

Brothers and Sisters:

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

“What about when He was rejected, betrayed,”

Our past weeks have been filled with preparing for the birth of our Lord (Advent) and celebrating His birth during our Christmas season. There are many Holy Days and Feast Days for us to celebrate His arrival and the years of His growth to adulthood (not described in detail in the Gospels). The whole Christmas season can be summed up in Mary’s Magnificat (see **Luke 1:36-55**). I wonder if Mary often repeated her Magnificat throughout her life. From preparing for Jesus’ birth, to His birth night; when He uttered His first word, turned water into wine, and called His followers? But, what about on the more difficult days of His public ministry when He was misunderstood and taunted? What about when was He was rejected, betrayed, tortured, and crucified? Would Our Lady have prayed a Magnificat then? Perhaps so! It is very moving to pray the Magnificat as a preemptive act of thanksgiving, as an act of surrender, as a heroic act of trust in the goodness and immutability of God. *“The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.”*

Mary, please hear and answer my prayer:

“Sweet Mother do not depart from me.

Do not lose me from your sight.

Accompany me everywhere.

and never leave me all alone.

Because you protect me,

like a true Mother,

obtain for me the blessings of the Father,

the Son and the Holy spirit. Amen”

Fathers and Brothers of Maryknoll

Even after decades of practicing our Catholic faith, I am continually reminded about, and learn more about, our Blessed Mother. Every day brings new insights regarding Her love and devotion to us and Her ability to intercede through Her Son on our behalf.

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

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.
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 10-11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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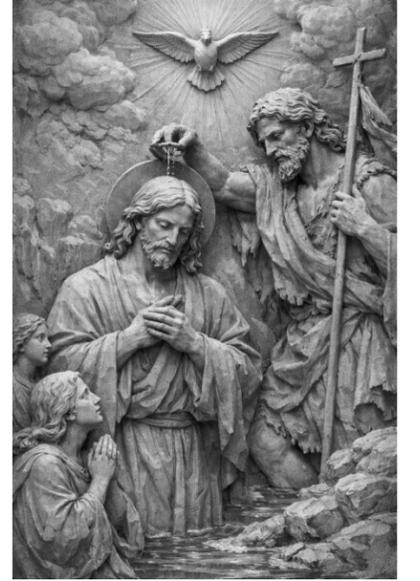
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Saturday, January 10	5:00 PM	The Baptism of the Lord– Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Joan Mueller
Sunday, January 11	8:30 AM	The Baptism of the Lord –Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Mae Sloan
Sunday, Enero 11	6:00 PM	Bautismo del Señor- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, January 12	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Marion Sloan
Tuesday, January 13	Noon	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Patricia & George Garst
Wednesday, January 14	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Donna Rossi
Thursday, January 15	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Jesus Echipare
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, January 16	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Norman Bouchard
Saturday, January 17	5:00 PM	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Rosie Wolter
Sunday, January 18	8:30 AM	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Jason W Bracy
Sunday, Enero 18	6:00 PM	Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia

The deadline for Calendar submissions for the February Calendar Bulletin is 01/21/2026

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.

As of 01/06/2026						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 108,387	
Received last week		\$ 5,244	Received YTD		\$ 107,143	
Christmas Donation		\$ 30			4,588	
Difference		\$ 1,206			\$ (-1,244)	
On Going Projects Last Week		\$ 61	YTD		\$ 2,956	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 The Baptism of the Lord 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	12 8:00 AM Mass	13 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass 12:45 PM Health Ministry 6:30 Renovation Committee Mtg.	14 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	15 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA	16 8:00 AM Mass	17 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance— 1/3-88 1/4 8:30 AM- 98 1/4 6:00 PM- 131						

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.



Eternal rest grant unto Jesus Echipare, husband of Elsa Echipare. May he rest in peace.

Erin will be out of the office on Tuesday January 13. If you need anything, please call on Thursday January 15th.

The monthly **EASY SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS** will be held Tuesday, January 13th after the Noon mass at approximately 12:45.




Invites you to Lunch

Please RSVP (270) 776-6177
Please leave a msg. or text # of party
Tables are limited
SUNDAY 25 JAN 2026 @ 1p.m.

Agenda: Safe Haven Baby Box & Post Abortive Help

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

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS!
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!
IF I HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
YOU WILL RECEIVE THE
NEW SCHEDULE **February through May **
VIA EMAIL on January 10th or 11th
IF I DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE FOR YOU,
YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE ON THE MAIL TABLE
(NOW LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY AREA)
IN THE PARISH CENTER!
QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARGARET WOLTER AT 954-629-8209

Dear Padre,

Why do our bishops not marry? Scripture plainly says that they must be the husband of one wife and have faithful children.



RODRIGO DE MIGUEL / CATHOPIC

This is an excellent question and brings us face to face with an important truth: for Catholics, the sacred Scripture is not the singular source of our practice and discipline. We also look, with equal authority, to the living Tradition of the Church. The magisterium is entrusted with the authentic interpretation of both Scripture and Tradition.

With this theological and historical context as a necessary background to your question, the answer to your query is this: the lived Tradition of the Church does not support a married clergy, including bishops. Although the Scripture allows for it, and provides some general guidelines, the lived Tradition of the Church does not. The Roman Catholic Church has a celibate clergy and will continue to have a celibate clergy unless and until the magisterium, in union with the pope, determines otherwise. There have been some discussions about changing this discipline, but now there is not much momentum that would suggest any imminent change.

In the wider Orthodox Catholic Church, in union with Rome, there is a provision for a married clergy, but, even in these traditions, there is no exception made for married bishops. Bishops are and will continue to be celibate regardless of what Scripture may allow. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 12	January 13	January 14	January 15	January 16	January 17	January 18
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Anthony, Abbot	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8 Mk 1:14-20	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a Mk 2:13-17	Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the family, faith is handed on together with life, generation after generation. It is shared like food at the family table and like the love in our hearts. In this way, families become privileged places in which to encounter Jesus, who loves us and desires our good, always.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 1, 2025