

- **Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ!**
- The prodigal son
- ~ Jesus in my darkness, you reached out your saving hand.
- ~ But I would not receive it. I was angry and confused. I did not understand.
- ~ Throughout my life, you tried and tried again.
- ~ But I would not go with you. My heart was broken. My spirit crushed, jaded from this fallen world we live in.
- ~ Then you sent Your Mother.
- ~ Never have I seen a lady so beautiful and divine!
- Eyes full of kindness, as she knelt down and looked into mine.
- ~ She said I know you’re here all alone having lost all the others,
- But if it’s OK with you, may I be your mother?
- ~ Eyes full of tears, heart filled with joy.
- Heaven had opened up for this poor broken little boy.
- ~ She held out her hand and I put mine in hers.
- She gave me the biggest hug; it was more than I deserved.
- ~ She told me to follow her, “there’s someone I want you to meet!”
- He too is my Son, King of Kings, let us bow before his feet.
- ~ Trembling and scared She led me all the way up,
- As we knelt down and bowed before the Cup
- ~ She told me He too suffered all alone.
- Now he sits here high on His mighty throne!
- ~ With soft eyes and a Father’s love he looked at me from above.
- “I see you there my little one why so scared and terrified?”
- “It was for the love of you that I was crucified!”
- ~ “I left the 99 to find the 1,
- And here you are now my prodigal son!”
- ~”I knew you were scared and when I called you, you would not come.
- So, I sent you, Mary, My Mother to get my poor prodigal son!”
- ~ ELi behold your Mother, Mary behold your son.
- She will ALWAYS lead you to me where the VICTORY WON!!!
- ~ ELi

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- Joann Bradford, Marian Becker, Sheila Harrington Librarian- Kathleen Kaapcke
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St. Mary Catholic Church

September 6-7, 2025

23rd 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 6	5:00 PM	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Intentions: For the Soul of Crystal Becker
Sunday, September 7	8:30 AM	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –Intentions: Honoring Kenny & Teresa Garrett
Sunday, Septiembre 7	6:00 PM	23rd Domingo del tiempo ordinario - Para la gente de la parroquia
Monday, September 8	8:00 AM	Intentions-Celebrants Intentions
Tuesday, September 9	Noon	Intentions: For the Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, September 10	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Christopher Boarman
Thursday Adoration 9:00 AM – 10PM		
Thursday, September 11	8:00 AM	Intentions: For An End to Abortion
Friday, September 12	8:00 AM	Intentions: For Peace in Ukraine
Saturday, September 13	5:00 PM	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Intentions: For the Soul of Elenaoe Mirgaux
Sunday, September 14	8:30 AM	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross –Intentions: For the Soul of Lis Johnson
Sunday, Septiembre 14	6:00 PM	Exaltaciôn de la Santa Cruz - 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: Harry King, Daniel Murphy, Carol Ritter, Nicholas Pandzich, Barbara Ferguson, Darrell Fenley, Alice Kummer, 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.

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. 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.

As of 09/02/2025						
Budget Needs 2024-25		Weekly	\$ 4,038	Budget YTD Needs		\$ 36,167
Received Last Week			\$ 3,026	Received YTD		\$ 35,455
Difference			\$ (-1012)			\$ (-712)
On Going Projects		Last Week	\$ 78	YTD		\$ 1,081
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	8 8:00 AM Mass	9 10:30-2 SVDP Noon Mass	10 6:00 PM Mass 6:30 Religious Ed	11 8:00 AM Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:00AM-10:00 PM 6:00 PM OCIA	12 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM Evangelization Committee Meeting	13 10:00 AM Baptism Class 3:30 Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance-- 5:00 PM Mass 8/30 59 8:30 AM Mass 8/31 108 6:00 PM Mass 8/31 98						
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						



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 \$4,355 and another \$14.455 pledged towards our goal of \$20,000.

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.

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 23rd 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 begins September 4, 6:00 pm. 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.

Dear Padre,

Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can’t they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?



NANCY WIEGEL / CNS

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the “Order” rather than the “Rite” is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



ANNA NASS / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady’s] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025

Monday September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or 1:18–23 Tuesday September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> Col 2:6–15 Lk 6:12–19 Wednesday September 10 <i>Weekday</i> Col 3:1–11 Lk 6:20–26 Thursday September 11 <i>Weekday</i> Col 3:12–17 Lk 6:27–38	Friday September 12 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14 Lk 6:39–42 Saturday September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Tm 1:15–17 Lk 6:43–49 Sunday September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b–9 Phil 2:6–11 Jn 3:13–17
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