

Brothers and Sisters

Blessings from your St. Mary's Evangelization Ministry team

My Catholic faith is the cornerstone of my life, shaping not only my values and decisions but also my understanding of purpose, grace, and community. It is a profound gift—one that offers both spiritual depth and a sense of belonging to something greater than myself.

I am deeply grateful for the richness of the Church's sacramental life. The Eucharist holds a central place in my spiritual journey. In receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, I encounter a mystery that transcends time and space—a sacred moment in which heaven touches earth, and I am drawn into intimate communion with God.

The Church's teachings, rooted in Scripture and tradition, provide a moral compass and a call to action. Catholic social teaching challenges me to uphold the dignity of every human person, to advocate for justice, and to serve those in need. These principles are not abstract ideals; they are lived realities that compel me to engage with the world in a spirit of compassion and integrity.

Prayer is the lifeblood of my faith. Whether through the Rosary, silent contemplation, or liturgical worship, I find in prayer a source of peace, strength, and clarity. The intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the communion of saints remind me that I am never alone in my spiritual journey.

Moreover, the universality of the Catholic Church is a constant source of inspiration. No matter where I am, I can enter a Catholic parish and feel at home—united with believers across cultures and continents in the celebration of the same sacred mysteries.

Above all, my faith gives me hope. In a world often marked by uncertainty and division, Catholicism offers a vision of redemption, mercy, and enduring love. It teaches me that suffering is not meaningless, that grace is always available, and that God's presence is constant and faithful.

For these reasons and many more, I cherish my Catholic identity. It is not merely a tradition I inherited—it is a living relationship with Christ and His Church, one that continues to shape and sustain me each day.

May God bless you all.

Robert Loza

Office Hours at St Mary: 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.	Ladies Guild: President —Sheila Jeffers, Secretary- Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn Forney Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark, Maria Molina, Hannah Clark, Fabiola Humphrey, and Haley Danehy. Archivist- Sheila Harrington and Marian Becker, Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
Building and Grounds Committee: Fr Tom Buckman , Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne	Music Director- Joshua Wagner Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter Worship/Liturgy Committee: Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), and Patti Hood
Administration & Finance Committee Meets 3rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM Chairman- Duane Wolter , Patti Hood, John Janicek, and Darrell Fenley	Parish Pastoral Council: Normally Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 PM Chairperson: Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chairman- Julius Foncha Secretary- to be elected Ken Bracy, Sandra Bracy, Tibor Laky, and Jose Angel Noguez.
Evangelization Ministry: Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (Chair) , LTC John Wargo, Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, Robert Loza and Killian Baptiste	

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.

The Choir Wants You!

Do you enjoy singing? The Saturday 5:00 PM and Sunday 8:30 AM choirs are looking for new members! If you're interested in joining, please contact Joshua Wagner at 859-412-8759

St. Mary Catholic Church

October 4-5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the November Calendar Bulletin is 1022



Saturday, October 4	5:00 PM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett
Sunday, October 5	8:30 AM	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Daniel Davidson
Sunday, Octubre 5	6:00 PM	27 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, October 6	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Jill Robey
Tuesday, October 7	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Jason W Bracy
Wednesday, October 8	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Elizabeth Becker
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, October 9	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Christopher Boarman
Friday, October 10	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Dr. A. V. Wilwayco
Saturday, October 11	5:00 PM	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday, October 12	8:30 AM	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Angela Berry Maynard
Sunday, Octubre 12	6:00 PM	28 th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario - 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: Gladys Wetherby, Donnie Murray, Jane Buehne, Donna Taylor, Denise Clark, Harry King, Daniel Murphy, Carol Ritter, Nicholas Pandzich, Barbara Ferguson, Darrell Fenley, Gail Briley, Savanna Carillon, Bill and Mary Sloan, Margaret Berry, Freddy Coward, Cindy Janicek, John Janicek, The Sheahan Family, Jason Lee, Don and Diane Blocker, Tojo Lewis, Sherry, Tom, Ed, Jamie, Helen, and Ben Berry, David & Marcie Caruthers, Pete Stoll, Ray Russell, Lewis Garst, Robert, Megan, and Matthew Maynard, Dewayne, Susie, Kennidie, Kassidie & Katie Kirkham, Tom & Doris Cozzy Jr., Regina & Tom Cozzy Sr., Delores Monroe, William York, Tesia Wooten, Gail & Darryl Hall, Mae King, , Sr. Donna Schlaff, Joann Bradford, Major Bradford, Scot Duckworth, Dick and Diane Rossiter, Roger Berry, Patti & Charlie Gibson, family of Carol Sue Durbin, Bobby Berry, Rhonda Barrow, Robert Matthews, and Wesley Nugent,

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.

As of 09/28/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$ 4,038		Budget YTD Needs		\$ 52,500
Received Last Week		\$ 2,658		Received YTD		\$ 46,440
Difference		\$ (-1380)				\$ (-6,100)
On Going Projects Last Week		\$ 83		YTD		\$ 1,493
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 2PM-3PM Life Chain on the Square NE corner 6:00 PM Misa	6 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Ministry Appreciation Meal	7 10:30-2 SVDP Noon Mass	8 6:00 PM Mass No Religious Ed	9 8:00 AM Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-10:00 PM</i> No OCIA	10 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Evangelization Committee Meeting	11 10:00 AM Baptism Class 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Stewardship Saturday
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 9/20 78 8:30 AM Mass 9/21 80 6:00 PM Mass 9/21 112						
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, Parris Island, SC. Please call the office to add a name. 						

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!

The Parish Mission entitled “**Why Be Catholic**” will be October 27-29, 7:00 pm. Father Ken Geraci, Fathers of Mercy will be the Mission Priest.

Ministry Appreciation Dinner
A ministry Appreciation Dinner, for all who share their Time and Talents to the ministries of any kind, will be held on Monday October 6th at 6:30 PM. Family members are welcome to attend as well. Please sign up in the Parish Hall before October 5th. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more information.

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 this 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.

Classes for OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults as well as children and teens have begun. It’s not too late to join us. Please contact Fr. Tom Buckman or Maria Molina for more information into joining the Catholic Church or Baptized Catholics over age 8 who are not fully initiated.

Save the Date: The Fall Taster’s Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22! Don’t miss this wonderful event. Flyers will be available soon. Invite all your friends! We especially need volunteer drivers to deliver meals from 10-12:30PM. We will need salads sides, and desserts to round out the meal. Notify Sheila Jeffers at 210-859-4381 or sign-up sheets will be on the Mail Table by October 4th.

There will be no Religious Education classes on Wednesday October 8 because of fall break.

To date we have received \$22,350 towards our goal of \$20,000. Your generosity and faithfulness are overwhelming!!

Dear Padre,

Is envy a sin? I find myself becoming very envious of people who have more than I do. I find it difficult to be content with what my family and I have now.

We live in a climate that encourages discontent with what we have. Advertising plays on our feelings of envy and our desire for possessions. In this almost universal rush to possess more and better material objects, Christians are called to a counter-witness. We are called to embrace a freedom and a poverty of spirit that actually rejoices in the blessings of others.

The Tenth Commandment alerts us to the danger of undisciplined envy: “You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor” (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, Jesus says that where our treasure is, there also will be our heart. (See Matthew 6:21.) The real antidote to envy, then, is prayers of thanks for all God has given to us and others. To feel envious, to desire or covet someone else’s possessions, is not in itself a mortal sin. But to let that feeling invade your mind, to indulge it and rationalize it, is to let that feeling harden into an envious frame of mind. Then you are flirting with real sin. The grave sin is to allow these envious thoughts to drive you to any injustice or evil. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sums it up well: “Would you like to see God glorified by you? Then rejoice in your brother’s [and sister’s] progress, and you will immediately give glory to God” (2540). ●

Fr. Paul J. Coury, 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 October 6 <i>Weekday</i> Jon 1:1–2:2, 11 Lk 10:25–37	Tuesday October 7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Jon 3:1–10 Lk 10:38–42	Wednesday October 8 <i>Weekday</i> Jon 4:1–11 Lk 11:1–4	Thursday October 9 <i>Weekday</i> Mal 3:13–20b Lk 11:5–13	Friday October 10 <i>Weekday</i> Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2 Lk 11:15–26	Saturday October 11 <i>Weekday</i> Jl 4:12–21 Lk 11:27–28	Sunday October 12 <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 2 Kgs 5:14–17 2 Tm 2:8–13 Lk 17:11–19
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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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