

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

When I looked in the bathroom mirror yesterday, I realized that I am not only getting older but also entering later years of life. I will not argue about what the “golden years” mean. As long as I can feed the horses, clean the stalls, repair fences, trim tree limbs, and mow the grass, I know I can still serve my family and friends in meaningful ways. My thoughts then turned to praising the Lord and thanking Him for all He has done for me, my family, and our church this past week and throughout the years. I feel great joy in knowing our Catholic faith and in being guided by the Holy Spirit, especially when I slow down, quiet my mind, and listen to Him. Most important of all, I treasure the joy of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ at every Mass and will treasure this for the rest of my life.

I read in the ETWN Newsletter that in the writings of St. Francis of Assisi, I will never find the word “Eucharist.” Rather, he only spoke of the very essence of what-or rather Who-the Eucharist is: the **Body and Blood of the Lord**. As said by St. Francis, “*In this world, there is nothing of the Most High Himself that we can possess and contemplate with our eyes, except his Body and Blood.*” EWTN has a program running now, *His Body and Blood: Franciscan Saints on the Eucharist.*” Please try to find time to watch a bit of it. The program traces the journey of St Francis from a worldly young man to a saint who loved the Blessed Sacrament more than himself. It also shares examples of God’s protection for us, who believe in Him through faith. When St. Clare, foundress of the Poor Clares under St Francis’s guidance, found her monastery under attack, she prostrated herself before the Blessed Sacrament, and the Lord saved the sisters, their monastery and Assisi. Another time when she was unable to attend Midnight Mass, the Mass miraculously appeared on the wall of her cell. For this reason, Pope Pius named her the patron saint of television. How blessed we are to have a patron saint of television?

St. Francis said, “*O sublime humility! O humble sublimity! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and Son of God, should humble himself like this and hide under the form of a little bread, for our salvation.*”

When I waiver in my faith, or lose my humility, I remember St Francis’s words which serve to strengthen my belief in the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. I approach the Eucharist with humble interpretation, knowing I am not worthy, but that He will allow me to join Him in love and in His mercy. These thoughts being tears to my eyes now and I often have tears of joy when kneeling in prayer after joining with Him.

I pray that sharing these thoughts with you will assist you into more deeply welcoming Jessus into your heart at Communion and thanking Him for joining with you.

May God bless you and your family and friends. Duane Wolter

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
June 27-28	Bethlehem Wood Carvings
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 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
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13-14, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the July Calendar Bulletin is 6/23/2026



Saturday, June 13	5:00 PM	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Intention for Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday June 14	8:30 AM	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Intentions for the Souls of John & Christine Wargo
Sunday 14 Junio	6:00 PM	11th Domingo del tiempo Ordinario- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, June 15	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Patricia Buckman
Tuesday, June 16	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Wednesday, June 17	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Gail Briley
Thursday, June 18	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Fr Gerald Baker
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, June 19	8:00 AM	Intentions: Honoring Ninoska Moratin and Jay Everett
Saturday, June 20	5:00 PM	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Intention for Soul of Michael Fenley
Sunday June 21	8:30 AM	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Intentions for the People of St Mary
Sunday 21 Junio	6:00 PM	12th Domingo del tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Teresa de Jesús

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.

Dear Padre,

I struggle to relate to traditional devotions like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any advice?

Christ instructed his followers to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul, and mind. (See Matthew 22:37.) We seek a deeper union with God not only through reason and understanding but also through feelings and affections. However, as Pope Francis pointed out, “Many people feel safer...in the more readily controllable domain of intelligence and will” (*Dilexit Nos* [On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ], 10). Descartes said of us, “I think, therefore I am,” but it can also be said that “I am my heart, for my heart is what sets me apart, shapes my spiritual identity, and puts me in communion with other people” (*DN* 14).

Moreover, the heart “is the place of encounter” with God (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2563). Pope Francis acknowledges that some people today may not find the Sacred Heart image to be meaningful (See *DN* 2.), but it’s “a summons to make room for an encounter with Christ...in whatever way we wish to picture him” (*DN* 57). “More than any other part of his body, the heart of Jesus” represents “his boundless love” (*DN* 48). Therefore, “any act of love or worship of his heart is thus ‘really and truly given to Christ himself,’ since it spontaneously refers back to him and is ‘a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ’” (*DN* 50). ●



JOAN SUTTER / CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Twelfth Sunday
1 Kgs 21:1–16	1 Kgs 21:17–29	2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14	Sir 48:1–14	2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20	2 Chr 24:17–25	<i>in Ordinary</i>
Mt 5:38–42	Mt 5:43–48	Mt 6:1–6, 16–18	Mt 6:7–15	Mt 6:19–23	Mt 6:24–34	<i>Time</i>
Do you have a question for the Padre?						Jer 20:10–13
Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.						Rom 5:12–15
						Mt 10:26–33



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Humility is really freedom from ourselves.... Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet, deep down, they are quite insecure.... Dear friends, today let us pray that the Church will always be a school of humility for everyone, a home where all are welcome, a place where rivalries are set aside and where Jesus...teaches us to imitate his own humility and freedom.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 31, 2025



From Bishop Medley: “I invite all adults of St Mary’s Parish to participate in our Acts 2:42 Small Groups.

Starting in September 2026, you will be doing *In the Word* with me. Each session is filled with prayer, faith-sharing, the scriptures, and a video reflection from me. You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain. So, I hope you will join your **small group gatherings**. Contact either Duane Wolter (954-591-1400) or Vicki Shandor (615-218-2453) for more information. They will also be available after Mass to answer your questions.

Join the Diocese of Owensboro for an unforgettable *Championing the Faith Pilgrimage to Chicago and Wisconsin*, August 30–September 4, 2026, with Chaplain, Fr. John Vaughn. Begin in Chicago with special highlights including a visit to Pope Leo’s childhood home, dinner at his favorite pizzeria, and a visit to the National Shrine of Saint Jude. **Fr. Byron Macias** will join us for part of the pilgrimage and looks forward to reconnecting with his friends from Sts. Peter and Paul. In Chicago we will also visit the National Shrine of Maximilian Kolbe and Mundelein University. Our journey continues into Wisconsin, where faith and beauty combine in memorable ways. Experience Holy Hill, enjoy a relaxing boat tour, visit a scenic lighthouse, and take in a beautiful sunset dinner along the lake. We will also explore local favorites including a creamery stop and a cheese factory, offering a taste of the region’s rich tradition. The pilgrimage culminates with a meaningful visit to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion, the site of the only Vatican-approved Marian apparition in the United States. The pilgrimage begins with pick-ups in Eddyville and Madisonville, and Owensboro before departure. Space is limited and filling quickly, so early registration is encouraged. Learn more and reserve your spot at <https://tri.ps/eRRBt>—we would love for you to join us!

Congratulations to Jose Sanchez – Cruz Narvaez who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on June 6, 2026.

St. Mary will honor our country’s 250th birthday with a Youth Festival after the 6:00 pm Mass. Event will include Pelican SnoBalls, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fun Activities and Fireworks. All youth are welcome.

As of 6/9/26			
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 198,871
Received last week		\$ 4,432	Received YTD \$ 200,216
Difference		\$ 394	\$ 1,345
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 102	YTD \$ 4,531

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 11 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass <i>Flag Day</i>	15 8:00 AM Mass	16 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	17 6:00 PM Mass	18 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	19 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Rehearsal <i>Moratin-Everett</i>	20 1:00 PM Wedding <i>Everett-Moratin</i> 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Anointing of the Sick
6:00 PM Misa				5:00 PM Admin Committee Mtg.		

Mass Attendance— 06/06 5:00 PM- 70 06/07 8:30 AM-102 06/07 6:00 PM-no count

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