deacon Inquirers and Their Wives

Men who are discerning a possible call to the Permanent Diaconate, along with their wives, are invited to relaxed evening of charcuterie, conversation, and community as we taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 34:8) on November 19. Call the office for further details.

**“For this is the will of my Father; that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”
(Luke 6:40)**

As we celebrate All Soul’s Day and begin National Vocation Awareness Week, pray for the souls of the departed and more holy vocations. Reflect on whether Christ may be calling you to guide and shepherd the living as a priest or 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



November 1	St. Mary Ladies Guild Bazaar (8:00 am—3:00 pm)
November 2	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
November 5	Little Flowers Group (SM) (3:45 pm)
November 10	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) (10:30 am)
November 15	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
November 19	Little Flowers Group (SM) (3:45 PM)
November 19	Knights of Columbus Meeting (SM) (6:00 pm)
November 20	St. Mary Parish Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
November 22	Bunco Party (HF) (6:00 pm)
November 27	Office Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
November 30	No PRE (Thanksgiving Break)

*Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday in November are Bennett Brou and Sharon Reiter.

**St. Mary will not be having Fellowship Sunday in the month of November due to the Craft Bazaar.

Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

With SNAP in danger of running out of funds, the food banks are in extra need of assistance. If you can, "pay it forward" by giving to your local food bank, please consider donating. Anything that you can give would be most appreciated.

Food

Canned Soups	Canned Vegetables
Canned Meat	Cereal
Canned Spaghetti	Juice
Crackers	Cookies
Spaghetti Sauce	Spaghetti
Cereal	Tuna
Macaroni and Cheese	

Assorted Cleaning Supplies

Laundry Soap	Cleaning Supplies
Toothpaste	Shampoo
Bar Soap	Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
Garbage Bags	Napkins

For Your Information!

There will be no Masses held at Holy Family on Wednesday, November 5 and Thursday, November 6. Deacon Wayne will hold a Communion Service on both days.

Father Herbert and Father Michael will be at their annual Priest Conference until Thursday evening. If there is an emergency, you can call the office or Sandy at 731-697-4250.

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



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

10/26/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	65
Regular Offering	\$1222.00
Families Contributing	17
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$904.00
Families Contributing	8

ONE COLLECTION

11/09/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

November 9, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson

Sunday: Walter Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Glenda N. and Jean E. (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Otilia Mendez and John Edwards

Gift Bearers: Christian Cerda Family

Counters: John Edwards and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	11/01/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Richard Gagnon+ and Edward Taylor+	Betty Gagnon and Barbara Taylor
Sunday	11/02/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Mae Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	11/02/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Monday	11/03/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Catrina Roseann Garza	Greg and Grace Garza
Tuesday	11/04/2025	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	11/05/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Thursday	11/06/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Communion Service	
Friday	11/07/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Bridget Ebeling	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	11/08/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Grace Garza	Greg Garza
Sunday	11/09/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Jim Simpson+	Garry and Lila Korbelt
Sunday	11/09/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	St. Mary's Ladies Guild

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: Mary Johnson, Michelle Leonard, Shirley Petit, Grace Garza, Tom O'Connell, Tricia Smothers, Kenneth Smothers, Steve Ruhlman, Jackie Ruhlman, Father Herbert, Nydia Hernandez, Larry Weibel, Craig Coltharp, Ron and Patty Russo, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Dan Ebeling.

Holy Family: Wayne Tedford, Pat Long, Tomasas Ocho-Villasenor, Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, Lila Korbelt, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbelt, 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; Tonya Smothers, friend of Joyce Rushing; Mike Dashper, son of Jack and Mary Dashper; Teresa Reiter, daughter-in-law of Sharon Reiter; 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 Korbelt, Gus Palmieri; friend of Jessica Glendora; John Brinker; ;Extended family of Barbara Taylor; Dee Vohnoutka; sister of Garry Korbelt; 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.

