

To my brothers and sisters in Christ

This Holy Week, our hearts are drawn to the greatest mystery of God's love: Jesus Christ, who, with humility and complete surrender, gave His life for us on the cross. It is a time to remember that His sacrifice was not for recognition or human applause, but out of pure, selfless love. It is also a moment to look within ourselves and ask: for whom do I serve in the church?

Sometimes, we may feel hurt or disappointed by other members of the community. It is natural that, faced with misunderstanding or conflict, we might step back, feeling that our efforts are in vain. But this Holy Week teaches us that our true service was never for others; it is an encounter with God, an act of love that comes from the heart. Every act of help, every prayer, every gesture of humility has meaning when we do it for Him, who knows our intentions and walks with us even in our falls.

Abandoning our service because of others is forgetting that our focus should be on the divine, not the human. Christ, on His way to Calvary, faced injustice, rejection, and pain, yet He never stopped loving or serving. His example shows us that true strength lies in persevering with patience, forgiveness, and humility, even when we feel hurt or discouraged.

This Holy Week invites us to rediscover our purpose: to serve from love, from the heart, imitating Christ in His total self-giving. God always waits for us, with tenderness and patience, ready to receive our desire to serve. When we remember that our encounter is with Him, and not with human approval, we realize that every act of service becomes a living prayer, a seed of love that grows within us and touches the lives of others.

Because the true encounter was never with people... it was always with God, and He is the one who gives meaning, strength, and joy to all that we do.

A Servant of God

**The Living Way of the Cross (bilingual) will be held outdoors (weather dependent) on Palm Sunday March 29 at 4:00 pm. All are welcome.**



**The Ladies Guild Meeting will be at 5:00 PM Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.**

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 28-29, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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Saturday, March 28	5:00 PM	Palm Sunday– Intentions: For the Soul of Patrick Collins
Sunday March 29	8:30 AM	Palm Sunday –Intentions: For the Soul of Jimmy Boone
Sunday Marzo 29	6:00 PM	Domingo de la Ramos- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, March 30	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Miguel Arturo Ku
Tuesday, March 31	Noon	Intentions: For the Boone Family
Wednesday, April 1	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Brenda Moore
Thursday, April 2	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Basil and Hilda Trouten
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, April 3	6:00 PM	Good Friday Service
Saturday, March 28	No Mass	<b>No Easter Vigil Mass at St Mary- 8:00PM at Christ the King</b>
Sunday March 29	8:30 AM	Easter Sunday –Intentions: For the Soul of John Kelly
Sunday Marzo 29	6:00 PM	Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección- Para la gente de la parroquia

*The deadline for Calendar submissions for the May Calendar Bulletin is 4/22/2026*

**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:** 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, Gail Briley, 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, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgoux 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 Dedication of the New Altar will be at the 5:00 pm Mass on April 11 by Bishop Medley. All are welcome to attend this special Ritual. Reception to follow.**

<b>Office Hours at St Mary:</b> 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.
<b>Building and Grounds Committee:</b> Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera
<b>Administration &amp; Finance Committee Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 PM</b> Chairman- Duane Wolter, John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm
<b>Ladies Guild: President—Sheila Jeffers,</b> Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney
<b>Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark,</b> Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, and Kateri Edwards.
<b>Music Director- Joshua Wagner</b> <a href="mailto:stmaryccmusic@gmail.com">stmaryccmusic@gmail.com</a> Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
<b>Worship/Liturgy Committee:</b> Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), Joshua Wagner, and Maggie Tamm.
<b>Evangelization and Outreach Ministry:</b> Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair), Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, and Robert Loza
<b>Librarian-</b> Kathleen Kaapcke
<b>Archivist-</b> Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

Congratulations to Roy and Maria O'Bryan who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony on March 21, 2026.

The Divine Mercy novena (materials in Parish Hall) runs from April 3 Good Friday until April 11. Divine Mercy devotions will be at St. Mary on Divine Mercy Sunday April 12 at 2:00 pm. Please plan to join us.

As of 03/24/2026			
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 153,548
Received last week		\$ 3,594	Received YTD \$ 151,762
Difference		\$ (- 444)	\$ (- 1,786)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 92	YTD \$ 3,820

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29 Palm Sunday</b> <b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	30 8:00 AM Mass	31 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass 1:00 PM Bible Study	25 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	26 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	27 8:00 AM Mass 2:30 Stations of the Cross in English	28 Noon Baptisms 3:30 Confessions <b>5:00 PM Mass</b> 6:30- Baby Shower for Erika and Eli Gantt
<b>6:00 PM Misa</b>	6:00 Parish Council Mtg.			5:00 PM SVDP Meeting 6:00 PM OCIA	7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish	

**Mass Attendance—** 03/14 5:00 PM-98 3/15 8:30 AM-101 3/15 6:00 PM-103  
**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

St. Mary welcomes its newest member Joseph McMahon Jr. (Parents: Joseph and Marta McMahon) baptized on March 21, 2026.

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 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
April 12 2:00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions

# Dear Padre,

**How do the three sacred oils differ, and how do I dispose of them properly as a sacristan?**

Jesus Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king. *Christ* means “Anointed One.” The sacred oils assist the members of the Church, who share in Christ’s priestly, prophetic, and royal mission. Catechumens are anointed with the oil of catechumens for God’s help to resist evil, reject sin, and adhere to a lifelong profession of faith as they prepare for baptism. The infirm and elderly are anointed with the oil of the sick to fight against the physical and spiritual debilitating effects of illness through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Chrism, the most important of the three, can only be consecrated by a bishop. It is used for baptism (along with the oil of catechumens), confirmation, the ordination of a priest or bishop, and the dedication of a church and altar.

A repository for the oils—often marked *Olea Sanctae* (“Holy Oils”)—is called an *ambry*. It is usually in a prominent church location near the baptismal font. Each year, when the oils are replaced, a priest, sacristan, or other person may absorb the old oil with cotton and burn it in a thurible or as part of the fire that begins the Easter Vigil. With special care, old oil can also be added to a large burning candle, like the sanctuary lamp. Reverence and safety are proper for whatever method of disposal is used. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 30</b> <i>Monday of Holy Week</i> Is 42:1-7 Jn 12:1-11	<b>MARCH 31</b> <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i> Is 49:1-6 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	<b>APRIL 1</b> <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i> Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25	<b>APRIL 2</b> <i>Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)</i> Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	<b>APRIL 3</b> <i>Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)</i> Is 52:13-53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	<b>APRIL 4</b> <i>Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)</i> Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Bar 3:9-15, 32-44 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rom 6:3-11 Mt 28:1-10	<b>APRIL 5</b> <i>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</i> Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Dear brothers and sisters, we too are invited to “prepare the Passover” of the Lord. Not only the liturgical one: that of our life too. Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell. What does it mean for me today to “prepare”?**

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, AUGUST 6, 2025

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

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