

Evangelization Etiquette:

A How-to Guide to Confidently Share the Good News

Week Four: **Get Close & Personal:**

Today's tip asks us to get up close and personal. To explain what this means, imagine that you are at dinner with your friends and family members. As you speak to your loved ones, you are probably unconsciously "reading the room."

What does that mean exactly? You are scanning the room for feedback — are their eyes engaged, or wandering toward the door? Shoulders relaxed, or arms folded and crossed? Voice curious, or clipped and short? Is the topic landing with them, or is it too heavy, too simple, too soon?

Sharing your faith with others asks you to get up close and personal. Know your audience. Are they ready to hear what you have to say? Get to know them first — that's what creates the kind of environment where your message can actually be received.

Stay tuned next week for another evangelization etiquette tip. For the greater glory of God, **Jean Lovell**

Brothers & Sisters,
WITH BLESSINGS FOR THIS YEAR’S OCIA CLASS

This year, we are blessed to welcome an amazing group of people who are journeying through the Order of Christian initiation For Adults (OCIA). We ask our parish family to please keep these young people and adults and their families in your prayers throughout this year. May the Holy Spirit guide their hearts and strengthen their faith, drawing them ever closer to Christ and his church. And we pray that God will continue to bless our parish with more young people, men and women eager to know him, and to make our parish a welcoming home where the faith can be learned and lived. My family and I have been honored to teach these classes. This will be our 4th year. We ask that you pray for us as well that we can properly catechize the young people that we are in charge of that the seeds that we plant in their hearts will grow into something beautiful for our church and most importantly for our God!

And as always as **Archbishop Fulton Sheen**, who, if you did not know is on the docket to be beatified very soon, used to say “*God love you and God bless*”

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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.
Parish Council: Chair- Ninoska Everett, Vice Chair- Julius Foncha, Secretary- Tibor Laky, Jose Angel Noguez, Robin Clark, and Haley Danehy
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ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12-13, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!

Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!

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<i>The deadline for Calendar submissions for the October Calendar Bulletin is 9/22/2026</i>		
Saturday, September 12	5:00 PM	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Souls of Harold & Florence Tegge
Sunday, September 13	8:30 AM	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the People
Domingo 13 Septiembre	6:00 PM	24th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario- Por el alma de David Orlando Molino
Monday, September 14	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Felix Bello Perez
Tuesday, September 15	Noon	Intentions: For the Soul of Bob Crafton
Wednesday, September 16	6:00 PM	Intentions: For the Soul of Patrick Collins
Thursday, September 17	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Lewis Garst
Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM		
Friday, September 18	8:00 AM	Intentions: For the Soul of Regina Cozzy
Saturday, September 19	9:00 AM	Dominican Family Retreat 9:00 -1:30PM
Saturday, September 19	5:00 PM	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- For the Soul of Rose Shelton
Sunday, September 20	8:30 AM	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Intentions: For the Soul of Jill Robey
Domingo 20 Septiembre	6:00 PM	25th 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: David Kelly, The Cozzy Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King,
Sandra Bracy, Richard Hearn, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers: 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, Rhonda Barrow and Rose Vogt.



Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Taster’s Luncheon on October 21! It’s never too early to invite all your friends and coworkers

St. Mary’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference annual Mass of Celebration, commemorating the founding of the Society by St. Vincent de Paul is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at noon. All parishioners, members of our Conference, are invited to join in the celebration. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to be brought forward with the bread and wine.

The Parish Mission will be held on October 26-28 presented by the Fathers of Mercy. Please save the date.

To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ of St Mary

Happy Fall season from your Acts 2:42 St Mary’s small group team who are meeting each month. We are so grateful to the Lord for making our small groups an important part of our parish community and spiritual life! We pray you are moved by the Holy Spirit to attend one of our monthly small group meetings. The meetings scheduled for September are:

- **Thursday, September 10th** at 1:30 PM in the large classroom
- **Monday, September 14th** at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

Come and enjoy the beauty and warmth found within our brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us and share the joy of fellowship over prayers, readings, discussions and refreshments. See you there and may God Bless you! Questions? Call or text Duane Wolter at 954-591-1400

The Dominican Sisters of Nashville will return on September 19 for Family Retreat on Prayer, 9 am- 1:30. More info to follow. Please mark your calendar!

Are you interested in faith, fellowship, and serving our parish? Join us for the initial meeting of the Knights of Columbus Round Table on Sunday, September 20,2026, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. The meeting will begin immediately following the 6:00PM Mass. All men of the parish are welcome to attend and learn more. Grand Knight Garcia from the Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council 16232 will talk about the Round Table discussion and answer all questions.



St Mary’s Ladies’ guild is sponsoring a clothing bin at Isaiah House and needs girl clothing, size 5 and 6. The clothes must be new with tags. Please contact Sheila Jeffers (210-859-4381) if you are interested in helping with this mission.

As of 09/08/26						
Budget Needs 2025-26	Weekly	\$	4,038	Budget YTD Needs	\$	41,417
Received last week		\$	4,460	Received YTD	\$	40,488
Difference		\$	422		\$	(-929)
On Going Projects	Last Week	\$	117	YTD	\$	601
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 6:00 PM Misa	14 8:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Acts 2:42	15 SVDP 10:30-2 Noon Mass	16 6:00 PM Mass Religious Education	17 8:00 AM Mass 6:00 PM OCIA	18 8:00 AM Mass	19 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Family Retreat 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
Mass Attendance— 09/05 5:00 PM- 87 09/06 8:30 AM-103 09/06 6:00 PM-90						
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						

Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

Fr. Byron Miller, 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 September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b–9 Phil 2:6–11 Jn 3:13–17	Wednesday September 16 <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 1 Cor 12:31–13:13 Lk 7:31–35	Saturday September 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49 Lk 8:4–15
Tuesday September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	Thursday September 17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:1–11 Lk 7:36–50	Sunday September 20 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:6–9 Phil 1:20c–24, 27a Mt 20:1–16a
	Friday September 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:12–20 Lk 8:1–3	



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus,

this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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