



Stella Maris

Sunday of Divine Mercy | April 12, 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, April 13

8:15am (B) † Maxine Stuber req. by The Williams Family

Tuesday, April 14

8:15am (B) † Mike Brunner req. by Diane Brunner

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

8:30am (TM) † Mary Lou Griffin Harrison req. by The Family

Wednesday, April 15

8:15am (B) † Lisa Ann Seipelt req. by The Parish

8:30am (TM) † Thomas Bosken req. by Tom and Dorothy Klosterman

Thursday, April 16

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klytz req. by Patricia Lees

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

6:45pm (B) † Betsy Schirmer req. by Ronn Schirmer

Friday, April 17

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

8:30am (P) Peter Quinn req. by Rachael Williams

8:30am (TM) Purgatorial Society req. by The Parish

Saturday, April 18

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Bill Wofford req. by Pat Rohal

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

Sunday, April 19

8:00am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by The O'Connor Family

8:30am (P) † Curtis M. Jackson req. by Richard and Carol Adams

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

10:00am (TM) † Joey Brazier req. by Mom and Dad

10:30am (M) † George Phillips req. by The Phillips Family

11:00am (B) † Barbara Poole req. by James McDonald

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.

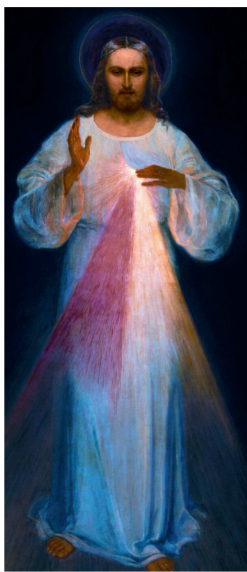
tinyurl.com/MassIntentionSM



Divine Mercy Sunday

Source: *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed.



Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687). (Instructions for its recitation are provided on a separate page.)

Jesus gave St. Faustina nine intentions for which to pray the Chaplet beginning on Good Friday and ending on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday.

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Reprinted from the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)*, www.usccb.org

Easter Vigil Reflection

from a Faithful Parishioner

The Easter Vigil Mass was so beautiful, there aren't adequate words. The Holy Spirit was present in the ministers, the new people, the musicians, the families, and the regular parishioners who came. Father's homily was excellent. There was a holy energy that was palpable, from the very beginning, before the Easter fire. I've been basking in the 'high' today, and reflecting on how I saw the Lord working last night in so many ways. The anticipation of the neophytes, their emotion at being baptized, their joy at receiving the Eucharist for the first time — they were encountering Jesus, and it was all transferred to those of us in the pews as we experienced it with them. The music was OUTSTANDING! The responsorial psalms especially were so meaningful; the cantors were excellent, and the congregation responded so jubilantly, singing aloud. Everyone was caught up in it. This Easter Vigil Mass was a wonderful example of our Stella Maris mission playing out — helping people encounter Jesus.



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Welcome and congratulations to our newest brothers and sisters who were fully initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026, at St. Bernadette.



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!



Stella Maris INSTITUTE

SUMMER AT THE STELLA MARIS INSTITUTE

COURSES — Go Deeper. Learn More. Grow in Discipleship.

- **CRASH COURSE IN CATHOLIC ECONOMICS, DR. RICHARD GALLENSTEIN**
 - JUN. 19 | 8:15 AM | STIEVENARD HALL, ST. BERNADETTE
- **THE GOSPEL: DOES IT STILL MATTER?, BRAD BURSA, DIR. OF EVANGELIZATION, STELLA MARIS**
 - JUL. 15, 22, 29 | 7:00 PM | STIEVENARD HALL, ST. BERNADETTE

TALKS — Intriguing Topics. Engaging Speakers. Great Community.

- **SACRED HEART: HISTORY AND MEANING, FR. TIM RALSTON, PASTOR, STELLA MARIS**
 - JUN. 3 | 7:00 PM | STIEVENARD HALL, ST. BERNADETTE
- **LAUDATO SÍ: ITS RELEVANCE TODAY, DR. RICHARD GALLENSTEIN**
 - JUN. 18 | 7:00 PM | STIEVENARD HALL, ST. BERNADETTE
- **STUMP THE PRIESTS**
 - JUL. 21 | 7:00 PM | LOS COMPADRES, WILLIAMSBURG, OH

WORKSHOPS — Roll Up Your Shirtsleeves. Get Practical.

- **HOUSE OF BEER: A CATHOLIC WORKSHOP FOR MEN, BRAD BURSA, DIR. OF EVANGELIZATION, STELLA MARIS**
 - JUN. 27 | 8:15 AM | STIEVENARD HALL, ST. BERNADETTE

BIBLE STUDIES — Pray. Study. Encounter.

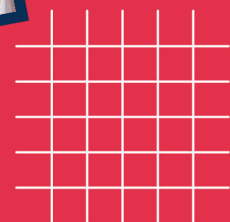
- **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**
 - MONDAYS AT 7:00 PM | FR. LEWIS CENTER, ST. MARY
- **SUNDAY READINGS PREPARATION**
 - WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 AM | ST. THOMAS MORE
- **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH FR. BILL WAGNER**
 - WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM | ST. THOMAS MORE
- **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
 - FRIDAYS AT 9:15 AM | FR. KENNEDY HALL, ST. PETER
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**
 - SATURDAYS AT 7:30 AM | ST. PETER

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

The eighth-grade performed a live Stations of the Cross. This moving experience for the whole school ended with a powerful, silent procession out of St. Thomas More Church.





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.

stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks




Stella Maris Jr. High Youth Ministry

ALL 6TH - 8TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!

Join us on Friday, April 17, for an evening of s'mores, campfire songs, fun activities, and a chance to learn more about Pope St. John Paul II.



 **Friday, April 17**

 **6:30 - 8:30 pm**

 **St. Thomas More**
800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

stellamarisfamily.org/junior-high-youth-ministry



Sunday, April 19 | 7-9 pm HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

St. Bernadette | Stievenard Hall
1479 Locust Lake Rd, Amelia, OH 45102

Answering the Call



with Mother Marie Cecile

Join us on Sunday, April 19, to hear Mother Marie Cecile with the Carmelite Daughters of St. Elias share her vocation story, talking about responding to the voice of God in her life!

stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry



From God or Not?

An Introduction to Discernment



Ever wonder how you can discern whether a thought, word, feeling, or desire is from the Lord or not? This mini-course will teach you basic principles for discernment according to St. Ignatius of Loyola that will deepen your prayer and enhance your ability to follow God's will.

Session 1: What is discernment and its history?

Session 2: Ignatian Rules for Discernment I

Session 3: Ignatian Rules for Discernment II

Tuesday Apr. 28, May 5, & May 12, 2026

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Facilitated by Brad Bursa

Stievenard Hall on the St. Bernadette Campus

\$15 | 25 spots

Registration closes on Apr. 21

stellamarisfamily.org/institute-courses



Widows Helping Widows on the Journey



Calling all widows of Stella Maris, you are invited to join our new Holy Widowhood group! Form friendships, share in prayer and devotions, listen to speakers, practice Lectio Divina, and more. We would love for you to join us for our first gathering. Coffee and sweet treats will be served!

- **Thursday, April 16 — First Gathering**
- 10:30 am
- Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Ongoing Schedule

Moving forward, our monthly gatherings will be on the second Thursday of each month.

Questions? Contact:

Pat Lees — pat.bernadette.lees@gmail.com

Becky Ready — bready@fuse.net

Items needed for St. Bernadette's Festival

As you start your spring cleaning, the St. Bernadette Festival Bid n Buy and Basket Raffle are seeking new or gently used items to make their baskets. There will be a tub in the St. Bernadette vestibule on the left side for donations. If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

Kathy, 513-553-0092 or Linda, 513-753-8440

Healing the Soil by Composting

For those who understand that, "Soil is a caress of God."

- Laudato Si (#84)

On Thursday, April 16, Elea Cooper from Clermont County Soil and Water will be giving a talk on composting at St. Peter's at 7 pm. Learn how to work with nature to produce a rich soil that will bring a bountiful harvest. Join the Caring for God's Creation Committee of Stella Maris at this groundbreaking event!

Attention all Stella Maris Parishioners! Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Teachers, Students

We Need Lots of COOKIES!

- **WHY:** To perform Corporal Works of Mercy for the Kairos Ministry Retreat for the Imprisoned at the Warren County Institution.
- **WHAT:** Your favorite homemade cookies, blessed with your prayers!
- **WHEN:** Deliver them before and after all Masses on **April 18 and 19.**
- **WHERE:** Please bring cookies to your church vestibule. A plus! One service hour earned per 2 dozen cookies. (Packed 1 dozen of the same cookies per bag)

The directions to package the cookies are extremely specific because of where they are going and because they are far more than just cookies. Please pick up a flyer with specifics at all the church doors on the weekends of **April 11 and 12.** Thank you, and God bless you for showing love to these men.

Please call Terri Murrell at 513-218-9535 with questions.

Please pray for the soul of Thomas Bosken from St. Thomas More parish, who passed on 03/21/2026. May God grant him eternal peace and console his family at this time of great loss.

Please pray for the soul of Victoria Ann Habig from St. Thomas More parish, who passed on 04/03/2026. May God grant her eternal peace and console her family at this time of great loss.

Congratulations to the Jingle Bell Raffle Winners

The following individuals won gift cards in our recent raffle:

- Bob Evans — Susan Bennet
- McDonald's/Graeters — Joan Miller
- Chick-fil-A — Marge Kellerman
- Kroger — Jeff Houchin
- Starbucks — Mark Miller
- Home Depot — Cyn Macke

Congratulations to all the winners! Thank you to everyone who participated; doing so will help provide items for St. Peter and help to support family activities or programs.

EAGLE EYE TEEN SUMMER INSTITUTE

Led by the Brothers & Sisters of the Community of St. John

June 13th - 21st
Ages 16 -18
Maria Stein Spiritual Center

Register at eagleeyeministries.org

For questions, contact Kathy
at kathykimar@gmail.com



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DARE TO CARE DASH

2026 ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Preventing Homelessness, One Family at a Time

June 13th, 2026 | race starts 9 am

St. Martin District Council, 32nd Annual 5K Run / Walk Race



daretocaredash.org



DARE TO CARE DASH

St. Vincent dePaul 5k Run & Fitness Walk

HOSTED BY THE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

HELPING YOUNG MINDS THRIVE

Supporting youth mental health with faith, compassion, & practical tools

Speaker: Tasha Ross, LCSW
Therapist and Professional Trainer

Speaker Tasha Ross will provide insight into the real challenges that today's young people are facing. Adults who are parenting, educating, coaching, grandparenting, or just caring about them will walk away with practical effective tools to support their mental well-being, strengthen resilience, and help them thrive.



April 23, 2026 at 7 PM



McNicholas High School Library
6536 Beechmont Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45230

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Scan the QR code or contact
Kendall Keiser at
kendallkesgparish.org



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Serving Our Neighbors in 36 Southwestern Ohio Counties

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says, "peace be with you." During Mass, we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you." As you put your St. Vincent de Paul donation into the collection basket, you say, "peace be with you" to those who are poor and hungry.

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



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, Diane Piening,

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

To view our most recent financial report, please visit the March 29 bulletin.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE: APRIL 16, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE: APRIL 26, 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



CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

Stella Maris Family of Parishes: stellamarisfamily.org