

To My Brothers & Sisters in Christ

There are many ways by which one can Evangelize. And there are many reasons why someone hesitates to approach a family member, friend, or casual acquaintance to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. But one thing we can all do is pray for those who, for whatever reason, may be facing a crisis in their life. When you consider the many ways by which you can serve our parish, please consider joining our prayer chain!

On Sunday, October 18th, the first reading emphasized that we should be open to receiving help from our brothers and sisters just as Arron and Hur (literally) supported Moses as he prayed. The Word Among Us meditation for Sunday’s readings noted: “It’s not always easy to ask for help when we’re struggling. But asking someone to pray for us—or with us—opens the door to God’s grace! A friend can intercede for us and offer support when we’re weary. Through their presence, they can show us that God is with us.”

Our prayer chain provides you with the opportunity to request prayers whenever you feel the need.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, simply send an email to stmaryccpc@gmail.com stating the intention. Your request can be for you or someone you know of in need of prayers. It can be as simple as “Please pray for a special intention” or it can provide specific details regarding the reason for your request.

We will also share, via email, the intentions of all those who have requested prayers. When a request for prayer(s) is shared with our prayer chain we ask you to take a moment and offer prayers for the listed intention(s).

We share our prayer requests with the prayer chain at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Davie, FL. Their chain was started as an outgrowth of their Emmaus retreats and, as a result, our prayer requests reach over 3000 prayer warriors! This past September we received the following update: “My Emmaus Brothers and Sisters. I sent an email request a few months ago for prayers for my cousin Mike Farrell who had just been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer and was given at most 6 months to live. I spoke with his wife recently. He is cancer free! The doctors are calling it a miracle! I know your prayers as well as other people praying around the country have brought about this miracle. So, thank you very much. God is good all the time and all the time God is good. Mike said he is going to frame the paper that gave him six months to live. He will need a liver transplant but that is much less severe than cancer.”

As quoted above, today’s Word Among Us meditation tells us to:
“Be open to receiving help from your brothers and sisters.
Turn to the Scriptures
Rely on God.”

It is so easy to join and become a part of our prayer chain – simply send an email to stmaryccpc@gmail.com or call/text Margaret at 954-629-8209.

Thank you! Margaret Wolter.

Volunteers are needed for the 2025 Pro Life Christmas Parade float sponsored by Franklin Right to Life. We need someone to play Mary and Joseph. We also need two banner walkers and a couple of candy walkers. Call Colleen Rafferty for more information at 270-776-6177



November is set aside to pray for our beloved dead. Bring pictures of deceased loved ones and place them on the memorial table. Print names of the deceased on the wooden hearts and they will be prayed for at Mass. Mass offering envelopes can be completed and placed in the basket. May they rest in peace. The Requested donation is \$5/Mass.



HOW CAN YOU SERVE?

If you would like to be an aide for K-5th grade or a substitute teacher for Religious Education on Wednesday Evenings, please contact the parish office or Robin Clark. Thank you!

St. Mary Catholic Church

November 1-2, 2025

All Souls Day

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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Saturday, November 1	5:00 PM	All Souls Day– Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Sunday, November 2	8:30 AM	All Souls Day –Intentions: Honoring Teresa & Kenny Garrett
Sunday, November 2	6:00 PM	Día de los Fieles Difuntos- Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, November 3	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Tim Murray
Tuesday, November 4	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett
Wednesday, November 5	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Christopher Boarman
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, November 6	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lewis and Mary Garst
Friday, November 7	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Katie Murray
Saturday, November 8	5:00 PM	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica– Intentions: For the Soul of Diane Barber
Sunday, November 9	8:30 AM	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica –Intentions: For the Soul of Victor Johnson
Sunday November 9	9:30AM	Wagner Baby Shower
Sunday, November 9	6:00 PM	Dedicación de la Basílica de Letrán- Para la gente de la parroquia

The deadline for Calendar submissions for the December Calendar Bulletin is 11/25/25

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:

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 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.

The prayer list was cleared on November 1st. If you would like someone added to the list please call or email Erin at the office or you can email to stmaryfranklinky@gmail.com

St. Mary is interested in participating at the "Room in the Inn" serving Franklin's homeless community if someone is willing to coordinate volunteers. For more info contact the Parish Office.

As of 10/28/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 64,355
Received last week		\$	2,977	Received YTD		\$ 59,179
Difference		\$	(-1061)			\$ (-5,176)
On Going Projects Last Week		\$	50	YTD		\$ 1,739
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Souls Day 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	3 8:00 AM Mass	4 SVDP 10:30-2 PM Noon Mass	5 6:00 PM Mass Religious Ed All Saints Day Party	6 8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-10:00 PM 5:00 PM SVDP Meeting 6:00 PM OCIA	7 6:00 PM 1 st Friday Mass	8 10:00 Am Baptism Prep Class 3:30 Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 10/25 107 8:30 AM Mass 10/26 78 6:00 PM Mass 10/26 143						
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, North Carolina. Please call the office to add a name.						

The Parish Mission in both the English and Hispanic communities was very well attended. On October 27th 92 attended in English and 70 in Spanish, on October 28th, 104 English and 104 in Spanish; and on the final day October 29th, we had 119 for the English portion and 96 for the Spanish.

Join us for Cupcakes and Cards (*cards, gift cards, or cash*) after Mass on November 9th to celebrate the arrival of Marie and Joshua Wagner’s new Baby girl.



Good News!

November 2, 2025
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)

Wisdom 3:1-9 / Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9 / John 6:37-40
(These readings or any from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead)

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

One Halloween, the lady who lived in the big white house down the block gave out bottles of Coke for trick-or-treat. Not 6-ouncers, not 10-ouncers, but 12-ouncers! I remember going up to her door like we did at every other house, stomping up the steps, ringing the bell and waiting, then yelling, “Trick or treat!” for a piece of penny candy as the door opened. Instead, our eyes widened with disbelief as we gasped, “Wow! A bottle of Coke! Gee, thanks a lot.” I remember her smile and the look of delight in her eyes at making some scraggly neighborhood kids so excited. Before long, word got out among that night’s goblins and saints. Kids I had never seen before, kids from neighboring communities, all came streaming in, and she gave each of them a bottle of Coke. To me, it was unbelievable—such generosity. That year, nobody dared “trick” her house. We made sure. Among us kids, such generosity did not go unrewarded.

On All Souls’ Day, we remember those who have died, and we remember them with an awareness of the need we all have for God’s mercy. Sometimes, I think that God is like that woman who lived in the big white house down the block. God is the Great Halloween Mistress. We come to her, armed with our tricks to get what we want, and she disarms us with her unbelievable generosity—the greatest “treater” of all time. God gives us everything undeserved—the most generous treats ever, all year round. ●

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Dear Padre,

Do we pray for the dead on All Souls’ Day for what we can do for them, or for what they can do for us?

On All Souls’ Day, the Church celebrates the one body in Christ that unites its members on earth, in purgatory, and in heaven. For more than a thousand years, we’ve commemorated this transcendent bond on the second day of November, whether at Mass, in a cemetery, or on a home altar to the faithful departed. This bond of companionship between the living and deceased is so vital to our spiritual well-being that All Souls’ Day is celebrated even when November 2 falls on a Sunday. Because Catholics are in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers, Masses, sacrifices, and works of charity can be offered up on behalf of the deceased. (See 2 Maccabees 12:38–46.) Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers on behalf of the living. Thus, our assistance to the deceased, and their intercession for us, is mutually beneficial! “A perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory, and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 5; *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1475, 954-955, 962). May perpetual light shine upon the souls of the faithful departed. ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a world wounded by violence and conflict.... I am convinced that if we are...free from ideological and political conditioning, we can be effective in saying “no” to war and “yes” to peace, “no” to the arms race and “yes” to disarmament, “no” to an economy that impoverishes peoples and the Earth and “yes” to integral development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025

Monday November 3 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29–36 Lk 14:12–14	Friday November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 15:14–21 Lk 16:1–8
Tuesday November 4 <i>St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</i> Rom 12:5–16b Lk 14:15–24	Saturday November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 Lk 16:9–15
Wednesday November 5 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8–10 Lk 14:25–33	Sunday November 9 <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22
Thursday November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 14:7–12 Lk 15:1–10	