

**Brothers and Sisters**

**Blessings from your St. Mary’s Evangelization Ministry team**

My dear Church family,

I write this, the Sunday afternoon of the Ice Storm while trying to get it written before possible power outage. I’m praying the Holy Spirit once again gives me the words.

I follow a Facebook page called Catholic Online Class in which I am learning so much after all these years. I am trying to evangelize by sharing the page on my Facebook newsfeed. Learning is a big part of evangelization. Being able to back up questions and in some cases verbal attacks against our Church. You should try to dedicate at least 5 minutes a day to learn something new about our Catholic Church, and you will be arming yourself to protect your faith and share it with others.

**Philippians 4:9.** “Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

I was very reluctant to join the Outreach and Evangelization ministry. I didn’t feel called and I had a full plate. Perhaps it was someone else’s calling to get me here because I was pursued and they won. In truth, I was the one who won. I have never felt closer to God. When I write these letters, I feel like the Holy Spirit gives me the subject. I then Google what I am looking for in the Bible which leads me to reading several verses on the subject until I find what should be brought to you. I have started on my third viewing of The Chosen, I have watched the series, Daniel. I watch much more of the Angel network instead of secular TV. Christian music is replacing secular music more. I have started attending an extra mass. I spend time with God in adoration once a week. I am going to OCIA to sponsor a sweet young lady. I have made friends with several new members of the Church. I am attending a monthly class with St. Mary’s. I am reading “Bible in a year” thru Hallow app. I bought a year of the Hallow App for my daughter in-law who I sponsored last year to help her continue her education and prayer. A fire has been lit, and I have never been happier. I truly pray it stays that way and that God gives me strength to carry any crosses that come my way so I may stay on this path. I still fall and am still standing and brushing myself off and going forward.

Join me and the rest of the Outreach and Evangelization ministry and see if this brings a win to your life also.

May God Bless you,

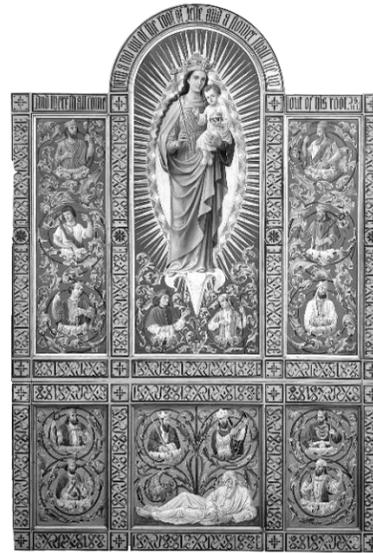
Colleen Rafferty

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.

<b>Office Hours at St Mary:</b> 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.
<b>Building and Grounds Committee:</b> Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) 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: President–Sheila Jeffers,</b> Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney
<b>Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark,</b> Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, and Kateri Edwards.
<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, Duane Wolter (Chair), Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, and Robert Loza
<b>Librarian-</b> Kathleen Kaapcke
<b>Archivist-</b> Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

Have you noticed how nice the Mural looks in its new location? We will soon be painting the walls and looking into refreshing that area soon. Be sure to let the Renovation Committee and Mark Pais know how much we appreciate all their hard work.

Looking Ahead	
February 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mardi Gras Celebration 6:00 PM
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	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



**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

January 31-February 1, 2026

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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, January 31	5:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: Honoring Will Richardson
Sunday, February 1	8:30 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Soul of EG & Hazel Bracy
Sunday, Febrero 1	6:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, February 2	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Seamus Breslin
Tuesday, February 3	Noon	Intentions: Honoring Joel Russell
Wednesday, February 4	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Jesus Echipare
Thursday, February 5	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Andy Garrett
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, February 6	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of SFC(R) Welcie Ford
Saturday, February 7	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Gracie Helen Scott
Saturday, February 7	5:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: Soul of Mary Helen Murphy
Sunday, February 8	8:30 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Honoring the Richardson Family
Sunday, Febrero 8	6:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Sunday, February 8	1:00 PM	Franklin Right to Life Luncheon

**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 Briley, 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 Marettta 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.*

**NEW DATE! Due to the inclement weather**

*this event has been rescheduled.*



**Invites you to Lunch**

Please RSVP (270) 776-6177  
Please leave a msg. or text # of party  
Tables are limited  
**SUNDAY 8 February 2026 @ 1p.m.**

Agenda: Safe Haven Baby Box & Post Abortive Help

St. Mary's Church Parish Hall  
403 N. Main St., Franklin, KY 42134

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.*



The Ladies Guild will hold a Baby Shower Bruch to benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center on February 15<sup>th</sup> following the 8:c0 AM Mass. Please join us in support of this vital ministry for the unborn and their mothers.

**The Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on February 21 at the River Park Center, Owensboro. Presenters are Bob Allen Kroll, Dr. Jason Winkler, Dr. Jeff Andrini, Fr. Larry McBride. Open to all men and high school seniors. Registration forms are on the Mail Table. For more info contact Fr. Tom Buckman or Duane Wolter

As of 01/26/2026			
Budget Needs 2024-25	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 116,290
Received last week		\$ 2,725	Received YTD \$ 113,006
Difference		\$ (-1,313)	\$ -( 3,284)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 45	YTD \$ 3,146

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass  6:00 PM Misa	2 8:00 AM Mass	3 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	4  6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	5 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM OCIA	6  6:00 PM First Friday Mass	73 8:00 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass  3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

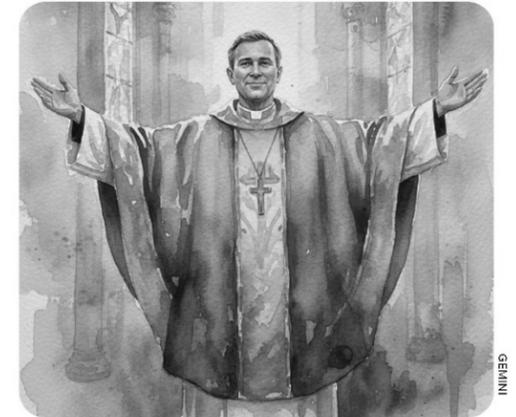
**Mass Attendance— 1/10 5:00 PM-60 1/11 8:30 AM-88 1/11 6:00 PM-143**

**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,**

***I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.***



The *Code of Canon Law* identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that the pastor will engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of Christ's faithful" (CCL 519).

The intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (CCL 228, §2). Many issues, feelings, and even theologies make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of goodwill. (See *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone take a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveals less-than-good intentions, now is the time for an attitude change and to acknowledge that a new start is needed. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> Mal 3:1-4 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32	February 3 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43	February 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6	February 5 <i>St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 Mk 6:7-13	February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> Sir 47:2-11 Mk 6:14-29	February 7 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34	February 8 <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

***The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord.... The Christian life is not lived in isolation.... It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.***

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