

To My Brothers and Sisters of St Mary

Brothers and Sisters

Blessings from your St. Mary's Evangelization Ministry team

As we begin this holy season of Lent, Ash Wednesday reminds us that God is always inviting us to return to Him with our whole hearts. The ashes we receive are not just a sign of our mortality, but of God's endless mercy and desire to draw us closer.

Lent offers us a fresh opportunity to slow down, pray more deeply, simplify our lives, and serve others with love. These weeks are a gift—a time to let God heal, renew, and strengthen us.

Whether you come to church every week or have been away for a while, this season is for you. Christ welcomes you. Our parish welcomes you. Join us in prayer, worship, and community as we journey together toward the joy of Easter.

May this Lent bring you peace, hope, and renewed faith.

May God bless you all.

Robert Loza



The Ladies Guild will host A Bingo Party on Saturday March the 14. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

St. Mary plans to start a Knights of Columbus "Round Table." A coordinator is required. The Round Table meets every 3 months. Existing K of C members and new members over age 18 can participate. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more information.

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.
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, and Kateri Edwards.
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



You are invited to join us on Sunday March 22 at 4:00 pm for a Seder Meal. Everyone is invited to come and participate in this re-enactment of God's saving actions from the Book of Exodus in which the Jewish people still celebrate as their Passover Meal today. Please sign up by March 15. For more information contact Fr. Tom Buckman

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 28- March 1 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the March Calendar Bulletin is 2/18/2026

Saturday, February 28	5:00 PM	2 nd Sunday of Lent— Intentions: Soul of Clarence Zimmerman
Sunday March 1	8:30 AM	2 nd Sunday of Lent —Intentions: For the Soul of SFC(R) Welcie Ford
Sunday Marzo 1	6:00 PM	2 nd Domingo de Cuaresma- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, March 2	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Mary Jo Ormsky
Tuesday, March 3	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Elizabeth Becker
Wednesday, March 4	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Delbert Roder
Thursday, March 5	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Brenda Moore
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, March 6	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Souls of Emil & Lucille Burger
Saturda, March 7	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of James Breslin
Saturday, March 7	5:00 PM	3 rd Sunday of Lent— Intentions: Soul of Andy Garrett
Sunday March 8	8:30 AM	3 rd Sunday of Lent —Intentions: For the Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Leon Travis
Sunday Marzo 8	6:00 PM	3 rd Domingo de Cuaresma- 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: Patrick Collins, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, Gail Briley, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers:

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, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon

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.

Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgoux and Rose Vogt.



St Mary Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are hosting a fish fry on Friday evening, March 20th from 5 to 7PM. It's a full meal: fish, sides dishes, dessert, and drinks! \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 5 to 10 years old. All proceeds will benefit the Franklin community.

Good News!

March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4a / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9

ANN M. GARRIDO

Have you ever noticed that mountains and clouds seem to “go together”? When I was a child, I thought it was because the mountains’ height pierced the sky. Turns out, it’s a bit more complicated. Mountains “create” their own clouds. When moving air comes across a mountain front, it forces the warm air to rise to cooler zones and water droplets in the air to condense. The phenomenon is so common that these clouds have their own name: lenticular. They are known for being bright—even colorful—with rays of light peeking out from behind.

It’s no wonder why, throughout history, people have sought to ascend mountains as part of their spiritual journey. It was a way to get closer to the “heavens”—to those radiant clouds. Recall the prophet Elijah, who climbs Mount Sinai seeking a face-to-face encounter with God. Or Moses, who, with three of his closest friends, ascends Mount Sinai to meet God in a radiant cloud that hovers over the top of the peak.

So, it’s also no wonder why Jesus, with three of his closest friends, might also climb a mountain and meet Elijah and Moses there. No wonder why that mountain would be covered in a bright cloud that thunders with God’s voice, and why, in that moment, Scripture describes heaven and earth as mysteriously yet visibly mingling in the person of the transfigured Jesus.

The story of the transfiguration reminds us that just like mountains and clouds were meant for one another, heaven and earth were meant for one another. Jesus stands at the point where the two meet. ●

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Do you have a business you would like to advertise in the bulletin? We have discussed adding a business card page to the bulletin and would like to gauge the level of interest and get feedback. Please email stmaryfranklinky@gmail.com

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
Every Friday during Lent	2:30 Stations of the Cross
Every Friday during Lent	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish
March 20 5:00 PM	Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
March 22	Seder Meal
March 31	Chrism Mass- Owensboro
April 2 6:00 PM	Holy Thursday
April 3 5:00 PM	Good Friday Service
April 4 8:00 PM <i>at Christ the King</i>	Easter Vigil Mass

As of 02/24/2026			
Budget Needs 2024-25	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 136,826
Received last week		\$ 3,209	Received YTD \$ 130,141
Difference		\$ (- 829)	\$ (- 6,685)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 137	YTD \$ 3,486

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 st Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM Mass 3:00 PM Ladies Guild Mtg. 6:00 PM Misa	2 8:00 AM Mass	3 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass 1:00 PM Bible Study	4 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	5 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM OCIA	6 2:30 Stations of the Cross in English 6:00 PM 1 st Friday Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish	7 8:00 AM 1 st Saturday Mass 8:30 AM Building and Grounds Mtg. 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Attendance— 2/21 5:00 PM-96 2/22 8:30 AM-84 2/22 6:00 PM-136

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

Dear Padre,

I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?

I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●



PROFESANT/CATHOLIC

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	MARCH 3 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	MARCH 4 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	MARCH 5 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	MARCH 6 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	MARCH 7 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	MARCH 8 <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i> Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"

Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

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