

To my many Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

Sometimes serving in the Church is not easy. Not because of the work itself, but because of what we feel in our hearts. There are moments when, instead of receiving a smile, we receive a cold look; instead of words of encouragement, we find silence or even rejection. And then the question arises: why keep serving like this?

The answer is deeper than it seems. We do not serve to please people or to receive recognition. We serve God. As Scripture reminds us: *“Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others”* (Colossians 3:23). When we understand this, our hearts begin to change. Service stops depending on how others treat us and begins to flow from the love within us.

It is true that many times we are afraid. We say, “I don’t have time,” “I don’t know how,” “I’m not enough.” But deep down, many of these are excuses born from insecurity or fear of rejection. And even so, God does not call us because we are perfect, but because we are willing. *“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”* (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Serving means loving without conditions. It means giving even when no one notices. It is to imitate Jesus, who did not come to be served, but to serve (Mark 10:45). He Himself was rejected and misunderstood, and still, He continued loving until the end.

The path of service is not easy, but it is a holy path. Every small act, every hidden effort, every silent sacrifice has immense value in the eyes of God. And even when it hurts, even when it is tiring, in the end there is a reward the world cannot give: peace in the heart and the joy of knowing we are walking close to Him.

Serving is not about us. It is about loving as God loves us. And when we serve with humility, even in the midst of difficulties, our hearts are transformed... and little by little, we become more like Him.

"MY GOD, IN TURN, WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS,

ACCORDING TO HIS IMMENSE RICHES IN CHRIST JESUS."
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

A Servant of God

St Vincent de Paul asks for you your generosity.

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 passes directly through us to our neighbors in need, the poor, homeless and lonely of our community, which spans over 25 miles from our church and the travelers passing through who are in need. Thank you from your St. Vincent de Paul team and the neighbors we serve.

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
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pentecost Sunday

May 23-24, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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Saturday, May 23	5:00 PM	Pentecost-Intention for Soul of Cynthia Shandor
Sunday May 24	8:30 AM	Pentecost Sunday-Intentions for the Soul of Sharon Henderson
Sunday Mayo 24	6:00 PM	Domingo de Pentecostés- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, May 25	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Marjorie Nichols
Tuesday, May 26	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Marian Marugg
Wednesday, May 27	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lisa Arnold
Thursday, May 28	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Marie Buchanon
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, May 29	8:00 AM	For the Souls of Frank and Marie Farmer
Saturday, May 30	5:00 PM	Trinity Sunday-Intention for Soul of Lala Shamirzaian
Sunday May 31	8:30 AM	Trinity Sunday-Intentions for the Soul of Bud Rafferty
Sunday 31 Mayo	6:00 PM	Santísima Trinidad- Para la gente de la parroquia

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

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: 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.

Dear Padre,

I am a senior Catholic woman. All my life, I have waited for the Church to welcome women as priests. I have volunteered with numerous faiths over the years and have worked with pastors and rabbis who are women. Why does the Catholic Church not recognize that women have callings to the priesthood?



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOLIC

My answer will probably not be acceptable to you, and it might even make you a little more frustrated and perhaps even discouraged. The understanding of the Church is that the call to priesthood is not based on merit. If it were based on merit, and that was the single important criterion, your question might be phrased in a different way. I will let you imagine what that might be!

The tradition, practice, and discipline of the Church continues to insist that the call to ordained priesthood requires the respondent to be male. Any explanation beyond this simple statement would be strained and of little use. We are aware of the traditions that are practiced in other Christian denominations. We are probably aware of the Roman Catholic theology of priesthood that is offered in support of the practice. We can probably offer example after example in support or in disagreement of the practice. None of it matters when it comes up against the hard truth of the tradition, practice, and discipline: the priesthood requires a baptized male for validity. ●

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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 25
The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
 Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14
 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday
May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
 1 Pt 1:10-16
 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

May 27
Weekday
 1 Pt 1:18-25
 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday
May 28
Weekday
 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12
 Mk 10:46-52

Friday
May 29
Weekday
 1 Pt 4:7-13
 Mk 11:11-26

Saturday

May 30
Weekday
 Jude 17, 20b-25
 Mk 11:27-33

Sunday
May 31
The Most Holy Trinity
 Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9
 2 Cor 13:11-13
 Jn 3:16-18

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

At Pentecost, the apostles spoke the languages of those they met, and the confusion of Babel was finally resolved by the harmony brought about by the Spirit. Whenever God's "breath" unites our hearts and makes us view others as our brothers and sisters, differences no longer become an occasion for division and conflict.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 8, 2025

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Last Call—We need your Senior's name (High School or College) ASAP for the Bulletin and for the reception. Please call the office at 270-586-4515 or email to stmaryfranklinky@gmail.com

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

Eternal rest grant unto Mike Glodoski. May he rest in peace. Arrangements are still pending

Good News!

May 24, 2026
 Pentecost Sunday (A)

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

ANN M. GARRIDO

When reading aloud today's passage from Acts of the Apostles, do you stumble over the names of the peoples gathered as I do? "Parthians, Medes, and Elamites." Where is "Cappadocia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia"? And why were all these peoples in Jerusalem in the first place?

It might help to know that Pentecost did not originate as a Christian feast. There are three pilgrimage festivals that drew Jews from across the Mediterranean region to Jerusalem. Sukkot celebrates the fall harvest and God's protection during the exodus from Egypt. Two are in the spring: Passover, the Feast of the Unleavened Bread, recalling the night the Jews were freed from enslavement in Egypt; and Shavuot, or *Pentecost* in Greek, remembering the giving of God's law on Mount Sinai.

The scene described in Acts echoes the story at Mount Sinai. The peoples who gathered outside the house in Jerusalem represent the breadth and diversity of peoples known at that time, and not just at that time. Some of the civilizations mentioned had not existed for hundreds of years. The book of Acts wants us to know that the gift of the Holy Spirit was an event of such significance that somehow *all* were mysteriously present—not just those of times gone by, but even we who live in such faraway, hard-to-pronounce places as Islamabad or Albuquerque. Today, we celebrate a gift that transcends time and geography. A gift that continues to draw all of us together in wonder and awe. ●

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As of 05/14/2026			
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs \$ 183,750
Received last week		\$ 2,204	Received YTD \$ 183,624
Difference		\$ (-1,834)	\$ (-126)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 42	YTD \$ 4,395

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Pentecost Sunday 8:30 AM Mass	25 8:00 AM Mass	26 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	27 6:00 PM Mass	28 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	29 8:00 AM Mass	30 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Attendance— 5/9 5:00 PM- 84 5/10 8:30 AM-123 5/3 6:00 PM-100

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