

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.
Parish Council: Chair- Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy
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Music Director- Joshua Wagner stmaryccmusic@gmail.com Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
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What is Acts 2:42? Have you seen the various announcements/flyers and heard people talking about the small group meetings called **Acts 2:42**? This is the fourth year of the small group meetings at St Mary for all adults from ages 18 to (we won't mention their age). One group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 1PM and the second group meets at 6:30 PM on the second Monday of each month. The meetings begin in September 2026 and end in May 2027. If the Spirit moves you to obtain further details, please contact Duane Wolter at 954-591-1400 or at dwolter@att.net. We would all love to have you join us



My dear Church family,

The Lord calls us to evangelize by the way we live our life. Go to Confession often. I want to share this lesson from an online site called [Catholics Online Class](#).

WHAT A SINGLE MORTAL SIN DOES TO A SOUL-It does not usually look dramatic. No thunder. No earthquake. No warning sirens. Often, it happens in silence, a choice, a moment, a deliberate “yes” to something God has clearly forbidden. And in that instant, the soul suffers a wound deeper than any knife could ever inflict.

MORTAL SIN IS NOT “JUST A MISTAKE”-The church teaches that mortal sin requires three things: Grave matter, full knowledge, deliberate consent. When all three are present, the act is no small failure. It is a conscious turning away from God. Not weakness alone. Rebellion. A creature saying to the Creator: “My will, not yours.” That is why it is so serious.

SANCTIFYING GRACE IS LOST-At Baptism, the soul becomes a dwelling place of the Holy Trinity. Mortal sin does not destroy the soul itself. But it drives out sanctifying grace. The friendship with God is severed. The supernatural life within the soul is extinguished. The person may still breathe physically, but spiritually, but something has died. That is why the Church calls it ‘mortal.’

THE SOUL BECOMES SPIRITUALLY DARKENED-Reason becomes clouded. The will weakens. Prayer becomes difficult. Sacred things may begin to feel distant. The person often experiences restlessness, shame, or an urge to avoid God. Sin promises freedom. It delivers slavery. Always.

HOLY COMMUNION MUST WAIT-A soul in mortal sin must not receive the Eucharist until it has been reconciled through the Sacrament of Confession. To receive Communion knowingly in such a state adds another grave sin. Christ comes to heal but must first open the door through repentance.

YET GOD’S MERCY IS GREATER-One mortal sin can kill the life of grace. One sincere confession can restore it. Immediately. Completely. The Prodigal Son returned filthy. He was embraced before he finished speaking. That is the heart of God. No darkness is beyond His mercy.

FINAL WORD-Never make peace with mortal sin. Treat it as the soul’s greatest enemy. Fear it more than poverty, more than sickness, more than death itself. Because physical death ends earthy life. Mortal sin left unrepented endangers eternal life.

REMEMBER THIS ALWAYS-The devil wants you to think: “It is only one sin.” But Adam and Eve lost Eden through one act of disobedience. Yet take heart: Peter was restored through an act of repentance. Run to Confession. Run quickly. God is always faster than your return.

May God Bless you,
Colleen Rafferty

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 15-16, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the September Calendar Bulletin is 8/25/2026		
Saturday, August 15	5:00 PM	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Ralph Mueller
Sunday, August 16	8:30 AM	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the People
Domingo 16 Agosto	6:00 PM	20 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Leonicia Rivera
Monday, August 17	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the living and Deceased members of the Thomas J Buckman Family
Tuesday, August 18	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Arthur & Alice Wolter
Wednesday, August 19	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Odessa Reilly
Thursday, August 20	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Marie Buchanon
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, August 21	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Beverly Wargo
Saturday, August 22	5:00 PM	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Beth Crafton
Sunday, August 23	8:30 AM	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Gage Marcum
Domingo 23 Agosto	6:00 PM	21 st Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Leonicia Rivera

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: 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.

Dear Padre,

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin’s evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn’t written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](#) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 24:15–23	Ez 28:1–10	Ez 34:1–11	Ez 36:23–28	Ez 37:1–14	Ez 43:1–7ab	Is 22:19–23
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Mt 20:1–16	Mt 22:1–14	Mt 22:34–40	Mt 23:1–12	Rom 11:33–36
						Mt 16:13–20

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

[T]he pain that moves us to compassion is not the pain of a stranger; it is the pain of a member of our own Body, to whom Christ our Head commands us attend, for the good of all. In this sense, our service is identified with Christ’s own suffering and, when offered in a Christian spirit, hastens the fulfillment of the Savior’s prayer for the unity of all.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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The Parish Mission will be held on October 26-28 presented by the Fathers of Mercy. Please save the date.



The bi-annual Parish Ministry and Leadership Conference is taking place in Owensboro this year. The date is Saturday, August 29, from 9-4 p.m. The theme is One Church, United in Mission! There will be an English and Spanish track and Mass with Bishop Medley. Please see our registration page for keynote presenters and breakout sessions for Council members, Catechists, ministry leaders, and adult learners. Check it out and register today on the QR code:

Religious Education will resume on August 19th. Registration packets are available in the Parish Halls. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Fr Tom or any of the religious Education instructors.

“The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, pray for them, and identify nonperishable food...and donate it to the St Mary’ Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.”

The special collection for the Mission Appeal on August 1-2 was \$ 1,931. Thank you for your support of the missionary work of Fr. Silvio Torres with youth.

OCIA classes start September 3 and weekly thereafter until Easter on Thursday 6:00 pm. OCIA is for Christians seeking to convert to Catholicism; for Baptized Catholics age 8 and up who seek full communion through Eucharist and or Confirmation; unbaptized individuals 8 and up. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman to register/ more information.

As of 8/11/26						
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$	19,726
Received last week		\$	4178	Received YTD	\$	19,758
Difference		\$	140		\$	34
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$	25	YTD	\$	254
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 5:00 PM Ladies Guild Meeting 6:00 PM Misa	17 8:00 AM Mass	18 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	19 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	20 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg	21 8:00 AM Mass	22 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance— 08/08 5:00 PM- 47 08/09 8:30 AM-95 08/09 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. 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						



The Ladies Guild will meet this Sunday August 16 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend