

**Brothers and Sisters****Blessings from your St. Mary's Evangelization Ministry team**

So why do Catholics and others pray to St. Michael the Archangel? As Catholics prayers go, this prayer is new, less than 150 years old. It recognizes the role of St Michael as an angel who guards the people of God and dates to the Old Testament. He is first mentioned, in the book of Daniel, where he was called a prince and is sent by God to defend Israel. Then, in the New Testament's book of Revelation, he is portrayed as a warrior engaged in spiritual battle against Satan.

Praying to St. Michael the Archangel can evoke a range of feelings, often centered around protection, strength, and courage. Many people turn to St. Michael in times of spiritual warfare or when they feel threatened by negative forces. Here are some common feelings associated with praying to him:

- Protection:** St. Michael is known as a powerful protector against evil. Praying to him can provide a sense of safety and security, knowing that you are asking for divine reinforcement.
- Strength and Courage:** As a warrior angel, St. Michael embodies strength and bravery. Praying to him can inspire these qualities in yourself, helping you face challenges with greater confidence.
- Peace and Reassurance:** Many find comfort in the belief that St. Michael is watching over them. This can bring a sense of peace and reassurance, especially during challenging times.
- Spiritual Awareness:** Praying to St. Michael can heighten your awareness of the spiritual battles around you, reminding you of the importance of staying vigilant and faithful.

*"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen."*

You can say this prayer whenever you feel the need for protection or strength. It is a way to invite St. Michael's presence and support into your life.

**God Bless.**

**Robert Loza**

<b>Office Hours at St Mary:</b> Erin Denny is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday Monday 9AM-3:00 PM Fr Tom only Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00). Thursday 9AM-4 PM Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.	<b>Ladies Guild:</b> President-Sheila Jeffers, Secretary-Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney <b>Religious Education Committee:</b> DRE- Robin Clark, Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, and Haley Danehy. Archivist- Sheila Harrington and Marian Becker, Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
<b>Building and Grounds Committee:</b> Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne, and Josue Cabrera	<b>Music Director:</b> Joshua Wagner <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), and Patti Hood, Joshua Wagner, and Maggie Tamm.
<b>Administration &amp; Finance Committee</b> Meets 3rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM Chairman- Duane Wolter, Patti Hood, John Janicek, and Darrell Fenley	<b>Parish Pastoral Council:</b> Normally Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 PM Chairperson: Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chairman- Julius Foncha Secretary- Tibor Laky Ken Bracy, Sandra Bracy, and Jose Angel Noguez.

**Evangelization and Outreach Ministry:** Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair), Eli Gant, Colleen Rafferty, Robert Loza and Killian Baptiste

**St. Mary welcomes new member Donna Rossi. Welcome Donna!!**

**Congratulations to Joshua and Marie Wagner on the baptism of their infant daughter Lilly May Wagner on November 15**

**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 on 954-629-8209

In lieu of flowers or other gifts for church members who have lost a loved one, we humbly ask that donations be made to the St. Mary Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity will offer meaningful support to those in need in our community and honor the memory of the departed. The family of the deceased will decide how the gifts received by our Conference will be acknowledged to the sender. They will also receive a list of all donations received. In Jesus' Name, we have included this announcement in the bulletin.

Blessings from your St Vincent de Paul Conference.

The St Mary Winter Coat Drive will benefit the St Theresa Thrift Store in Bowling Green. Bring in your GENTLY used men's, women's and children's winter coats, hats, and gloves. Place them in the special box in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Fr. Tom Buckman. Thank you for your generosity.



# St. Mary Catholic Church

November 29-30, 2025

## First Sunday of Advent

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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<b>Saturday, November 22</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe-</b> Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> –Intentions: For the Soul of Gracie Helen Scott
<b>Sunday, November 23</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey Del Universo-</b> Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, November 24	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Roger Farley
Tuesday, November 25	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Wednesday, November 26	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Dr A.V. Wilwayco
<b>No Adoration</b>		
Thursday, November 27	No Mass	No Mass
Friday, November 28	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Repose of the Souls of Deceased Members of Wilwayco and Brasher Families
<b>Saturday, November 29</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent-</b> Intentions: For the Soul of Louis Clemons
<b>Sunday, November 30</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> –Intentions: For the Soul of Jason W Bracy
<b>Sunday, November 30</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Primer Domingo de Adviento-</b> 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 Hearns, Judy Cates

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, Dorothy 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.*

Eternal rest grant unto parish member Nicholas Pandzich who recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

As of 11/18/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25	Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$ 80,409		
Received last week		\$ 3,109	Received YTD	\$ 74,734		
Difference		\$ (-929)		\$ (-5,675)		
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$ 133	YTD	\$ 2,261		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa 7:00 PM Hispanic Committee Mtg.	24 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.	25 No SVDP Noon Mass	26 6:00 PM Mass No Religious Ed	27 Thanksgiving Day No Mass No Eucharistic Adoration NO OCIA	28 8:00 AM Mass	29 OCIA Rite of Acceptance 3:30 Reconciliation 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 11/8 69 8:30 AM Mass 11/9 86 6:00 PM Mass 11/9 131						
<b>Please pray for our military:</b> 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 Ladies Guild will be putting up the Angel Tree soon. The Resource Center has asked that the gifts be unwrapped this year so the parents can wrap them. The Ladies Guild will also be collecting food for Christmas Baskets for these same families. Please bring all Items- Angel Tree gifts and food for baskets- to the Parish Hall no later than Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your faithful generosity.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Patroness of the United States, is December 8 and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times: St. Mary 8:00 am, 6:30 pm (No Vigil Mass); Christ the King 5:00 pm. Our Lady of Guadalupe bilingual celebration will be held on Friday December 12 at 6:00 pm (no morning Mass Dec. 12) (Dec. 11 morning Mass as usual but no Adoration after). Mass on the 12<sup>th</sup> will be followed by an outdoor procession, festive meal, and traditional cultural dances. Our Lady of Guadalupe is not important only to the people of Mexico but to all as Patroness of the Americas and the Pro-Life movement. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Did you know Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego dressed as an Aztec princess? Her clothing as it appears on Juan Diego's tilma is replete with Aztec symbolism. Our Lady's image is surrounded by luminous light. Sun rays were symbolic of the Aztec god Huitzilopochtli. Therefore, our Blessed Mother shows that she proclaims the One True God is greater than the Aztec gods.

## Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe (in English)

On Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

As host of one of the Novena Days, you will bring the Statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe to your home on your assigned day and commit to praying the Novena at your home (or at the Parish Center).

THE DATES AVAILABLE ARE : DECEMBER 6, 7, 8 AND 10<sup>TH</sup>

PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE!

INVITE FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU AND OFFER LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER COMPLETEING THE NOVENA.

TEXT OR CALL MARGARET WOLTER, 954-629-8209, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HOSTING OUR LADY.

## Dear Padre,

**Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?**

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides "Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions" that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368-378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for "Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father" on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11-19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, "thy daily bread," and the Eucharist—a word that means "thanksgiving."

"Become what you pray"—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	Weekday Dn 2:31-45	Weekday Dn 5:1-6, Lk 21:5-11	Thanksgiving Day (US) Dn 13-14, 16-17, 23-28	Weekday Sir 50:22-24	Weekday Lk 21:29-33	First Sunday of Advent Dn 7:15-27
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20			1 Cor 1:3-9		Lk 21:34-36	Is 2:1-5
Lk 21:1-4		Lk 21:12-19	Lk 17:11-19		Rom 13:11-14	Mt 24:37-44



## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!*

HOMILY, MAY 18, 2025