

St. Mary Catholic Church

January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Catholic Mission

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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



COMMITMENT AND PERSEVERANCE IN FAITH

As a new year dawns, the Holy Church invites the faithful to look to faithful continuance. The turning of the calendar is a call to perseverance in the good already begun. The Bible exhorts us to steadiness of purpose. "Be thou steadfast and immovable: always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Commitments freely made before God, whether in prayer, moral discipline, family duty, or service to the Church, are not burdens to be discarded when enthusiasm wanes. They are offerings laid upon the altar of daily life, sanctified by constancy and trust.

The Spiritual life matures not through repeated resolutions abandoned, but through quiet fidelity maintained. Our Lord Himself teaches that true discipleship requires endurance. He said, "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). The New Year therefore becomes a fitting moment to renew interior resolve, not by multiplying promises, but by strengthening the will to keep those already undertaken. Even small acts, faithful observed, shape the soul in holiness. The Lord does not ask for dramatic gestures, but for hearts that do not turn back when effort is required.

The Scriptures further remind us that commitment is an expression of love, not of constraint. "Let us not love in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18). To remain faithful to one's duties, especially when unseen or unpraised, is a genuine act of charity toward God and neighbor alike. The Church, in her wisdom, encourages her children to bind themselves to regular prayer, the Sacraments, and works of mercy, knowing that stability forms virtue. Each kept commitment becomes a testimony that grace is at work, sustaining the soul beyond natural strength.

As we entrust the coming year to divine providence, we do so with confidence rather than fear. Saint Paul offers reassurance to every Christian striving to remain faithful. "I am sure that he who hath begun a good work in you will perfect it unto the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). Our perseverance rests not solely upon human resolve, but upon our Lord's unfailing help. Encouraged by this promise, let us walk forward with calm determination, renewing our commitments with humility, trusting that each faithful step, however ordinary, draws us closer to the fulfillment God has prepared for those who remain steadfast in Him.

(Fr. Charles)

Benton and Carroll County Food Bank

The holidays are over and winter is here. This time of the year, the food banks are most in need of your 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
Garbage Bags	Napkins



Holy Family Legions of Mary are in need of a two foot statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If anyone has one to donate, please call Leah Koonce at 731-418-0707

"God chose us before the world began to be holy."

God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation in His Church,

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Or call the office of Vocations at 901 373-1244

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January 4	Hospitality Sunday (HF)
January 4	Fellowship Sunday (SM)
January 10	Holy Family Crafters 9:30 AM
January 11	PRE Resumes (SM) 9:30 AM
January 12	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 AM
January 14	Little Flowers Group (SM) 3:45
January 21	Knights of Columbus Meeting (SM) 6:00 PM
January 28	Little Flowers Group 3:45 PM
January 29	St. Mary Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM

****Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday at Holy Family are Luisa Bautista and Diana Aldayturriaga**

****Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday at St. Mary are Sandy Simpson, Beate Harris and Theresa O'Connell.**

Keep Father Herbert in Your Prayers

Our Father, we come before You with hearts full of hope, seeking your divine intervention for Father Herbert. Grant him strength, comfort, and a successful recovery. May your healing touch guide the hands of the transplant team. Surround Father Herbert with love and support, and let his body heal and return to good health.





Wyatt Brooks	January 3
Virginia Go	January 3
Kevin Simpson	January 3
Jean Ebeling	January 4
Veronica England	January 5
Garry Korbel	January 5
Sissy Munoz	January 5
Shirley Petit	January 6
Mary Lou Mireles	January 7
Israel Melton	January 10
Martha Valenzuela	January 11
Allen Warren	January 11
Bella Marie Stahl	January 13
Julia Johnson	January 14
Ashley Reyes	January 15
Virgil Pagal	January 16
Lea Latendresse	January 17
Antonia Solares	January 17
Antonio Solares	January 17
Debra Davenport	January 20
Donald Reindl	January 20



Jay and Julia Johnson January 6

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
12/28/2025

St. Mary—Enrollment	65
Regular Offering	\$1340.00
Families Contributing	20
Holy Family — Enrollment	47
Regular Offering	\$441.00
Families Contributing	11

ONE COLLECTION

1/11/2026
Regular Offertory

Ministry Schedule

January 11, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing
Sunday: Theresa O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)
Tricia Smothers (Sun.)
Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector

Sunday: Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennett Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	1/03/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	1/04/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Tommie Tedford	Sandy Simpson
Sunday	1/04/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Mike+ and Pat Baloga+	David Baloga
Monday	1/05/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Jim Simpson+	David Baloga
Tuesday	1/06/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	1/07/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Father Herbert Ene	
Thursday	1/08/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	1/09/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	1/10/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	1/11/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Sunday	1/0112026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St. Mary Parishioners	

Prayer Intentions for Health and repose of the Soul

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St. Mary's: Paul and Mary Olano, 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 Bell, Allen York, Dan Ebeling.

Holy Family: Ken Bissen, 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.

