

Brothers and Sisters:

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

HUMILITY. What does this virtue mean to you? Do you think that humility means a lack of self-confidence? Or does humility mean that you are weak and you need to hide in the shadows? Or that you lack faith in your own skills, experience or love of God or your neighbor? But **NO!** Humility is seeking to imitate Christ. He was modest in all He did, giving credit to and teaching everyone that everything we are is only through God’s grace. Father Patrick Mary, MFVA, said; “It’s the only virtue that Jesus Himself asked us to learn. “*He said, ‘Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart’.*” We are to seek to imitate Christ in this virtue of humility, and it’s vital to our salvation. In fact, it’s one virtue that’s common to all Saints.”

It’s important to remember that when we do something that is good, we need to know the source of that action. “If God does something good through us, we need to know that He is the author of that and we simply cooperated with His grace,” Says Father Patrick and adds that, “the danger of pride is we lose sight of God-that He is our help, as our strength lies in God, not in ourselves.”

Let us recite daily the Litany of Humility to grow in this virtue. (The Litany of Humility is attributed to Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val (1865-1930), who was Secretary of State to Pope Saint Pius X).

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen, and I set aside, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

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

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

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18-19, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the August Calendar Bulletin is 7/21/2026		
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
Monday, July 20	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lisa Arnold
Tuesday, July 21	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Brian Zimmerman
Wednesday, July 22	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Patrick Collins
Thursday, July 23	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Basil Trouten Sr
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, July 24	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Jim Breslin
Saturday, July 25	5:00 PM	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Don Stegilbauer
Sunday, July 26	8:30 AM	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Donna Bracy
Domingo 26 Julio	6:00 PM	17 th 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:, 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:

Calvin Oshefsky, 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.

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM 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 3 rd 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



The Pantry has been running very low. 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, granola bars, pop tarts, 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 07/14/26						
Budget Needs 2025-26 Weekly		\$ 4,237		Budget YTD Needs		\$ 7,903
Received last week		\$ 2,574		Received YTD		\$ 7,161
Difference		\$ (-1,663)				\$ 742
On Going Projects Last Week		\$ 32		YTD		\$ 74
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	20 8:00 AM Mass	21 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	22 6:00 PM Mass	23 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	24 8:00 AM Mass	25 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
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						

Thank you to all the Volunteers who worked so tirelessly to provide an amazing VBS this year. The team provided themed meals each night, music, religious education, laughter, love and so much fun! A huge shout out to the decoration team. If you didn't have a chance to stop by and see the “plane” and the “baggage claim” as well as all the other décor, you missed out!

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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

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

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: “Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

EXTRAORDINARY CONSISTORY,
ROME, JANUARY 7, 2026

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