

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 16, 2025 Thirty Third 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:

Pam Warren

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Holy Family

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220 W. Main Street

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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



A EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

The account in Saint Luke 24:13-35 describes two disciples walking to Emmaus on the first day of the week after the Crucifixion. They were weighed down by grief as they discuss the death and burial of the Lord, as well as the first reports of His rising. A stranger joined them on the road, questioned them about their sorrow, and unfolded the meaning of the Scriptures, showing that the Messiah's suffering had been foretold by the Prophets. When they reached the village, they urged Him to remain with them, and in the breaking of bread their eyes were opened. They recognized that the stranger was the risen Christ, and He vanished from their sight.

This moment is of great importance, because it confirms the reality of the Resurrection and shows how the risen Lord continues to reveal Himself to His followers. The disciples had been overwhelmed by disappointment, believing their hopes had died with Jesus. Yet the stranger did simply soothe them; He granted them understanding. He showed that the suffering of the Messiah was not a tragic failure but the fulfillment of the divine plan set forth in the Scriptures. Their hearts began to burn within them as they listened, even though they did not yet perceive who stood before them.

Recognition came only in the breaking of bread. This is a decisive detail, for it reveals that Christ disclosed His presence in a manner both scriptural and sacramental. The act of breaking bread points to the Eucharistic mystery in which the Lord becomes present to His people. As the disciples encountered Christ in that sacred action, so the faithful encounter Him in the holy mysteries. The Eucharist is not symbol alone; it is the living presence of the risen Lord who nourishes and strengthens all who receive Him with faith.

The disciples immediately returned to Jerusalem, their sorrow turned into joy and their confusion into conviction. Their encounter compelled them to share good news without delay. The same pattern is set before every believer. Christ walks with us even when we fail to recognize Him, especially in moments overshadowed by fear or doubt. He enlightens us through the Scriptures and reveals Himself most fully in the breaking of bread. When we behold Him in faith, our hearts are renewed, and we are moved to bear witness to His truth. May we, like the disciples, allow our eyes to be opened and recognize His presence with steadfast hope.

(Fr. Charles)



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR!!

Holy Family Ladies Cookie Exchange & Luncheon

Get that Cookie recipe out and let's start baking for our Ladies Cookie Exchange & Luncheon.

Where: Larado's Mexican Restaurant
21440 E. Mian Street
Huntingdon, YN 38344

Date: December 6, 2025

Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (Dutch Treat!)

Please RSVP so that we can have an exact count of attendance needed by the restaurant.

Contact Toni Stokes at 731-234-1782 or Bennett Brou at 731-431-4162.

*No act of
kindness,
no matter
how small,
is ever wasted.*



"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

(John 21-19)

Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at

(901)373-1244. or via email:

vocationsdirector@vocations.cdom.org



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 27-28	Office Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
November 30	No PRE (Thanksgiving Break)



Thank You!

Thank you to Wyatt Brooks and all the Veterans for the breakfast served after mass last Sunday at Holy Family. Your kindness is appreciated.

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 a relaxed evening of charcuterie, conversation, and community as we "taste and see the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8)

Date: November 19, 2025

Location: Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Memphis

Time: 6:00 pm



Need Your Help!

St. Mary's Ladies Guild will be collecting for their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on the Saturday, November 15 and on Sunday, November 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



St. Mary's Annual Christmas Party

Christmas is quickly approaching and plans for St. Mary's Christmas party have been made. All are invited to come to a fun day of fellowship, fun and friendship. The meal will once again be catered by the Ladies Guild, but desserts will be needed. There will be door prizes and surprises. Please make plans to attend.

Date: Sunday, December 14

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: St. Mary Fellowship Hall

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

11/09/2025

St. Mary —Enrollment	65
Regular Offering	\$1501.55
Families Contributing	18
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$651.00
Families Contributing	11

ONE COLLECTION

11/23/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

November 23, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Suzanne Crawford

Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Tricia Smothers (Sun.)

Sandy Simpson (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Phyllis Wendt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: The Angel Ochoa Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
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 Taylor
Monday	11/17/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	James Gillespie+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	11/18/2025	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	11/19/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Jan Fisher+	Tricia Smothers
Thursday	11/20/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	James Story+	Vicky Bell
Friday	11/21/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Steve and Jackie Ruhlman	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	11/22/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Donald Wilson+	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	11/23/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Tom Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	11/23/2025	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Nicholas Ebeling+	Dan and Jean Ebeling

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.

