



ST. MARY



Sacrament of Confession

Saturday- 4:30-5:15pm
Sunday-8:00-8:15am
Tuesday-5:00-5:20pm
*or by appointment

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 22, 2026
The Fifth Sunday
Of Lent

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St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with
Christ our Savior



New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, please scan this code to become a registered member, or call the parish office at 316-282-0459 ext 1.



Office Hours:
Tuesday – Thursday: 9am-4pm;
Friday 9am-12pm
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 5:30pm
Wednesday – Friday: 8am
Stations of the Cross
Friday 6pm



Free for St. Mary parishioners!
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Mar. 24
5:30pm	✠Doris Regier
Wednesday	Mar. 25, The Annunciation of the Lord
8:00am	Leon McKedy
Thursday	Mar. 26
8:00am	✠Doris Mick
Friday	Mar. 27
8:00am	✠Bill & Bonnie Palmer
Saturday	Mar. 28
5:30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday	March 29, Palm Sunday
8:30am	✠Barbara Gehrer
10:30am	✠Richard Meister



Please Pray For the Sick:
Nancy Budde * Lorraine Farnan
Maretta Lies * Pat Phillips
Sister Rosemary * David Vinduska

Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Alice Sturgeon**, who passed away on
 March 13, 2026.

—*May the Love of God comfort you all.*



ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN UP MARCH 28TH— 8AM

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual spring clean up at the cemetery. Please bring shovels, rakes or any appropriate yard tools that you may have. Breakfast burritos, coffee and juice will be prepared by the ladies of the Altar Society. Rain out date will be on April 11th. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis Alexander at 316-640-2035 or Carrol Langenhorst at 316-727-3025. Thank you!

BOOK STUDY

**THE NEXT BOOK STUDY WILL BEGIN ON
 FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH FROM NOON—1PM**

**THE BOOK IS
LAY SIEGE TO HEAVEN**

By Louis DeWohl

Questions, call Betty Lanzrath at 316-772-3177



Dear Parishioners,

Someone recently came to me with a question about Holy Communion. They have family members visiting from out of town who are non-practicing Catholics.

When they've visited in the past, they

have attended Mass together and received Holy Communion. This person asked me whether they should inform their family members of the need to abstain from Holy Communion, since they do not attend Sunday Mass otherwise. I affirmed their idea of informing their family members, but advised them to offer the reason why, versus just telling them they can't receive Holy Communion.

Perhaps the reason why might be helpful to you as well, in case you find yourself in a similar situation. For a non-practicing Catholic, or anyone who has missed a Sunday Mass, a mortal sin has been committed. And without having first gone to Confession, receiving Holy Communion while in a state of mortal sin is spiritually harmful because it contradicts the very nature of the sacrament.

The Eucharist is meant to unite the believer more deeply with Christ, but mortal sin signifies a rupture in that relationship. The Eucharist produces grace in those properly disposed; however, when someone approaches it in grave sin, because their soul lacks spiritual life, the soul is unable to receive its benefits. Instead of fostering union with God, the act becomes an outward sign that conflicts with one's inward spiritual state.

The Church teaches that receiving the Eucharist unworthily constitutes a form of sacrilege. Because the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ, approaching it without reverence and proper moral preparation shows a profound disrespect for its holiness. St. Paul explains in 1 Corinthians that such reception brings judgment upon the individual rather than grace. The seriousness lies not only in the unworthiness of the recipient but also in the objective dignity of what is being received.

This is why one must first be reconciled through the sacrament of Confession before approaching the Eucharist after committing a mortal sin. This reflects the proper order of spiritual healing: repentance restores the soul to grace, making it capable of fruitful communion with Christ. This is not merely a rule but a logical and theological necessity—since the Eucharist strengthens and nourishes spiritual life, it requires that such life already exist in the soul.

In Christ,

Fr. Bergkamp



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, MARCH
 27 @6PM. KNIGHTS FISH FRY 5-7PM**

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Stations 3/27 6:00 Gus & Hank K. & Allison P.
Sat. 03/28 5:30 Stella Shepherd & Jase Sweasy
Sun. 03/29 8:30 Maddyx E. & Evan K.
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Lily & Otis Hett *Ryan A.

Accompanist/Cantor

Sat. 03/28 5:30 Curiel/Frazier
Sun. 03/29 8:30 Ryan/Lanzrath
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Ryan/Weber

Lector

Sat. 03/28 5:30 Richard Mick (N) Mike Weber (V)
Sun. 03/29 8:30 Michael Popelka (N) Rodger Graham (V)
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Mario Lanza (N) Joe Gerber (V)

Sacristan

Mar. 24—27— CJ Sutton
Sat. 03/28 5:30 Shelly Oswald
Sun. 03/29 8:30 Mary Ann Bruggeman
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Terri Bockhaus

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun. 03/29 8:30 Tara Kitzke
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Don Hageman

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC March 28—

Mario Lanza

Ushers/Greeters

Sat. 03/28 5:30 Kyle & Linda Kientz
Gary & Bret Littlejohn
Sun. 03/29 8:30 Chris Kitzke & Brian Lowry
Dale & Sonja Kaiser
Sun. 03/29 10:30 Justin Hett & Carrol Langenhorst
Sam & Leah Kliewer

Church Cleaners March 27—

Cody & Jessica Gronau, Sonja Kaiser, Brant & Rebekah Boswell

Rectory Cleaners April 1 —

Brigitte Loescher

Parish Center Cleaning March—

Shirley & Megan Weber

Wash Server Albs March—

Rosemarie Craft



ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS-

There is still time to sign up!

Have you ever wanted to know more about Righteousness, Faith, Salvation, Justification and Pre-destination? These are some of the topics which will be explored in our upcoming Study of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. We will meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm from March 17 through May 12.

If interested, please contact Mario Lanza at: doclanza@outlook.com

Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

PSR

Grades 1st- 8th For children who do not attend Catholic School. Every Sunday from 9:30-10:20am in the Parish Center. Schedule changes/cancellations will be sent through Flocknote. Joe Gerber jagerber@usd206.org

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour, please call coordinator Laurie Kimere at (417) 531-8904.

Rosary Prayer Line

Call the parish office at 316-282-0459 ext. 1, to activate the line. If there is no answer, leave a detailed message and the line will be activated as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Father Bergkamp would love to answer any questions and help in any way possible. He can be contacted at 316-282-0459 ext. 4.

Information About Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 4:30 -5:15 p.m. Sunday at 8:00-8:15a.m.
Tuesday 5:00-5:20pm. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Newly engaged couples are asked to contact Fr. Bergkamp at 316-282-0459, ext. 4 to set up an appointment to schedule their wedding.

Our Gifts to God & Parish


Fiscal Year: July 2025-June 2026

Collections for the Month of February

*Regular Collection	\$ 89,960.61
Amt needed for month: (4 wk month)	\$ 66,148.16
Regular Collections for the fiscal year compared to 25-26 budget	\$ +37,402.16 +6.46%

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and very important to the operation of the parish and the school!

—Fr. Bergkamp



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A supportive gathering designed for individuals serving as caregivers for their loved ones living with dementia. This group provides a warm and inclusive environment where participants can come together to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while engaging in meaningful conversations and social interactions. Monthly on the Second Thursday @ 10am Newton Public Library (Study Room A)

Join us for a cup of coffee, a chat, and the chance to build connections that can provide comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community. Together, we can navigate the challenges of dementia and create cherished memories along the way. Contact Sharon Erwin @ 316-650-7108 for more information or simply show up for a cup of coffee!

CHECK OUT OUR MEDIA PAGE FOR LOCATION AND UPDATES
Instagram: catholic_biblestudy

EMAIL: MADDY.RALPH@HESSTON.EDU FOR ANY QUESTIONS

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION!
ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
29TH ANNUAL AUCTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS FOR A LOVED ONE
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 316-282-0459 EXT 1 TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION.
SUGGESTED DONATION IS \$10

St. Mary Auction presents

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Saturday, April 25, 2026

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CEMETERY PLOTS

ACTIVE PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY/OLG \$300
NON-PARISHIONERS (CATHOLIC)—\$500
IF YOU'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT'S AVAILABLE, CALL NICHOLE PECK AT 316-323-9597 FOR MORE INFO