

Brothers and Sisters:  
Blessings from your St Mary's Evangelization & Outreach Ministry team

The month of May begins with the celebration of St Joseph the Worker. This feast was instituted in 1955 as a response to communism's International Worker Day. It is meant to emphasize the Christian understanding of human work and to place all workers under the loving care of St Joseph. Celebrating St Joseph in Mary's month also offers us an opportunity to consider how the Lord gave to each of them pivotal, yet unique, roles in salvation history. The Lord gave to St Joseph the role of protecting His son. Most notably, we think of when St Joseph was told in a dream to take the Child and His Mother and flee to Egypt (Mathew 2:13-23). This he did, saving Jesus' life from the massacre of the Holy Innocents.

I say the following prayer everyday asking for St Joseph to guide me and intercede with his Son in granting me the graces to follow closely our Lord and Savior. This prayer was discovered in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In 1505, it was sent from the pope to Emperor Charles when was going into battle. Whoever reads this prayer, hears it, or keeps it about themselves shall be afforded many protections. The words of holding the baby Jesus to St Joseph's heart touches me every day as I am reminded of holding my children as babies to my heart. Received from Our Lady of Solitude Monastery; [www.desertnuns.com](http://www.desertnuns.com):

*"O St Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in Thee all my interests and desires. O St Joseph, so assist me by thy powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through thy foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer thee my thanksgiving and homage. O St Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thine arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen."*

I wish to share one more prayer with you and I ask that you consider saying it every day, because it will touch your heart and begin each day in faith that Jesus is there every day to guide you to heaven, if you only calm your mind and listen in silence to his words! Received from The Coming Home Network:

*"O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee who are dwelling by Thy grace within my soul.  
O Most Holy Trinity, who are dwelling by Thy grace within my soul  
Make me love Thee more and more.  
O Most Holy Trinity, who are dwelling by Thy grace within my soul,  
Sanctify me more and more.  
Abide with me, O Lord;  
Be thou my true joy. Amen"*

(Note-Indulgence granted of 300 days for each of the above prayers even when recited separately)

Reminder: please pray this month to both our Mother Mary and to St Joseph to intercede with their Son, Jesus, to grant us healing, peace and guidance to better love and assist our neighbors.  
May Jesus bless you, your family, and friends.  
Duane Wolter

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
May 3	First Communion
May 9-10	Hispanic Marriage Retreat
June 27-28	Bethlehem Wood Carvings
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School

<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). <b>Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.</b>
<b>Parish Council:</b> Chair- Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy
<b>Building and Grounds Committee:</b> Fr Tom Buckman, <b>Mark Pais (Chair)</b> 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> <b>Chairman- Duane Wolter</b> , 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, Kateri Edwards and Ninoska Moratin.
<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, <b>Duane Wolter (Chair)</b> , Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, and Robert Loza
<b>Librarian-</b> Kathleen Kaapcke
<b>Archivist-</b> Sheila Harrington, Marian Becker, and Andrew Tamm

# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 2-3, 2026 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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*The deadline for Calendar submissions for the June Calendar Bulletin is 5/19/2026*

Saturday, May 2	5:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Intention for Soul of Patrick Collins
Sunday May 3	8:30 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Honoring Kenny Garrett
Sunday Mayo 3	6:00 PM	5 <sup>th</sup> Domingo de Pascua- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, May 4	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Polly Sloan
Tuesday, May 5	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett
Wednesday, May 6	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Beverly Wargo
Thursday, May 7	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Loretta Blouin
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, May 8	8:00 AM	For the Soul of Mollie Fowler
Saturday, May 9	5:00 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Intention for Soul of Patrick Collins
Sunday May 10	8:30 AM	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter-Intentions for the Soul of Brenda Moore
Sunday Mayo 10	6:00 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> Domingo de Pascua- 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.

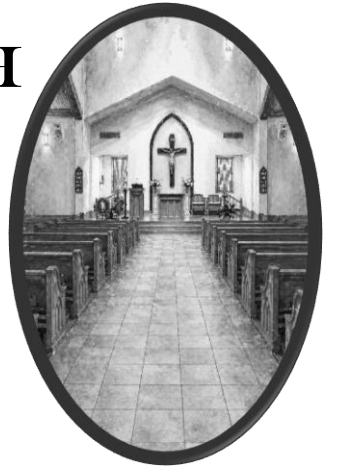
Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: David Kelly, Regina Cozzy and Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, Gail Briley, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, 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 Mirgaux and Rose Vogt.

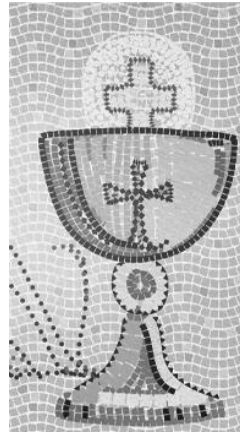
## Mission Statement

*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.*



We welcome and congratulate the following members of St Mary who received the Sacraments on April 5, 2026: Gerald Alexander, Katie Alexander, Neal Calvert, Stephanie Craig, James Everett, Elmer Alfaro, Marisol Andres, Keily Alonzo, Melchora Domingo, Makenzie Escobar, Miguel Flores, Eric Hernandez, Neptali Narvaez, Diego Pascual, Brandon Reyes, Kelly Sanchez, Roxana Sebastian, Jose Serrano, Kendra Serrano, Karla Serrano, Luciano Trejo, Renata Trejo,

Please be aware that the church will be closed for carpet cleaning on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.  
The church will reopen on Tuesday morning May 12<sup>th</sup>.



**Please join us as we celebrate with our  
2026 First Communion Class**

Rosella Ayala, Chole Barrientos, Gael Cruz, Kasey Sanchez, Luna Cruz,  
Estrella Cruz, Josue Cruz, Ximena Leon, Juan Gomez, Wendy Gomez,  
Iker Gomez, Liceth Tomas, Yasmin Madrid, and Eder Garcia

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**2026 Pilgrimage to  
ST MEINRAD ARCHABBEY &  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
Lunch at Schnitzelbank German Restaurant, Jasper, IN  
**MONDAY JUNE 8, 2026**  
Leaving St. Mary at 8:00 AM  
**SIGN-UP FORMS** are on the Minister Table in the Parish Center

As of 04/28/2026			
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 175,000
Received last week		\$ 2,688	Received YTD \$ 172,586
Difference		\$ -1,350	\$ (- 2,414)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 47	YTD \$ 4,110

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Sunday 8:30 AM Mass</b>	4 8:00 AM Mass	5 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	6 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed 6:30 New Server Training	7 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	8 8:00 AM Mass	9 10 AM Baptism Prep Class
6:00 PM Misa					Hispanic Marriage Retreat-Spanish	
					5:00 PM Evang. Comm. Mtg.	3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

**Mass Attendance— 04/15 5:00 PM- 75 04/19 8:30 AM-108 04/19 6:00 PM-126**

**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

# Dear Padre,

*I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.*

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●



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

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is*



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*not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that*

*asking is not unworthy, but liberating.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

<b>Monday</b> May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26	<b>Thursday</b> May 7 Easter Weekday Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11	<b>Saturday</b> May 9 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
<b>Tuesday</b> May 5 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a	<b>Friday</b> May 8 Easter Weekday Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17	<b>Sunday</b> May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
<b>Wednesday</b> May 6 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8		