

As of /07/28/26							
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	
9 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	10 8:00 AM Mass	11 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	12 6:00 PM Mass	13 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 PM SVDP Meeting	14 8:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Evangelization Mtg	15 <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother- not a Holy Day of Obligation</i> 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass	
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.							
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 solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. The obligation to attend is lifted.

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
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
Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark , Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, Kateri Edwards and Ninoska Moratin.
Music Director- Joshua Wagner stmaryccmusic@gmail.com Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
Worship/Liturgy Committee: Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), Joshua Wagner, and Maggie Tamm.
Evangelization and Outreach Ministry: Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair) , Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, and Robert Loza
Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
Archivist- Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

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:



Deepen Your Faith with Saint Meinrad. Saint Meinrad's Graduate Theology Program offers flexible online and weekend courses for ministry preparation and personal enrichment. **Join us for an online Open House on Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. CT**, or learn more at www.saintmeinrad.edu/graduate-theology/bulletin.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8-9, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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<i>The deadline for Calendar submissions for the August Calendar Bulletin is 8/25/2026</i>		
Saturday, August 8	5:00 PM	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Joan Mueller
Sunday, August 9	8:30 AM	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Colorigh
Domingo 9 Agosto	6:00 PM	19th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, August 10	8:00 AM	Intentions: Honoring Josue Cabrerra
Tuesday, August 11	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Kathleen Schultz
Wednesday, August 12	6:00 PM	Intentions: Honoring Skylar Richey
Thursday, August 13	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Donald Fowler
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, August 14	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Jason W Bracy
Saturday, August 15	5:00 PM	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Ralph Mueller
Sunday, August 16	8:30 AM	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the People
Domingo 16 Agosto	6:00 PM	20th 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 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, 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,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

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



ANDREY POPOV / SHUTTERSTOCK

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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.

Religious Education will resume on August 16th. Watch for Registration packets. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr Tom or any of the religious Education instructors.

To my Brothers & Sisters in Christ

Why do we feel laziness when it comes to learning about the things of God? Have you ever tried to pay attention or read the Bible, and suddenly felt sleepy or distracted?

Many times, deep in our hearts, we know we want to grow closer to God, but something inside holds us back. It's not just laziness... it's an inner struggle. It's as if our spirit wants to move forward, but our body and mind resist. This has happened to me too: I open the Bible with the desire to learn, to encounter God in His Word, or even when I go before the Blessed Sacrament with the intention of being in His presence and getting to know our Father more deeply... but then the sleepiness comes, my mind begins to wander, and little by little I lose focus.

When I try to read the Bible, I realize that it's not always easy to stay attentive. Sometimes it's physical tiredness, but other times it's because we are not used to giving time to God in the middle of so many daily distractions.

This also helps me understand that everything begins with a decision: the desire to know the things of God. Because when that desire truly awakens in our hearts, little by little God gives us the strength and patience we need to do what He asks of us. And with time, we begin to better understand why we are on the path God has placed before us, even when things are not easy or clear.

This makes me reflect that drawing near to God is not always comfortable. It requires effort, discipline, and above all, love. So often we easily give our time to things that pass away, but when it comes to spiritual life, laziness appears. Yet God does not turn away because of that; instead, He remains patient, waiting for us, understanding our weaknesses, and calling us with love.

I have also learned that it's not about doing a lot but about doing it sincerely. Maybe I do not need to read entire chapters, but rather pause on a single word, a single phrase, and allow it to touch my heart. Even a simple prayer before beginning can change everything: *“Lord, here I am—even when it is difficult—help me listen to You.”*

This reflection invites me not to give up. To understand that even when there is laziness or sleepiness, every small effort matters. Because God does not look at how much I read, but at how much love I put into the effort. And little by little, if I persevere, that desire to know Him will become stronger than any distraction, until my heart learns to find rest—not in sleep, but in His presence.

A Servant of God

Good News!

August 9, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a / Romans 9:1–5
/ Matthew 14:22–33

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God's judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul's faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today's gospel. ●