My Dear Church Family,

Hypocrite! That word stops many Christians cold. We should live a holy life, but the truth is, as humans, we fail. The most powerful testimony as a Christian is how you live your life. Don't let Satan stop you when you fail and sin or give bad example. Satan wants you to feel unworthy of Christ. Jesus showed us different. He showed a relentless love for his followers when they failed. Stand back up and brush yourself off and try again. Examine your life. Why were you called a hypocrite? Maybe you didn't even realize you were doing a sinful action. Figure it out and go to confession and plan to sin no more, admit your failings when confronted and then tell of the amazing gift God gave us. I truly wish I could live a perfect life so I wouldn't hurt him when I fail. Each sin I commit I feel, is like taking the whip to Jesus's back myself. When we have hurt him with our actions, he has several parables to remind us of his love and forgiveness.

(Luke 15:1-7) "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the nine-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents, than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

When you fall, don't fall to Satan but lift yourself up to Him.

God bless you my friends in Christ, Colleen Rafferty

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Office Hours at St Mary:	Ladies Guild: President-Sheila Jeffers, Secretary-Terri Tyler, Treasurer- MaryAnn
Erin Denny is in the office on Tuesday and Thursday	Forney
Monday 9AM-3:00 PM Fr Tom only	Religious Education Committee: DRE- Robin Clark, Maria Molina, Hannah Clark,
Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00).	Fabiola Humphrey, and Haley Danehy.
Thursday 9Am-4 PM	Archivist- Marian Becker, Sheila Harrington, and Joann Bradford
Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the	Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
office or the rectory to make an appointment.	
Building and Grounds Committee:	Music Director- Joshua Wagner Cantors: Valerie McGowen, and Margaret Wolter
Fr Tom Buckman, Mark Pais (Chair) David Duncan, Kenneth	Worship/Liturgy Committee: Fr. Tom Buckman, Margaret Wolter (Chair), and Patti
Bracy, Allan Cravalho, Casmiro Moratin, and Thom Boyne	Hood
Administration & Finance Committee	Parish Pastoral Council: Normally Meets 4th Monday @ 6:00 PM
Meets 3 rd Thursday @ 5:00 PM	Chairperson: Ninoska Moratin, Vice Chairman- Julius Foncha Secretary- to be
Chairman- Duane Wolter,	elected Ken Bracy, Sandra Bracy, Tibor Laky, and Jose Angel Noguez.
Patti Hood, John Janicek, and Darrell Fenley	
Evangelization Ministry: Fr. Tom Buckman, Duane Wolter (C	hair), LTC John Wargo, Eli Gantt, Colleen Rafferty, Robert Loza and Killian Baptiste

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

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!

Step out in Faith! "In the Word with Bishop Medley" small groups program is almost here! If you're feeling called to participate, now is the time. This is the third year of our small groups' meetings and a fantastic opportunity to engage with scripture and grow in community. We have 2 groups scheduled to start in September. One is being held at 6:30PM in the parish center beginning on the 2nd Monday of September. The other is scheduled to begin at 1PM in classroom #1 on the 2nd Thursday of September. Groups meet once a month, September through May, and discuss the readings for the Fourth Sunday of the month. To join just fill out a form and put it in the basket on the mail table or contact Duane Wolter (954-591-1400) or Margaret Wolter (954-629-8206). Groups are filling up quickly, so please sign up soon.

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 13-14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenidos a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

Pastor/Párroco Fr. Tom Buckman tom.buckman@pastoral.org

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The deadline for Calendar submissions for the September Calendar Bulletin is 9/26



Saturday, September 13	5:00 PM	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross- Intentions: For the Soul of Eleanor Mirgaux			
Sunday, September 14	8:30 AM	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross –Intentions: For the Soul of Lis Johnson			
Sunday, Septiembre 14	Sunday, Septiembre 14 6:00 PM Exaltación de la Santa Cruz - Para la gente de la parroquia				
Monday, September 15	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Barbara Jackson			
Tuesday, September 16	Noon	Intentions: Honoring Peggy Hicks			
Wednesday, September 17	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Andy Garrett			
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM					
Thursday, September 18	8:00 AM	Intentions: Honoring Eula Hagman			
Friday, September 19	8:00 AM	Intentions: In Honor of Jean Brown			
Saturday, September 20	5:00 PM	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Mary Fenley			
Sunday, September 21	8:30 AM	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Angela Berry Maynard			
Sunday, Septiembre 21	6:00 PM	25th 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, Toni Woodworth, family of Carol Sue Durbin, Bobby Berry, Rhonda Barrow, 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 09/09/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-2	5 Weekly		\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$	41,417
Received Last Week			\$ 3,663	Received YTD	\$	39,118
Difference			\$ (-375)		\$	(-2299)
On Going Projects L	ast Week		\$ 107	YTD	\$	1,188
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 19th Sunday in	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ordinary Time	8:00 AM			8:00 AM Mass	8:00 AM	
8:30 AM Mass	Mass	10:30-2 SVDP	6:00 PM Mass	Eucharistic Adoration	Mass	
6:00 PM Misa		Noon Mass	6:30 Religious Ed	9:00AM-10:00 PM 5:00 PM Admin Comm. Mtg. 6:00 PM OCIA		3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 9/6 76 8:30 AM Mass 9/7 88 6:00 PM Mass 9/7 135

Please pray for our military:

Jack Jeffers, Army, Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.; Eric Rafferty, Army, 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



In lieu of flowers or other gifts for church members who have lost a loved one, we humbly ask that you consider a donation 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. For more information, see Duane Wolter or any SVDP member.

The St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Conference annual Mass of celebration of the feast day commemorating the founding of the Society of St Vincent de Paul is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **September 23**rd **at noon**. All parishioners are invited to join in the celebration along with the members of our conference and their family and friends. Please join us.

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.



If you want to make a generous donation to the Renovation, please use the envelopes in the pews labeled "Sanctuary Improvements" and place them into the collection basket. Thank you for your support and generosity! To date we have received \$9,268 and additional \$8,020 pledged towards our goal of \$20,000.

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS! PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!

IF I HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS
YOU WILL RECEIVE THE NEW SCHEDULE
**October - January **

VIA EMAIL on September 13th or 14th!

IF I DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS ON FILE FOR YOU, YOUR SCHEDULE WILL BE ON THE MAIL TABLE (NOW LOCATED IN THE LIBRARY AREA)

IN THE PARISH CENTER! QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARGARET WOLTER AT 954-629-8209

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.

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John



13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (*CCC* 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
Our Lady of	Sts. Cornelius,	Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn,	Twenty-fifth Sunda
Sorrows	Pope, and	1 Tm 3:14-16	1 Tm 4:12-16	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Priest, and Paul	in Ordinary Time
1 Tm 2:1-8	Cyprian, Bishop,	Lk 7:31-35	Lk 7:36-50	Lk 8:1-3	Chŏng Ha-sang, and	Am 8:4-7
Jn 19:25-27 or	Martyrs				Companions, Martyrs	1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 2:33-35	1 Tm 3:1-13				1 Tm 6:13-16	Lk 16:1-13 or
	Lk 7:11-17				Lk 8:4-15	16:10-13



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS, ROME, MAY 10, 2025



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