

Brothers and Sisters

Blessings from your St. Mary's Evangelization Ministry team

As we begin a new year, we are reminded that every Catholic is invited to rediscover the mission Christ gave His Church: to share the Gospel with love, joy, and courage. Evangelization is not only about speaking, but it also begins with the way we live. Our kindness, patience, forgiveness, and compassion often proclaim Christ more loudly than words.

The new year offers a fresh opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments. When we encounter Christ personally, we are strengthened to become authentic witnesses of His love in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Evangelization also means listening to others, walking with them in their joys and struggles, and showing them that the Church is a place of welcome, hope, and mercy. In a world that longs for meaning and stability, our quiet witness can open hearts to God's presence.

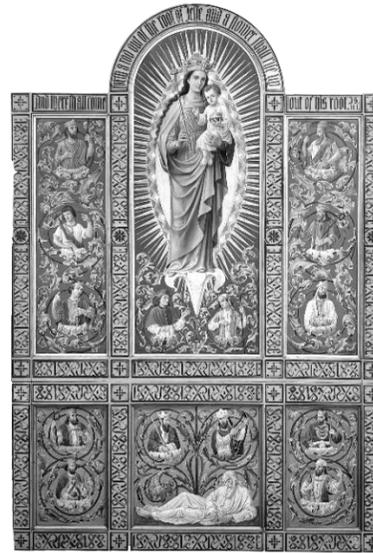
May this year be a time of renewed faith and renewed mission. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide our words, inspire our actions, and help us bring the light of Christ to everyone we meet.

May God bless you all.

Robert Loza

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

Looking Ahead	
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



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 24-25, 2026

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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Saturday, January 24	5:00 PM	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: Honoring Will Richardson
Sunday, January 25	8:30 AM	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Soul of EG & Hazel Bracy
Sunday, Enero 25	6:00 PM	3rd Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, January 26	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Johnny Breslin
Tuesday, January 27	Noon	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Fr Richard Childress
Wednesday, January 28	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Donna Rossi
Thursday, January 29	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Soul of Michael Garrett
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, January 30	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett
Saturday, January 31	5:00 PM	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: Honoring Will Richardson
Sunday, February 1	8:30 AM	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Soul of EG & Hazel Bracy
Sunday, Febrero 1	6:00 PM	4th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia

Diocese of Owensboro www.owensborodiocese.org

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

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 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.

NEW DATE! Due to the threat of 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.

Safe Haven Baby Box & Post Abortive Help

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



St. Mary plans on starting 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

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.

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

Dear God, I come before You today with a heart filled with gratitude and a deep desire for Your protection and safety during this winter season. As the cold weather approaches and the days grow shorter, I ask that You would watch over me and my loved ones.

Keep us safe from accidents, illnesses, and extreme weather conditions that may arise. Guide us away from any path that could bring harm to our physical and mental well-being. Surround us with Your loving presence and wrap us in Your arms of protection.

Grant us wisdom and discernment to make wise decisions and to take necessary precautions. I trust in Your unfailing love and the power of Your mighty hand to keep us safe. In Your Name, I pray. Amen.

As of 01/18/2026			
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
25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	26 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.	27 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	28 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	29 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM OCIA	30 8:00 AM Mass	31 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,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26 <i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Mk 3:22-30	January 27 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mk 3:31-35	January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20	January 29 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25	January 30 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34	January 31 <i>St. John Bosco, Priest</i> 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41	February 1 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

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

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025