

Brothers and Sisters:
Blessings from your St Mary’s Evangelization Ministry Team

Today I want to talk to you about coming **home**. There is an old phrase that states, “once a Catholic, always a Catholic.” You may have been away from the church for a while, and now the Holy Spirit is whispering in your ear to come home.

With all of us having busy schedules, not wanting to cut our Saturday evenings short, or maybe even wake up early on a Sunday morning, it is equally important to still attend Mass. Honestly, I, myself, have been guilty of both from time to time. So how do we change this? First is prayer. With prayer, we are able to be in the hands of our Lord and protector. Prayer provides us with strength to walk a similar path of Jesus Christ Himself. Nothing happens without the grace of God. We must pray, as it is the greatest thing we can do. We want to help bring people to the Lord.

I would like to focus this week on leading by example, just as Christ led us. Evangelism is the process in which an individual is led through the stages of becoming a disciple. “*Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:37-38)*. There is a vast amount of work we can do as Catholics; however, we must put in the work! We must lead by example for our fellow neighbors.

Evangelism is not about forcing people in an awkward moment to listen to a prepared speech about God. Evangelism is loving people the way that Christ would love people. It is the love of Christ in our hearts which opens the door to share the Gospel message. I pray that each of you, individually, find peace and guidance while continuing your journey and passage with Jesus, so you too can find your way home to Jesus.

May God bless you all.
Robert Loza

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
July 18 th	Ladies Guild Bingo Night

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.
Parish Council: Chair- Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy
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, Kateri Edwards and Ninoska Moratin.
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 CATHOLIC CHURCH

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 11-12, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman
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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the August Calendar Bulletin is 7/21/2026		
Saturday, July 11	5:00 PM	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday July 12	8:30 AM	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Intentions for the Soul of SFC Willie Ford
Sunday 12 Julio	6:00 PM	15 th Domingo del tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, July 13	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Emil Burger
Tuesday, July 14	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J Buckman
Wednesday, July 15	12:30 PM	Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Patrick Collins
Wednesday, July 15	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Donald Folwer
Thursday, July 16	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Louis Becker
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, July 17	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Diniz Medieros
Saturday, July 18	5:00 PM	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Rosie Wolter
Sunday, July 19	8:30 AM	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the People
Domingo 19 Julio	6:00 PM	16 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Sofia Mondragon

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

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:
Patrick Collins, 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, Gail Briley, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, 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 Vincent de Paul thanks you for your generosity. In the Gospel, Jesus says, “*This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens.*” Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The money you place in the St. Vincent de Paul coin shake collection brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor. Thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul team and the neighbors we serve.

The Pantry has been sorely depleted. If you have the means to donate food for the pantry, please bring items to the church and place them outside the closet nearest the basement stairs. Cereal, peanut butter, pasta sauce and pasta, canned meats (tuna, chicken etc.), boxed meals (hamburger helper), macaroni and cheese, canned soups, Raman. Please, be sure the items are in-date as we cannot use out-of-date foods.



As of 07/07/26								
Budget Needs 2025-26		Weekly	\$	4,237	Budget YTD Needs		\$	4,327
Received last week			\$	5,082	Received YTD		\$	5,082
Difference			\$	(-1019)			\$	755
On Going Projects		Last Week	\$	42	YTD		\$	42
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
12 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	13 8:00 AM Mass	14 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	15 12:30 Memorial Mass for Patrick Collins 6:00 PM Mass	16 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	17 8:00 AM Mass	18 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Ladies Guild Bingo Party		
Mass Attendance— 07/04 5:00 PM- 47 07/05 8:30 AM-95 07/05 6:00 PM-90								
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								
Prayer For Our Men and Women in Military Service: O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion to the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its people from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded in justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will towards all. Amen								



Welcome Fr Michael Reyes to St Mary for St. Meinrad Weekend is July 11-12. He will speak on the mission of St Meinrad Archabbey and Seminary.

Bingo Night! Mark your calendars for July 18th and join the Ladies Guild for food, fun, fellowship, and BINGO!



Wednesday, July 15th there will be a Funeral Mass for Patrick Collins. Visitation is from 11:30-12:30 Mass at 12:30 with funeral meal to follow. All are welcome.

Dear Padre,
I look at what’s going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?



GUSTAVO FRAZAO / SHUTTERSTOCK

Evil isn’t a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what’s happening in our world today. Judges’ twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity’s need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, “Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God.” It’s easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, “Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin.” Don’t lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God’s kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



ANTONELLA ULLAURI / CATHOLICA

HOMILY, ROME, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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