

SEPT. 28, 2025 - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ARCHANGELS GABRIEL, MICHAEL AND RAPHAEL
FEAST DAY: SEPT. 29, 2025

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Parroquia Santa María
1665 Highway 45 Bypass
Jackson, TN 38305

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
Misión Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
172 Main St.
Bells, TN 38006

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Jackson, Tennessee
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
Bells, TN

Fr. Dennis Schenkel, Pastor
Fr. Gabe Bouck, Associate Pastor
Fr. Rolando Perez, Associate Pastor
Rev. Mr. Dale Brown, Deacon
Rev. Dr. Eddy Koonce, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Bill Winston, Deacon
Rev. Dr. David Rosenthal, Deacon

Parish Office
Open Monday thru Friday
9:00am-5:00pm
Phone: 731-668-2596
Email: parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org

Reconciliation

Tuesdays: 5:30pm-6:15pm
Wednesdays: 8:10am-11:30am-12pm
Fridays: 8:10am
Saturdays: 3:20 pm-3:50pm
Sundays: 7:30am-7:50am, 10am-10:20am,
& 12:15pm-12:50pm

*Confessions will be heard in the confessional.

Baptisms

Class required for 1st time parents and are offered the 2nd Mon. of every month.

Weddings

Contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

By appointment.

In case of a serious illness or death, call the parish office.

Our after hours answering service will get a message to a priest.



St. Mary's School: 731-668-2525

St. Mary's website:
<https://stmarys.tn.org/>

To better serve our St. Mary's parishioners:
If you are a patient, family member or loved one of a patient at Jackson-Madison General Hospital and wish to receive a visit from *St. Mary's Hospital Ministry to the Sick*, please contact the Parish Office with the patient's name & hospital room number.

Weekend Mass Schedule

English Mass
- Saturday Vigil -

4:00pm

- Sunday -

8:00am

10:30am *

*Live-Streamed

Spanish Mass

Sundays at 1:00pm



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Daily Mass Schedule

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| M | 7:00am |
| T | 7:00am & 6:15pm |
| W | 7:00am, 8:10am, & 12pm |
| TH | 7:00am |
| F | 7:00am & 8:10am |
| SA | 8:00am |

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VIA EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE

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 **YouTube**
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Please submit **ALL** bulletin information to parishinfo@stmarys.tn.org

For the Latest News & Info with our Diocese, check out: www.cdom.org





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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Jackson, TN

Saturday September 27

8:00am Paola Vega (Int. de cumpleaños) de parte de la Familia Garcia

4:00pm **† Lourdes Graham** by George Graham

Sunday September 28

8:00am **Mass for the People of SMC & OLG**

10:30am **Nash Graham (B'day Int.)** by George Graham

1:00pm **† Maria Guadalupe Pulido Barajas** de parte de la Familia Cazarez

Monday September 29

7:00am **† Holy Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday September 30

7:00am **† Jack Lodes** by Libby Carmichael

6:15pm **† Lourdes Graham** de parte de George Graham

Wed. October 1

7:00am **† Peter Maresca**

8:10am **† Stephanie Martinez** de parte de la Familia Martinez

12:00pm **Katie Thompson (B'day Int.)** by the Sparks Family

Thurs. October 2

7:00am **† Ed Ogle** by Libby Carmichael

Friday October 3

7:00am **Marcia Sabella** by the Sabella Family

8:10am **Monica Todd** by the Todd Family

Saturday October 4

8:00am **† Francisco Castro** de parte de Francisca Castro

4:00pm **† Dawn Knight Wilson** by David Wilson

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission

Bells, TN

Saturday September 27

6:00pm **† Mario Sosa Franco** de parte de Martha Patricia Escobar

Saturday October 4

6:00pm **Sofia Guadalupe Cisneros (Int. de cumpleaños)** de parte de la Familia Ortega

SUNDAY ROSARY GROUP, 3PM

We meet every Sunday in the conference/library room.



THE ADORATION CHAPEL:

SIGN-UP, CHOOSE A TIME ONLINE AT
ST. MARY'S WEBSITE:

<https://stmarys.tn.org/adoration/>

Please enter the chapel by way of the chapel door which is located on the South side of the Church.



Comments from Deacon Dale Brown

We often hear people say that they will get to heaven because they haven't committed any really, really heinous crimes. "I'm a good guy," they say, "I haven't murdered anyone or sold weapons to terrorists." This attitude is not a Christian attitude. As Jesus teaches us in this story of Lazarus and the rich man, salvation and eternal life are not just about avoiding so-called "big" sins. That's a negative, passive approach to life. But Christ is not passive. Christ is active. He came to earth to save us. He took the initiative. He came to seek out the lost sheep. He came to light the fire of faith in a dark world. Being a Christian means following in those footsteps. It means much more than simply avoiding gruesome crimes. Being a Christian means living like Christ, living for his Kingdom, living for others. Isn't it interesting that when Jesus was asked which were the most important commandments, he didn't choose the negative ones, the "thou shalt not" ones. Instead, he listed two active, positive, creative commandments: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. The rich man in this parable was not an axe-murderer, mafia boss, or the head of a human trafficking ring. He had no particularly damaging "sins of commission" on his résumé. He was a pretty good guy. And yet, he failed to enter into eternal life. Why? Because of his "sins of omission". Day after day, he closed his heart to a neighbor who was in dire need of help. He spent his life becoming an expert in self-centeredness. And since the law of heaven is self-giving, he found that he was simply unfit to spend eternity there.



October, The Month of the Most Holy Rosary

We will pray the holy rosary before all weekend Masses during October.
Please arrive about 25 minutes early and join us.

Dear Parishioners: Please join us at a public rosary rally at 12 noon, Saturday, Oct. 11. We will meet at the grassy area, northside parking lot. We will pray the rosary for our great nation, asking God to protect America through His Most Holy Mother.

The Parish Office will be closed each day, 11am-11:10am for a daily prayer gathering.
You are invited to join us, if you're in the vicinity.

For information about Mass Intentions,
call 731.668.2596.

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YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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| Weekly Offertory | \$18,323 |
| Sept. Weekly Offertory Goal | \$19,000 |
| Total Offertory to Date | \$225,048 |
| Offertory Goal to Date | \$220,000 |
| Generations of Generosity Pledges | \$1,797,267.64 |
| (Families 358) Pledges paid: | \$1,238,967.64 |



Family Faith Formation Information

2025-2026 ATRIUM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SESSIONS

11:40-12:50 (grades 1-6)

Set 28

Oct. 5 No session-Fall Break

Oct. 12

Oct. 19

TUESDAY SESSIONS

5:45– 7:20 (grades 1-3)

Sept 30

Oct. 7 No session-Fall Break

Oct. 14

Oct. 21

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

5:45pm-7:20pm
(grades PreK-6)

6:00pm-7:15pm

Confirmation (grades 7-8)

Oct. 1
Oct. 8 No session-Fall Break
Oct. 15
Oct. 22

KNIGHTS KORNER



Sharing the work & news of our
Knights with St. Mary's parishioners.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ROSARY



Every Monday at 6:00pm.

PRIZES

1st Prize: 35% of total ticket sales
2nd Prize: 10% of total ticket sales
3rd Prize: 5% of total ticket sales

TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AT THE BELOW WEBSITE, OR BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE.



<https://www.50charity50.com/?KNDT>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KIND CHARITIES OF TENNESSEE

50/50 RAFFLE CONTEST

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY
TO WIN BIG, AND SUPPORT A CHARITABLE CAUSE!

Ticket Sales Began: July 20, 2025

Ticket Sales End: October 18, 2025

Tickets are \$10 each

*The council number or parish name should be entered
on the order form at the time of submission.

*Raffle approved by TN State Legislature



The Knights of Columbus, KIND Charities of Tennessee provide financial assistance and services to those with intellectual disabilities, through appropriate 501(c)(3) organizations, by the statewide fund-raising efforts of volunteers at Knights of Columbus councils. Website: kindcharitiesoftn.org

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP, 6:00am to 6:50am.

Every first and third Thursday in the Knights Hall. Join us for fraternity, formation and prayer. For additional information text or call: 731-487-2008.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE KNIGHTS, contact Grand Knight Dennis Arendt at breeze4114@bellsouth.net or **JOIN ONLINE** at kofc.org/join and enter Council 1101.

Volunteer to serve at the RIFA SOUP KITCHEN on Oct. 6-10.

We need 5 volunteers each day from 10am to 1:30pm. If interested, please contact Cathy Jarvis at cjarvis43@yahoo.com



ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADE STUDENTS WELCOME

Nov. 14-16, 2025 (Overnight Retreat)
St. Benedict at Auburndale Catholic High School
Cost: \$100.00

*Can satisfy Diocesan requirements of
Confirmation Retreat
Questions:
sharon.kowalke@cc.cdom.org
(901)373-1234

VOYAGE RETREAT
Journey to Discover Who God Created You to Be!



Scan to Register

Our Parish Mission: Celebrating, Proclaiming, & Living the Joy of the Gospel



YOUTH MINISTRY

Meetings are every Wed., 6-7:30pm in the modular building. Come spend evenings with prayer, service, friends and fun.

All students who are interested in being a part of the Youth Ministry who are in

high school this year must fill out our online registration form. Scan QR code or visit <https://stmarys.tn.org/youth/> AND check us out on Instagram & Facebook.

Reminder: FALL BREAK, Oct. 8th, No Youth Group

St. Mary's High School Youth Group Registration



Steubenville STL Mid-America 2026

July 10-13th, 2026 in Springfield, MO

This high energy conference is open to all graduating 8th graders to graduating seniors.

If your student is interested in attending this life-changing conference, please reach out to Faith MacDonald at faith@stmsrys.tn.org or 731-668-2596.

Information Meeting for Parents and Students: November 2, 2025 at 9:15-10:15am in Holy Family Hall.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



God or Nothing: St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry

A Christ-centered community of college-aged students and young professionals, ages **18 to 29**, aimed to form bold, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Meet every Thurs., 6:30pm-8:30pm, Our Lady of Africa Room. **Follow on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stmarysjaxya/>** Follow on Facebook: [God or Nothing - St. Mary's Young Adult Ministry | Jackson TN | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GodorNothingStMarysYoungAdultMinistry)



Scan QR code to join the GroupMe

More info? Visit: <https://stmarys.tn.org/young-adults/>

STOP BY ST. ELIZABETH'S BOOKSTORE in the narthex!

Check out our beautiful selection of religious items AND Fr. Timby's jams, jellies & pickles are back (sales benefit the Youth Group)! Stock up today.



Celebrate Life

Please pray for the women in our parish who are with child. Prayers are a wonderful way to support a mother & her family.



Dear Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect the little babies who are being knit together in their mothers' wombs. Comfort their mothers & fathers during the time they are growing & developing. Lord Jesus, give these smallest of persons the strength to come into this world, to fully participate in your creation. Send your Holy Spirit to infuse their souls with love for you. After long, healthy, & loving lives, bring them safely home to you. Amen.

Expectant Mothers:

Kirsten Brandt
Emily Hazlehurst
Janay Ezeofor
Shelby Elizabeth Morgan
Delia Garcia

Diana Holt
Sydney Moore

Congratulations to:

Audrey Davis
Sue Ellen Barnes Doudrick
Maria Guadalupe Chavez
Louisa Vellios
Olivia Jacobs

Contact: To add to this list, receive meals, or to support these moms: Email Gretchen.Longeway@stmarys.tn.org

Prayer Requests

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| Abell, Peggy | Gastador, Maria | Ormerod, Barbara |
| Abellana, Felisa | Geibel, Stephanie | Osgood, Philip |
| Adams, Grant | Gill, John | Osses, Jose Maria |
| Allison, James & Judy | Gill, Rose | Overbey, Michael |
| Antique, Daisy | Goethals, Kyle | Penwell, Lee |
| Antique, Julie | Gokim, Eugene | Powers, Cindy |
| Antonia, Maria | Grant, Susan | Preston, Anderson |
| Arendt, Brenda | Grant, Phillip | Quinton, Alquin |
| Babcock, Craig | Graning, Dee | Quinton, Juh |
| Bargiachi, Charlie | Grijalva, Montaño | Quinton, Lourdes |
| Bateman, Margo | Gurrola, Catalina | Ragan, Phillip |
| Batesil, Mamerto | Gurrola, Martha C. | Randolph, Ed |
| Bautista, Laura | Gvengie, Lorraine | Reed, Elvia |
| Beach, Jayden | Harmon, Sherri | Regenhold, Lynn |
| Beals, Gerry | Harrell, Deborah | Rodríguez, Jesús Mata |
| Beare, Peggy | Henke, Max | Rogers, Steven |
| Bell, Carmen | Herndon, Eddie | Russell, David |
| Benjamin, Rick | Holt, Carol Kay | Sabella, Jim & Marsha |
| Blanton, Dottie | Howell, Cash | Saia, Lou |
| Bonds, Karolyn | Hulderman, Bobbie | Sain, Anne |
| Boosey, Harry | Hughes, Roger | Samonte, Alma |
| Breen, Michael | Ivory, Julie & James | Samonte, Josephine |
| Breen, Thomas | Johns, Brian | Sánchez, Fernando |
| Brown, Kaitlyn | Johnson, Paula | Sanders, James |
| Browning, Geneva | Johnson, Theresa | Sandlin, Janice |
| Browning, Shirley | Jones, Brian | Schoenbachler, Martha |
| Bryant, Martha | Jones, Glen | Scott, Franklin |
| Büchholz, Helen | Jones, Jonathan | Sessions, Liz Atkens |
| Cabo, Grace | Jones, Rhonda | Sioson, Pelagia |
| Cano, Carmen | Kain, Otto | Smith, Elias, Jr. |
| Carpenter, Brad | Keyes, Ken | Smith, Gary |
| DOT Carlock | Kirkpatrick, Kim Abell | Smith, Mike |
| Chavez, Maria G. | Lay, Tyler | Smith, Patricia |
| Chico, Ernesto | León, Diego | Solberg, Charles |
| Chico, Nida | Leon, Manuel | Solberg, Marie |
| Clark, Juanita | Lipe, Fitts | Soto Corpuz, Victor |
| Clift, Dorothy | Londino, Joe | Speechley, Jean |
| Collins, Jared | Luy, Suzanne Joy | Stchura, David |
| Coons, Adam & Family | Lycette, Missi | Storms, Mary |
| Crosnoe, Jimmy | Manes, Adoracion | Strazzella, Chris |
| Cummings, Chris | Manes, Jomar | Strazzella, Larry & Mona |
| Davis, Dorothy | Manes, Lolita | Sturgis, Larry |
| Davis, Eddie | Markowski, Dianne | Stvers, William |
| Davis, Heather | Marshall, Phyllis | Taylor, Edna |
| Davis, Ronald | Masters, Thomas | Thomas, Nicole |
| Day, Barbara | Mata, Melisa | Todd, Mary & Norris |
| DeArmitt, Becky | Mayfield, Bill | Timby, Bryan |
| Díaz, Aurelio | Mccage, Amy Lynn | Tyson, Diane |
| Díaz, Luz Elena | McLeary, Ralph | Übelhor, Wayne |
| Doumit, Deedee | Medvec, Dolores | Vars, Elaine |
| Durning, Maureen | Mercado, Pacita | Vucina, Maggie |
| Dwyer, Charles | Meyer, Jill | Walker, Earl |
| Dwyer, Mark | Meyer, Michelle | Walker, Robert |
| Dwyer, Pollyanne | Meyers, Karen | Wallace, Permelia |
| Dwyer, Sally | Miller, Laurene Rose | Ward, Dan |
| Edds, Wanda | Miller, Michael | Warmath, Marvin |
| Edelen, Nancy J. | Miracle, Jordan | White, John |
| Edwards, Carter | Mitchelson, Joe | Williams, Anna Katharine |
| Ellington, Lisa | Moody, Lois | Williams, Lenda |
| Ferri, Alex | Moore, Leah | Wilson, Joan |
| Filomeno, Jose Juan | Morrison, Libby | Wood, Debra |
| Flores, Melissa | Moss, Deacon Jim | Wyatt, Sherri |
| Franks, Grayson | Neal, Mary | Young, Christian |
| Franey, Judith | Nunn, Marvin | Young, Eveline |
| Frick, Leslie | Okolo, Joseph | |

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PARISH EDUCATION
St. Mary's School
*For the Scholar * For the Spirit*



Please join us in supporting
one of our parish families.

Parishioner Margo Bateman, the sweet three-year-old daughter of Todd and Sarah (Sopcak) Bateman and granddaughter of Steve and Jeanie Sopcak, is currently receiving cancer treatment at St. Jude.

To show our love and support, Mrs. Graham's Kindergarten class will host a Lemonade Stand Fundraiser on Saturday, October 12th, following each Mass.

All donations will go directly to St. Jude in honor of Margo and her family, who have given so much to our parish community.

Together, let's help give back to the place that is giving Margo life-changing medical and emotional care. Thank you for your consideration!

Scan QR Code to make a donation to St. Jude's on behalf of baby Margo Bateman.



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Catholic Classical Education for the Mind, Body & Spirit

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Homebound & Senior Citizens' Corner

Column Prepared by
Maggie-Poole Vucina
Phone: 731-664-8328

Call Maggie for help in locating any tradesman (carpenter, electrician, housecleaner, etc.) any home-health/medical or non-medical agency or for prayer cards: **O BLESSED MOTHER, PRAY FOR THE USA & EVENING PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.**

NEWS YOU CAN USE

You can access and manage your Medicare information anytime with a secure online Medicare account. It's quick and easy. Make sure to have your Medicare card on hand. **Your Medicare account also lets you:**

- **Update your prescriptions and pharmacies,** to better compare health and drug plans during enrollment periods.
- Choose to get an email from them in the fall when the new "Medicare & You" handbook is ready to view online, instead of getting a paper copy by mail.

It's easy to manage your Medicare information online. [Create an account at Medicare.gov/account.](https://www.medicare.gov/account)



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS AND SPECIAL DAYS:

Mon., Sept. 29 FEAST DAY of the Archangels: ST. MICHAEL, THE WARRIOR; ST. GABRIEL, THE MESSENGER; & ST. RAPHAEL, THE GUARDIAN. Among others, they are patron saints of police officers & first responders.

Tues., Sept. 30 FEAST DAY of ST. JEROME, 5th century priest who became a Scripture Scholar & translated the Bible into the Latin language (the Vulgate). One of the 4 doctors of the Latin Church. He is patron saint of librarians, biblical scholars & translators.

Sat., Oct. 4 FEAST DAY of ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI. Catholic Friar & mystic. The patron saint of Italy, he astounded & inspired the Church by taking the Gospel literally & joyfully following all that Jesus said. He founded the **FRANCISCAN FAMILY** in the 13th century.

NOTABLE QUOTABLE

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received--only what you have given."— St. Francis of Assisi

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD! New Lector Training:
OCT. 11th, 9am in the Church. Prayerfully consider this important ministry. Call the Parish office to sign up.

55+ DAY TRIP, OCT. 15, 7am-8pm

National Shrine of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO.
Room for only 6 more sign-ups!

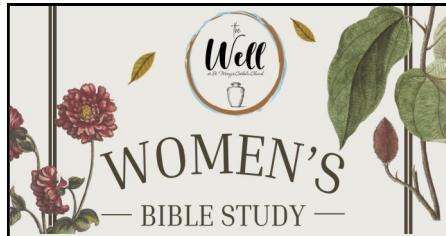


Call the
Parish office for more
information and to sign up –
or contact Don LaFont.

Life in Spirit Prayer Group



Join us on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at
6 p.m. in Our Lady of Fatima Room.
For more info, email Sharon at
sacreiter@gmail.com.



**THURS., OCT. 2,
6PM**

**Jane Lovell's house
(see Parish directory
for address)**
All are welcome!

*Sympathy, Encouragement,
Get Well, & More*
Our September Contact:
Diane Johnson
dianemj.1053@gmail.com



Saturday, Oct. 4, 10:30am

In the Blessed Mother plaza



Our campaign moves forward!
Fundraising for the St. Joseph
Activity Center continues.
Please scan the QR code to donate.



THE NURSERY IS OPEN!
Sundays, 9am-12pm — Infants to 3-year-olds.