

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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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 KINGDOM MANIFESTED AT GOLGOTHA

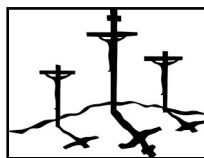
The Gospel of St. Luke 23:35-43 places us at Golgotha, where the Kingdom of God is revealed through the humility of the Crucified Lord. The Cross is never a symbol of defeat; it is the throne from which Christ reigns. The rulers and soldiers mock Him because they cannot comprehend a Messiah who conquers by self-offering. They expect power to manifest as self-preservation, yet the Lord reveals true kingship by accepting suffering for the salvation of the world. Even the inscription above His head, intended as derision, becomes a proclamation of truth—the King reigns from the Tree.

The two criminals beside Him show the two paths open to every soul. One demands escape and sees the Cross as a scandal. The other, the Good Thief, perceives innocence in Christ and justice in his own sentence. He recognizes a Kingdom that exists even upon the Cross, and he asks only to be remembered. Divine remembrance is powerful. When God remembers, He restores and heals. The Good Thief's humble request reveals the essence of repentance—turning toward the Lord with trust rather than demanding that He conform to our expectations.

Christ's reply, "Today you will be with me in Paradise," demonstrates the immediacy and generosity of divine mercy. Paradise is opened for the one who entrusts himself to the Crucified King. The thief is not rescued from his suffering; instead, he encounters salvation within it. This moment reveals that no repentance is ever too late and that no suffering is devoid of meaning when united to Christ's sacrifice. The Cross becomes the gateway by which humanity returns to communion with God.

This passage brings us to a deeper reverence for the Cross and a clearer understanding of Christ's kingship. We are called to imitate the Good Thief, acknowledging our need for mercy and recognizing the Lord's presence even in the darkest moments of life. The Crucified One reigns in the midst of suffering, offering hope where the world sees only failure. If we unite our struggles to Him, we too may hear His promise in our own hour of need—that we shall be with Him in Paradise.

(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.

For Your Information

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. If there is an emergency, you can call me at 731-697-4250.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King: "Remember me when you come into Your kingdom" (Luke 23:42)

On this Feast of Christ the King, reflect on His reign over your life. Is He calling you to serve His kingdom as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (901)373-1244. or via email:



November 22	Bunco Party (HF) (6:00 pm)
November 27-28	Office Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
November 30	No PRE (Thanksgiving Break)

Lights for Christ



The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their annual "Lights for Christ" on Tuesday, December 2 at St. Mary. A free chili dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. The lighting of the nativity will follow immediately after dinner. All are invited to attend.



First Friday of the Month December 5

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

First Saturday of the Month December 6

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

"Holy Family Crafters -Christmas Ready"



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*, just 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

11/16/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	65
Regular Offering	\$1665.00
Families Contributing	24
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$865.00
Families Contributing	12

ONE COLLECTION

11/30/2025

Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

November 30, 2025

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Kathy Solomon

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Kathy Solomon (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Anna Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Edwards and Richelle Stokes

Gift Bearers: The Villalobos Family

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wyatt Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	11/22/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Donald Wilson+	Betty Gagnon
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
Monday	11/24/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Barbara Gillespie	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Tuesday	11/25/2025	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	11/26/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Larry Spencer+	Tricia Smothers
Thursday	11/27/2025	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Polly Mitchell+	Tricia smothers
Friday	11/28/2025	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	Dan and Jean Ebeling
Saturday	11/29/2025	St. Mary	5:00 PM	The Dashper Family	Pam McMillon
Sunday	11/30/2025	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Alex Reiter+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	11/30/2025	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: 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.

