

St. Mary Catholic Church

March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

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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



REMAINING CLOSE TO MARY

To remain close to Mary our Mother is to remain close to the mystery of Christ Himself. The Blessed Virgini is inseparably united to the Incarnation. When the Angel announced the divine plan, she answered with humble obedience, ‘Behold the handmade of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word’ (Luke 1:38, Douay-Rheims Catholic Bible). In that consent the Word was made flesh. Every Christian who desires fidelity to Christ must contemplate and imitate this fiat. Mry teaches us surrender without reserve. She directs all attention away from herself and towards he Son, as she did at Cana. “Do whatever he shall say to you” (John 2:5). To remain close to her is to be schooled in obedience, purity of intention, and unwavering trust in divine providence.

Our Lord Himself entrusted us to her maternal care. Standing beneath the Cross, our Lady heard the words addressed to saint John when He said, “Behold thy mother” (John 19-27). The Church has always understood that in John every faithful disciple was represented. Mary’s motherhood did not cease with the earthly life of Christ; it extended to the Mystical Body. She who bore the Head now intercedes for the members. Remaining close to Mary, therefore, is not sentimentality. It is filial piety rooted in the will of Christ Himself. As a mother she corrects, consoles, and strengthens. Those who draw near to her discover that she leads them more deeply into repentance, into reverence at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and into a more fervent love for the Sacred heart of her Son.

The Bible also reveals the singular blessedness granted to her by God. Saint Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, “Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb” (Luke 1:42). Ant the Birgin herself foretold the Church’s perpetual veneration. “Behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed” (Luke 1:48). Devotion to Mary is a fulfillment of prophecy. To honor her is to obey the Scriptures. To ask her intercession is to acknowledge the communion of saints, for death does not sever charity. The Mother of God, assumed into heavenly glory, prays for us who still struggle upon earth. Her closeness to Christ ensures the efficacy of her maternal intercession.

Remaining close to Mary requires our habitual devotion. The daily rosary, reverent celebration of her feasts, the Angelus, and consecration to her Immaculate Heart are time-tested means of deepening this filial bond. In us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.” Such prayer forms the soul in humility and perseverance. Mary does not replace Christ; she magnifies Him, as she proclaimed, “My soul doth magnify the Lord” (Luke 1:46). Whoever remains close to her will find that she unfliningly leads them to a firmer faith, a steadier hope, and a more ardent charity in union with her Divine Son.





First Friday of the Month March 6

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

First Saturday of the Month March 7

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



- March 1 Hospitality Sunday (HF)
- March 1 Fellowship Sunday (SM)
- March 7-8 First Friday/First Saturday (SM)
- March 9 St. Mary Ladies Guild (10:30 am)
- March 13 St. Mary Meatless Meal (5:30 pm)
- March 18 Knights of Columbus (SM) (6:00 PM)
- March 21 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
- March 26 Holy Family Penance Service (5:30 pm)
- March 27 St. Mary Penance Service (5:30 pm)
- March 28 Bunco Party (SM) 5:30 pm
- March 29 No PRE (Spring Break)
- March 29 Palm Sunday

*Hostesses for Hospitality Sunday are Dennis Blackwell and Pat Boucher.

*Hostesses for Fellowship Sunday are Beate Harris, Sandy Simpson and Sharon Latendresse.



We're pleased to announce that St. Mary will "break ground" for its new, safe rear carport renovation project . This essential project will address several critical safety concerns. Key safety enhancements include the removal of the existing carport and deck.. The construction of a lean to roof for the carport. It covers structural considerations, drainage, code requirements, and maximized safety and durability with adherence to local building codes for wind/snow ratings. Our parish priest will benefit from a structurally sound deck and a new car port, offering improved protections and safer access during inclement weather. We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we bring this vision to life!

***Meatless Pasta Dinner
Friday, March 13***

St. Mary will be hosting a meatless pasta dinner on March 13 beginning at 5:30 pm. All are invited to come and enjoy the delicious pasta and fellowship.

Thank you

Thank you to all who donated items for Christ's Cafe. We were able to serve 117 plates due to your kindness and generosity.

**Stations of the Cross
Weekly Schedule**

- Holy Family Friday, 3:00 pm
- St. Mary Friday, 5:00 pm

Change of Plans

The Saturday night Birthday and Anniversary celebration held at St. Mary for March is being cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. Celebration for both March and April will be held on Saturday, April 4.

Lenten Diaper Drive

St. Mary's PRE students will once again be having their Annual Diaper Drive for FYI Clinic. These diapers help mothers and babies in need. There will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall to place donations. Please be generous.



Thank you and God Bless!
Tessa Walker, DRE



St. Mary 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.

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
2/22/2026

St. Mary —Enrollment	72
Regular Offering	\$1558.00
Families Contributing	23
Holy Family — Enrollment	51
Regular Offering	\$1199.00
Families Contributing	15

ONE COLLECTION

3/08/2026
Regular Offertory

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 8, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Glenda Nielson
Sunday: Kathy Solomon

Eucharistic Ministers:

Genda Nielson and Dan E. (Sat.)
Mike Solomon (Sun.)
Kathy Solomon (Sun.)
Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Counters: Mike and Kathy Solomon

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Anna Mills

Eucharistic Ministers:

Louisa Bautista and Karen Pierce

Gift Bearers:

Alma Bissen and Pat Long

Counters: Wyatt Brooks and John Edwards

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	2/28/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Betty Gagnon	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	3/01/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Susana Solares+	Antonio Solares
Sunday	3/01/2006	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Polly Mitchell	Mary Evelyn Mitchell
Monday	3/02/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Charles+ and Esther Lomax+	Sandy Simpson
Tuesday	3/03/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	3/04/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Joe and Beth Londino	Sharon Reiter
Thursday	3/05/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Evelyn Polking+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Friday	3/06/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Vicki Baloga	David Baloga
Saturday	3/07/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	3/08/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Francois Buclez+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	3/08/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Carmen Bauer+	James and Debra Davenport

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: Gerry Baloga, brother of David Baloga and Michelle Leonard; 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.