

Hello, my Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Today, my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to talk about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. How often do we go to confession? Do we go at all? When was the last time you went to the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

The scripture says that the “righteous man” sins seven times a day. So don’t fall into the trap of thinking that you don’t have any “sins” to confess or that they are just “venial sins,” but better yet, get into the habit of going to confession whether you only have venial sins to confess or especially mortal ones! Confession is one of the two sacraments that can be regularly repeated. I think that it’s a good habit to repeat this Sacrament at least once a month. I think that we can get complacent in our lives and are simply happy to get the kids ready and attend Holy Mass on Sundays. What with work, bills, kids, and just juggling life it leaves you with the feeling of, “who has time to go to confession?.” “God knows I’m sorry for sinning! Why can’t I just say an Act of Contrition and get on with it?” The answer is because that’s not the way that God established the Sacrament. We as Catholics know this!

The truth is you must ask yourself why do we come to church to begin with? Is it for social connection? Is it because of family? Or our friends? Or is it to be in perfect communion with the God who created the Heavens and the Earth, Our maker, the One who breathed life into all that is, the Word made flesh? In my humble opinion, it should be the latter! Confession is one of those things that you must make time for; just like prayer and just like coming to Mass because if you don’t make time for it, you absolutely won’t do it! As for me and my family, we like to go to confession about once a month ourselves. We just decide which day that we all have off, and we make a trip over to Fathers of Mercy. They have confessions at 6 o’clock every day, Sunday through Sunday. With our busy lives and work schedules that’s how we work it in! I don’t know about you, but I am so grateful that confession is a part of our Catholic lives! I always make it a point to listen clearly when the priest absolves me of my sins because ultimately the priest stands in “Persona Christi” and Jesus himself is giving you absolution! What a beautiful confession it is!!!

This is a new year, and I would like to challenge every one of you who read this to go to confession at least once a month and bring your whole family! Figure out how to make it work with your schedules. This is part of being Christian and is an inseparable part of our Catholic Identity and being called to be a son or daughter of God! ... So, I’ll leave you with this question. If you were to die today or tomorrow not having gone to confession, where would you be?

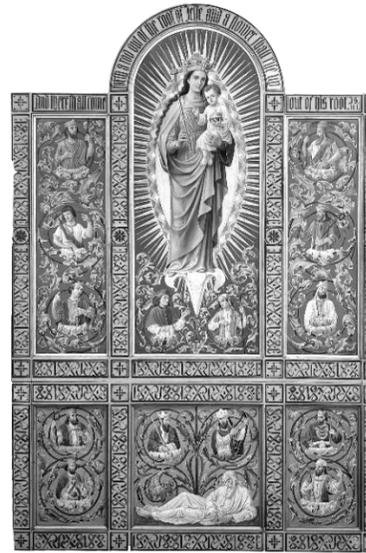
Let’s go to confession and become the Holy Saints we were made to be!!!

Know of my prayers for all of you and please pray for me and my family that we may all be made worthy of the promises of Christ! And as **Archbishop Fulton Sheen** always said, “*God love you, and God bless!*”

Eli, Your Brother in Christ

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00). Fr Tom’s office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.
Building and Grounds Committee: Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera
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St. Mary plans to start a Knights of Columbus “Round Table.” A coordinator is required. The Round Table meets every 3 months. Existing K of C members and new members over age 18 can participate. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more information.



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 14-15, 2026

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the March Calendar Bulletin is 2/18/2026

Saturday, February 14	5:00 PM	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: Soul of Dr A.V. Wilwayco
Sunday, February 15	8:30 AM	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Sou of Rose Alice Forney
Sunday, Febrero 15	6:00 PM	6 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, February 16	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Dr A.V. Wilwayco
Tuesday, February 17	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Jimmy Boone
Tuesday, February 17	6:00 PM	Mardi Gras Celebration
Wednesday, February 18	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass- Intentions: Soul of Joe Mason
Thursday, February 19	8:00 AM	Intentions: Honoring Fr Joel Rogers
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, February 20	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Dr A.V. Wilwayco
Saturday, February 21	5:00 PM	1 st Sunday of Lent– Intentions: Soul of Jesus Echipare
Sunday, February 22	8:30 AM	1 st Sunday of Lent –Intentions: Sou of Jason W Bracy
Sunday, Febrero 22	6:00 PM	1 st Domingo de Cuaresma- 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.

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: Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, Gail Brolley, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

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

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

Mission Statement

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

St. Mary will begin a 5-part Bible study program: *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion* every Tuesday at 1:00 pm from February 24—March 24. We will explore Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context as we walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Cost is \$ 25. Register on Mail Table by February 22. For more info contact Fr. Tom Buckman.



St. Mary's Mardi Gras celebration will be on Fat Tuesday, February 17, at 6:00 pm. Includes Traditional Mardi Gras dishes, Masks, Beads, King Cake, Music and MORE. Fun for the whole family. All are welcome! Please sign up in the Parish Hall by February 15.



Join the Ladies Guild after Mass for the Show Your Love for Babies Brunch

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
February 18 th	Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM
February 24 th	Adult Bible Study with Fr. Tom begins 1:00 PM every Tuesday
Every Friday during Lent	2:30 Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish
October 17 th	Marriage Retreat with Fathers of Mercy
October 26-28	Dominican Sisters Family Retreat

As of 02/10/2026			
Budget Needs 2024-25	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 128,750
Received last week		\$ 3,097	Received YTD \$ 123,494
Difference		\$ (-941)	\$ (-5256)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 90	YTD \$ 3,239

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass Brunch - Pregnancy Support Center 6:00 PM Misa	16 8:00 AM Mass	17 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass 6:00 PM Mardis Gras Celebration	18 Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM Mass No Religious Ed	19 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA	20 8:00 AM Mass 2:30 Stations of the Cross in English 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish	21 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Attendance— 2/7 5:00 PM-81 2/8 8:30 AM-76 2/8 6:00 PM-112

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



Dear Padre,

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents"(CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●



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

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



The Spirit opens borders, first of all, in our hearts. He is the Gift that opens our lives to love. His presence breaks down our hardness of heart, our narrowness of mind, our selfishness, the fears that enchain us and the narcissism that makes us think only of ourselves.... Sadly, oddly enough, in a world of burgeoning "social" media, we risk being ever more alone.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

Monday February 16 Weekday Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13	Thursday February 19 Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25	Saturday February 21 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32
Tuesday February 17 Weekday Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21	Friday February 20 Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15	Sunday February 22 First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11
Wednesday February 18 Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18		

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



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