

Evangelization Etiquette: A How-to Guide to Confidently Share the Good News

Week Two: **God Comes First, Us Second:**

**Pray first, then let go of the outcome.** As we reach out to others in the hopes of evangelizing, let us be fully aware that God is the only one who can change lives, we are powerless over the outcome of others.

Scripture and prayer are helpful tools to prepare us. Before Jesus sent the Twelve out, he told them to pray: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers"* **(Matthew 9:37–38, just before Matthew 10)**. And when he sent them, he told them that if a person or household didn't receive the message, they weren't to argue, guilt-trip, or linger — they were to *"shake off the dust from your feet"* and move on **(Matthew 10:14; Mark 6:11; Luke 9:5)**. The instructions to pray and the instructions to release the results bookend the whole sending.

Stay tuned next week for another evangelization etiquette tip. For the greater glory of God, **Jean Lovell**

Brothers and Sisters

To my Brothers & Sisters in Christ

How Do I Know if This Ministry Is for Me? Sometimes we may ask ourselves if we are truly called to a particular ministry. I believe that one way to know is to look at what happens in our hearts when we serve. It does not mean that everything will be easy or that we will never have difficulties. On the contrary, there may be moments of tiredness, insecurity, or fear. But if, despite these things, we still feel the desire to serve God and help others, it may be a sign that God is inviting us to continue. Jesus tells us: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few"*, **(Matthew 9:37)**. This makes me think that everyone in the Church has something to contribute. God does not call only those who have a lot of knowledge or great abilities. Many times, He calls simple people who have a heart willing to serve. We should also ask ourselves: Does this ministry help me grow closer to God? Does it help me grow in patience, humility, and love? Can I help other people grow closer to Christ? If, through serving, I am growing in my faith and also helping others, I believe I am walking on the right path. Saint Paul says: *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit"*, **(1 Corinthians 12:4)**. This reminds me that we do not all have the same abilities. Some people know how to sing, others teach, organize, listen, accompany others, or simply be available to help. What is important is not to do the same thing as everyone else, but to discover what gift God has given me and use it in service to the community.

I also believe that God confirms our calling little by little. We do not always receive an immediate answer. That is why we need prayer and must ask God to show us where He wants us to serve. Jesus says: *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you"*, **(John 15:4)**. First, we must remain close to Him; then we will be able to bear fruit through our service. Knowing whether a ministry is for me does not depend only on whether I am good at that activity. It depends more on whether I am willing to learn, improve, and serve with love. If I have difficulties, I can ask God to give me patience and strength. And if I discover that a particular ministry is not where I can best use my gifts, I must also have the humility to recognize it and look for where God needs me. In the end, ministry is not about doing something to make ourselves feel important, but about serving Christ through others. As Jesus says: *"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"*, **(Matthew 25:40)**.

**A Servant of God**



***Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Taster’s Luncheon on October 21! It’s never too early to invite all your friends and coworkers.***

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29-30, 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         |                                                                                     |
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| Saturday, August 29                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5:00 PM | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Katie Murray              |
| Sunday, August 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:30 AM | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the People of the Parish  |
| Domingo 30 Agosto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:00 PM | 22 <sup>nd</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Rafael Molina         |
| Monday, August 31                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Inge Cohen                                              |
| Tuesday, September 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Noon    | Intentions: For the Souls of Gail Briley and Helen Garst                            |
| Wednesday, September 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 6:00 PM | Intentions: For the Soul of Donald Fowler                                           |
| Thursday, September 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Carl Bischof                                            |
| Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |         |                                                                                     |
| Friday, September 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 6:00 PM | Intentions: Honoring Grant Combs                                                    |
| Saturday, September 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8:00 AM | 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass- Intentions: For the Soul of Donna Rossi              |
| Saturday, September 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 5:00 PM | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Crystal Becker            |
| Sunday, August 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8:30 AM | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Delbert Roder |
| Domingo 30 Agosto                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 6:00 PM | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- por los fieles 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |         |                                                                                     |
| 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).<br>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 ( <a href="https://owensborodiocese.org/safe">https://owensborodiocese.org/safe</a> ). |         |                                                                                     |

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 Oshefsky, 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 Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, Rhonda Barrow and Rose Vogt.

**The Parish Mission will be held on October 26-28 presented by the Fathers of Mercy. Please save the date.**  
To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ of St Mary



Happy Fall season from your Acts 2:42 St Mary’s small group team who are meeting each month. We are so grateful to the Lord for making our small groups an important part of our parish community and spiritual life! We pray you are moved by the Holy Spirit to attend one of our monthly small group meetings. The meetings scheduled for September are:

- Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM in the large classroom
- Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

Come and enjoy the beauty and warmth found within our brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us and share the joy of fellowship over prayers, readings, discussions and refreshments. See you there and may God Bless you! Questions? Call or text Duane Wolter at 954-591-1400

**The Dominican Sisters of Nashville will return on September 10 for Family Retreat on Prayer, 9 am- 12. More info to follow. Please mark your calendar!**

OCIA classes begin on September 3 at 6:00 pm and continue weekly thereafter until Easter. 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.

*The Catholic Diocese of Peoria welcomes everyone to the Beatification Mass of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on Thursday September 24, 2026, 2:00 pm CST at the Dome of the America Center in St. Louis, Missouri. Tickets are required to enter the Dome. Visit the Archdiocese of St. Louis event page or the Sheen Foundation site for details.*

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| As of 8/23/26                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| Budget Needs 2025-26     Weekly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                    | \$     4,038                    |                                           | Budget YTD Needs                      |                                              | \$     32,177                                                                         |
| Received last week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    | \$     3,530                    |                                           | Received YTD                          |                                              | \$     31,149                                                                         |
| Difference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    | \$     140                      |                                           |                                       |                                              | \$     (-1,028)                                                                       |
| On Going Projects   Last Week                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                    | \$     63                       |                                           | YTD                                   |                                              | \$     424                                                                            |
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| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday             | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                                 | Thursday                              | Friday                                       | Saturday                                                                              |
| 30<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>8:30 AM Mass<br><br>6:00 PM Misa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 31<br>8:00 AM Mass | 1<br><br>SVDP 10:20-2 Noon Mass | 2<br><br>6:00 PM Mass Religious Education | 3<br>8:00 AM Mass<br><br>6:00 PM OCIA | 4<br><br>6:00 PM 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass | 5<br>8:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass<br><br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>6:00 PM Mass |
| Mass Attendance— 08/22 5:00 PM- 59    08/23 8:30 AM-156 08/23 6:00 PM-110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Please pray for our military:</b> 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 |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <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> Chair- Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- 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 Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 PM</b> Chairman- Duane Wolter, John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Ladies Guild:</b> President—Sheila Jeffers, Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Religious Education Committee:</b> DRE- <b>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, Jean Lovell and Robert Loza                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Librarian-</b> Kathleen Kaapcke                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |
| <b>Archivist-</b> Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                    |                                 |                                           |                                       |                                              |                                                                                       |

# Dear Padre,

## Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, “Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God” (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God’s revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

**Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World*

*War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one’s own dominion.*

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

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