

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 5 2025 Twenty 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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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



WHEN CHRIST COMMANDS THE NETS

The reading from Luke 17:5-10 shows us the reality of human weakness in contrast to the power of divine command. Simon Peter and his companions had laboured throughout the night according to their own skill and strength, yet without fruit. It was only at the word of Christ that the nets were cast once more, and the miraculous catch was granted. Even the most diligent human effort, when undertaken apart from obedience to the Lord, remains barren. It is Christ who renders fruitful the works of men, and it is His command that transforms futility into abundance. Thus the disciple is taught to submit to divine authority with trust, even when circumstances appear hopeless.

The response of Peter is likewise instructive for us. In the presence of divine holiness he perceives his own unworthiness. The abundant catch does not fill him with pride but compels him to humility. Falling at the feet of Jesus, he recognises himself to be a sinful man. This is the proper disposition of every Christian soul when confronted with the majesty of God. It should not be vainglory in blessings received, but contrition and awe. The encounter points to the fact that grace is never earned by merit alone but freely bestowed, and that recognition of sin is the threshold of genuine discipleship.

The miracle serves as a figure of the apostolic mission. The bursting nets and sinking boats signify the superabundance of divine grace that will be poured out upon the nations. The calling of Simon, James, and John is the beginning of a vocation that shall extend beyond the Sea of Galilee to the ends of the earth. The image of fishing for men conveys to us both labour and perseverance, yet it is Christ who grants the catch. Apostolic ministry is never the fruit of human ingenuity,, but always a participation in the Lord's saving work, sustained by His presence and word.

The words of Christ, "Do not be afraid," assure His disciples that divine calling is accompanied by divine assistance. Human weakness and sinfulness are not obstacles when met with grace, for God chooses frail instruments to accomplish His purposes. The episode therefore exhorts the faithful to courage and trust in the midst of their own inadequacy. In our tradition, the Christian life is not the pursuit of success measured by human standards but the response of obedience to Christ's word, in the confidence that He Himself shall supply the increase. (see John 15:4-5) Thus, as Simon Peter and his companions left all to follow Him, so are we invited to abandon self-reliance and entrust our lives to the Lord who calls, forgives, and sustains. (Fr. Charles)

Fall Bazaar

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.

FYI Clinic

The Ladies Guild was able to support the FYI Clinic with a \$425.00 donation made possible through Pampered Chef. Thank you Kathy Solomon for all the work and preparation you did to make this project such a success.

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!



"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
(Luke 17:6)

God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244. or via email: vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org

Church Calendar

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



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, marshmallow/s'mores roast, 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.

Cakes, Cookies, Pies Oh My!

Julia Johnson is in need of baked goods for the cake walk. if you are able to donate something, please bring them to the hall before the picnic. Anything will be appreciated.



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.

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
9/28/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	69
Regular Offering	\$2156.09
Families Contributing	17
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$904.00
Families Contributing	11

ONE COLLECTION

10/12/2025
Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule October 12, 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.)
Glenda Nielson (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Jull Salma

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Tom and Anna Mills

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	10/04/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor and Richard Gagnon	Barbara Taylor and Bett 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 Debra Davenport
Monday	10/06/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Tuesday	10/07/2025	St. Mary		NO MASS	
Wednesday	10/08/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Charlie Kirk+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Thursday	10/09/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Deborah Thorne+	Mary Blackwell
Friday	10/10/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Greg Garza	Grace Garza
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+	Tricia Smothers

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.

