

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 9, 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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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 INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In 1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17, the Apostle Paul reminds us of our divine dignity and solemn responsibility as the dwelling place of God. He calls us “God’s building” and “God’s temple,” language that evokes both intimacy and reverence. We are not lifeless stones assembled by human effort, but living temples fashioned by grace. The Lord Himself has chosen to abide within through His Holy Spirit. This indwelling is a genuine presence whereby our Lord sanctifies the human heart, transforming it from corruption into a sanctuary of light. To realize this is to stand in awe, for the same Spirit that hovered over the waters of creation now moves within the soul of the baptized.

The Apostle warns us to “Take heed how we build” upon the foundation, for Jesus Christ alone is that sure and unshakeable base. Many build upon Him with faith, prayer, and obedience; yet others build with vanity, pride, and sin. Each choice we make—each thought, word, and deed—becomes part of the structure of our spiritual temple. If our foundation is Jesus, our lives must reflect His purity and love. The Holy Spirit does not dwell amid disorder or hypocrisy, but in those who seek truth, humility, and holiness. Therefore, our task is continual discernment; it is our responsibility to ensure that what we construct in the temple of our souls is worthy of the presence of God.

Paul provides a strong warning. “If any man violate the temple of God, him shall God destroy.” This is not a threat born of cruelty, but a declaration of divine justice. The soul that deliberately defiles itself through grave sin, malice, or contempt for God’s grace destroys the very dwelling prepared for the Spirit. We must therefore guard our hearts with vigilance. To preserve chastity, temperance, and charity is preservation of the temple itself. The Holy Spirit abides not in unrepentant pride but in the contrite heart, in whom the divine presence radiates peace and strength.

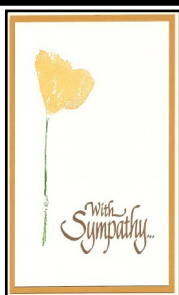
To live conscious of the Spirit’s dwelling is to walk in reverence and joy. Each act of kindness, each prayer uttered in sincerity, is adornment to the inner sanctuary. When we confess our sins and rise again in grace, the temple is cleansed and renewed. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is thus both comfort and commission. Comfort, because we are never abandoned; commission, because we must live as holy vessels of His presence. May each of us honor our calling as the living temples of the Most High, building upon Christ with purity, humility and love, until the Spirit with in us brings every stone of our life into harmony with the divine design.

(Fr. Charles)





Holy Family will be having a small reception in honor of all veterans on Sunday, November 9, immediately following mass. Cake and ice cream will be served.



Please keep the family and friends of the last founding parishioner of St. Mary, Polly Mitchell in your thoughts and prayers. Polly passed away at 105 years of age.

"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

(John 2-19)

The Church needs those who are willing to dedicate their lives to nurturing the Body of Christ. Are you being called to help build up the Church 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



Church Calendar

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)



Need Your Help!

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will be collecting for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on the Saturdays of, November 8-15 and on the Sundays, November 9-16. With your help, we are able to help families in Benton, Carroll and Humphreys Counties. Last year, we were able to support eight families through your generosity. Many are in need this year. Please be generous and know that your support is greatly appreciated.



The PRE children would like to thank all who donated candy for their mini “Trunk or Treat”. Over fifty trick or treaters came and received candy. It was a great success.



St. Mary's Ladies Guild

We would like to take this time to thank all who helped make our Bazaar successful. To all who made crafts, baked goods, food, monetary gifts or just came to help support us, we appreciate you. A special thank you to Richard and Mary Otte for their tremendous donation. The guild made over \$1500.00. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank 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



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

11/02/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment 65

Regular Offering \$5594.00

Families Contributing 23

Holy Family — Enrollment 47

Regular Offering \$2393.21

Families Contributing

TWO COLLECTIONS

11/16/2025

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

Ministry Schedule

November 16, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Suzanne Crawford

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Mike and Kathy Solomon

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Bob LeFever

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Thomas O'Bryant III Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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 Korbel
Sunday	11/09/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Jim Simpson+	St. Mary's Ladies Guild
Monday	11/10/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Andrea Vargas	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	11/11/2025	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	11/12/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Dennis Blackwell	A Friend
Thursday	11/13/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Mary Boucher+	Pat Boucher
Friday	11/14/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Richard Howerton+	Adele Howerton
Saturday	11/15/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Grace Garza	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	11/16/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Ron and Amanda Reiter	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	11/16/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Edward Taylor+	Barbara Talylor

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 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; 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.

