

St. Mary Catholic Church

May 31, 2026 The Most Holy Trinity

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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Holy Family

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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



THROUGH MARY TO JESUS

The heritage of Marian devotion within the Church is not an invention of sentimentality, nor a distraction from the worship owed to God alone. It is part of the living faith handed down through the centuries by Christians who recognized the unique place given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the mystery of salvation. From the earliest days of the Church, the faithful turned to her with confidence because she always leads souls to her Divine Son. At Cana, her words remain a guide for every generation of believers: “Do whatever he shall say to You” (John 2:5). The purpose of authentic Marian devotion has never been to glorify Mary apart from Christ, but to draw the faithful into deeper obedience, love, and union with Him. She is honored because God Himself honored her, choosing her to bear the incarnate Word into the world.

Devotion to our Lady is deeply rooted in the Bible itself. The angel Gabriel saluted her with the words, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women” (Luke 1:28). Saint Elizabeth filled with the Holy Ghost, cried out, “Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb” (Luke 1:42). These words form part of the Church’s constant prayer because they proclaim the greatness of what God accomplished through Mary. The faithful do not adore her above God, for adoration belongs to the Most Holy Trinity alone, but they venerate her as the Mother of God and the most exalted among the saints. Her humility, purity, and unwavering obedience reveal what grace can accomplish in a soul fully surrendered to the Lord. Through the rosary, Marian hymns, feast days. And acts of consecration, we meditate upon the life of Jesus through the eyes of the one who knew Him most intimately upon earth.

Throughout Christian history, Marian devotion has strengthened countless believers in times of suffering, persecution, temptation, and sorrow. In monasteries, villages, cathedrals, and humble homes, the image of the blessed Virgin has reminded the faithful that Christ truly entered human history through a mother. The Church’s saints consistently testified that devotion to Mary increased their love for her Son. Saint Louis de Montfort taught that true devotion to Mary is the safest and quickest path to Jesus because her entire existence points away from herself towards Him. When we pray the rosary, we are not repeating empty words, but contemplating the mysteries of Christ’s life, Passion, death, and Resurrection. Mary accompanies us through these mysteries as a spiritual mother who intercedes for the Church and encourages perseverance in holiness.

In this world that is full of darkness, spiritual coldness, and rebellion against God, the Church’s Marian heritage remains a source of comfort and stability. The Blessed Virgin continually directs souls towards repentance, prayer, and fidelity to Christ. Her words in the Bible are very few, yet they possess enduring authority because they lead directly to obedience to the Lord. Devotion to Mary therefore does not diminish Christ; it magnifies Him, just as she herself declared: “My soul doth magnify the Lord: And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior” (Luke 1:46-47). To remain close to Mary is to remain near the mysteries of the Incarnation and the Cross. She stands beside the faithful as a mother given to the Church by Christ Himself, drawing hearts nearer to the Sacred Heart of her Son.

(Fr. Charles)





First Friday of the Month June 5

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

First Saturday of the Month June 6

Mass, Recitation of the Scriptural Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begin at 9:00 am.

Bulletin Correction:

Holy Family Parishioner, John Edward's birthday is June 30 not June 27.



Prayer for Vocations

Almighty God, you have entrusted to your church a share in the ministry of your Son our great high priest: inspire by your Holy Spirit the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of your Church, that strengthened by his power, they may work for the increase of your kingdom and set forward the eternal praise of your name; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen



- June 5-6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- June 7 Hospitality Sunday (Honoring Fr. Herbert)
- June 8 Ladies Guild Meeting (10:30 am)
- June 10 Holy Family Joint Finance/ Council Meeting (12:30 pm)
- June 10 St. Mary Joint Finance/ Pastoral Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
- June 14 Father Michael Reception (Holy Family)
- June 17 Knights of Columbus (HF) (6:00 pm)
- June 19 Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)
- June 21 Father's Day (Reception for (Fr. Herbert and Fr. Michael 12:30 PM)

**Hospitality hostesses for June are Bob and Brenda LeFever

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.



Goodbye!
 & THANK YOU

Holy Family Parishioners,

Mark your June calendars! Before their departure, we wish to show Father Herbert and Father Michael our appreciation of their services to us. At our regular June 7 Hospitality Sunday, we would like to honor Father Herbert with our normal dish-to-pass along with a cake, and on Sunday, June 14, we would like to honor Father Michael with a cake and coffee reception after mass. Please make plans to attend.

Benton and Carroll County Food Banks



With the children out of school for the summer and the high cost of groceries, the food banks are in need of your support. If you can “pay it forward” by giving to your local food bank, please consider donating. Items needed are:

Food

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| Canned Soups | Canned Vegetables |
| Canned Meat | Cereal |
| Canned Spaghetti | Juice |
| Crackers | Cookies |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Spaghetti Noodles |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Tuna |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly |

Assorted Cleaning Supplies

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| Laundry Soap | Cleaning Supplies |
| Toothpaste | Shampoo |
| Bar Soap | Toilet Paper |
| Paper Towels | Garbage Bags |

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

5/24/2026

St. Mary —Enrollment	75
Regular Offering	\$1408.00
Families Contributing	18
Holy Family — Enrollment	59
Regular Offering	\$529.00
Families Contributing	10

TWO COLLECTIONS

6/07/2026

Regular Offertory/Capital Improvement

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 7, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

- Saturday: Joyce Rushing
 Sunday: Michael O’Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

- Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)
 Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)
 Sandy Simpson (Sun.)
 Beate Harris (Sun.)

Counters: Tricia Smothers and Beate Harris

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Luisa Bautista and Otilia Mendez

Gift Bearers: Olga Wosz and Kim Leitl

Counters: Wayne Tedford and Wayne Brooks

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	5/30/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Sunday	5/31/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Tom Roach+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	5/31/2006	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Perry Wright+	Tricia Smothers
Monday	6/01/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Tony Calabrese	Barbara Taylor
Tuesday	6/02/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	6/03/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Tommie Tedford+	Holy Family Legions of Mary
Thursday	6/04/2026	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Holy Family Parishioners	
Friday	6/05/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	St. Mary Parishioners	
Saturday	6/06/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Edward Taylor+ and Richard Gagnon+	Barbara Taylor and Betty Gagnon
Sunday	6/07/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Deacon Wayne Tedford	Holy Family Legions of Mary
Sunday	6/07/2026	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, Anna Mills, Kamila Cerda, Mary Jane Klinzing, Donna Reindl, Garry Korbel, Johanna Salma, Dick Stokes, Tommy Long, Paul Multon, Sissy Munoz.

For Our Extended Family: Vicky Baloga, sister-in-law of David Baloga, Joyce King, friend of St. Mary, 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; 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, 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.