

St. Mary Catholic Church

July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Mary Catholic Church

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Camden, TN 38320

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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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Tessa Walker

Holy Family

Catholic Mission

265 Cotham Drive

Huntingdon, TN 38344

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220 W. Main Street

Camden, TN 38320

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



WHEN THE HEART GROWS WEARY

Many people think that growing in holiness depends upon accomplishing something remarkable. The Christian life often unfolds in a quieter way. God calls us to remain faithful where He has placed us today. A simple prayer offered with sincerity, an act of kindness that no one notices, or a difficult duty carried out with love is never overlooked by Him. Our Lord sees what others cannot see, and He delights in a heart that seeks Him. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is greater" (Luke 16:10).

This is one reason why the Church encourages a life of regular prayer and the frequent reception of the sacraments. Grace is not something we produce through effort. It is God's gift strengthening us little as we walk with Christ. In Confession we acknowledge our sins without pretending to be better than we are. In the Holy Eucharist we receive the One who alone can nourish the soul. As our Lord says, "He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day" (John 6:55).

There are seasons when prayer feels dry and our hearts seem slow to respond. Such times should not lead us to believe that God has abandoned. Faith rests upon His promises rather than our emotions. The Psalmist reminds us, "Be still, and see that I am God" (Psalm 45:11). Remaining with the during spiritual dryness is itself an act of love, because it shows that we seek Him for His own sake and not simply for the comfort He gives.

The saints did not become holy because every day was filled with spiritual consolation. They trusted God even when the path was difficult. That same invitation is given to every Christian. If you have stumbles, return to Him. If you are discouraged, place your hope in His mercy. Christ never turns away a sinner who comes with repentant heart, for He Himself has said,

"Him that cometh to me, I will not cast out" (John 6:37). Those words remain a source of peace for the whole Church.

(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.

"One Man's Trash-Another Man's Treasure"

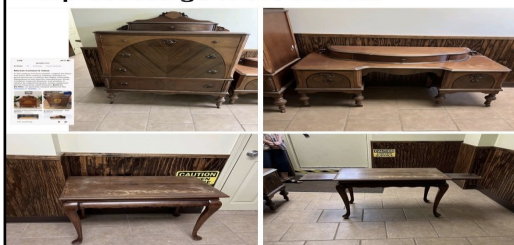
In the Fellowship Hall, there are items that have been replaced or are no longer needed. Come down to look to see if something catches your eye. Donations will be accepted but not mandatory.

There are also antiques and other furniture that we are taking bids on. The highest bid will be accepted. Bids will be taken until Friday, July 24. You may also check out the furniture located in the Fellowship Hall.

All items are at the church, and we are hoping to get rid of them sooner rather than later. You can call Ron Russo for more information (731.418.9851) or stop by the church to see them.

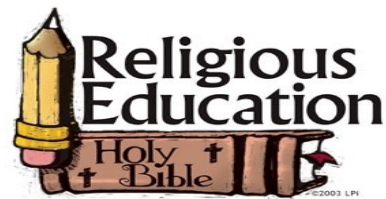
Make us an offer we can't refuse!

All proceeds go to the church.



P.R.E. *Registration*

Classes for both Holy Family and St. Mary will begin in September. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at St. Mary. Please check the QR code on the flyer found in your bulletin from last week or displayed on the church bulletin board. We need a count of all registered children in order to plan the classes.



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—orans (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 Seminar-ians 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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week Ending
7/12/2026

St. Mary—Enrollment 75

Regular Offering \$808.00

Families Contributing 15

Holy Family — Enrollment 59

Regular Offering \$2412.00

Families Contributing 17

ONE COLLECTION

7/26/2026
Regular Offertory



St. Mary's Ladies Guild would like to thank Mike's Produce in Camden for donating all of the fresh tomatoes for Christ's Café. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Knights News



The Knights of Columbus Co-Families of the month are Jeff and Sharon Latendresse and Tom and Debbie O'Bryant. Thank you for all you do for your church and your community.

VOCATIONS are born in prayer; and only in prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

Pope Francis

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 26, 2026

St. Mary Catholic Church

Lectors

Saturday: Joyce Rushing

Sunday: Shelia Melton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Joyce R. and Andrea V. (Sat.)

Shelia Melton (Sun.)

Walter Melton (Sun.)

Sharon Latendresse (Sun.)

Counters: Jeff and Sharon Latendresse

Holy Family Catholic Church

Lector Tom O'Bryant

Eucharistic Ministers:

Luisa Bautista and Leah Koonce

Gift Bearers: The Villalobos Family

Counters: Richelle Stokes and Tom O'Bryant

	DATE	CHURCH	TIME	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	7/18/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Debra Thibedau+	Betty Gagnon
Sunday	7/19/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Fr. Scott Bahrke	St. Mary's Legions of Mary
Sunday	7/19/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Helon and Graham Crawford	Barbara Taylor
Monday	7/20/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Jim Simpson	Arlene Conrad
Tuesday	7/21/2026	St. Mary		"No Mass"	
Wednesday	7/22/2026	Holy Family	12:00 AM	Terry Vogel+	Steve and Leah Koonce
Thursday	7/23/2026	Holy Family	12:00 PM		
Friday	7/24/2026	St. Mary	12:00 PM	Karen Marr+	The Brewers
Saturday	7/25/2026	St. Mary	5:00 PM	Greg Garza	Barbara Taylor
Sunday	7/26/2026	Holy Family	8:30 AM	Hugh Conrad+	Arlene Conrad
Sunday	7/26/2026	St. Mary	10:45 AM	Ron Reiter+	Sharon Reiter

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.