

My dear Catholic family,

Let me share how I have evangelized the last few months! I reached out to a couple that I didn’t recognize during Mass and found out they were new to the Church and wanted to be Catholic. I told them about OCIA, which they were aware of, but they weren’t aware they needed a Sponsor. I told them I would help them find a sponsor. You don’t always have to go outside the church to evangelize. Get to know the new people in the church.

During the Tasters’ Luncheon I came across a couple that were looking through our literature. Another parishioner and I said the pamphlets/flyers/booklets, etc. were free. I then asked if they were interested in the Catholic faith and told them about our OCIA classes for learning about it. They didn’t come but I planted the seed. Take advantage of events that bring the public to our church.

I invited my son and his family to the Mission we recently had here at St. Mary’s. I felt as if this strengthened their faith. I believe this was a great opportunity to reach out to our Catholic family and friends who need a recharge in faith or to learn more in a short amount of time. If you didn’t come, let me tell you the food and fellowship before made it even more enjoyable. Please take advantage of what our Church offers.

I don’t intend this as a bragging session because the Holy Spirit gets the credit for nudging me, but instead I want to share this. It shows we have plenty of opportunities to evangelize and for you to see yourself in these situations in the future. Sometimes when you dip your foot in, it goes further than you thought it would.

1 Peter 3:15: “*but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.*”

We have several opportunities in the church with Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching. What about Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration? This will be Dec. 12th starting at 5 with 6 p.m. Mass. Invite our curious community to experience another culture and revere Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe as patron saint of all the America’s. Whatever you do, just reach out in Christ’s name!

May God Bless you all,

Colleen Rafferty

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 8-9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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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
Monday, November 10	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Arthur & Alice Wolter
Tuesday, November 11	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Tuesday, November 11	12:45 PM	Senior Exercise Class
Wednesday, November 12	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Colorigh
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, November 13	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Alice & John Heffernan
Friday, November 14	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Sofonia Martinez
Saturday, November 15	5:00 PM	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: For the Soul of Eleanor Mirgaux
Sunday, November 16	8:30 AM	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Angela Berry Maynard
Sunday, November 16	6:00 PM	33rd Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- 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: Richard Hearn

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 11/4/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 72,333
Received last week		\$	3,033	Received YTD		\$ 69,225
Difference		\$	(-1005)			\$ (-3,108)
On Going Projects Last Week		\$	332	YTD		\$ 2,071
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 8:30 AM Mass Cupcakes and Cards for Wagner Family 6:00 PM Misa	10 8:00 AM Mass	11 SVDP 10:30-2 PM Noon Mass 12:45 Health Ministry	12 6:00 PM Mass Rel. Ed 7:00 Worship Committee Mtg.	13 8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-10:00 PM 6:00 PM OCIA	14 8:00 AM Mass	15 3:30 Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 11/1 85 8:30 AM Mass 11/2 90 6:00 PM Mass 11/2 132						
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.						



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.

The Worship Committee is looking for new members!

Help us plan our Liturgical Celebrations!!
We meet on Wednesday evenings for approximately one hour after the 6 PM Mass.
We generally meet 4 to 5 times a year.
OUR NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM
Please join us and see if you would like to become a member!
Questions?? Call or text Margaret Wolter at 954-629-8209



The monthly **EASY SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS** will be held Tuesday, after the 12:00 mass at 12:45. The class may be held in the basement due to a diocese meeting being held in the hall. There will be someone in the back of the church directing you as to where to go.

Dear Padre,

Should the pope get involved in American politics?

No, the pope should not get involved in the politics of any country. However, politics often intersects with religious concerns and particularly gospel values. When this occurs, the Holy Father has a responsibility to preach the gospel and defend the values the gospel teaches, even when it might sound political. He pronounces and teaches the values of the gospel, regardless of what nation or politician might feel confronted or challenged by what he teaches.

What often happens is, when politicians find themselves in conflict with the gospel values the pope is teaching, they choose to say, “The pope has no business in our politics,” instead of listening. Completely understandable, at least from one perspective, but probably also disingenuous from another perspective. Politicians are fully aware of what is being proclaimed and why it is being proclaimed but choose not to listen. That, too, is completely understandable, if regrettable. One has to think only of the scribes and the Pharisees, and more particularly the high priest, who said, “Consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish” (John 11:50). ●

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wis 1:1–7 Lk 17:1–6	November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 2:23–3:9 Lk 17:7–10	November 12 St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wis 6:1–11 Lk 17:11–19	November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 7:22b–8:1 Lk 17:20–25	November 14 Weekday Wis 13:1–9 Lk 17:26–37	November 15 Weekday Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9 Lk 18:1–8	November 16 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19–20a 2 Thes 3:7–12 Lk 21:5–19



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
Because of the Jewish roots of Christianity, all Christians have a special relationship with Judaism.... The theological dialogue between Christians and Jews remains ever important and close to my heart. Even in these difficult times, marked by conflicts and misunderstandings, it is necessary to continue the momentum of this precious dialogue of ours.

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