

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Archbishop William E. Lori states “Habitual complaint fosters discouragement and division, while a spirit of charity strengthens unity and peace.” This is an outstanding article to share with all!

“Good restaurants often present patrons with a wine list. The better the restaurant the more extensive the list. There is another list. This one is not the one presented at a restaurant. It’s the one we carry around with us in our heads. It’s our whine list. It’s the things we dislike-both our vintage complaints and those that have fermented more recently.”

Archbishop Lori adds “about comparing of wine to whining we inflict on others.” As a rule, wine begins with grapes. When certain types of grapes are used to make wine, and the vintage stores and ages the wine properly, the vintage is good. When the grapes are sour or defective, or if the wine is uncorked too soon, it is likely unfit to drink.”

“Whining is like bad wine. The Hapless vintner who sets out to make a fine wine has a good goal in mind, however there is a problem on occasion. The goal is good, but what happens if the grapes are bad? Our complaints, like bad grapes, can come from bad places in our hearts; impatience, discontentment, grudges, a desire to dominate. And like the unskilled vintner, we store our complaints in hearts that bring out the worst in every situation.”

“Take time to discern whether our complaint has merit. Ask opinions of others, and instead of constructively addressing a lack or need, we let our complaints inflict bad feelings on those around us.”

“Whining betokens a lack of gratitude to God and others. When we are subjected to continual whining, we become discouraged. Nothing is right, nor is it good enough and whining undermines relationships. Let’s replace whining with mutual encouragement, bonds of charity, unity, and fraternity.”

We all whine; however, do we whine too much? Let us all think before we speak!

With Love

Richard Mahoney

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
May 2	First Communion Breakfast
May 3	First Communion
May 9-10	Hispanic Marriage Retreat
June 27-28	Bethlehem Wood Carvings
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00). Fr Tom’s office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.
Building and Grounds Committee: Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera
Administration & Finance Committee Meets 3 rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM Chairman- Duane Wolter , John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm
Ladies Guild: President–Sheila Jeffers , Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney
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Archivist- Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 18-19, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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Saturday, April 18	5:00 PM	3rd Sunday of Easter -Intention for Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday April 19	8:30 AM	3rd Sunday of Easter -Intentions for the Soul of SFC(R) Welcie Ford
Sunday April 19	6:00 PM	3rd Domingo de Pascua- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, April 20	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Beverly A Wargo
Tuesday, April 21	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Wednesday, April 22	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Sam Rabino
Thursday, April 23	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Phillip Clair Reilly
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, April 24	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of John McMahon
Saturday, April 25	5:00 PM	4th Sunday of Easter -Intention for Soul of Patrick Collins
Sunday April 26	8:30 AM	4th Sunday of Easter -Intentions for the Soul of Jesus Echipare
Sunday April 26	6:00 PM	4th Domingo de Pascua- Para la gente de la parroquia

The deadline for Calendar submissions for the May Calendar Bulletin is 4/22/2026

If you have Mass intentions, please contact Fr. Tom or Erin in the office.

Mass Ministers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

When/if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled Mass Ministry, please find a replacement Thank You, Fr. Tom

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270) 586-7425 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1).

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the Church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese’s efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church, can be found in the back of the church on the parish bulletin board and on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

If you are sick, or know someone who is ill, we want to include them in our prayers.

Please contact Erin in the parish office on 270-586-4515 or by email so our parish can pray for you and your caregivers.

Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: Regina Cozzy and Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, Gail Briley, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:

Patrick Collins, Gracie Scott, Carol Sue Durbin, Charles Andrew Yanov, Jason W. Bracy, Mary Barnes, Conner Sheahan, Marie Watson, Debbie Head, Crystal Becker, Andrew & Michael Garrett, Angela Berry Maynard, Sarah Drake, Basil Trouten Sr., Hilda Trouten, Dorthy O’Bryan, Joseph Hagan, Susie Wyatt, Miriam Harbin, Roger Farley, Dr A.V. Wilwayco, Frank & Marie Farmer, Keith Obriskie, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux and Rose Vogt.

Mission Statement

We, the people of St Mary Catholic Church, are a welcoming Catholic community called to live our faith by celebrating Mass, Sacraments, and Prayers; proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ; seeking life-long faith and formation; sharing our time; talents and reaching out in compassionate service to others.

St Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity

In the Gospel, Jesus says, “*This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens.*” Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The money you place in the St. Vincent de Paul coin shake collection next weekend brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor. Thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul team and the neighbors we serve.

As of 04/11/2026						
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$	163,916
Received last week		\$	6,369	Received YTD	\$	161,430
Difference		\$	2,331		\$	(- 2,486)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$	65	YTD	\$	3,995
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 3rd Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Mass	20 8:00 AM Mass	21 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	22	23 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	24 8:00 AM Mass	25 9-12 PM 1 st Communion Retreat
6:00 PM Misa			6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed			Noon Baptisms 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance— 04/11 5:00 PM- 120 04/12 8:30 AM-95 04/12 6:00 PM-121						
Please pray for our military: Jack Jeffers, Army, Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.; Eric Rafferty, Air Force, England; Korbin Bray, US Navy, Japan; Capt. Ryan Berry, USMC California; Jonathan Thompson, Navy, Jacksonville, FL; Ariel Molina Jr, Marines, Pensacola, FL. Please call the office to add a name						
Prayer For Our Men and Women in Military Service: O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion to the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its people from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded in justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will towards all. Amen						

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!
2026 Pilgrimage to
ST MEINRAD ARCHABBEY &
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Lunch at Schnitzelbank German
Restaurant, Jasper, IN
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2026
Leaving St. Mary at 8:00 AM
More details & sign-up forms will
be available on May 2nd.

Congratulations to Diego Pascual and Melchora Domingo who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on April 11. Also, to Elijah and Erica Gantt on the baptism of their infant daughter Naomi Gantt on April 12.

Please call or email Erin in the office the names and schools of any graduating seniors.

Dear Padre,

Why are there different stories about Jesus’ resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus’ death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ’s tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ’s defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels’ resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for “if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith” (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●



Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26
<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>Easter Weekday</i>	<i>St. Mark, Evangelist</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29	Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35	Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40	Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51	Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59	1 Pt 5:5b–14 Mk 16:15–20	Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is brokenhearted at the cry of pain rising from places devastated by war... We must never get used to war!... For this reason, in the name of human dignity and international law, I reiterate to those in positions of responsibility the frequent warning of...Pope Pius XII: “Nothing is lost with peace. Everything may be lost with war.”

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