

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 12, 2025 Eighth Seventh 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:

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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

Secretary: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



WALKING WITH CHRIST

In every generation, we are called to walk with Christ through a world that often appears to be shrouded in shadows. The noise of conflict, the lure of temptation, and the despair of suffering can make us feel as though the light of the Gospel has grown faint. Yet Christ Himself, who suffered for us, can make us feel as though the light of the Gospel has grown faint. Yet Christ Himself assures us that He is “the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). To walk with Him in such a world is not to escape its trials but to face them with the assurance that His presence transforms even the darkest paths into places of grace.

This journey is not undertaken in isolation. Our faith reminds us that we walk with our Lord Jesus Christ as members of His Body, the Church. The sacraments strengthen our weary steps. For example, in the Eucharist we receive the Bread of Life, our sustenance for the journey; in Reconciliation we are lifted from the dust of our failings and restored to the dignity of beloved children. To gather with the faithful, to hear the Word, to kneel in prayer—these are not small acts. They are the means by which we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus when the world would draw them elsewhere.

Walking with Christ in a dark world also requires courage and charity. It is easy to despair when confronted with injustice, to withdraw into self-protection. Yet the Lord sends us forth as “salt of the earth” and “light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). Every act of forgiveness, every word of kindness, every defense of the vulnerable is a lamp lit against the encroaching night. Even the smallest fidelity becomes a witness to the One who is faithful above all. Our discipleship, lived in quiet faithfulness, is never wasted; it is the seedbed of hope for the world.

Above all, to walk with Christ is to live in trust. We do not always see clearly, nor do we always understand the purposes of God, but we know the One who goes before us. The Cross itself was a moment of deepest darkness, yet from it shone the unquenchable light of the Resurrection. So it is with our lives. If we walk with Christ, even through shadows, we walk towards the dawn. In this certainty, we take each step with confidence, for the Risen Lord walks with us, and no darkness can overcome Him.

(Fr. Charles)

Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

Fall is upon us and the children are back in school. 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

Deacon Sunday

**"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice."
(Luke 17:15)**

Just as the healed man returned to glorify God, deacons are called to bring Christ's healing love to others through their dedicated service to the Church. Today, let us show our gratitude for the deacons that serve our church. If you are called to the diaconate, consider how you can bring Christ's healing love to others through service. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at
(901)373-1244. or via email:



Quote of the Week!

It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."

Henry David Thoreau



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



Reminder! Church Picnic this Sunday at 12:00 pm. All parishioners and families are invited to attend. Come and enjoy the good food, fun and great company.



St. Mary's Ladies Guild Fall Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 1. If you are interested in reserving a table, please contact Debra Davenport at 731-336-0259. The table fee is \$20.00. Come and support this fund raiser. The money that is made at the bazaar helps to purchase all cleaning supplies, paper products, coffee, etc. for the church.

Just a
Heads up!

There are no Mass intention openings for Saturday or Sunday at either church until January. There is one Friday opening at St. Mary and a few opening for Wednesdays and Thursdays at Holy Family. I will not be taking Mass intentions for 2026 until the end of December.



The PRE children are in need of candy to pass out at their community Trick-Or-Treating on Halloween night at St. Mary Church. If you can donate, please bring it to the office anytime. It will be most appreciated.
Great Community Activity

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?
BMWJPETIT@BELLSOUTH.NET

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

10/05/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$3506.00
Families Contributing	26
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$1739.00
Families Contributing	16

ONE COLLECTION

10/19/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

October 19, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Suzanne Crawford

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Leah Koonce

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Dillon Koonce Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	10/11/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Joyce Rushing	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	10/12/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Marvin Sinclair+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	10/12/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	James and Debra Davenport
Monday	10/13/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Tuesday	10/14/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	10/15/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Steve Falls+	HF Legions of Mary
Thursday	10/16/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mike+ and Pat+ Baloga	David Baloga
Friday	10/17/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Bennett Brou
Saturday	10/18/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Sunday	10/19/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	10/19/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton

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, Lorna Huot, Betty Gagnon, Barbara Taylor, Jack Dashper, Greg Garza, Patrick Schasser, Pam McMillon, Roger Gibbons, James Davenport, Vicky Story, Allen York, Joyce Parker, Dan Ebeling, Polly Mitchell.

Holy Family: Wayne Tedford, Pat Long, Tomasas Ocho-Villasenor, Toni Stokes, Wyatt Brooks, Lila Korbel, Barry Raidt, Tommie Tedford, 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; 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.

