

2026 Lenten Mission

All Things New

March 8 - 10 | 7 pm | St. Thomas More Church

Beginning Sunday. See page 5 for more information.

Find new
life in Christ.



*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 9

8:15am (B) † Rose Quehl req. by Linda and Keith Friedrich

Tuesday, March 10

8:15am (B) † Donald Scott req. by The DeRepentigny Family

8:30am (M) † Roberta Buchanan req. by Family

8:30am (TM) † Rachael Casavant req. by Greg Casavant

Wednesday, March 11

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

8:30am (TM) † Debbie Chambers req. by Rachael Williams

Thursday, March 12

8:30am (TM) People of the Parish Family

8:30am (M) † Nicholas Rae req. by Christie Dannaher

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

Friday, March 13

8:15am (B) Peter Quinn req. by Rachael Williams

8:30am (P) † Daniel Morgan req. by St. Peter Bereavement Committee

8:30am (TM) † Fred Haas req. by Linda Haas

Saturday, March 14

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Ginny Rottinghaus req. by The Ivers Family

5:00pm (P) † Danny Morgan req. by Betty Morgan

Sunday, March 15

8:00am (TM) People of the Parish Family req. by The Pastor

8:30am (P) People of the Parish Family

9:00am (B) † Michael Krusling req. by Regina Finke

10:00am (TM) † Pat Schneider req. by Cindy Harter

10:30am (M) † Thomas Schneider req. by Regina Finke

11:00am (B) † Bob O'Connor

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



Prayer of the Faithful

The Prayer of the Faithful (or general intercessions) brings the liturgy of the word to an end. These intercessions are actually one of the oldest parts of the Mass. When celebrating a baptism during Mass, when the newly baptized are brought into the Eucharistic assembly, those present offer prayers for them and for all people in the world. There is clear evidence of the existence of these prayers from the early second century, both in the eastern churches and the western church. Only the baptized took part in this prayer since it was considered a function of the priestly people of God. In other words, all are exercising the priesthood of the laity. As Peter wrote in his first letter, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood."

The prayers are usually for:

- the needs of the church.
- the public authorities and the salvation of the whole world.
- those burdened by any difficulty.
- the local community and local, custom, adds.
- the deceased.

The priest introduces the petitions, inviting everyone to stand and pray. The deacon reads the petitions. If there is no deacon present, the lector usually reads them. The priest concludes the Intercessions with an oration.

The Prayer of the Faithful is considered a solemn prayer since it is accomplished by God's baptized priestly people, both ordained and those sharing in the priestly office by virtue of their baptism.



Fr. Bill Wagner
Parochial Vicar
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A Become Catholic Night at Stella Maris...

Lenten Mini-Retreat

New Life in Christ

Join us for a Lenten mini-retreat as we continue our pilgrimage toward Easter.

Mar. 17 | 6:00PM | Stievenard Hall at St. Bernadette

Once each month, everyone currently involved in the Become Catholic process gathers for a meal, a message & prayer. We also welcome anyone interested in becoming Catholic. Simply RSVP by Mar. 15 via the QR code or link below.



stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic



Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Join Fr. Bill Wagner as he explores The Acts of the Apostles, Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, in the St. Thomas More School Library, for his Wednesday Night Bible Study.

St. Thomas More Special Church Cleaning

Saturday, March 21 | 8:30 – 11:00 am | St. Thomas More

We will have a special church cleaning before Easter. We need lots of help preparing our beautiful church for Easter Weekend. Pews, Kneelers, doors, confessional, choir loft, etc., need to be cleaned. All help would be greatly appreciated. Come anytime during those hours and stay as long as you are able. Your help will make a big job seem small. Hope you can be there! BYOB (bucket) — all other supplies will be provided. Questions? Please call Chris Conrady at 513-943-1433.

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

Our last Family Sunday took place at St. Mary's on February 15. Parents, grandparents, and kids of all ages came together to laugh, share a meal, and dig into Scripture—listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit. A big thanks to The Men of St. Joseph, who generously provided brunch, and to all of our awesome volunteers who helped make the morning special!



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



Why We Retreat

Retreating has been part of our religious heritage at least from the time of Abram, who was called by God to a land that was not his own. We can think of God's people, Israel, called by God out of Egypt to worship him in the wilderness. Elijah fled to the desert. John the Baptist carried out his ministry on the outskirts of society, and repeatedly, Jesus seeks out deserted places to communicate with his Father. The earliest Christian monks fled the noisy and decadent cities to do one thing and one thing alone: seek God. The Church's saints throughout her history have retreated for the same purpose.

Today, Christians still retreat. We retreat because we, too, are called to holiness, to become saints. We take time away from the busyness of daily life, and we physically remove ourselves from our usual surroundings to do one thing: to seek God again. We disconnect to reconnect. We encounter God to be renewed.

This Lent, we are excited to offer a retreat that comes to you! Be renewed at our All Things New Lenten Mission. Spanning three evenings at St. Thomas More Church, this retreat features Mission Preachers John Leyendecker and Dave Staples, from School of Faith, Ohio, and Carl Jakubowski, our Mission Musician, who will lead us in worship. Together, they will walk us through rooting out vice and planting virtue in our hearts — removing what keeps us separated from Jesus and helping us establish good habits that draw us closer to him.

This is what going on retreat looks like — taking a step back from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and prioritizing our relationship with Jesus, allowing him to work within us to make us new. We invite you to join us over these three evenings. Rest a while and allow God to do what he has promised: to make all things new — within you and within me.

Seek him and discover new life in Christ at our All Things New Lenten Mission beginning on Sunday, March 8, at 7 pm.



Brad Bursa
Director of Evangelization

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



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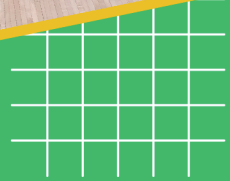
ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

Second graders are learning about the design process by creating mini sleds that are to move down a "hill" in the fastest time. They also wrote stories about sledding and playing in the snow.

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week, and although it got off to a snowy start, we had fun activities throughout the week that ended at our annual bowling outing with the whole school!



Upcoming Events

On March 13th, there is no school. Every Friday during Lent, the 8th grade will lead the school in the Stations of the Cross.



FAMILY SUNDAYS



for families with children in preschool through high school Dig into Scripture!



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 is 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



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

"EVERYTHING I HAVE IS YOURS"

LUKE 15:31

Spring Retreat 2026

Mar. 13 @ 7pm - Mar. 15 @ 1pm | Woodland Lakes Christian Camp



For any high schooler, one of the biggest pressures is to find one's identity in 'what I do,' rather than 'who I am in God's eyes.' Throughout the weekend, our theme will invite high schoolers to root themselves in their identity in God through their Baptism, reignite their belonging to the Church, and be encouraged that there is freedom in Christ because

everything God has for us is ours.



stellamarisfamily.org/ymspringretreat



The Passion in St. John's Gospel

— A Stella Maris Institute Talk —

Monday, March 30 | 7 pm | St. Peter Church

Each year on Good Friday, the Church reads the passion narrative from the Gospel of St. John. This talk will offer attendees fresh insight into St. John's beautiful account of the passion of Christ. This event is free, and no pre-registration is required. Presented by Fr. Thomas Dorn, parochial vicar, Stella Maris



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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.

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

St. Mary Altar Society Meeting Change

The St. Mary Altar Society is hanging their meeting night to the first Wednesday of the month, starting in April 2026. Thursday conflicts with Adoration, and we need more women to come to our meetings, so this change is necessary. Please mark your calendars for the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.



Stella Maris Parish Family 40 Days for Life Day

Saturday, March 21, 2026 | pray for one hour

Abortion Facility 2314 Auburn Ave, Cincinnati

We need your help to be a silent witness to protect life and to convert hearts in our culture. We are seeking to provide prayer coverage between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the vestibule at St. Thomas More, or you can visit the link below. Be assured, you will not be alone. Please call Julie Scott (513)-509-4785 with questions. tinyurl.com/ym5rp29j



Fish Fries

at Stella Maris

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

St. Bernadette Cafeteria

Mar. 13

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

Mar. 13, 20, & 27

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

Mar. 13, 20, & 27

St. Thomas More | 5 - 7 pm

St. Thomas More Cafeteria

Mar. 13, 20, & 27



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Through your almsgiving to your St. Vincent de Paul Conference, you are doing the will of the Father and finishing the work of Jesus. Know that your donations help those struggling in or near poverty right here in our own community.

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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Novena for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph March 10-18, 2026

The USCCB has composed a novena to be prayed on March 10-18, the nine days that precede the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on March 19. Each day of the novena is accompanied by a reflection video from bishops across the US. Please use the link below to sign up to pray the Novena. tinyurl.com/3hkhz9xx



By Golly's and The Works Restaurants

Collaborating with St. Vincent de Paul Society
to prevent homelessness

By Golly's and The Works restaurants are teaming with the St. Vincent dePaul Society to prevent homelessness in our district area, including Stella Maris Family Conferences. The following By Golly's and The Works restaurants will donate 10% of their sales to our district for conference grants to support homelessness prevention at the locations listed on the dates below. Please spread the word about this new opportunity to enjoy great food and help St. Vincent de Paul serve our neighbors in need!

- **By Golly's in Anderson on Monday, March 9.**
8112 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati.
- **The Works in Loveland on Monday, March 16.**
20 Grear Millitzer Place, Loveland.
- **By Golly's in Covington on Monday, March 23.**
313 Greenup Street, Covington.

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The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

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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

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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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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

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

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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

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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



CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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