

**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

Looking Ahead- SAVE THE DATE	
June 27-28	Bethlehem Wood Carvings
July 6-10	Vacation Bible School

**A Servant of God**

**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,**

<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>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</b> Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 5:00 PM <b>Chairman- Duane Wolter</b> , John Janicek, Darrell Fenley, and Andrew Tamm
<b>Ladies Guild:</b> <b>President-Sheila Jeffers</b> , Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney
<b>Religious Education Committee:</b> <b>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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 9-10, 2026

**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*



<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> -Intention for Soul of Patrick Collins
<b>Sunday May 10</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> -Intentions for the Soul of Brenda Moore
<b>Sunday Mayo 10</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Domingo de Pascua</b> - Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, May 11	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Jean Rafferty
Tuesday, May 12	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Jesus Echipare
Wednesday, May 13	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Intentions of Rev Tom Buckman
Thursday, May 14	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Hilda Trouten
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, May 15	8:00 AM	For the Soul of Mary Harner
<b>Saturday, May 16</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> -Intention for Soul of Cynthia Shandor
<b>Sunday May 17</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b> -Intentions for the Soul of Brenda Moore
<b>Sunday Mayo 17</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Ascension del Señor</b> - 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.*

Please be aware that the church will be closed/locked immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for carpet cleaning. The church will reopen on Tuesday morning May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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**

*Happy Mother's Day*

*An Evening*  
**FOR THE SEPARATED & DIVORCED**

CO-SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO AND ABOUNDING JOY MINISTRY  
 Are you or someone you know struggling?  
 You're invited to an **online free** event offering hope, healing and community.

May 19 | 7pm CDT | In-person at Holy Spirit Church & McRaith Catholic Center **OR**  
 May 21 | 9pm CDT | Online via Zoom

**Topics Include:**  
 ✓ Coping with anger, fear and shame  
 ✓ Finding your identity after divorce  
 ✓ Forgiveness for self or others  
 ✓ Healing spiritually and emotionally

**Presenter:**  
 Carolyn Klika Catino, Founder & Catholic Divorce Healing Coach

**Scan to Register**

**Diocese of OWENSBORO**

Email: Carolyn@AboundingJoyMinistry.com  
 Share this invitation with anyone in need.

**Dear Padre,**

**What are the role and responsibilities of a parish priest in his church and community?**



Primarily, a parish priest is a teacher and sanctifier. As teacher, he is obliged to instruct people in the faith, especially through the homily and catechetical formation—the Catholic education of children and young adults. He fosters “works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice.” With lay assistance, he brings the gospel message “to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith” (Code of Canon Law 528 §1).

As sanctifier, he works “so that the Christian faithful are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments,” especially the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance. He is also responsible for ensuring that the Eucharist is central to the faith community by encouraging active participation in the liturgy and parish life so that it’s authentically celebrated. (See CCL 528 §2.)

His other pastoral obligations are in the area of governance. These duties include outreach to those entrusted to his care, especially the sick and dying. He fosters growth in the Christian life within the family. “[W]ith particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely, those exiled from their country, and similarly those weighed down by special difficulties.” Moreover, he is responsible for grounding his local community within the broader universal Church’s mission. (See CCL 529.) ●

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / Dear Padre.org*

As we prepare the budget for Fiscal year 2026-27, all departments that anticipate needing to purchase items or spend funds from the parish budget, should submit a request for funds prior to 5/14/2026. Thank you ~The Admin Team

As of 05/5/2026						
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$ 178,952		
Received last week		\$ 5,048	Received YTD	\$ 180,421		
Difference		\$ 1,010		\$ 1,469		
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 70	YTD	\$ 4,353		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
10 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 8:30 AM Mass	11 8:00 AM Mass	12 10:30-2PM SVDP Noon Mass	13  6:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Last Religious Ed 7:00 PM Worship Comm. Mtg.	14 8:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM- 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration	15 8:00 AM Mass	16  3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Attendance— 5/2 5:00 PM- 57 5/3 8:30 AM-256 5/3 6:00 PM-74

**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

**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*The Lord wanted us in this time filled with challenges that, at times, seem to exceed our strength. We are called to embrace these challenges, to interpret them evangelically, to experience them as opportunities to bear witness. Let us not flee from them! Pastoral commitment, like that of study, become for us a school to learn how to build the kingdom of God in today's complex and challenging history.*

ADDRESS TO THE CLERGY OF ROME,  
 JUNE 12, 2025

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**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 11 Easter Weekday Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26-16:4a	<b>Thursday</b> May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Jn 15:9-17	<b>Sunday</b> May 17 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
<b>Tuesday</b> May 12 Easter Weekday Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	<b>Friday</b> May 15 Easter Weekday Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	
<b>Wednesday</b> May 13 Easter Weekday Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15	<b>Saturday</b> May 16 Acts 18:23-28 Jn 16:23b-28	