

St. Mary Catholic Church

February 15 2026 Sixth 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



HAND IN HAND WITH CHRIST

To walk hand in hand with Our Lord Jesus Christ is to accept not only His teaching, but His companionship. The Christian life is a living union with the Incarnate Son of God. Our Lord Himself said, "I am the vine; you the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing" (John 15:5, Douay-Rheims). This abiding is a real participation in His life through grace, bestowed first in Holy Baptism and nourished through the Sacraments. To walk with Christ is to remain in that grace, conscious that every good action, every holy desire, and every act of perseverance flows from the union with Him.

Such companionship requires docility and obedience. Our Lord does not walk alongside us as a silent observer; He leads His sheep. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). The path is marked by self-denial, moral discipline, and fidelity to the commandments. Walking hand in hand with Jesus means conforming one's will to His, even when that will contradicts personal preference or worldly approval. The Cross is not an interruption of the journey; it is the road itself. The faithful within the Church understand that suffering united to Christ becomes redemptive, purifying the soul and deepening communion with the Savior.

This union is sustained by prayer. St Paul said, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Constant prayer keeps the soul attentive to the presence of Christ, preventing the gradual drift into self-reliance. The Rosary, Eucharistic adoration, meditation upon the Passion, and frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance are concrete expressions of walking with Him. In the Most Holy Eucharist, the companionship becomes sacramental reality, for "he that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, abideth in me, and I in him" (John 6:57). Here the faithful do not merely remember Christ; they receive Him, and He strengthens them for the pilgrimage of life.

To walk hand in hand with Jesus is to persevere in hope. Our journey is directed toward eternal life, not earthly comfort. Our Lord promises, "And behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world" (Matthew 28:20). This assurance steadies the soul amid uncertainty, temptation, and trial. Those who remain faithful to Christ, obedient to His Church, and nourished by the Sacraments walk securely, not because of personal strength, but because the hand that guides him is divine. To live in this manner is to advance daily toward that blessed vision where faith shall give way to sight and companionship shall become eternal communion.

(Fr. Charles)

**Ash Wednesday and Lenten Penance Service
Schedule**

Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

February 18	12:00 pm	Holy Family
	5:00 pm	St. Mary

**Lenten Penance Services:
(both services follow 5:00 pm mass)**

March 26 (Thurs.)	5:30 pm	Holy Family
March 27 (Fri.)	5:30 pm	St. Mary



February 15	Valentine's Day Party (HF) (Hospitality Sunday)
February 18	Knights of Columbus Meeting (6:00 pm—HF)
February 18	Ash Wednesday (Mass Times Bot Set)
February 25	Holy Family Council Meeting (12:30 pm)
February 25	Little Flowers Group (3:45 pm)

February Hospitality Hostesses are: John and Pam Fordon and Richelle Stokes.



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**"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill"
Matthew 5:17**

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BACKPACK MINISTRY



On the first Sunday of each month, Richelle Stokes will be collecting food at Holy Family for the children's Backpack Ministry. Check with Richelle for further information.

Multi-Family Yard Sale

The Ladies Guild will sponsor a Multi-Family Yard sale in the church parking lot on Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are no booth/table fees, but donations will be appreciated. All set up and clean ups are the responsibility of each participant. In case of rain, the sale will move to the weekend of April 24 and 25. If you are interested, please call the office to reserve your space. Deadline for sign up is April 1.

Christ's Cafe



St. Mary's will be hosting Christ's Cafe on Thursday, February 26. We are in need of six #10 cans of green beans and 13 dozen cookies or brownies. This is a service that we do four times a year in the community. Please call the office to let us know what we are still in need of or you can just bring the items to the office. Your donation will truly be appreciated.

For Your Information:

For those who receive church offertory envelopes, you have probably noticed that the Building Fund envelope is now called the Capital Improvement Fund. Since neither church are building anything at this time, but both have new or ongoing projects of improvement, this money can be used for those projects. If you have any questions, call the office at 731-584-6459

THE SEASON OF Lent



PRAY



FAST



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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

2/8/2026

St. Mary —Enrollment	72
Regular Offering	\$8871.33
Families Contributing	41
Holy Family — Enrollment	51
Regular Offering	\$2271.00
Families Contributing	19

ONE COLLECTION

2/22/2026

Regular Offertory

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 22, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Dan Ebeling

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Tricia Smothers (sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tom O'Bryant and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers:

Bennette Brou and Alma Bissen

Counters: Tom O'Bryant and Richelle Stokes

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	2/014/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Dan and Jean Ebeling	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	2/15/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	2/15/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tricia Smothers	Friends
Monday	2/16/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Polly Mitchell+	The Mitchell Family
Tuesday	2/17/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	2/18/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Polly Mitchell+	The Mitchell Family
Wednesday	2/18/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Thursday	2/19/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Nick Roach Sr.	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	2/20/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Bonnie Harris+ and Jerry Hancock+	Ron and Pattu Russo
Saturday	2/21/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Ron and Patty Russo	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	2/15/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Bud and Katie Cabral+	Sharon Reiter
Sunday	2/15/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	St.. Mary Parishioners	

Prayer Intentions for Health and Repose of the Soul

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;

Kathy Coltharp; Samantha Moore, granddaughter of Barbara Taylor; Mark King, nephew of Tricia Smothers; Carolyn Tedore, sister of Pam McMillan; Terry Pace, 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 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.