

My dear Church family,

My friends, I am again addressing the issue of gossiping because a significant part of Evangelizing is setting the right example or living my life as Jesus guides me. Lately I’ve been raising questions in various gatherings in and out of church trying to obtain insights of how other people feel about gossip; what’s included in the definition and what’s not considered gossiping. I tell them that gossiping is something I am trying to eliminate completely from my life. One answer I received was, “if it’s true, then it’s not gossip.” Another said, “If you have nothing nice to say about another person do not say anything about them.” They then added that this is “the golden rule to follow.” Though I was thankful for their input, I still felt that we didn’t clearly define what is gossip and what is not gossip.

I also felt that some of the comments I received made light of the issue of gossip and I still didn’t do my part in the conversation to take a strong stand against gossiping. I took my lack of standing up for the person being gossiped about to my next visit to the confessional. I knew that I had made some progress in turning away and even stopping gossip, when a friend said, “I know this is gossip, but” and then ceased gossiping.

I have placed my faith in my reading and understanding of the Bible. In the words of:

- **Ephesians 4.29:** *“Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.”*
- **James 1:26:** *“If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.”*

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please pray for me as I continue to struggle with this sin of gossip and I will try to do likewise for you.

May God Bless you all,

Colleen Rafferty

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School
July 18 th	Ladies Guild Bingo Night

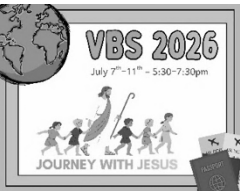
Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00). Fr Tom’s office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.
Parish Council: Chair- Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, 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 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 Fomey
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 welcomes new member Clare Marie Edwards (parents Jeffry and Kateri Edwards) baptized on June 27, 2026.

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 next weekend 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.



Vacation Bible School starts on July 6th. Registration forms are on the mail table! We still need volunteers as well- Contact Hannah Clark-Scarborough for more information.

St. Mary welcomes new baptized member Jennifer Guardado (parents Omar and Vilma Guardado) on June 28, 2026.

As of 6/30/26						
Budget Needs 2025-26 Weekly		\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 210,000
Received last week		\$	3,019	Received YTD		\$ 215,786
Difference		\$	(-1019)			\$ 5,786
On Going Projects Last Week		\$	47	YTD		\$ 4877
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass	6 8:00 AM Mass	7 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	8	9 8:00 AM Mass	10 8:00 AM Mass	11
← Vacation Bible School 5:30-7:30 PM each dav →						3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
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Mass Attendance— 06/20 5:00 PM- 72 06/21 8:30 AM-119 06/21 6:00 PM-93						
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						



St. Meinrad Weekend is July 11-12. A Visiting Priest and Benedictine Monk, Fr Michael Reyes 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!

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 4-5, 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 4	5:00 PM	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: Celebrating the 91 st Birthday of Kay Wilwayco
Sunday July 5	8:30 AM	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions for the Soul of Ashton Joyce
Sunday 5 Julio	6:00 PM	14th Domingo del tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, July 6	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of E.G. Bracy
Tuesday, July 7	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Peggy Wolter
Wednesday, July 8	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lauren McCoy
Thursday, July 9	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Philip Blouin

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday, July 10	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Ralph Mueller
Saturday, July 11	5:00 PM	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday July 12	8:30 AM	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions for the Soul of SFC Willie Ford
Sunday 12 Julio	6:00 PM	15th 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: **Carol O'Bryan**, 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 Mareta 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.