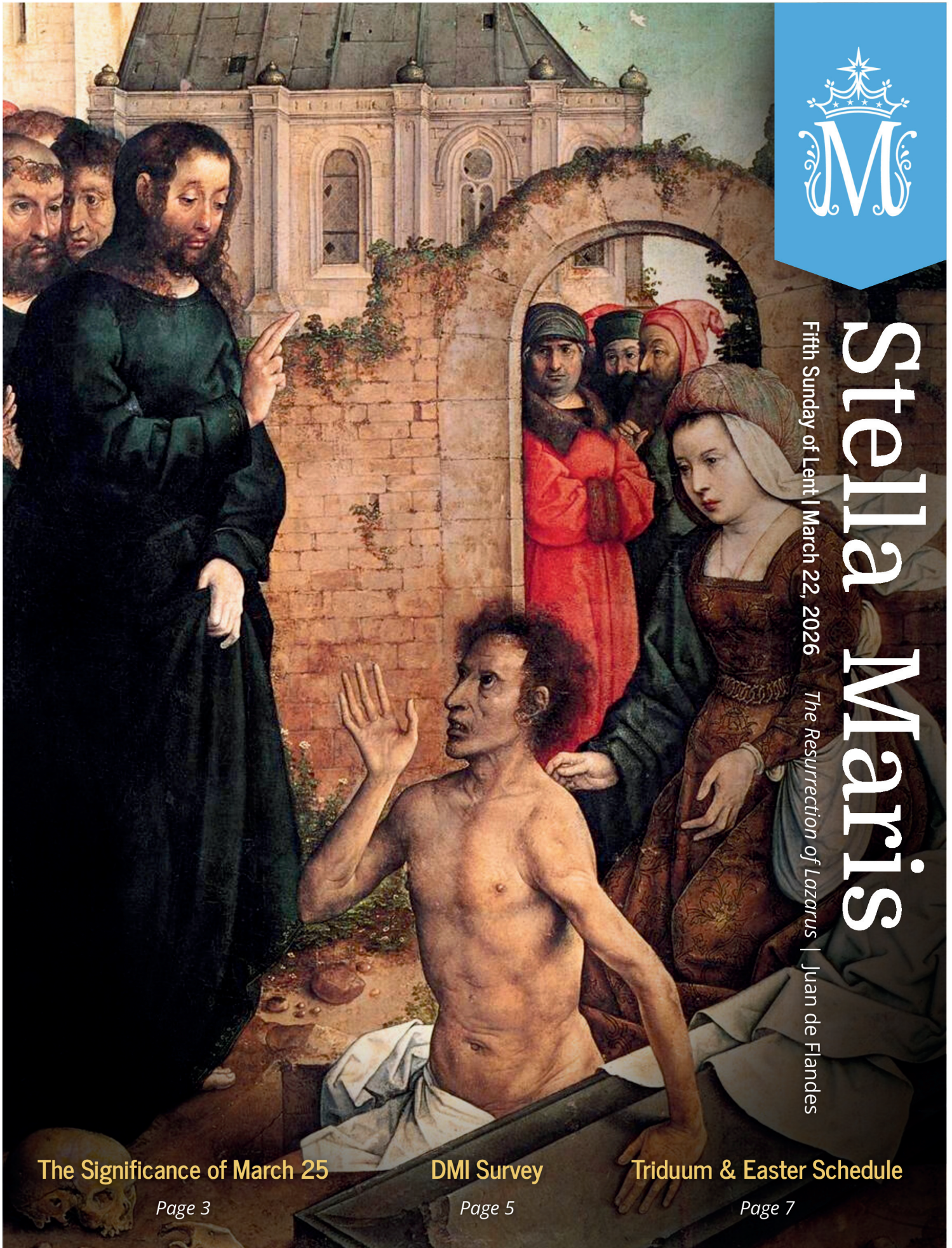




Stella Maris

Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 22, 2026

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*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 23

8:15am (B) † Kate Shevlane req. by Anthony Maclsaac

Tuesday, March 24

8:15am (B) Giovannina Cianciulli req. by Cianciulli Family

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

8:30am (TM) † Jo Ann Fish req. by The Franciscan Brothers

Wednesday, March 25

8:15am (B) † Jo Ann Fish req. by The Franciscan Brothers

8:30am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by Gene and Kathy Johnson

Thursday, March 26

8:30am (TM) † Charles Gallagher req. by Anthony Maclsaac

8:30am (M) † Jo Ann Fish req. by The Franciscan Brothers

6:45pm (B) People of the Parish Family

Friday, March 27

8:15am (B) † Annie Greer req. by Anthony Maclsaac

8:30am (P) † Father Michael Leshney req. by Cecilia Krusling

8:30am (TM) † Infant Nicole req. by Pat Rohal

Saturday, March 28

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

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

5:00pm (P) † Maxine Stuber req. by The Williams Family

Sunday, March 29

8:00am (TM) † Edward Kushner req. by Lorie and Steve

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

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

10:00am (TM) Nathalie DiGiacomo req. by Cindy Harter

10:30am (M) † Gloria Seimer req. by Rosemarie Toltave

11:00am (B) † Ferdinando Cianciulli req. by Rosaria Cianciulli

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



The Significance of March 25

March 25 is the historical date of the Annunciation, but it has also traditionally been regarded as the historical date of the Crucifixion.

The word "annunciation" means "announcement", and thus refers to the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the ever-Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Incarnate God, at which time she conceived the Christ Child in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit, **fulfilling prophecies of the virginal conception like Genesis 3:15, Isaiah 7:14, and Jeremiah 31:22b.**

But also, March 25 is the traditional date of the Crucifixion. For this very reason, Catholic author J.R.R. Tolkien, who wrote the Lord of the Rings trilogy, purposely had the One Ring, which represents sin, especially Original Sin, destroyed in the fires of Mt. Doom on March 25, per Appendix B. Therefore, the power of sin and Sauron was destroyed on March 25, **just as the power of sin and Satan had been destroyed on Mt. Calvary on March 25, 33 AD.**

In the Providence of God, both the **Incarnation**, which means "enfleshing", referring to the Eternal Word taking upon Himself human flesh, taking upon Himself a human nature without ceasing to be God, and also the Crucifixion, by which Blood-Sacrifice of the Incarnate God redeemed mankind, **occurred on the same calendar day!**



Fr. Thomas Dorn
Parochial Vicar



Please bring your decorated wicker baskets filled with Easter bread (pascha), cheese, butter, ham, sausage, Easter eggs, salt, horseradish, bacon, and an Easter candle. All are welcome!

Here is an example of some of the things you might find in a basket for blessing:

- Horseradish — bitter herbs symbolic of the Passion and of our own hardships, transformed in the Resurrection.
- Butter — often in the shape of the Paschal Lamb; symbolic of the richness of our life in Christ.
- Bread — a symbol of the Eucharist, Jesus as the "Bread of Life."
- Wine — a symbol of the celebration of Easter and a reminder of the bread & wine we share in the Eucharist.
- Salt and Pepper — the seasonings of our life. Condiments necessary for flavor, reminding the Christian of his duty to others.
- Decorated eggs — the more colorful the better! Symbol of new life and birth in the Resurrection.
- Kielbasa, sausage, or ham — represents abundance and God's generosity.
- Bacon — A symbol of the abundance of God's mercy.
- Cheese — A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.
- Candle — Christ as the light of the world.

The basket is usually lined with white linen and often decorated with something colorful, like ribbon or flowers.

Read about Parish Vitality and Tell Us What You Think

Curious about progress toward parish vitality and the goals of Beacons of Light in our 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Casey has released the 2026 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone up to date. In addition to facts, figures, stories, and witness, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which will be used in future planning for our Family of Parishes.

Learn more at catholicaoc.org/pvr



1, 2 The GRACE Ministry Book Club met on Wednesday, February 25, in the Stievenard Hall to discuss The Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen. 3 - 6 The Caring Place Pregnancy Center Luncheon took place on Saturday, March 7. The theme this year was Rooted In Faith. Stella Maris was well represented.



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!



DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Discipleship Maker Index Reminder

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.

The 10–15 minute survey can be accessed through an online link (please visit the links/QR codes for your parish on the right). 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!



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

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

Jennifer Ketchmark from WCPO came and visited our 2nd graders and taught them about what meteorologists do.



The third grade took a trip to the Newport Aquarium.



Our 8th grade had the privilege of going to see their classmate, Lucy Argueta, perform in the "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" at the Cincinnati Children's Theater.



Upcoming Events

The 7th and 8th grade will participate in the Science Fair.





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

Schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday



Find new
life in Christ.



Holy Thursday, April 2nd — No morning Masses

- St. Bernadette — Confessions at 5:30; Mass at 7 pm
- St. Mary — Mass at 7 pm (no Confessions)
- St. Peter — Mass at 7:30 pm
- St. Thomas More — Mass at 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 3rd — No Masses

- St. Bernadette — Liturgy at 3 pm; Confessions 4 - 6 pm
- St. Mary — Liturgy at 12 noon
- St. Peter — Liturgy at 1:30 pm
- St. Thomas More — Liturgy at 1 pm and 7 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4th

- St. Bernadette — Confessions 9 - 10 am and from 3 - 5 pm

Easter Vigil, April 4th

- Mass at 8:45 pm at St. Bernadette

Easter Sunday, April 5th — Normal Sunday schedule



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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St. Martin District Council
Serving Our Neighbors in Six Southeast Ohio Counties

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

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy, and kindness. Thank you for gracing the lives of our neighbors in need. Your support of the work of St. Vincent de Paul by your prayers, your time, and your donations provides help and hope to our struggling neighbors.

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

St. Bernadette: 513-753-5566 Ext 130

St. Mary: 513-734-4041

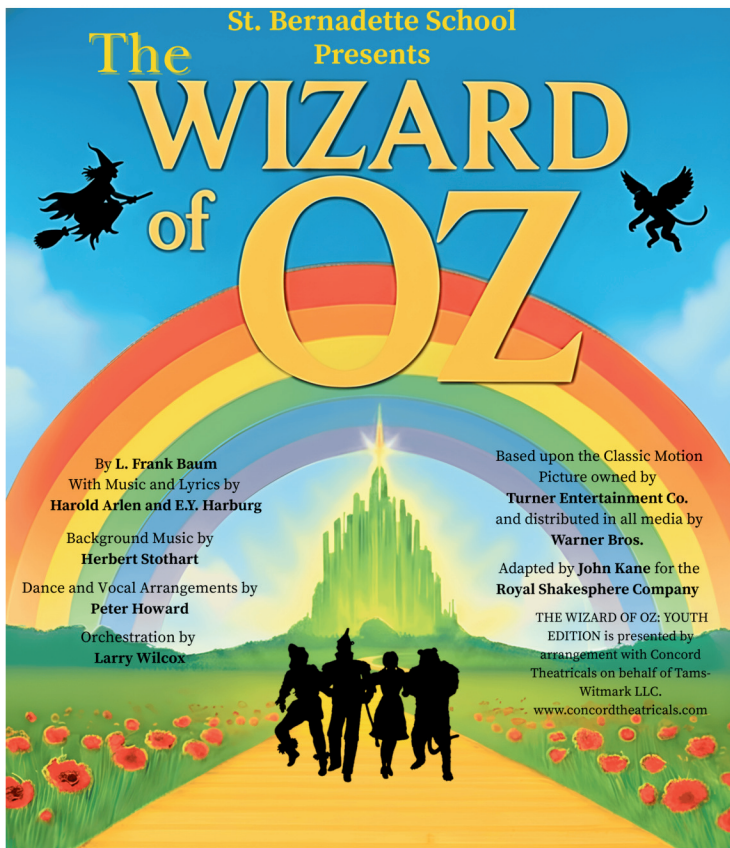
St. Peter: 513-525-7173

St. Thomas More: 513-753-2561



St. Bernadette School
Presents

The WIZARD of OZ



By **L. Frank Baum**
With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by
Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by
Peter Howard

Orchestration by
Larry Wilcox

Based upon the Classic Motion
Picture owned by
Turner Entertainment Co.
and distributed in all media by
Warner Bros.

Adapted by **John Kane** for the
Royal Shakesphere Company


THE WIZARD OF OZ: YOUTH
EDITION is presented by
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Theatricals on behalf of Tams-
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www.concordtheatricals.com

PERFORMANCES

Friday, March 27th- 7:00pm
Saturday, March 28th- 7:00pm
Sunday, March 29th- 2:00pm

For ticket information scan QR code!

1453 Locust Lake Rd.
Amelia, OH 45102



Special 40 Days for Life National Team Visit

Tuesday, March 24 | 6:30 pm

Three members of the 40 Days for Life national leadership team will be visiting our Cincinnati 40 Days for Life vigil site in front of Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219, for a special evening on the sidewalk. Speaking will be Dr. Haywood Robinson, Director of Medical Affairs and Education, a former abortionist who experienced a profound conversion and now dedicates his life to protecting mothers and babies; Heather Gardner, Director, Campaign Advancement, and the new initiative 40 Days for Life 365; and Kristi Hofferber, Campaign Strategist. This will be a powerful evening of testimony and encouragement, and such a rare opportunity for our local Greater Cincinnati campaign and all pro-lifers. You do not want to miss this event. Invite your family, pastors, and friends. Parking at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

Linens Ladies Help Needed

St. Thomas More

Help is needed to wash all the server's albs before Easter. If you can help, please pick them up in the sacristy after any Mass from March 22nd through March 29th, and return as soon as possible. Please contact Genny Ivers at givers0812@gmail.com or 513-379-1125 if you would like to volunteer!

St. Mary's Altar Society

March Raffle Winners

- \$50 — Lori Prine
- \$25 — Katrina Cahall
- \$10 — Kris Schnitgen

These winners will be filling Easter baskets with happiness! If you'd like your chance to win in April, please contact us to get your raffle tickets. The drawing will be on the first Wednesday of the month. Madonna Cahall (513.317.8709) Rita O'Toole (513.734.7391)

40 Days for Life Closing Prayer

Hour of Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 29 at 2 pm

Meet at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219. We will begin at Holy Name Church and process to Planned Parenthood (two blocks away) while praying the Way of the Cross. We will give thanks for another completed campaign, and speakers will offer encouragement and inspiration as we continue to stand for the sanctity of life.

Kneeler Pad Donations

A Thank you from St. Thomas More

Thank you to everyone who donated to the kneeler pad project at St. Thomas More Church. We reached our goal for contributions! The kneeler pads and bumpers have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in May. The Knights of Columbus plan to install them after the 8:30 am Masses on May 26, 27, and 28. Anyone who would like to help with the installation, please contact Fred Kinkel at 513-256-6482.

NEWS AND EVENTS

“In Loving Memory”

Section in Bulletin

Honor the memory of a loved one by including their name in the “In Loving Memory” section printed on the back of our bulletin. Each line costs \$75 and can be arranged through our bulletin publisher, Diocesan. To include a name or request more information, please contact our Diocesan representative, Ed Diehl. You can reach him at ediehl@diocesan.com or by calling 614-309-7261.

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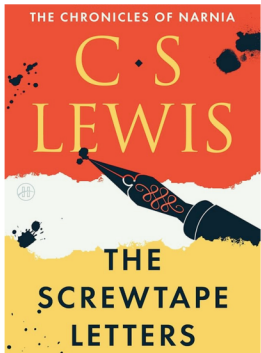
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The Grace Ministry Book Club



Wed. April 29, 2026

7 pm | Stevenard Hall | St. Bernadette
Come for fellowship, fun, and to informally share your thoughts. All are welcome, even if you haven't read or finished the book! Please bring a snack to share.

RSVP to Terri Murrell: 513-218-9535 or
Karin Mendoza: 513-884-2653 (text only)

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis's The Screwtape Letters is a classic novel written by the Christian author of the well-loved The Chronicles of Narnia. The Screwtape Letters has entertained and enlightened readers the world over. It is a sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the unique vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. The Screwtape Letters is the most engaging account of temptation — and triumph over it — ever written. Come join us!

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MATERIALS DUE:
MARCH 26, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:
APRIL 05, 2026

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



Fish Fries

at Stella Maris

Friday, March 27

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

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

St. Thomas More | 5 - 7 pm

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, Cathy Scheffter, Tyler Renfro,

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, Tim Czubek, Bill Harris, Rachel Piening, Brian Faw, Jeff Archer, 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, 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 February

(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)

St. Bernadette

CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$1,528,03	\$1,496,487
EXPENSES	\$1,440,815	\$1,497,832
NET	\$ 87,220	(\$1,345)

St. Mary

CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$162,455	\$149,895
EXPENSES	\$158,520	\$166,116
NET	\$3,935	(\$16,222)

St. Peter

CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$160,935	\$130,442
EXPENSES	\$146,070	\$166,757
NET	\$14,866	(\$36,315)

St. Thomas More

CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$635,629	\$604,210
EXPENSES	\$621,045	\$574,129
NET	\$14,584	\$30,081

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Bernadette

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

St. Mary

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

St. Peter

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

St. Thomas More

800 Ohio Pike
Withamsville, OH 45245
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