

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Blessings from your St Mary's Evangelization & Outreach Ministry team

I recognize that we all lived through our own period of suffering in "weather Hell" for the past 13 days. Some were more blessed and lost power for a short time and some lost power for days and some still don't have their power restored. Some lost water service and some could not even get out of their houses let alone their driveways. But in all cases, we must remember that God is with us and has our best future in mind. He is with us at every moment of our lives! Margaret and I have said the "Surrender Prayer" more times than I can remember, and when I think back, I realize I should have said it more frequently and more fervently!

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, please take care of everything! Amen."

There were times that I thought He wasn't hearing us and wasn't responding; but looking back, I saw His face in so many situations: when he kept us strong, saved us from further disaster, saved our friends, fellow parishioners and families from utter desolation. Jesus, please forgive me for all the times that I failed to fully trust in You, and I thank You for every time that Margaret said, "Just trust"! I thank God for the work of all the first responders and all the utility men and women who worked around the clock to bring services back to us. And please forgive me for everything I said to You with little faith, 'why hasn't this been resolved sooner, why haven't You answered me'? My pledge is to build my faith in You in all things and remember not to rely on my human ability to take of situations.

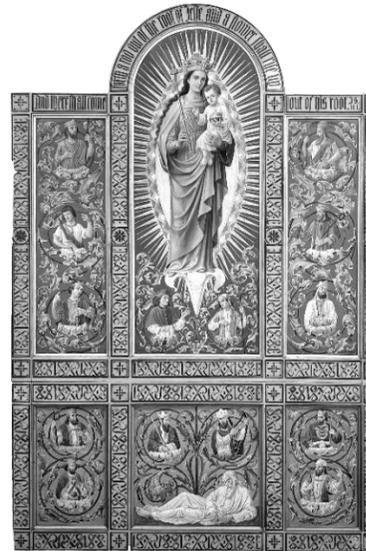
Remember the old saying of 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going?' The better saying is 'when the going gets tough, the faithful believe in Christ, pray harder and follow His guidance.' So, how do we serve side by side, work through troubles, correct wrongdoings in order to build the kingdom of God? Have you ever wondered what it means for God to be glorified in your life? We may believe that we must do something big and impressive, as **St Teresa of Calcutta** did, but I don't believe that is what God expects from each of us. He has given each of us chrisms to use in service to Him! Revealing God to the world brings glory to Him. There are many ways by which we can achieve this. "When our experience of his mercy leads us to be merciful to the people around us, when we have the confidence to reach outside of ourselves to help someone in need or as simply as when our joyful attitude or our ability to stay at peace during a stressful time is seen by others" (**The Word Among Us**). Please just put your trust in Him!

Today I ask that each of us says one "Surrender Prayer" for our healing from our "weather Hell" and building our Faith. I ask this for the peace of our community and for the peace in each of our souls, as we are all called to be intercessors by Christ. In **Galatians 6:2** we are all called to "Bear one another's burdens". As we bear one another's burdens through intercession, "always remember that Our Lord, at the same time, is ministering to our own souls, as well" (**Fr. Wolfe, EWTN Chaplain**). Your prayer, your kind word, your smile, or your listening to others may just be the difference in that person's day or be the reason that they turn to God. Please know that I am also praying for you in my simple way.

May Jesus bless you and your family and friends. Duane Wolter

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| 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 |
| Administration & Finance Committee Meets 3rd 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, and Kateri Edwards. |
| 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 |

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 7-8, 2026

5TH 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

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| Saturday, February 7 | 5:00 PM | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: Soul of Mary Helen Murphy |
| Sunday, February 8 | 8:30 AM | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Honoring the Richardson Family |
| Sunday, Febrero 8 | 6:00 PM | 5th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Para la gente de la parroquia |
| Sunday, February 8 | 1:00 PM | Franklin Right to Life Luncheon |
| Monday, February 9 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Charles & Gloria Zeman |
| Tuesday, February 10 | Noon | Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett |
| Wednesday, February 11 | 6:00 PM | Intentions: Honoring Fr. Tom Buckman |
| Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM | | |
| Thursday, February 19 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett |
| Friday, February 13 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Delbert Roder |
| Saturday, February 14 | 5:00 PM | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: Soul of Dr A.V. Wilwayco |
| Sunday, February 15 | 8:30 AM | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Sou of Rose Alice Forney |
| Sunday, Febrero 15 | 6:00 PM | 6th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 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 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.

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.

Show Your Love For Babies by joining The Ladies Guild for a Baby Shower Bruch to benefit the Crisis Pregnancy Center on February 15th following the 8:00 AM Mass. Please join us in support of this vital ministry for the unborn and their mothers.



Join us on Tuesday at 12:45 for Health Ministry Senior Aerobics!



| Looking Ahead | |
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| February 15 th | Show Your Love for Babies Brunch |
| February 17 th | Mardi Gras Celebration 6:00 PM |
| 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 |

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 02/03/2026 | | | |
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| Budget Needs 2024-25 | Weekly | \$ 4,038 | Budget YTD Needs \$ 124,375 |
| Received last week | | \$ 3,717 | Received YTD \$ 119,063 |
| Difference | | \$ (-321) | \$ -(5,312) |
| On Going Projects | Last Week | \$ 55 | YTD \$ 3,149 |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 1:00 Right to Life Luncheon 6:00 PM Misa | 9 8:00 AM Mass | 10 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass 12:45 PM Health Ministry | 11 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed 7:00 PM Worship Comm. Mtg. | 12 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM OCIA | 13 8:00 AM Mass 5:00 PM Evangelization and Outreach Mtg. | 14 10 AM Baptism Prep Class 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass |

Mass Attendance— 1/31 5:00 PM-60 2/1 8:30 AM-66 2/1 6:00 PM-138

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,

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the **Liturgy of the Word** and the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.



The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world but cultivating it and protecting it.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 7, 2025



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

| Monday | Thursday | Saturday |
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| February 9 Weekday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56 | February 12 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30 | February 14 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10 |
| Tuesday | Friday | Sunday |
| February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13 | February 13 Weekday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37 | February 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 |
| Wednesday | February 11 Weekday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23 | |

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