

The Parish Communities of Holy Trinity & St. Mary



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Reconciliation

Sat-11:30 am - 12:00 pm	St. Mary
Sun - 8:15 am- 8:40 am	Holy Trinity

Weekend Mass Times

Sat	5:30 pm	St. Mary
Sun	9:00 am	Holy Trinity
Sun	11:00 am	St. Mary

Weekday Mass Times

Mon/Tues	7:30 am	St. Mary
Wed	9:00 am	Holy Trinity
Thurs	9:00 am	St. Mary
Fri	7:30 am	St. Mary

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Soul Food

Mercy Received. Mercy Given.

My dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday, we spoke about the debt of love. Perhaps some of you thought, *“Father, I hope we are finished talking about debt!”* But here we are again! Today’s Gospel is also about debt.

Jesus tells us about a servant who owed his king 10,000 talents—an enormous and practically unpayable debt. Jesus is making the point clear: this was a debt the servant could never repay. Imagine someone telling you, “Father, I owe \$100 million, and I can never repay it,” and you might say, *“We have a bigger problem than the monthly payment!”* Yet the king does the unimaginable: he forgives the servant’s entire debt—completely, with nothing left to pay. But that same servant then meets someone who owes him 100 denarii, a tiny debt by comparison, and instead of showing mercy, he grabs him and demands, “Pay what you owe!”

And here Jesus wants us to stop and look at ourselves.

Sometimes we are that servant. We come before God with all our sins and failures, yet when we sincerely say, “Lord, have mercy on me,” He simply answers, “I forgive you.” That is the mercy of God.

But sometimes, after receiving God’s mercy, we say of someone else, “I will never forgive him.” Or, “She doesn’t deserve my forgiveness.” And perhaps Jesus gently asks us: “Do you remember how much I have forgiven you?”

Forgiveness Is Difficult

Let us be honest: forgiveness is difficult. Some wounds run deep. Some words stay with us for years. Some betrayals can change our lives. Jesus is not asking us to pretend that nothing happened. Forgiveness does not mean accepting injustice, allowing someone to hurt us again, or removing healthy boundaries. Sometimes we need justice, distance, or protection.

But forgiveness means: “I will not allow the wrong done to me to control the rest of my life.” When we refuse to forgive, we may think we are punishing the other person, but often we are the ones carrying the burden. We replay the hurt, remember the insult, and become angry all over again.

That is why forgiveness is also a gift we give ourselves. It frees the heart, restores peace, and helps us become ourselves again.

Forgiveness heals.

Peter asks the question we all ask: “Lord, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” And Jesus tells us: Don’t keep score. Forgiveness is not mathematics; it is a way of life. God does not keep a scorecard of our sins. His mercy is greater than our failures. And because we have received such mercy, we are called to become merciful ourselves.

Sometimes we may think, *“Father, you don’t know what someone has done to me.”* That is true. I do not know every wound you carry. But Scripture gives us witnesses who remind us that forgiveness, though difficult, is possible through the grace of God. We have many living examples who forgave both in small and huge ways – Gladys Stein, Erica Kirk and many others. They remind us that forgiveness is sometimes beyond human strength. That is why we need the Holy Spirit.

We may have a hundred reasons not to forgive. But sometimes we need only one reason to begin forgiving: Jesus Christ, the crucified. If we cannot forgive by our own strength, let us pray: “Holy Spirit, give me the grace to forgive what I cannot forgive by myself.”

Three Practical Things

So, my dear brothers and sisters, let me leave you with three simple and very practical challenges.

First: Name the person you need to forgive. Don’t say, “I forgive everybody.” Think of one person. Bring that person before Jesus and say: “Lord, I am not yet able to forgive completely. But I am willing to begin. Help me.” That prayer may be the beginning of healing.

Second: Stop keeping score. Don’t keep a mental account: “I did this for you, and you did that to me.” “I forgave you twice, and you hurt me three times.” Love is not bookkeeping. Put down the calculator. Let God teach you how to love.

Third: Take one small step toward healing. Perhaps make a phone call. Perhaps send a message. Perhaps have a conversation. Perhaps simply pray for that person. And if direct contact is not appropriate, prayer is still a powerful step. You don’t have to solve everything in one day. But take one step. Because forgiveness often begins not with a feeling, but with a decision: “I choose not to carry this hatred anymore.”

My dear brothers and sisters, God has forgiven us far more than we will ever be asked to forgive one another. So let us be kind. Let us forgive. Let us begin again.

May our homes become places of forgiveness, our families places of healing, and our parish a community where mercy is greater than anger, forgiveness is stronger than resentment, and love always has the final word.

And may we never forget the words of Jesus: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” Amen.

Stewardship

This week's stewardship of Time and Talent Salute:

In gratitude for God's gifts of time and talent to us, we gratefully acknowledge and salute:

Thank you to **everyone** who helped with Fr. Tomy's reception following Mass last Sunday! We had a fantastic group of people who helped make it all come together!

THANK YOU!!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

August 31—September 06

PARISH TITHE & OFFERINGS	WEEKLY	YTD TOTAL
Weekly Goal	\$14,500.00	\$145,000.00
Weekly Offerings	\$12,459.72	\$114,088.12
Over (Under)	-\$2,040.28	-\$30,911.88

AUGUST 2026

Campaign	ITD TOTAL *	
Monthly Goal	\$31,864.38	\$621,573.26
August 2026	\$31,326.89	\$618,759.28
Over (Under)	-\$537.49	-\$2,813.98

*Campaign inception to date

Please remember our parish in your will.



Mother Teresa

In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa's life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the challenges of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.

A shrewd diplomat and an indomitable force, Mother Teresa was unwilling to accept what others deemed impossible, fearlessly

fighting for the unloved and the forgotten. She was regarded as one of the most significant personalities of the twentieth century, although she never owned more than a white and blue sari. She influenced the decisions of the most powerful men on Earth, although she always stayed close to the poorest people of the world.

The film follows her through the slums of Calcutta as she mingled closely with her people, dispensing help, joy, and smiles to everyone, and also shows her stubbornness with the people who wanted to block her way.

Her faith and loving works transcended hardships and ultimately earned her international acclaim, including the Nobel Peace

Prize. The many small miracles, great charity, and humble triumphs of Mother Teresa will inspire you in this poignant tale of a modern-day saint.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, September 12

5:30 p.m. The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Sunday, September 13

11:00 a.m. Norman Ward by Tom & Lori Weiss & Bill Smith by Rick & Jerri Moazzotti

Monday, September 14

7:30 a.m. Henry Burnette by Hilda Pounds & The Appleton & Westrick Family by The Appleton & Westrick Family

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Mom, Dad & Brother, Quinn by Amy Bertausk & Whitney Arado

Wednesday, September 16

No Mass

Thursday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Dan Murray by Dana Murray

Friday, September 18

7:30am Margaret Metzker by Family

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. John & Amelia Bertinetti by Family

Sunday, September 20

11:00 a.m. The Parishioners of Holy Trinity & St. Mary

Server Schedule

Sept 12	5:30pm	Will & Luca Leonard
Sept 13	11:00am	Ava & Eliza Hempen
Sept 14	7:30am	Liam Bland & Maddox Busboom
Sept 15	7:30am	Ila Assalley & Olivia Briggs
Sept 17	9:00am	Eliza Hempen & Layla Waterman
Sept 18	7:30am	
Sept 19	5:30pm	Renee Gunning & Bentley Skinner
Sept 20	10:00am	Payton & Colin May

Lector Schedule

Sept 12	5:30pm	Stephanie Leonard
Sept 13	11:00am	Joseph Goodman
Sept 19	5:30pm	Nicholas Goodman
Sept 20	11:00am	Bob Appleton

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Sept 12	5:30pm	Joe & Norma Cervi & Mike McClure
Sept 13	11:00am	P. Millburg, B. Dennison & B. Curry
Sept 19	5:30pm	M. Brotherton, B. Curry & C. Waterman
Sept 20	11:00am	Michelle Reiss, Gemma Burke & Gary Fry

Holy Trinity & St. Mary Parishes Happenings:

9/13: Breakfast @ KC Hall @ 8-11am
 9/18-9/20: Fall Festival
 10/7: St. Mary's Night at Florinda's
 10/10: 1st Annual KC Car Cruise
 10/10: Rosary Rally
 10/16: Pork Chop Dinner at St. Rita



Students enjoyed birthday cake for Mary's Birthday on Monday September 8th. Thank you to Ms. Marcia for making the cake and to the CDA women who helped serve the cake during lunches.



MEGA MOOLAH ticket sales will begin Sept 22, 2026
Tickets are \$20.00 each or 3 for \$50.00.
First Weekly Drawing will be Friday Oct 9th
Grand Prize is \$10,000.00. That drawing will be held on Friday November 20, 2026. Drawings will be live on our school Facebook page
See a school family or stop by the school or parish office to purchase tickets!

We are looking for volunteers to help in the dining room area during lunch and recess help. If you have a day you can help us out, please call the school office at 824-6501.

How can you help St. Mary School provide a quality Catholic education?

1. Use the Annual School Fund envelope to donate to the scholarship fund— write Scholarship in the memo
2. Buy a paver in honor of your family or a loved one.
3. Sponsor a classroom or program as a Partner in Education.
5. Contribute to the school to help with operating costs.

Contact the school at 824-6501 for more information.

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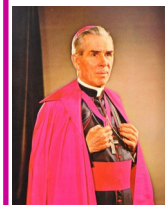
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Religious Ed Corner

Faith Talk for Families - Today is the **Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. God forgives, and so must we. This is the message of this Sunday's readings. Sometimes forgiveness is easy and sometimes it is difficult. No matter how many times we sin, our merciful Father always forgives us if we ask for his pardon, but he also wants us to extend that same mercy to those who offend us. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Peter to forgive an absurdly large number of times. God's mercy and compassion is abundant and we receive forgiveness from God as a gift. Jesus invites us to share in this abundance by forgiving others without limit!



All Youth in the parish: school, PSR and Youth Group will continue packing birthday bags for the food pantry in honor of Mary's birthday.



Bishop Fulton Sheen, one of the very first TV evangelists, was on television regularly from **1952 to 1957** hosting *Life Is Worth Living* on the DuMont Network and ABC, and later from **1961 to 1968** hosting [*The Fulton Sheen Program*] (<https://fulton-sheen.catholic.edu/evangelization/index.html>). He also made early experimental television broadcasts as early as 1940. He will be beatified at the Dome at the America Center in St. Louis on 9/24/26. We have 17 tickets left! Sign up while supplies last!

Youth Group or PSR tonight

Youth will do a service project on the grounds and then walk to the park to play Disc Golf (weather permitting.)

Our Lady of Fatima Apparition—Part IV

September 13, 1917

A crowd of 30,000 people had gathered, kneeling before the children to place their petitions before our Lady. During the customary flash of light, our Lady appeared and left the following message, "Continue to pray the rosary to obtain the end of the war. In October, our Lord will come, as well as Our Lady of Dolor's, and Our Lady of Carmel, St Joseph will appear with Child Jesus to bless the world. God is pleased with your sacrifices. He does not want you to sleep with the rope on but only wear it during the daytime."



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Mass Schedule
Sunday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance
30 minutes prior to Sunday Mass
or by Appointment

Communion Service
Friday—9:00 a.m.
Followed by Adoration 9-5 pm

Coffee & Donuts
1st Sun. Oct—Dec , Feb—June
2nd Sunday in Jan & Sept
Not in July or August

Altar & Rosary Society meetings
1st Wed. of the month, Sept.-June
No meetings in July or August

Parish Council meetings.
Oct 14, 2026
5:00 p.m. in Hall

Rosary
8:30 a.m. 1st Sun. of the month.
Every Sunday May & October.

Office Hours
Office hours: 8:30—12:00 noon
Mondays & Thursdays

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**Coffee and Donuts**

Today, September 13th , 2026
After Mass in the Hall

September ARS Committee: Chairman: Megan Montgomery, Mary Curtin, Cheryl Morman, Meredith Eisenbarth. The Committee is responsible for Coffee & Donuts, funeral dinners, and cleaning the church during the month of September. Thank you for all you do.



Four Volunteers are needed to help distribute food at the **Food Pantry** each Saturday 7:30—10 a.m. during October. Signup sheet is on the back table. Thank you for your help.

Rummage Sale in HT Hall

October 9th & 10th
Rent a table OR bring unwanted stuff to Hall on Oct 8th

Stained Glass Windows greeting cards
20 cards for \$30
Available after Mass



Recipes and related stories and pictures for the Holy Trinity Cookbook . It would be nice to have at least one recipe from each family. Your recipes for the cookie walk, brunch casseroles, or family favorites are perfect.

**Broken Rosary??**

Ask Diana to fix it

**Interchurch Council Food Pantry**

Suggested donation items:
cereal or cereal bars;
canned vegetables
canned soups & mac & cheese;
Shampoo, antiperspirant,
Cash donations always appreciated.
Food distribution 8-10 Saturday mornings.
Thank you for your generosity.
Located behind the BM Fire Station on corner of Boles and Powers Sts.

**Week of September 13, 2026
24th Sunday of Ordinary Times****Sunday September 13th, 9:00 a.m.**

L— Janet DeClerck

S— Josie B &

EM— Phil R, Beth V, Ryan A

For— George Long

By Loretta & Eric Kahle

Wed, Sept 16th 9:00 a.m.

For Jamie Mateer Capelle healing

By Anonymous

Friday Sept 18th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Adoration 9:20 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday Sept 20th - 9:00 a.m.

L— Kass Dotterweich

S— Ella B & Faith M

EM— Linda C, Janet D, Sam F

For Rusty Larimer

By Tim Hobson & Eric Moreno

Wed, Sept 23rd - 9:00 a.m.

For Jamie Mateer Capelle healing

By Anonymous

Friday Sept 25th, 9:00 a.m.

Communion Service

Adoration 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

September Sacristan: Sandi Klein

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass

Please read
"A Message from the Pastor"
as it applies to all three parishes.

**Fiscal Year: July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027**

Description	9/6/2026	YTD Total
Adult Envelopes	\$1,340.00	\$12,988
Children	\$1.00	\$28
Loose Collections	\$281.00	\$2,824
Total	\$1,622.00	\$15,840
Total Budget Goal	\$1,680.00	\$16,800
Difference	(\$58.00)	\$960
Candles & EL	\$3.00	\$48
Cath Univ	\$5.00	\$5
Cent Campaign	\$6,325.00	\$47,590
St. Mary's Sch	\$100.00	\$225
Mntc Online	\$0.00	\$950

Fall Festival News!*** Heavenly Sweets! ***

After you've enjoyed the Sunday Fried Chicken Dinner, don't forget to stop by Heavenly Sweets! Our brand-new dessert shop filled with homemade treats made with love by our wonderful parish and school families!

But first... we need your help!

We're asking our amazing parishioners, school families, and friends of St. Mary's to help us stock Heavenly Sweets by donating your favorite homemade desserts! Whole or single serve goodies please!

We're looking for:

- *Pies
- *Cakes
- *Cupcakes
- *Cookies
- *Brownies & Bars
- *Breads
- *Candy

*And any other delicious homemade specialty!

Your donation will help make Heavenly Sweets one of the sweetest stops at this year's Fall Festival while supporting St. Mary's Church and School.

Desserts may be purchased on Sunday, September 20, during and after the Fried Chicken Dinner.

Dessert donations can be dropped off in the cafeteria on Saturday, September 19th from 10am - 7pm or Sunday, September 20th 8am-10am.

Thank you for always sharing your time, talents, and treasured recipes. Together, we'll make this new tradition one everyone looks forward to year after year!

Every great chicken dinner deserves a heavenly dessert!

Festival News!

SMS 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Cathy Schaeffer's *It's a Wonderful Life* class project and the special May 2026 event will be highlighted this year by the Alumni Committee during the Fall Festival. We were so impressed by the evening that we wanted to share it with our parish and the public. Spread the word and do stop by in the **St. Mary School Library** during the following times:

Friday, September 18, from 4–7 PM
Sunday, September 20, from 11 AM–1 PM

Don't forget that we have a micro food pantry outside the gym. It is in need of some items! You can add the items yourself or bring them to the parish office!

7 Sisters

We are continuing the 7 Sisters Apostolate for Fr. Tomy! If you would like to join please contact the parish office!

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. Each member commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The commitment is to that day; the Seven Sister may pray at any time on that day. If she is unable to offer her Holy Hour, she is to secure a substitute, explaining the Apostolate's mission. The substitute need not be a woman. If unable to arrange a substitute, the member should contact the parish office.

The prayer schedule is sent out monthly!

St. Mary Parish | CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We thank You for the gift of St. Mary Parish – a family rooted in faith, shaped by sacrifice and sustained by the love of generations past.

We ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we honor our legacy and secure our future. Bless our efforts to free our parish and school from debt, to restore what time has worn and to build a firm and lasting foundation.

Bless every gift and every giver, strengthen our efforts so that what we build will stand as a beacon of hope and trust.

We ask this in faith through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

We encourage each family to pray daily for the success of our campaign!

Bishop Paprocki is asking that we collect the envelopes for the special collection for "Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa" next weekend.

Bulletin Deadline

If anyone has information they would like published in the bulletin, please call the office (824-8178) or send it by e-mail to: stmarytaylorville@gmail.com by Monday morning before the following Sunday publication.

St. Mary's Prayer Chain: If you wish to submit a prayer request to the prayer chain, you may do so by calling or texting Brenan Dennison at: 217-971-1047 or bdennison1027@gmail.com. Or the parish office, 824-8178. **Please pray for those in need of our prayers:** Billy & Lacey, Erin Bradley, Charlie McDonald, Dave Garner, Kristine Andruch, Cheryl Dagon, Michella Gibbons, Kristy Zimmer, Jimmy Stockdale, Julie Eson, Tom McKinney, Bill Bock, Barb McKinney, Frank Shepke, Joanne Conerty, Joe Corzine, Denny Scheider, Jessie Justice, Marie Lambert, Roger Boshell, Jim Pollck, Rebecca Steiner, Rosemary Corso, Cheryl Croft. Special Intention for Joyce, Kiersten Rapplean & Charlie.

Please let the parish office know if someone we are praying for is doing better and we can take their name off the prayer chain!

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Mass will be at 10:00AM on Sunday, September 20th!

Please email the parish office at stmarytaylorville@gmail.com with the best email address for you &/or your family!

If you would like to help support the St. Mary School scholarship fund, please write "scholarship fund" on the memo line of your check!

The parish giving app is now available! Scan this QR code and enter the keyword: **stmarytaylorville**
Or use this link: <https://pushpay.com/g/stmarytaylorville>

