

St. Mary Catholic Church

July 12, 2026 Fifteenth

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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. Scott Bahrke

Office Manager: Sandy Simpson

Accounting: Theresa O'Connell

Office Hours:

M, W, Th, F

11:00 AM—3:00 PM



CHRIST AT WORK WITHIN US

The work of our Lord Jesus Christ did not end upon the Cross, nor was it completed with His glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. Having accomplished our redemption through His perfect sacrifice, He continues to labor within the hearts of those who belong to Him. Through the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit conforms us ever more closely to the image of Christ, healing what has been wounded by sin and strengthening us to walk in holiness. Every sincere act of repentance, every prayer offered in faith, and every victory over temptation bears witness to His living presence at work within His Church and within each faithful soul.

Our Lord invites us to cooperate freely with His grace. He never forces the heart, but gently calls us to deeper conversion each day. As we receive Him worthily in the Most Holy Eucharist, approach Him in the Sacrament of Penance with sincere contrition, and devote ourselves to prayer and the reading of the Bible, Christ steadily molds our character according to His divine will. Though the process is often hidden from our eyes, He patiently removes pride, fear, selfishness, and bitterness, replacing them with humility, peace, charity, and steadfast hope. His work is constant, even when we perceive little progress.

There are times when the Lord accomplishes His greatest work through suffering. Trials that appear to weaken us often become the means by which He teaches trust, perseverance, and complete dependence upon His Mercy. United with the Passion of Christ, our own crosses are no longer empty burdens but become occasions of grace. The faithful learn to say with confidence that even the darkest moments are not wasted when they are placed into the pierced hands of the Savior, who brings good from every circumstance for those who love Him.

May each of us entrust ourselves without reserve to Christ, the Divine Physician of our souls. He who began the good work within us remains faithful to complete it, provided that we continue to abide in His love and respond to His grace. May we never lose heart when our weaknesses become apparent, but rather draw nearer to Him with humble confidence, knowing that His mercy is greater than our failings. In every season of life, may we rejoice that the Lord is still at work, sanctifying His people and preparing them for the eternal joy of His heavenly kingdom.

(Fr. Charles)

WHY REGISTER IN A PARISH?

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. **Active member status in your parish is essential for requesting the following:**

Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children)

A Registered and Active family or individual is one who:

1. Has formally registered and has participated in the life of the parish community **for at least 6 months.**
2. Attends mass regularly.
3. Contributes financially or volunteers to the parish according to one's means.

Forms can also be found in the back of church or in the parish office.

"Save the Date"

You are cordially invited to attend a Reception in honor of our new Pastor, Father Scott Bahrke on Sunday, July 12 immediately following 10:45 mass at St. Mary.

The meat is being provided. If you can bring a side dish and/or dessert.

"Prayer for Vocations"

Lord, you call us by our names. Help us to be confident in our own unique identity.

To find opportunities to develop our specific gifts and our passions. Enable us to hear and recognize the call of Jesus in our lives, and those of others. Help us to find appropriate and life-giving ways to spread your Good News in a way which draws others to you and helps them experience your radical and extraordinary love.

Amen



July 12	Welcome Reception for Father Scott (SM—12:00 pm)
July 13	Ladies Guild Meeting (SM) 10:30 am
July 15	Knights of Columbus Meeting (SM—6:00 pm)
July 16	SM Finance Council Meeting (6:00 pm)
July 17	Holy Family Crafters (9:30 am)

Proper Postures at Mass: The Our Father

The Church gives us certain postures during the liturgy that express unity, reverence, and order.

The Priest's Role

Priest—prans (hands extended)

The People's Role

People—hands folded in prayer

No hand-holding

No imitation of the priest

In this way, our posture reflects the Church's wisdom:

One Body, many members, united in prayer.

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.

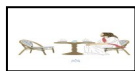


17th Annual Angelo Lucchesi Seminarian Dinner
August 8, 2026

Our Diocese and our Knights of Columbus Councils across West Tennessee are honored to present the 17th Annual Angelo Lucchesi Seminarian Dinner, Saturday evening, August 8, at our beautiful St. Benedict at Auburndale Catholic High School starting at 5:30 pm. This successful Seminarian fundraiser has been sold out for the last four years so get your tickets now by scanning the QR code on the flyers displayed on the message boards at both churches. Many blessings to our 12 Seminarians and two Traditional Deacons on their vocation Journey. The dinner will be held at Auburndale high School

Auburndale Catholic High School
8250 Varnavas Drive
Cordova, TN 38016

Christ's Café



We would like to thank all the parishioners who baked, prepped food, and donated their time and resources. Trough your kindness, we fed 144 individuals. You are so appreciated.

"St. Mary's Ladies Guild"

The Ladies Guild will meet Monday, July 13 at 10:30 am. Our Mission is to promote fellowship among the women of the parish and enhance their spiritual growth by prayer and activities that facilitate charitable works. All ladies in the parish are automatically members. Come to the meeting to see if the Ladies Guild is for you. Help us to help others in our parish and community.

At what point does it stop being "good for the garden"?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending

7/05/2026

St. Mary —Enrollment	75
Regular Offering	\$3285.00
Families Contributing	24
Holy Family — Enrollment	59
Regular Offering	\$1452.00
Families Contributing	17

TWO COLLECTIONS

7/19/2026

Regular Offertory/Maintenance

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 19, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Jean Ebeling

Sunday: Michael O'Connell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dan and Jean Ebeling (Sat.)

Tricia Smothers (Sun.)

Beate Harris (Sun.)

Theresa O'Connell (Sun.)

Counters: Beate Harris and Tricia Smothers

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Josselyn Hernandez

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bennette Brou and Pat Long

Gift Bearers: Bob and Brenda LeFever

Counters: Dennis Blackwell and Wayne Tedford

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	7/11/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Pro Popula	
Sunday	7/12/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	John Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Sunday	7/12/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Tricia Smothers	Barbara Taylor
Monday	7/13/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Marco Torres+	St. Mary's Ladies Guild
Tuesday	7/14/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	7/15/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Graham Crawford+	
Thursday	7/16/2026	Holy Family	12:00 PM	Pro Popula	
Friday	7/17/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Deacon Hank (50th Anni.)	The Brewers
Saturday	7/18/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Debra Thibedau+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/19/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Helen Graham Crawford+	
Sunday	7/19/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Fr. Scott Bahrke	St. Mary's Legions of Mary

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: Charlie, great-granddaughter of Alma Bissen, 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.