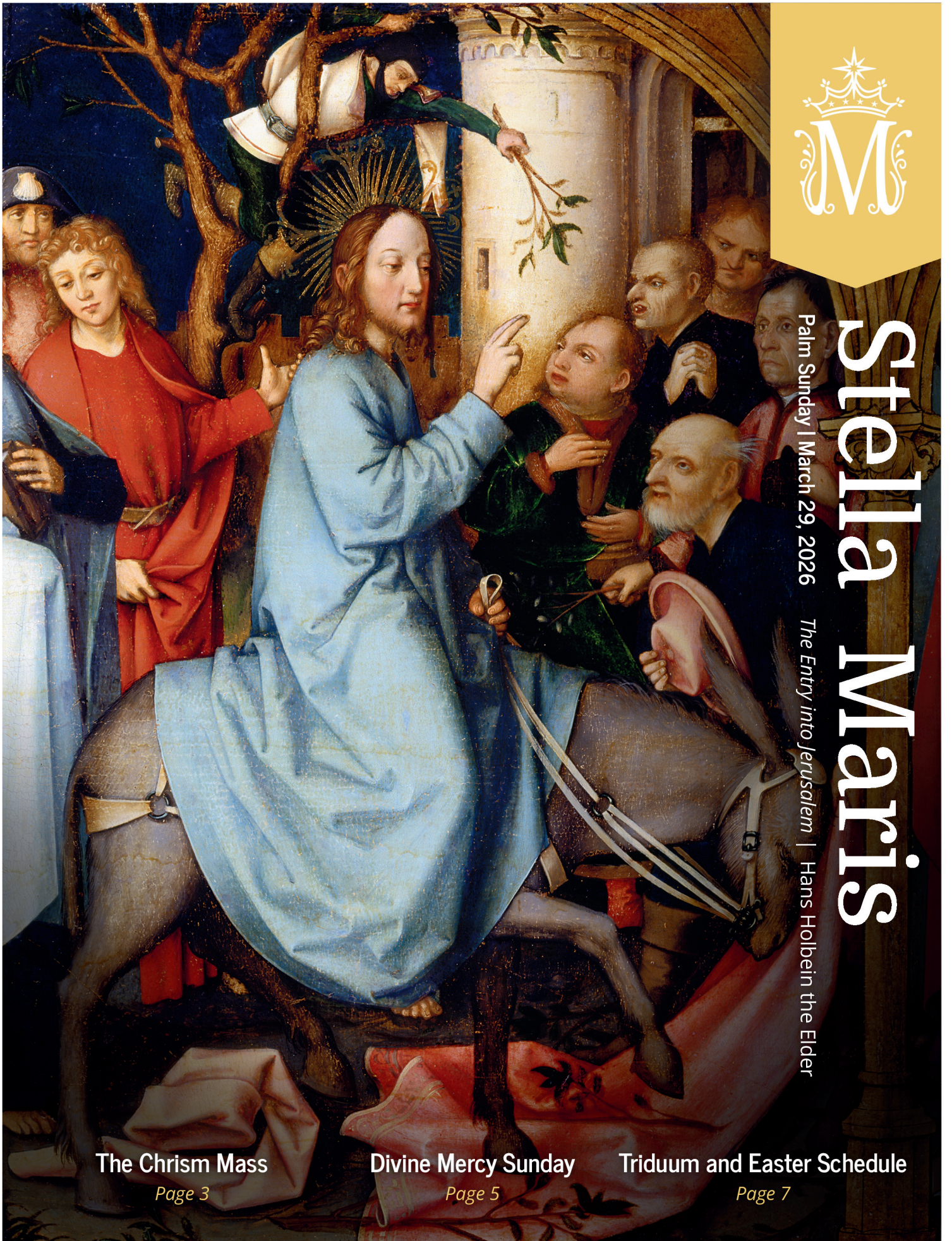




# Stella Maris

Palm Sunday | March 29, 2026

*The Entry into Jerusalem* | Hans Holbein the Elder



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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](http://stellamarisfamily.org/adoration).



**\*\*Benediction (7pm-8pm) 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday**

and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 30

8:15am (B) † James Condit req. by The Evangelization Office Staff

### Tuesday, March 31

8:15am (B) † Hugh Gallagher req. by Anthony MacIsaac

8:30am (M) † Gloria Seimer req. by Rosemarie Toltave

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

### Wednesday, April 1

8:15am (B) † James Seipel req. by The Parish

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by The Parish

### Thursday, April 2

7:00pm (M) † Linda McCarroll

7:00pm (B) Maria Brockman req. by The Williams Family

7:30pm (TM) † Leon Brunswick req. by Larka Family

7:30pm (P) † Arthur G. Williams req. by The Williams Family

### Friday, April 3 — see page 7 for liturgy schedule

### Saturday, April 4 — Easter Vigil

8:45pm (B) † Romie and Ron Giwer req. by Giwer Kids

### Sunday, April 5

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

8:30am (P) † Ewen MacMillan req. by Anthony MacIsaac

9:00am (B) † Antonio and Rosa Merola req. by Joanne Cianciulli

10:00am (TM) † Allan MacIntyre req. by Anthony MacIsaac

10:30am (M) † The deceased Finke & Krusling families req. by Regina Finke

11:00am (B) † Cianciulli Family 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](http://tinyurl.com/MassIntentionSM)



## The Chrism Mass

I want to take the opportunity this week to highlight one of the beautiful Holy Week liturgies – one that might be, in some ways, overlooked by many of us. This particular liturgy is the Chrism Mass.

Here is the announcement and invitation as found on the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's website:

Join Archbishop Casey and the priests and faithful of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for the annual Chrism Mass, celebrated on **Holy Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 4 pm** at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. In this once-a-year Holy Week liturgy, the archbishop will bless the Oils of the Sick and Catechumens and consecrate the Sacred Chrism to be used in sacramental celebrations throughout the archdiocese in the coming year. The priests will also renew the promises made at their ordination. All are welcome (especially those recently anointed or initiated, or those preparing for Christian Initiation in the coming year) to share in this unique liturgy, and it's a great opportunity for families to experience our local Church gathered in prayer!

Archbishop Casey has stated how much he would love to see as many people as possible join in the celebration of this Mass. It is one of my biggest joys each Holy Week, as I'm able to concelebrate the Mass with my bishop and brother priests, and renew my priestly promises in the presence of so many of the faithful! And, so I encourage all of you who can attend this very beautiful, very important Mass this week.

Even if we aren't able to make it to the Mass, we may find it beneficial to reflect upon the prayers of blessings used for the oils. So, I have included those here as well to serve as an opportunity for us to reflect on the oils themselves, and especially the sacraments for which they will be used.

### Oil of Catechumens

O God, strength and protection of your people, who have placed in the Oil, you have created a sign of endurance, graciously bless + this Oil; grant fortitude to catechumens who are anointed with it, that receiving your divine wisdom and strength, they may understand more deeply the Gospel of your Christ, may undertake generously the labors of Christian life, and, made worthy of adoption to sonship, may find joy in being born again and living in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Oil of the Sick

O God, Father of all consolation, who through your Son have willed to heal the infirmities of the sick, listen favorably to this prayer of faith: send down from heaven, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, upon the rich substance of this Oil, which you were pleased to bring forth from vigorous green trees to restore our bodies, so that by your holy + blessing this Oil may be for anyone who is anointed with it a safeguard for body, mind, and spirit, to take away every pain, every infirmity, and every sickness. May it become your holy Oil, O Lord, blessed by you for our use in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Sacred Chrism

To you, therefore, O Lord, we pray, that by your + blessing you may graciously sanctify the rich substance of this Oil you have created, and permeate it with the strength of the Holy Spirit by means, too, of the power at work in your Christ, from whose holy name is named the Chrism, with which you have anointed your priests and kings, prophets and martyrs. For those to be reborn through the spiritual bath of Baptism, make the Chrism you have created a holy sign of the fullness of life and salvation, that through the sanctification imparted by the anointing, and with the corruption of their first birth now cleansed, they may be made a temple of your majesty, and give forth the fragrance of an innocence of life pleasing to you. By the nature of the sacrament you have established, may they be endowed with the dignity of king, priest, and prophet, and clothed with the garment of that incorruption which is your gift. And may this Oil become the Chrism of salvation for those who will be born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and make them partakers of eternal life, sharers of heavenly glory. Through Christ our Lord.



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

1-5 St. Bernadette and St. Thomas More each experienced Family Sunday on March 15 and 22, respectively. Families with kids of all ages gathered together to laugh, share a meal, and dig into Scripture – listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit. 6, 7 Our last Become Catholic Night took place on Tuesday, March 17, in Stievenard Hall. Mark and Cindy Henderson presented on the topic of Baptismal Mission.



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

## Marian Stations of the Cross at St. Peter

Friday, April 3 | 1 pm

St. Peter Church will be offering Marian Stations of the Cross at 1 pm before the 1:30 pm Liturgy on Good Friday, April 3.

# Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026 | 2 pm | St. Thomas More Church

800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Please join us on Sunday, April 12, 2026, to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Thomas More Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2 pm and will continue until 3:30 pm. At 3 pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together.



# ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



## Honor Roll

**Trimester 2  
2025-2026 Honor Roll  
8th Grade**

**A Honors**

Caterina Anderson  
Joshua Burger  
Sadie Greiner  
Lydia Tenkman

**A/B Honors**

Arden Avenido  
Jake Barter  
Ethan Burt  
Ali Crumbliss  
Ryan Griffe  
Lily Gutierrez  
Cooper Homan  
Keira Hornscheimer  
Makayla Porter  
Xander Root  
Olivia Spiegla  
Ethan Swarts

**Cardinal Award**

Natalie Davenport  
Lily Myers  
Dalton Waters

**Trimester 2  
2025-2026 Honor Roll  
7th Grade**

**A Honors**

Ava Bodley  
Sophia Lehn  
Rowen Somerville  
Mia Svarda

**A/B Honors**

Brandon Bostle  
Charlotte Calton  
Ruby Coscia  
Jude Deborde  
Jack Haynes  
Sebastian Ruhlman  
Declan Somerville

**Cardinal Award**

Declan Huber  
Presley Meadows  
Emmett Register

**Trimester 2  
2025-2026 Honor Roll  
6th Grade**

**A Honors**

Ellie Evans  
Alex Pope  
Aubreyanna Stilwell

**A/B Honors**

Lorelei Carleski  
Zoey Carr  
Brandt Goldbach  
Mairin Goldbach  
Seth Hilt  
Addie Johnson  
Adrienne Kunz  
Hunter Millay  
Blake Mulder  
Cecilia Petri  
Kinsley Porterfield  
Grayson Riley  
Jackson Schrader  
Nick Swarts  
Malachi Walden

**Cardinal Award**

Dani Arnold  
Maya Mattingly



Sunday, March 29 | 7-9 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

St. Bernadette | Stievenard Hall

1479 Locust Lake Rd, Amelia, OH 45102



New Life In Activites

Join us this Sunday as we talk about "New Life in Activities", where we will discuss different ways we can be charitable towards others in our extracurricular activities and on the playing field. We will also have a shaving cream wiffleball home run derby!

[stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry](http://stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry)



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



Stella Maris INSTITUTE

Putting Adults in Communion with Christ

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.



[stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks](http://stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks)



Stella Maris INSTITUTE

Putting Adults in Communion with Christ

Eucharistic Living

A Stella Maris Institute Talk



April 15, 2026 | 8:15 am | St. Bernadette

St. Augustine claims that in receiving the Eucharist, the Eucharist itself transforms the communicant into Christ. The Eucharist initiates us into a kind of Eucharistic living. This event will begin with the celebration of Holy Mass, before participants enjoy breakfast together and a presentation by Brad Bursa. Registration for this talk is required. Please consider contributing an item for our potluck breakfast. A contribution is not required to attend this talk, but is highly encouraged if you are able.



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## Blessing of the Easter Basket

Holy Saturday, April 4th | 11 am | St. Thomas More Church

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

## 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](mailto:givers0812@gmail.com) or 513-379-1125 if you would like to volunteer!

## Saint Peter's Easter Egg return dates are arriving soon!



Don't forget to return your Easter Egg next Sunday, following Easter Mass. Someone from SVDP will be at the Parish doors to accept your donation. If you forget on Easter Sunday, we will be at the front doors the following Saturday and Sunday, too. Thank you for supporting your neighbors in need. SVDP, Saint Peter's Parish.

## St. Mary Altar Society Meeting Change

New Time: First Wednesday of the Month

The St. Mary Altar Society is changing its 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.

## A Thank You from the St. Bernadette Boosters

St. Bernadette Boosters would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the generous donations, delicious desserts, and valuable time contributed to making our Lenten Fish Fry a success. We extend special thanks to our local business partners for their support this year: A&A Safety, Auxier, Big Daddy Marketplace, LaRosa's—Amelia, Minuteman Press, Protech, TK Law, and an especially heartfelt thank you to Monti Tarmey (City BBQ). We are truly blessed to be part of a school, parish, and surrounding community that fosters such a strong sense of connection and continues to support our efforts.

## 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.

Please pray for the soul of Karen Klysz from St. Thomas More parish, who passed on 03/20/2026. May God grant her eternal peace and console her family at this time of great loss.

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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

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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



Divine Mercy Novena

Begins Good Friday, April 3

Each year, on the Second Sunday of Easter, the last day of the Easter Octave, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. On this day, we contemplate the fullness of the Paschal Mystery — Christ’s Passion, death, and Resurrection. The basis of the whole Easter Mystery is the merciful love of God. The USCCB is promoting The Divine Mercy Novena, which begins on Good Friday, April 3, and concludes on Saturday, April 11. In private revelations to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at [thedinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php](http://thedinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php).

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40 Days for Life Closing Prayer

Hour of Thanksgiving

Sunday, March 29 | 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.

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MATERIALS DUE: APRIL 02, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE: APRIL 12, 2026

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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](http://stellamarisfamily.org/new-parishioner-registration)



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Contact Ed Diehl ediehl@diocesan.com 614-309-7261

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Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!

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To keep our prayer list up to date, please email [rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org](mailto:rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org) to add/remove names.

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- Father William Wagner, Parochial Vicar**  
513-753-2553 [wjwags@sttm.org](mailto: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

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