

The Love and Compassion of Jesus Christ

At the heart of the Gospel is a truth that changes everything: God loves us. Not in an abstract, distant way — but personally, radically, and without condition. In Jesus Christ, that love took on flesh, walked among us, wept with us, and ultimately gave itself completely on the Cross.

Throughout the Gospels, the compassion of Jesus is unmistakable. He stopped for the blind beggar when the crowd tried to silence him. He touched the leper when no one else would dare. He welcomed the sinful woman who washed His feet with her tears. Again and again, Scripture tells us that Jesus looked upon the crowds and was "moved with compassion" — a phrase that in the original Greek carries the meaning of being stirred to the very depths of one's being. This was no polite sympathy. This was love that costs something.

The Cross is the ultimate proof. Jesus did not die for the righteous, the put-together, or the already-holy. He died for sinners — for the broken, the doubting, the wandering, and the lost. As St. Paul reminds us in **Romans 5:8**, “*God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*”. That is the scandal and the glory of the Gospel.

But the compassion of Jesus did not end on Good Friday. It continues today — in the Eucharist, where He gives us His very Body and Blood; in the confessional, where He extends His mercy without limit; and in the community of the Church, where His love is made visible through the care of His people for one another.

The invitation of Jesus is not to a set of rules, but to a relationship. He calls each of us by name, meets us in our suffering, and walks with us through every season of our lives. His love is not earned — it is freely given, and it is enough.

May every heart that reads these words know, with certainty, that it is loved by the God who made it.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.", **John 3:16**.

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Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
June 27-28	Bethlehem Wood Carvings
July 4	Special Mass for the consecration of the USA to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
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 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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 27-28, 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, June 27	5:00 PM	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Intention for Soul of Alton Nichols
Sunday June 28	8:30 AM	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Intentions for the People of St Mary
Sunday 28 Junio	6:00 PM	13 th Domingo del tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de Miguel Arturo Ku
Monday, June 29	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Basil Trouten Sr.
Tuesday, June 30	No Mass	Intentions: For the Soul of Moco Wolter
Wednesday, July 1	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Fr. Gerald Baker
Youth 250 th Celebration of America		
Thursday, July 2	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Ralph Mueller
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, July 3	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Ernesto Julian
Saturday, July 4	8:00 AM	1 st Saturday Mass of Consecration of USA-Intentions: For Our Country
Saturday, July 4	5:00 PM	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: Celebrating the 91 st Birthday of Kay Wilwayco
Sunday June 28	8:30 AM	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Intentions for the Soul of Ashton Joyce
Sunday 28 Junio	6:00 PM	14 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: 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 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.

The First Saturday Mass on July 4 at 8:00 AM will be a special Mass with music. It will include the U.S. Bishop’s consecration prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the 250th birthday of the United States. Rosary to follow Mass. All are welcome.

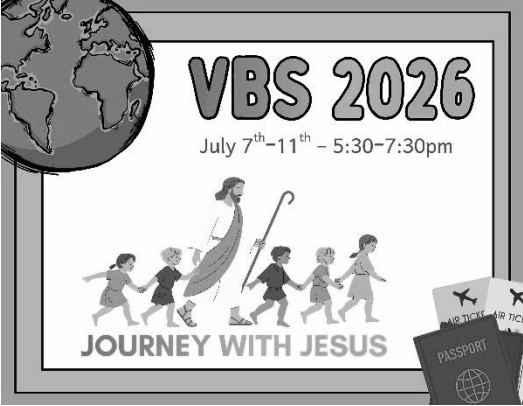
St. Mary will honor our country’s 250th birthday with a Youth Festival after the July 1st 6:00 pm Mass. This event will include free Pelican SnoBalls, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, and fun Activities. All youth are welcome.

As of 6/9/26						
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$	207,038
Received last week		\$	3,998	Received YTD	\$	206,804
Difference		\$	(-40)		\$	(-234)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$	50	YTD	\$	4728
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass Bethlehem Wood Carvings 6:00 PM Misa	29 8:00 AM Mass	30 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	1 6:00 PM Mass	2 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	3 6:00PM 1 st Friday Mass	4 8:00 AM 1 st Saturday Mass 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
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 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 soon!
Registration forms are on the mail table! We still need volunteers as well- Contact Hannah Scarborough for more information.

Dear Padre,

For the past year or so, I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?



MARCUS AURELIUS / PEXELS

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the results of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. For example, when St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the gospels. Praying as an act of faith or returning to God’s presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but, even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of distractions, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila wrote in *The Interior Castle*, “We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them.... [Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let [them] disturb or grieve you.” No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. He advises us to hang in there, because the devil would like nothing better than for us to stop praying. ●

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28
Weekday	Weekday	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18 Mt 7:1–5	2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12–14	Is 49:1–6 Acts 13:22–26 Lk 1:57–66, 80	2 Kgs 24:8–17 Mt 7:21–29	2 Kgs 25:1–12 Mt 8:1–4	Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19 Mt 8:5–17	2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a Rom 6:3–4, 8–11 Mt 10:37–42



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
It is wonderful to think that, when we consider our individual calling...each of us can say with confidence: “Despite my weakness, the Lord is not ashamed of my humanity. Instead, he comes to dwell within me. He accompanies me with his Spirit; he enlightens me and makes me an instrument of his love for others, for society, and for the world.”

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025