

"Late Have I Loved Thee" A Personal Reflection. ...

At 50 years old, I know what it means to search. For years, I walked a different path — seeking peace, meaning, TRUTH and something beyond myself. In my youth as a Baptist, then as a Unitarian “Oneness Pentecostal”, and also within the tradition of Buddhism as an ordained monk. I was sincere. But sincerity, without the “Living God”, can only take a soul so far.

Then He  found me. . . .

**St. Augustine of Hippo** cried out in his Confessions: *"Late have I loved Thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new!"* He searched for decades through philosophy, pleasure, and pride before yielding to the God who had been waiting beside him all along. When I read those words, I read my own story.

About six or seven years ago, I entered the Catholic Church. Since then, I have had the joy of teaching OCIA — walking with others on the same road I once traveled. And this fall, God willing, I will take the next step as a Lay Dominican candidate, placing myself more fully in the school of **St. Dominic** and **St. Thomas Aquinas**.

It may seem late. But God does not count in years — He counts in “yeses!”

If you are still searching, know this: He has been within you all along. He is calling. He is not finished with you yet. Your story is not over!

And like **Archbishop Fulton Sheen** always says, *“God love you, and God bless.”*

Eli

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Office Hours at St Mary:</b> Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM<br><b>Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.</b> |
| <b>Parish Council:</b> <b>Chair-</b> Ninoska Moratin, <b>Vice Chair-</b> Julius Foncha, <b>Secretary-</b> Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy                                                                         |
| <b>Building and Grounds Committee:</b> Fr Tom Buckman, <b>Mark Pais (Chair)</b> David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera                                                                |
| <b>Administration &amp; Finance Committee</b> Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 PM <b>Chairman- Duane Wolter</b> , John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm                                                                           |
| <b>Ladies Guild:</b> <b>President–Sheila Jeffers</b> , Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Religious Education Committee:</b> <b>DRE- Robin Clark</b> , Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, Kateri Edwards and Ninoska Moratin.                                                                                              |
| <b>Music Director- Joshua Wagner</b> <a href="mailto:stmaryccmusic@gmail.com">stmaryccmusic@gmail.com</a> Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter                                                                                        |
| <b>Worship/Liturgy Committee:</b> Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), Joshua Wagner, and Maggie Tamm.                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Evangelization and Outreach Ministry:</b> Fr. Tom Buckman, <b>Duane Wolter (Chair)</b> , Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, and Robert Loza                                                                                                       |
| <b>Librarian-</b> Kathleen Kaapcke                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Archivist-</b> Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm                                                                                                                                                                            |

*The Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro, Fr Cory Brun, will visit with us next weekend August 8-9 to share information about Priesthood opportunities. Let’s make him feel welcome.*

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1-2, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!  
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!  
Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman  
[tom.buckman@pastoral.org](mailto:tom.buckman@pastoral.org)  
PO Box 388, 403 N. Main St., Franklin, Kentucky 42135  
Office: 270-586-4515 Rectory Phone: 270-253-3230  
Music Director: Joshua Wagner  
Erin Denny- Office Administrator email: [stmaryfranklinky@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryfranklinky@gmail.com)  
Diocese of Owensboro [www.owensborodiocese.org](http://www.owensborodiocese.org)



|                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                |                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>The deadline for Calendar submissions for the August Calendar Bulletin is 8/25/2026</i>                                                                                                                |                |                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday, August 1</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>5:00 PM</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-</b> Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker          |
| <b>Sunday, August 2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-</b> Intentions: For the people                          |
| <b>Domingo 2 Agosto</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6:00 PM</b> | <b>18<sup>th</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario-</b> Por el alma de Ipolito Garcia                  |
| Monday, August 3                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8:00 AM        | Intentions: In Thanksgiving fand Praise or the Holy Trinity                                         |
| Tuesday, August 4                                                                                                                                                                                         | Noon           | Intentions: For the Soul of Tim & Cherrie Murray                                                    |
| Wednesday, August 5                                                                                                                                                                                       | 6:00 PM        | Intentions: For the Soul of John McMahon                                                            |
| Thursday, August 6                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8:00 AM        | Intentions: For the Soul of Gracie Helen Scott                                                      |
| Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                  |                |                                                                                                     |
| Friday, August 7                                                                                                                                                                                          | 6:00 PM        | Intentions: For the Soul of Robert Buckman                                                          |
| <b>Saturday, August 8</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>5:00 PM</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-</b> Intentions: For the Soul of Joan Mueller            |
| <b>Sunday, August 9</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>8:30 AM</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-</b> Intentions: For the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Colorigh |
| <b>Domingo 9 Agosto</b>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6:00 PM</b> | <b>19<sup>th</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario-</b> Para la gente de la parroquia                  |
| 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.<br>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:, David Kelly, 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, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:  
Calvin Oshesky, 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, Gail Briley, Helen Garst, Lois Oshesky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, 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.*

The Pantry has been running very low. If you have the means to donate food for the pantry, please bring items to the church and place them outside the closet nearest the basement stairs. Cereal, granola bars, pop tarts, peanut butter, pasta sauce and pasta, canned meats (tuna, chicken etc.), boxed meals (hamburger helper), macaroni and cheese, canned soups, Raman. Please, be sure the items are in-date as we cannot use out-of-date foods.



# Good News!

August 2, 2026  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 55:1–3 / Romans 8:35, 37–39 / Matthew 14:13–21

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●

© 2026 Liguori Publications. Imprimi Potest: Fr. Kevin Zubeł, CSSR, Provincial, Denver Province, the Redemptorists. Liguori Publications, a nonprofit corporation, is an apostolate of the Redemptorists. To learn more about the Redemptorists, visit Redemptorists.com. No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from The New American Bible, Revised Edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Printed in USA. Visit Liguori.org or call 800-325-9521.

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |                                      |                               |                       |                                                      |                                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| As of 07/28/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |                                      |                               |                       |                                                      |                                                                                                                     |
| Budget Needs 2025-26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       | Weekly                               | \$ 4,038                      | Budget YTD Needs      |                                                      | \$ 16,152                                                                                                           |
| Received last week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |                                      | \$ 2,793                      | Received YTD          |                                                      | \$ 13,267                                                                                                           |
| Difference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |                                      | \$ (-1,245)                   |                       |                                                      | \$ (-2,885)                                                                                                         |
| On Going Projects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       | Last Week                            | \$ 25                         | YTD                   |                                                      | \$ 1131                                                                                                             |
| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                | Tuesday                              | Wednesday                     | Thursday              | Friday                                               | Saturday                                                                                                            |
| 2<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>8:30 AM Mass<br>Mission Appeal<br><br>6:00 PM Misa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 3<br><br>8:00 AM Mass | 4<br><br>10:30-2PM SVDP<br>Noon Mass | 5<br><br><br><br>6:00 PM Mass | 6<br><br>8:00 AM Mass | 7<br><br><br><br>6:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass | 8<br><br>10:00 AM Baptism Class<br><br><br>3:30 Confessions<br>5:00 PM Mass<br>Fr. Cory Bruns<br>Vocations Director |
| Mass Attendance— 07/18 5:00 PM- 47 07/19 8:30 AM-95 07/19 6:00 PM-90                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |                                      |                               |                       |                                                      |                                                                                                                     |
| 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.<br>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 |                       |                                      |                               |                       |                                                      |                                                                                                                     |

# Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?



“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America, 24). (Also see General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (GIRM 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (GIRM 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (GIRM 282). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / Dear Padre.org

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

|                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b><br>August 3<br>Weekday<br>Jer 28:1-17<br>Mt 14:22-36                                                    | <b>Wednesday</b><br>August 5<br>Weekday<br>Jer 31:1-7<br>Mt 15:21-28                                            | <b>Saturday</b><br>August 8<br>St. Dominic, Priest<br>Hb 1:12-2:4<br>Mt 17:14-20                                   |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>August 4<br>St. John Vianney, Priest<br>Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22<br>Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 | <b>Thursday</b><br>August 6<br>The Transfiguration of the Lord<br>Dn 7:9-10, 13-14<br>2 Pt 1:16-19<br>Mt 17:1-9 | <b>Sunday</b><br>August 9<br>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a<br>Rom 9:1-5<br>Mt 14:22-33 |
|                                                                                                                       | <b>Friday</b><br>August 7<br>Weekday<br>Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7<br>Mt 16:24-28                                    |                                                                                                                    |

**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**  
[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME,  
JANUARY 14, 2026

The quotations from Pope Leo XIV are printed with permission, copyright © Dicastero per la Comunicazione-Libreria Editrice Vaticana. All rights reserved.