THE PORCH LIGHT
Is Always On

We'll leave the Light on...

Add the name of someone you love to the prayer list. Someone you hope will find their way.

- Home to the Mass.
- Home to the Church.
- Home to the Eucharist

Pray to know that they are still loved, remembered and **still have a place here.**

Brothers and Sisters

Blessings from your St. Mary's Evangelization Ministry team

Confession! "Why do we go?"

Catholics go to confession (Sacrament of Reconciliation) to seek forgiveness for their sins, reconcile with God, and restore their spiritual relationship with the Church. Below are some key reasons Catholics practice confession.

1. **Forgiveness of Sins**: We believe that confession is the ordinary means of receiving God's mercy for sins committed after baptism.
2. **Healing and Grace**: Confession not only cleanses the soul of sin but also provides spiritual healing and grace to help resist future temptation and grow in holiness.
3. **Reconciliation with the Church**: Sin damages a person's relationship not only with God but also with the Church community. Through confession, we are reconciled with the Church and reaffirm our commitment to living as part of the Body of Christ.
4. **Self-Examination and Accountability**: Confession involves examining one's conscience and acknowledging wrongdoing, which fosters humility, self-awareness, and personal growth.

Going to confession isn't easy. It's embarrassing to speak aloud about our shameful acts, but it's also freeing. Overall, confession is a spiritual practice that offers renewal, peace, and a deeper connection with God's love and mercy.

God Bless.

Robert Loza

Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM **Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.**
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10-11, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the November Calendar Bulletin is 10/21/2026

Saturday, October 10	**5:00 PM**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Fr Connally
Sunday, October 11	**8:30 AM**	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Soul of Lewis Garst
Domingo 11 Octubre	**6:00 PM**	**28th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles de la parroquia
Monday, October 12	8:00 AM	Intentions: For Peace in the World
Tuesday, October 13	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of James & Agnes Tebbe
Wednesday, October 14	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Felix Bello Perez
Thursday, October 15	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Elizabeth Mutter
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, October 16	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Raymond McGowen
Saturday, October	8:00 AM	Marriage Retreat
Saturday, October 17	**5:00 PM**	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Les Cox
Sunday, October 18	**8:30 AM**	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Soul of Mr. & Mrs. Newton Walker
Domingo 18 Octubre	**6:00 PM**	**29th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles 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: Carol Ritter, The Cozzy Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Mae King, Sandra Bracy, Richard Hearns, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Daniel Murphy, Gail Hall, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers: Leslie and Jenny Cox, Harry King, Regina Cozzy, Lewis Garst, Calvin Oshefsky, 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, Gail Briley, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, Andy Herrmann, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, David Caruthers, Joan Mueller, Rhonda Barrow, and Rose Vogt
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Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Taster's Luncheon on October 21!

As of 10/8/26			
Budget Needs 2025-26 Weekly	$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs	$ 51,064
Received last week	$ 4,525	Received YTD	$ 58,508
Difference	$ 487		$ 7,444
On Going Projects Last Week	$ 73	YTD	$ 941

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass Stewardship Sunday 6:00 PM Misa	12 8:00 AM Mass ***6:30 PM Acts 2:42***	13 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	14 6:00 PM Mass Religious Education 6:30 Holy Hour for Fallen Away Catholics	15 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM OCIA	16 8:00 AM Mass	17 **9:00 AM-1:00 PM** **Marriage Retreat** 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass Stewardship Follow up

Mass Attendance— 10/03 5:00 PM- 74 10/04 8:30 AM-98 10/04 6:00 PM-104

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

This is Stewardship Sunday. Pledge cards will be completed during Mass. How can you make a difference? Thank you for your generosity!

The Parish Mission will be October 26-28, 7:00 pm. Father Jewell Aytona, Fathers of Mercy will be the Mission Priest. Social each evening at 6:00 pm with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available before and after the Mission Talk.

The next Knights of Columbus Round Table meeting will be on Sunday October 11 at 7:00 pm in one of the classrooms. The purpose is to get organized and begin a K of C presence at St. Mary. Our mission is Service, Charity and Family. For more info contact Richard Mahoney or Fr. Tom Buckman.

Coming Soon:

The Parish Marriage Enrichment retreat will be Saturday October 17 starting with 8:00 am Mass followed by Conference Talks by the Fathers of Mercy, Fr.John Broussard, ending with lunch. Cost is $ 25/couple. All married couples are welcome. Please register on the Mail Table by October 12. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more info.

The Ladies Guild Fall Taster's Luncheon is scheduled for October 21st from 11-1. Volunteer Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Parish Hall

Good News!

October 11, 2026
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6–10a / Philippians 4:12–14, 19–20 / Matthew 22:1–14 or 22:1–10

MIGUEL DULICK

The closer Jesus gets to his death, the more targeted are his parables, specifically to the "chief priests and elders." He has no patience with their hypocrisy.

The wedding feast has a long history in the prophets and the psalms, always a glorious celebration of love and delight—God marrying the chosen people. But in today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the feast as a massacre. When the guests refuse to attend his son's wedding, and they even kill the messengers sent to invite them, the enraged king amasses his troops to destroy "those murderers" and burn their city to the ground. So, the chosen people are un-chosen. Then, the king tries again, this time sending the servants to "whomever [they] find." And then comes a beautiful moment: the servants invite the "bad (literally, "evil") and good alike," and they fill up the hall! This echoes Jesus' own promise of the cross: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

There is one more twist to the story that keeps Jesus in his own uncompromising space. When the king spots a guest without a "wedding garment," he binds him hand and foot and throws him out into the darkness. Pretty scary—but do stay with Jesus. Accept the invitation to the banquet. And let Jesus dress you in his own garment of grace. ●

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Dear Padre,

In the Creed, we say we believe in the resurrection of the body. So, why is it all right to be cremated?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* clearly states what many find confusing: "It is very commonly accepted that the life of the human person continues in a spiritual fashion after death. But how can we believe that this body, so clearly mortal, could rise to everlasting life?" (*CCC* 996). The *Catechism* goes on to address several questions: "What is rising? Who will rise? How? When?" (*CCC* 997–1001). In essence, "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (*CCC* 999). The disposition or condition of the physical body at death will not affect the spiritual body that is raised. Cremation, decomposition, mutilation or dismemberment by violence, or the donation of one's body to science—deemed "a noble and meritorious act…to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity" (*CCC* 2296)—does not prevent the resurrection of our glorified body. It is only when the act of cremation appears to be a public denial of faith in the resurrection or the sacredness of the body that the practice is forbidden. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the face of…the tragic situations of injustice, violence, and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive, and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world and bring to others the light of the gospel through our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 15, 2026

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Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

Monday
October 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1
Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday
October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1–6
Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday
October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18–25
Lk 11:42–46

Thursday
October 15
St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Eph 1:1–10
Lk 11:47–54

Friday
October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11–14
Lk 12:1–7

Saturday
October 17
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Eph 1:15–23
Lk 12:8–12

Sunday
October 18
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4–6
1 Thes 1:1–5b
Mt 22:15–21

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