

Brothers and Sisters:
Blessings from your St Mary’s Evangelization Ministry team

As I wondered what I was going to say to you this weekend, my mind was filled with many ideas including praise to our Lord, thanks for all He has done this past week for me and for all of us, several ‘God Sightings’ that I witnessed this week, the loss of Charlie Kirk by a senseless shooting, and my list goes on and on. But my thoughts around my joy of being blessed to know our Catholic Faith and be guided by the Holy Spirit (when I slow down, quiet my mind and take the time to listen). So, I decided to share several thoughts about our Faith and our God.

As written by Michael Warsaw, CEO of EWTN, “As the Jubilee Year of Hope stretches into its final months-we also celebrate the feast of St. Jude, an apostle of Hope. We ask for the intercession of this ‘saint of impossible causes,’ who reminds us that ‘with God all things are possible’ (**Mathew 10:26**). May we always remember His words and how we can ask St. Jude to intercede with the Lord for our requests.

I then recalled my travels on my path of Faith over the many years that I have been blessed to have on this earth. Starting as a cradle Catholic and graduating from Marquette University, I had the basis for sincerely following the Faith, but I spent the next 2 decades worshiping the idol of money. I was blessed and led to a transitus to a life of Faith. The word ‘transitus’ is derived from the Latin, meaning “passage” or “crossing”. It would take several pages to tell you of my transitus, so let’s just say it happened with the guidance of the Holy Sprit through the workings of my Pastor, other clergy, my brothers and sisters in Christ and my wife, Margaret. I thank you Jesus for leading me here!

If you are wavering in your Faith, or need to touch someone to bring them closer to Jesus, or if you have questions that need answering or just want to deepen your Faith; consider saying the Novena of ‘Our Lady of the Rosary’ from September 28th to October 6th and attending Mass on her feast day of October 7th. If that is not possible for you to do, I ask you to say this short prayer to Mary from the Novena, “*I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God’s Holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.*”

We prayerfully ask you to join us in praying for the return of all those who have fallen out of the habit of attending Mass and joining church events. We pray that these weekly letters touch your hearts and encourage you to reach out and touch the hearts of others. I know we have said this before, but it is true every day, *We are in a battle for the souls of all men and women!* When we say yes to following and sharing Jesus, our lives take on a new purpose. We then want to spend every day growing in a relationship with Him and sharing that love with others.

May Jesus bless you and your family and friends. Duane Wolter

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- Marian Becker, Sheila Harrington, and Joann Bradford Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
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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	

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!

St. Mary Catholic Church

September 20-21, 2025

25th 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 September Calendar Bulletin is 9/26



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
Monday, September 22	8:00 AM	Intentions-For the Soul of Doug Sanborn
Tuesday, September 23	Noon	Intentions: That God continue to bless and guide the St Mary conference of St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday, September 24	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lillianna Esteves
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, September 25	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Sophia Wargo
Friday, September 26	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Bro. Casimir Gundlach
Saturday, September 27	5:00 PM	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: For the Soul of Michael Garrett
Sunday, September 28	8:30 AM	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: For the Soul of Dylan & Breanna Hay
Sunday, Septiembre 28	6:00 PM	26th 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.

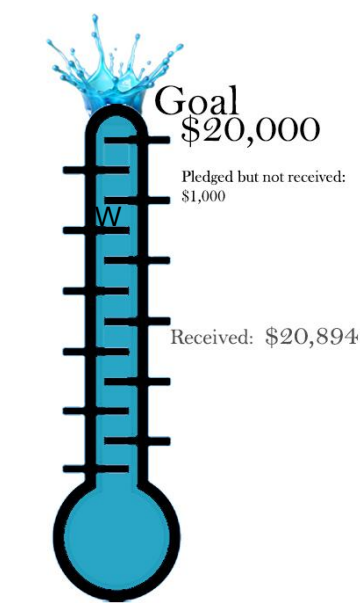
Step out in Faith! "In the Word with Bishop Medley" small groups program is almost here! If you're feeling called to participate, now is the time. This is the third year of our small groups' meetings and a fantastic opportunity to engage with scripture and grow in community. We have 2 groups scheduled 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.

As of 09/09/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25 Weekly		\$ 4,038		Budget YTD Needs		\$ 44,917
Received Last Week		\$ 2,696		Received YTD		\$ 40,162
Difference		\$ (-1342)				\$ (-4,755)
On Going Projects Last Week		\$ 65		YTD		\$ 1,253
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass Catechist Sunday 6:00 PM Misa	22 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Parish Council Mtg.	23 10:30-2 SVDP Noon Mass	24 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	25 8:00 AM Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-10:00 PM</i> 6:00 PM OCIA	26 8:00 AM Mass	27 Noon Baptisms 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 9/13 72 8:30 AM Mass 9/14 108 6:00 PM Mass 9/14 111						
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 						

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 next 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.

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.



To date we have received \$20,894 towards our goal of \$20,000. Your generosity and faithfulness is overwhelming!!

The month of October is dedicated to Stewardship renewal. Please be on the watch for materials coming to your home soon.

Congratulations to Andrew Scarbrough and Hannah Clark who celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on September 12.



Dear Padre,

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family’s continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: “I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

“As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ.” ●

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*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. [We see] too much discord, too many wounds caused by hatred, violence, prejudice, the fear of difference, and an economic paradigm that exploits the Earth’s resources and marginalizes the poorest.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 18, 2025



JULIA M-CAMERON / PEXELS

Monday September 22 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 1:1–6 Lk 8:16–18	Friday September 26 <i>Weekday</i> Hg 2:1–9 Lk 9:18–22
Tuesday September 23 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i> Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20 Lk 8:19–21	Saturday September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a Lk 9:43b–45
Wednesday September 24 <i>Weekday</i> Ezr 9:5–9 Lk 9:1–6	Sunday September 28 <i>Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Am 6:1a, 4–7 1 Tm 6:11–16 Lk 16:19–31
Thursday September 25 <i>Weekday</i> Hg 1:1–8 Lk 9:7–9	



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