



*Weekend Mass Schedule

St. Bernadette

Saturday 8:15am, Sunday 9am & 11am

St. Mary

Sunday 10:30am

St. Peter

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am

St. Thomas More

Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8am & 10am

*Daily Mass Schedule

St. Bernadette

M, T, W, F 8:15am, Thursday 6:45pm

St. Mary

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am

St. Peter

Friday 8:30am

St. Thomas More

T, W, Th, F 8:30am

Confession Schedule

St. Bernadette: Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
& Saturdays from 9am to 10am

St. Mary: Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm

St. Peter: Mondays from 6pm to 7pm &
Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm

St. Thomas More: Saturdays 3pm to 3:40pm

Confessions are also available by appointment. Please contact one of our priests by phone or email to schedule a time.

Eucharistic Exposition

****St. Bernadette:** Tuesdays from 9am - 8pm

St. Mary: Thursdays from 5pm - 7pm

St. Peter: Mondays from 1pm - 7pm

St. Thomas More: Fridays from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Learn more about Eucharistic exposition and becoming a regular guardian at stellamarisfamily.org/adoration.



****Benediction (7pm-8pm) 3rd Tuesday**
and 1st Friday of each month at St. Bernadette

***Exceptions for Mass times will be listed separately in the bulletin.**

Mass Intentions

Key: B: Bernadette, M: Mary, P: Peter, TM: Thomas More

Monday, March 2

8:15am (B) † Judith A Muennich req. by Cecilia Krusling

Tuesday, March 3

8:15am (B) † Debbie Chambers req. by Rachael Williams

8:30am (M) † Linda McCarroll req. by Nick McCarroll

8:30am (TM) † Marie Young req. by Dan and Sandy Verney

Wednesday, March 4

8:15am (B) People of the Parish Family

8:30am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by The O'Connor Family

Thursday, March 5

8:30am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by Bob and Ruth Meisman

8:30am (M) † Jennie Schajatovic req. by The Phillips Family

6:45pm (B) † Gerry Meisman req. by Diane Meisman

Friday, March 6

8:15am (B) Kelly Cook req. by Mike Cook

8:30am (P) Julie and David McLaughlin req. by Mary Clare Smith

8:30am (TM) Kelly Cook req. by Mike Cook

Saturday, March 7

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) People of the Parish Family req. by The Pastor

5:00pm (P) † Jack Griffin req. by Kathie Griffin

Sunday, March 8

8:00am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by Cindy Cappel

8:30am (P) † Sandy Hinson req. by Joseph and Linda Macke

9:00am (B) People of the Parish Family

10:00am (TM) † Len Heiselman req. by Jeannine Heiselman

10:30am (M) † Roberta Buchanan req. by Ron and Rita O'Toole

11:00am (B) † Michael Overbey req. by Kent Halaby

Other Sacramental Needs

For more information on weddings, baptisms, and funerals, please call the appropriate parish office. **If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call [513-549-2198](tel:513-549-2198).**

Schedule a Mass Intention

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request using our new online program.

Visit the link below, or scan the QR code.

tinyurl.com/MassIntentionSM



Stella Maris Financial Update and DMI

Financial Update

As we move into this new calendar year, I wanted to take a moment to give you a brief update on the financial condition of our parishes. As you know, although we are a Family of Parishes, each of our four is financially independent and will remain so until the day we become one canonical parish. As we continue on our Beacon's journey, we are committed to maintaining beautiful, thriving parishes that are both spiritually fruitful and financially stable.

To that end, we continue to be blessed by your generous stewardship. Whether it be in time, talent, or treasure, so many of you have come forward to share your gifts. As a result, you can see from the chart below that each of our four parishes operated at a surplus last year, which was a significant reversal of the prior year's losses. This result has allowed us to focus on our primary mission of helping people encounter Christ, while still investing in our parish campuses and schools.

During the past year, we have seen real spiritual growth in our Family through shared worship, ministries, and formation opportunities. Our schools are flourishing; enrollment is up, and there's a resurgence of vitality within our Family. It's with tremendous gratitude that I see what God is accomplishing through your generosity and hard work.

Discipleship Maker Index

At Stella Maris, our task is simple: help people encounter Jesus. Stella Maris exists for our parishioners and for all who live within our boundaries, that they might personally know the love of God through Jesus Christ. We want the Catholic Church in Southern Clermont County to grow vibrantly.

One step in this process involves assessing where our Family's greatest strengths and opportunities are today, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in. The Disciple Maker Index is a survey that is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their personal journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The survey will also ask you to provide your perspective on our Family's efforts to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

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Financial Results for Fiscal Year 2025	St. Bernadette	St. Thomas More	St. Mary	St. Peter
Parish Income	\$ 656,508	\$837,804	\$227,519	\$ 227,673
Parish Expenses	\$ 628,140	\$ 867,556	\$199,270	\$ 204,831
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 28,368	\$ (29,752)	\$ 28,249	\$22,842
School Income	\$1,653,032	\$2,059,008		
School Expenses	\$1,677,417	\$1,961,671		
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ (24,385)	\$ 97,337		
Combined Income	\$ 2,309,540	\$ 2,896,812		
Combined Expenses	\$ 2,305,557	\$2,829,227		
Net Gain (Loss)	\$3,983	\$ 67,585		

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

Last Sunday, February 22, our Catechumens and Candidates who are preparing for entrance into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, participated in the Rite of Sending at St. Bernadette, and the Rite of Election and Calling of Candidates to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral. This marks the beginning of their intensive preparation during Lent before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. We are blessed to have 29 adults and children coming into our Stella Maris Family at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for them during Lent, that they allow the Holy Spirit to continue to guide them in their journey to becoming Catholic.



Candidates from left to right (baptized previously in another Christian faith)

Rachel Sorg, April Kelch, Maggie O'Bryon, Matt Young, Ryan Dossenback, Landon Hittle, Billy Jeffers (Blake Roeckner, not pictured)



Catechumens from left to right (non-baptized)

Justin Rieger, Ethan Wehrmeyer, Levi Sorg, Tony Vieson, Collin Simpson, Serenah Begley, Wyatt Huber, Courtney Huber, Manouan Ehounoud, Maria Serrano-Mena, Kristen Bagnall, Bennett Bagnall, Delaney Bagnall, Caroline Bagnall, (Dana Everhart, Dale Everhart, Adrienne Kunz, Brynn Ross, Cali Sandusky, Dylan Stevenson, and Nikola Zanovic, not pictured)



Do you have photos from a recent event at Stella Maris?
Please send them to rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org for a chance to be featured in the bulletin!

DMI continued.

Some of you may recall our Family of Parishes participated in the DMI back in 2022. This initial survey provided a window of insight into the four parishes at the outset of Beacons of Light. The second survey will help us to check our progress and identify new areas of opportunity. We strongly encourage all parishioners to participate in the DMI, including those who completed the survey in 2022.

The 10–15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link (please see links for each parish below). Paper surveys will also be available for those who are unable to complete the survey online. Please return completed paper surveys to any of the parish offices. The survey will close on April 7th. Please take some time to complete it as soon as possible, and thank you in advance for your help with this!

Survey links and QR codes:



St. Bernadette: survey.catholicleaders.org/d/pc1k18



St. Mary: survey.catholicleaders.org/d/p7dg18



St. Peter: survey.catholicleaders.org/d/pc1348



St. Thomas More: survey.catholicleaders.org/d/pcd02p



Fr. Tim Ralston
Fr. Tim Ralston
Pastor of Stella Maris



2026 Lenten Mission

ALL THINGS NEW

March 8 - 10, 2026 | 7 PM | St. Thomas More Church
800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Our "All Things New" Lenten Mission is an occasion for prayer, renewal, and conversion. The Mission will take place three straight evenings on **March 8 - 10 at 7 pm**, and will focus on prayer and conversion of heart — rooting out vice and planting virtue. Let Christ make you new this Lent and Easter.

MARCH 8, 2026 — WHAT IS PRAYER, REALLY?

- 6:30 pm — Sacrament of Reconciliation and Worship
- 7:00 pm — Welcome
- 7:05 pm — Mission Talk #1
- 8:00 pm — Eucharistic Exposition

MARCH 9, 2026 — VICE AND PARTICULAR FAULT

- 6:30 pm — Sacrament of Reconciliation and Worship
- 7:00 pm — Welcome
- 7:05 pm — Mission Talk #2
- 8:00 pm — Eucharistic Exposition

MARCH 10, 2026 — VIRTUE AND FREEDOM

- 6:30 pm — Sacrament of Reconciliation and Worship
- 7:00 pm — Welcome
- 7:05 pm — Mission Talk #3
- 8:00 pm — Eucharistic Exposition
- 8:35 pm — Reception

Featuring Mission Preachers:



JOHN LEYENDECKER
MISSION PREACHER



DAVE STAPLES
MISSION PREACHER

Find new life
in Christ.



stellamarisfamily.org/lenten-mission



Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, March 10

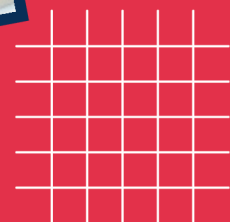
All parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, March 10, as the Stella Maris staff will be participating in an all-day retreat.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

While classroom lessons provide the foundation of our faith, seeing that faith in action helps transform the heart! The St. Thomas More eighth graders recently took a meaningful trip to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter In Chains, where they had the rare and moving opportunity to venerate a relic of St. Carlo Acutis.



Sunday, March 1 | 7-9 PM
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT
 Stievenard Hall | St. Bernadette



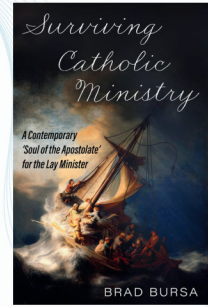
NEW LIFE AT SCHOOL

Attention high schoolers! Please join us on Sunday, March 1, in Stievenard Hall at St. Bernadette. We will be discussing what it looks like to live out your Catholic Faith at school. The night will also include games, time to connect with friends, and praise and worship. We hope to see you there!

stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry



SURVIVING CATHOLIC MINISTRY
 A BOOK STUDY



Tuesdays at 7:30 pm | March 3rd and 31st | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Last Chance to Register!

Nobody enters Catholic ministry aiming to become jaded. Yet it happens all the time. Ministers often grow calloused and abandon ship. It does not have to be this way. In "Surviving Catholic Ministry," Brad Bursa combines his deep experience in the ministry field with insights drawn from Tradition to provide readers a practical escape from burnout. The cost for the study is \$15, which includes the book and materials. \$8 of each book purchase goes straight to supporting the Stella Maris Institute coffee fund. The cost for this study is free if you already own the book.

stellamarisfamily.org/institute-book-studies



FAMILY SUNDAYS



for families with children in preschool through high school



Each Family Sunday includes...

- a special family-focused Mass 🏰
- complimentary brunch 🍷🍰
- guided, family time with Scripture 📖
- community with other families who have kids in grades pre-K to 12 🌈

Our next Family Sunday will be at St. Bernadette on Mar. 15, from 9:00 am - 11:30 pm.
 (For other Family Sunday dates, please visit our website.)

There is no cost, but space is limited. Please RSVP no later than one week in advance at stellamarisfamily.org/family-sundays or by using the QR code.



Slow Motion Mass (Teaching Mass)

Tuesday, March 24 | 7 pm | St. Bernadette Church

Mass celebrated by Fr. Tim Ralston, Pastor;
 Teaching by Dave Staples, instructor at School of Faith



Looking for a deeper understanding of what's going on in the celebration of the Mass? Join us for this unique teaching Mass at St. Bernadette Church. Please note we will be celebrating Holy Mass as usual. However, there will be brief pauses within the celebration of the liturgy, and Dave Staples will provide teaching at those times. No registration needed.

stellamarisfamily.org/institute-workshops



Starting a Garden: What You Need to Know

Thursday, March 12 | 7 pm | St. Peter Church

Are you interested in starting a garden, or just want a few tips from a pro? On Thursday, March 12, Diana Dickinson, a 23-year Master Gardener, will be giving a talk at St. Peter's at 7 pm. Learn a number of tips, such as the advantages of a raised bed, what plants do well in what conditions, and planting for success in Southwest Ohio. Come join our growing group of people who relish God's creation and its fruits.

Westside Multi -Grade School Class of 1966

Monday, April 27 | 4 - 8 pm | Jim & Jacks

Reunite, Remember, Celebrate! Reserve this day on your calendar! Jim & Jacks, 3456 River Road, 45238. Food and drink purchases are on your own, and plan to be there! So many people want to see you! For more information, please visit Westsideforever66@gmail.com.

HELP NEEDED:

There is a young woman at St. Peter's who needs a ride to and from Saturday night Mass. A neighbor has been bringing her every other weekend, when she does not have to work, but she would certainly prefer to come weekly. She lives on Laurel-Lindale Rd. If you might be able to offer a ride, please contact the secretary for St. Mary and St. Peter at (513) 734-4041.

Eucharistic Guardians Needed

We need Eucharistic Adoration Guardians who can commit to spending a specific hour each week in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ensuring the Eucharist is never left alone during times of Exposition. Our most needed times are:

St. Peter — Mondays: 4 pm and 5 pm

St. Bernadette — Tuesdays: 2 pm and 7 pm

Grief Support Group

Meetings take place at St. Peter's at 7 pm on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (except for most civic holidays).

The group is open to anyone dealing with loss who would like to attend. It provides an opportunity for sufferers to express their feelings and concerns among others who may have experienced similar losses. Meetings are free, and light refreshments will be provided. There is no pre-registration necessary. If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Stang at (513) 550-1907 or maryannstang@gmail.com.



Fish Fries

at Stella Maris

St. Bernadette | 5:00 - 7:30 pm

St. Bernadette Cafeteria

Mar. 6 & 13

St. Mary | 4:30 - 7:30 pm

Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27

St. Peter | 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27

St. Thomas More | 5 - 7 pm

St. Thomas More Cafeteria

Mar. 6, 13, 20, & 27

St. Mary's Altar Society Raffle Winners

February winners:

- Barb Hanlon — \$50
- Madonna Cahall — \$25
- Jerry Etienne — \$10

Congratulations to these winners! This is your reminder to let us know if you want raffle tickets.

Lenten Changes at St. Thomas More

There will be no extended Adoration hours during Lent at St. Thomas More. Adoration will be held from 9:30 am to 3:15 pm as usual.

Stations of the Cross at Stella Maris

- St. Bernadette — Fridays at 7 pm during Lent.
- St. Peter — Fridays at 8 am during Lent (before 8:30 am Mass).
- St. Thomas More — Fridays at 7:30 pm during Lent (except on March 13).

NEWS AND EVENTS

ENCOUNTER
SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
CINCINNATI CAMPUS

TRANSFORMATION NIGHT

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
800 OHIO PIKE - CINCINNATI, OH 45245

FRIDAY | MARCH 13TH



SPECIAL GUEST
Dr. Haley Riney

"Fixing Your Gaze on the Lord while
Carrying the Weight of Your Cross"

6:30-7:30PM | ADORATION AND PRAISE MUSIC
7:30-8:15PM | RENEWAL OF THE MIND TEACHING
8:15-9:00PM | PRAYER MINISTRY



Putting our Love in Action
through Charitable Work and
Social Justice

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in
the Stella Maris Family of Parishes

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him." **Do we listen to Jesus when he asks us to take care of our brothers and sisters who are suffering? Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help those struggling for a stable life to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.**

Stella Maris Family of Parishes St. Vincent de Paul Help Lines:

- St. Bernadette:** 513-753-5566 Ext 130
- St. Mary:** 513-734-4041
- St. Peter:** 513-525-7173
- St. Thomas More:** 513-753-2561



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The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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ORGANIZATION (SGO)**



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school(s), or one
will be chosen
based on the
greatest need.*

Donate and you could claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on your state income tax return. Up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See section 5747.73 Ohio Revised Code

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

It's not too late! Ohio taxpayers have until April 15, 2026, to make a donation to an SGO and be able to apply the associated tax credit to their 2025 tax return.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
03/05/26

BULLETIN
03/15/26

Please submit your bulletin articles to
rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org.
For submission guidelines, visit
stellamarisfamily.org/bulletin

NEW TO STELLA MARIS?

We are so glad you're here!
We encourage you to register as a parishioner.
Scan the QR code or visit
stellamarisfamily.org/new-parishioner-registration



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: David Himmelstein, Jan Frazee, Bev Jung, Carroll Mayhugh, Ross Gentry, Timothy Haller, Robert Back, Julie Armbrrecht, Marge Armbruster, Kristina Deboard, Ken Ozanich, Joann Schwetschenau, Matthew Haurert, Patricia Dean, Herbert Doty, Steve & Zenia Kobylski, John Davis, Pat Crumbacher, Jim D'Aquila, Milie Blom, Mary Breving, Rose Brumfield, Pauline Young, Derek Archer, AJ Bressler, Mary Ann Fedak, Mary Anna Willacker, Denny Mulvey, Charlie Horstman, Jack Gardner, Andrea Kittel, Robert Kocher, Paul Coyne, Willie and Renee Rooks, Joe Bresser, Rita Afflaeck-Graves, Bernice Sutter, Andrew Nelson, Nicole Bussard, Kenneth Siler, Hugh Evans, Donna Merkle, Robert Rau, Ainsley Gableman, Michelle Smith, Norma Alford, David Kiefer, Barb Setty, Alice Sims, Dennis Ralph, Lori Cole, Carol Woerner, Toni Hayes Herbst, Bob Guenther, Tom Candelaresi, Jose Worrall, Stephanie Kortyka, Kathy Johnson, Dave O'Connor, Art Kareth, Beverly Cmehil, Steve Feist, Harry Horstman,

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Michael Kelly, Dominic Steelman, Donnie Lawrence, Tyler Reinhart, Jonathan Carnes, Travis Gallivan, Koray Sexton, Michael Hucker Jr., Corey Campbell, Randy Damron, Keith Deardorff, Ryan Robinson, Paul Bellonby II, Andrew Schloemer, Kimberley Brinson, Joshua A. Rettig, Travis Gallivan, Tim Czubek, Neil Lizakowski, Bill Harris, Rachel Piening, Brian Faw, Jeff Archer, Kyle Schulte, Justin Mulloney, Matthew Quitter, Paul Conrady, Emma Conrady, Kyle Broerman and Alexis Ruth, Nicholas Craig, Logan Owens, Connor Murray, Samantha Dauterman, Andrew D'Aquila-Meyers, Benjamin Watson, Fermin DeRepentigny, Robert Kidd, James Leo Seibert III, Ethan Tolliver, Crosby Luke Seibert,

To keep our prayer list up to date, please email rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org to add/remove names.

PRIESTS

- Father Timothy Ralston, Pastor** | 513-753-5566 ext. 102
pastor@stellamarisfamily.org
- Father Thomas Dorn, Parochial Vicar**
fatherdorn@fuse.net
- Father William Wagner, Parochial Vicar**
513-753-2553 wjwags@sttm.org
- Father David Endres, Weekend Celebrant**

For a complete listing of parish staff members, please see the individual parish websites.

Parish Stewardship

Fiscal Year-to-Date through January
(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)

St. Bernadette

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$396,536	\$334,503
EXPENSES	\$392,726	\$406,197
NET	\$3,810	(\$71,694)

St. Mary

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$142,076	\$127,851
EXPENSES	\$133,217	\$141,687
NET	\$8,860	(\$13,837)

St. Peter

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$142,937	\$111,260
EXPENSES	\$126,511	\$142,234
NET	\$16,426	(\$30,975)

St. Thomas More

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$504,431	\$540,005
EXPENSES	\$486,922	\$502,500
NET	\$17,509	\$37,505

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Bernadette
1479 Locust Lake Rd.
Amelia, OH 45102
Office: (513) 753-5566
stbameliaaparish.org

St. Mary
3398 State Route 125
Bethel, OH 45106
Office: (513) 734-4041
sccrohio.org

St. Peter
1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd,
New Richmond, OH 45157
Office: (513) 553-3267
sccrohio.org

St. Thomas More
800 Ohio Pike
Withamsville, OH 45245
Office: (513) 752-2080
sttm.org

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