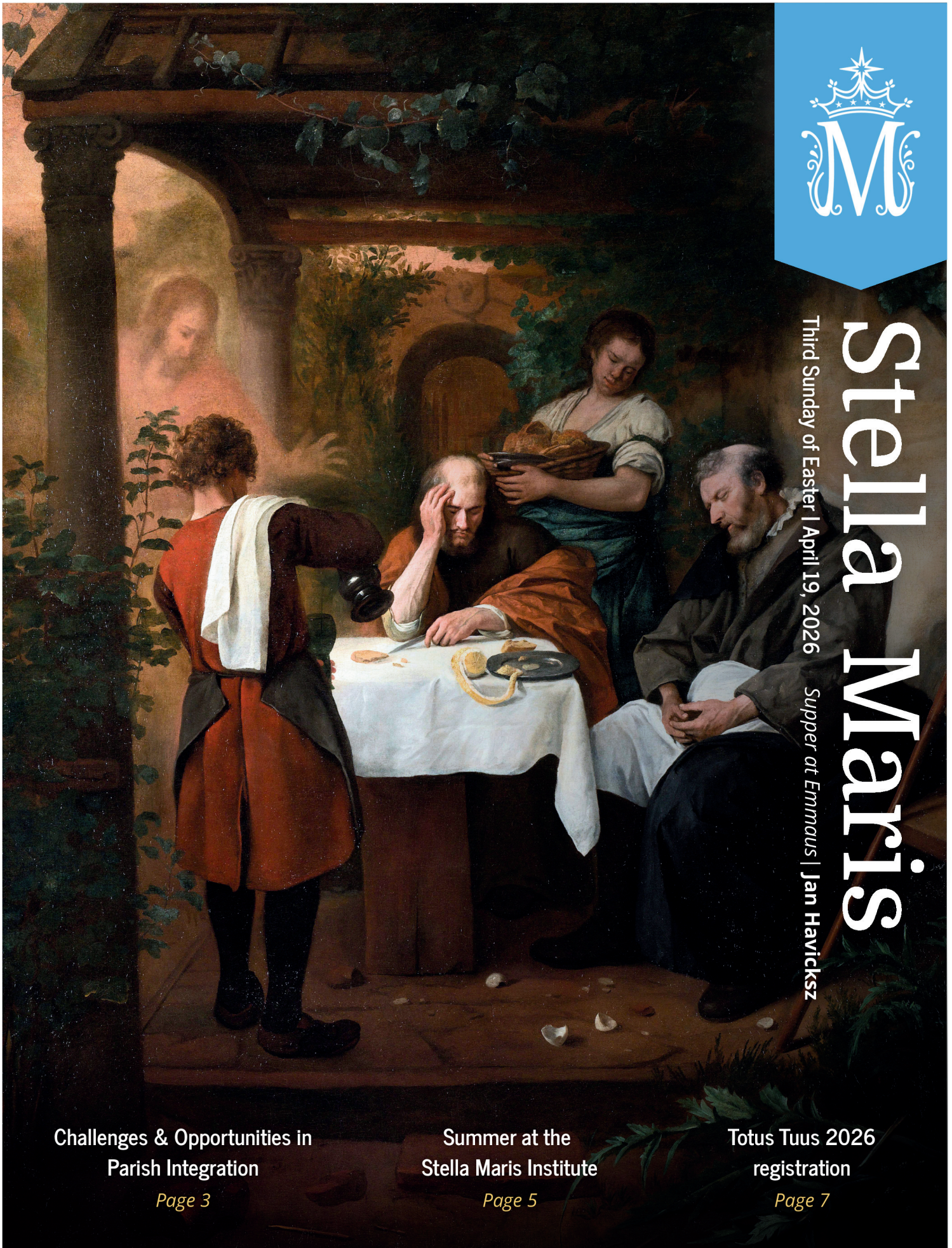




# Stella Maris

Third Sunday of Easter | April 19, 2026

Supper at Emmaus | Jan Havicksz



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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, April 20

8:15am (B) † Donald John MacCormick req. by Anthony MacIsaac

### Tuesday, April 21

8:15am (B) † Thomas Bosken req. by The Parish

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

8:30am (TM) † Doug Lindsey req. by Mom and Dad

### Wednesday, April 22

8:15am (B) † Victoria Ann Habig req. by The Parish

8:30am (TM) † Vicki Habig req. by Linda and Keith Friedrich

### Thursday, April 23

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

8:30am (M) † Victoria Ann Habig req. by The Parish

6:45pm (B) † Catherine Preston req. by William Preston Sr.

### Friday, April 24

8:15am (B) † Jeffrey Adams req. by Rhonda Sorensen

8:30am (P) † Cordelia Burton req. by Richard and Carol Adams

8:30am (TM) † Dominic DeBona req. by Caleb and Friends

### Saturday, April 25

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Thomas Crawford req. by Bill Crawford

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

### Sunday, April 26

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

8:30am (P) † Carl Martineck req. by The Daniels Family

9:00am (B) † Thomas Bosken req. by The Parish

10:00am (TM) † Margaret P. & Jimmie Teague req. by Elizabeth P. McKinley

10:30am (M) Maria Brockman req. by The Williams Family

11:00am (B) † Rita Craft req. by Sheila Fehn

## 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)



## Challenges and Opportunities in Parish Integration

As we continue our Beacon's journey of becoming a single canonical parish, one of the larger challenges we face is on the operational side. Specifically, how do we bring together the operations of four unique parishes, two schools, and one cemetery, each with their own histories, traditions, and processes, into a single efficient system? More importantly, how do we accomplish that without losing those special charisms that each parish brings to our Family? There lies both the challenge and the opportunity.

To address this, our teams have been hard at work developing processes to seamlessly bring together the critical components of our operations, while promoting greater efficiency and collaboration among our parishes. These include standardizing one financial management platform for all four parishes and adopting a common approach regarding income, expenses, budgeting, and reporting. As a result, we now have a greater ability to accurately see and, more importantly, improve the financial performance in each of our parishes.

In our schools, we have adopted FACTS, a comprehensive, integrated data management platform designed specifically for K-12 schools. This change has allowed us to centralize operations, including admissions, academics, staff, and student information, all in a single robust database. This change has reduced costs and streamlined operations significantly, enabling our teachers and administrators to focus more on the core aspects of their work.

We have also made continuous progress in caring for and improving the spaces that serve our parishioners. We've upgraded classrooms, meeting and worship spaces, and accomplished many long-awaited facility repairs. We've found new ways to fund capital-intensive projects that relieve the pressure on our operating income. As a result, today our parishes and schools are in a stronger financial position than they've been in for years.

We certainly have a lot of work yet to do, but we're off to a good start.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Tim Ralston'.

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

### First Holy Communion, 2026

Below you will find the schedule for the First Holy Communions at Stella Maris. Please continue to pray for our children as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion this spring!

- St. Peter: Saturday, April 25 | 5:00 pm Mass
- St. Mary: April Sunday, April 26 | 10:30 am Mass
- St. Thomas More: Sunday, May 3 | 10:00 am Mass
- St. Bernadette: Sunday, May 3 | 11:00 am Mass

### IGNITE 2026-27 Informational Meeting Confirmation Parent Meeting

**Thursday, April 30 | 7 pm | St. Thomas More**

7th-grade parents, mark your calendars! Join us on Thursday, April 30, from 7 - 8 pm to learn about our IGNITE Confirmation program and what the 2026/27 formation year will look like. The meeting will take place in the dining hall at St. Thomas More. Please contact John Giroux with any questions you may have at [jgiroux@stellamarisfamily.org](mailto:jgiroux@stellamarisfamily.org).

1, 2, 3 Palm Sunday Masses at St. Thomas More. 4, 5 High School Youth Ministry played wiffle ball on Sunday, March 29, at St. Bernadette. 6 Benediction with Fr. Dorn at St. Peter Church. 7 - 10 A special 'thank you' to Julie and Dallas Scott, who made it possible for parishioners and friends to make the Good Friday pilgrimage to 'Pray the Steps' at Immaculata Church in Mt. Adams.



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!



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. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

## Weekly Updates

The first graders tried their best to catch a leprechaun this year! They tricked us again!

The eighth-grade students used Play-Doh to model and examine trace fossils.

The school gathered in their House groups to do activities related to Recycling and being green!



## Upcoming Events

- The 2nd grade will be visiting a Recycling hub.
- The 8th Grade will be traveling to Washington, D.C.
- Grades 3-8 will be experiencing iSpace.
- There is no school on May 1.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

Sunday, April 19 | 7-9 pm

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT

St. Bernadette | Stievenard Hall

High schoolers, join us on Sunday, April 19, for yard game competitions! We will be joined by Mother Marie Cecile with the Carmelite Daughters of St. Elias, who will share her vocation story.



### Answering the Call



Mother Marie Cecile will talk about responding to the voice of God in her life

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



A Become Catholic Night at Stella Maris...

## The Way: Morality and Virtue

April 21 | 6 PM | 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 via the QR code or link below.



[stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic](http://stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic)



## From God or Not?

An Introduction to Discernment



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Putting Adults in Communion with Christ

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](http://stellamarisfamily.org/institute-courses)



## Totus Tuus | June 7 - 12 | St. Bernadette

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12

7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sunday, June 7 - Thursday, June 11

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours") is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and fostering the Catholic Faith through catechesis, Christian witness, evangelization, and Eucharistic worship. Totus Tuus' mission is to help young people deepen their understanding of the faith and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus.

The cost is \$35 per child. To learn more and register, please visit the link or scan the QR code below.



[stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus](http://stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus)

TOTUS TUUS  
Stella Maris



## Thank You from Troop 452

Thank you to everyone who came to our Troop 452 Fish Fry at St. Thomas More — you filled the cafeteria with great energy and even better conversation. Your smiles and your willingness to gather as a community made each Friday something special. 37 scouts have earned money to help defray the cost of summer camp and other scouting activities thanks to your generosity! Thank you for your continued support of our scout program.

-Troop and Pack 452 Parents and Scouts

## May Crowning at St. Peter's

Sunday, May 3, 2026



St. Peter's annual May Crowning will take place on May 3rd, following our 8:30 am Mass, rain or shine. Bring flowers of the fairest to crown Mary the Queen of the May.

## St. Bernadette Festival

— Dancing with Joy —

August 7 & 8, 2026 | 6 - 11 pm

**Booth Chairs:** Please consider one of the other booth chairs needed. Sign up for any of the chair positions: [tinyurl.com/4at3k9dj](https://tinyurl.com/4at3k9dj)



### New Area Chairs:

- Grand Raffle
- Adult Gaming Area
- Kids/Teen Gaming Area

**Grand Raffle:** [tinyurl.com/4556s3uw](https://tinyurl.com/4556s3uw)

Early bird drawings: 5/5: \$100, 6/2: \$100 7/7: \$100



For more information about the festival or volunteering, please contact Samantha Compton (Festival Chair) at [festival@stbernadetteamelia.org](mailto:festival@stbernadetteamelia.org) or at 513-238-8116

## 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.

## Thank You!

### From The Men of St. Peter

Thank you! The Men of St. Peter want to thank everyone who helped make this year's Lenten fish fries a great success. The workers, those who supplied homemade desserts, and, of course, those who purchased our meals. A tip of the hat to Rivertown Ace Hardware for donating the propane. Again, thank you!

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. Thank you, and God bless you for showing love to these men.

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



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 this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. This month, through your donations, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor right here in our parish communities by assisting families with food, utility and rent bills, clothing, household items, furniture, and other emergency needs. Thank You!

**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. Peter's Cemetery



Grave Pricing per plot

- 1 - \$1,200
- 2 - \$2,200
- 3 - \$3,200
- 4 - \$3,800

(Military Discounts Available)

Cemetery Board Members

Mike Greeson: (513)-491-6633 greesonmc@yahoo.com

Keith Vogelsang: (513)-491-6490 keith.vogelsang@zoomtown.com

Seven Sisters Retreat  
Saturday, June 20, 2026

*"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1*



St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

\$35 registration fee  
Light breakfast & boxed lunch included

Speakers:

Retreat Master - Fr. Matthew Montag  
Parochial vicar of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish

Janette Howe  
Foundress of Seven Sisters Apostolate

All are welcome, need not be a current Seven Sister to attend

You may register with the QR code or mail your check with contact information to: Julie VanHoose, 3582 El Rego Dr Amelia, OH 45102



Scan me!

DARE TO CARE DASH

2026 ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Preventing Homelessness, One Family at a Time

June 13th, 2026 | Race starts at 9 am

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



[daretocaredash.org](http://daretocaredash.org)



DARE TO CARE DASH  
St. Vincent dePaul 5k Run & Fitness Walk

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, Michael Shaver, Chris 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, 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](mailto:rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org) to add/remove names.

PRIESTS

- Father Timothy Ralston, Pastor | 513-753-5566 ext. 102 [pastor@stellamarisfamily.org](mailto:pastor@stellamarisfamily.org)
Father Thomas Dorn, Parochial Vicar [fatherdorn@fuse.net](mailto:fatherdorn@fuse.net)
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

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

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BULLETIN ISSUE: MAY 3, 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)



CHURCH INFORMATION

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St. Mary

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

St. Thomas More

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