



# Stella Maris

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 26, 2026 *The Good Shepherd* | Friedrich Olivier



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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 27

8:15am (B) † David Lees req. by Patricia Lees

### Tuesday, April 28

8:15am (B) † Randy (BUB) Durbin req. by Cheryl Durbin

8:30am (M) † Betty Haverland req. by Wayne Haverland

8:30am (TM) † Sylvia Collins req. by Delia Berry

### Wednesday, April 29

8:15am (B) † Stephanie Quehl req. by Barb Boots

8:30am (TM) † Repose of the soul req. by Terry and Debbie Hauch

### Thursday, April 30

8:30am (TM) † Thomas Bosken req. by Barb Comello

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

6:45pm (B) † Barbara Poole req. by James McDonald

### Friday, May 1

8:15am (B) † Rodric Simpson req. by Pat Simpson

8:30am (P) Julie and David McLaughlin req. by Mary Clare Smith

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

### Saturday, May 2

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by The Osterling Family

5:00pm (P) † Margaret P. and Jimmie Teague req. by Elizabeth P. McKinley

### Sunday, May 3

8:00am (TM) † Rachel Collins req. by Kate Roelker

8:30am (P) For the sick, troubled seeking divine help and cure through the

Intercession of Bl. Frederic Ozanam req. by St. Peter St. Vincent de Paul

9:00am (B) † Sister Caroline Benken req. by The Parish

10:00am (TM) People of the Parish req. by The Pastor

10:30am (M) † John Wallace req. by Shirlene Wallace

11:00am (B) † Randall Jacob Durbin req. by Cheryl Durbin

## 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)



## Guardian Angels

A very important tip in the spiritual life is to pray to your Guardian Angel daily and even throughout the day. The word "pray" means "ask", so in praying to him, you are asking him to help you in a general or even in a specific way, as you should, since he is your very best friend, always with you, and solicitous for your good and for your salvation.

Of course, the Church forbids naming your Guardian Angel because that would be a disordered act, an usurpation of authority. Naming implies authority, which is why parents name their children, people name their pets, et cetera. Therefore, because you are under the spiritual authority of your Guardian Angel, and he is your superintendent, simply address him as "Guardian Angel" or "Angel of God."

Remember too, the spiritual principle that Angels go where they are invited, demons go where they are not resisted. Certainly, your Guardian Angel will always provide you with basic protections, both physical and spiritual, but the more you ask, and the more specifically you ask, the more he will help. The Guardian Angels, like the good God Himself, are like gentlemen, and will not impose themselves upon you, but if you invite them, if you ask them, they are immediately ready and willing to help.

At the very least, pray the Angel of God prayer every day, in the morning after waking and in the evening before going to bed, switching out day/night, depending on when you pray the prayer. It is as follows, "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day/night be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."



**Fr. Thomas Dorn**  
Parochial Vicar

## Priest Assignment Updates

Archbishop Casey has officially given Fr. Dorn a new assignment, which will begin on July 1st. Fr. Dorn will remain at Stella Maris until then, when he will begin as parochial vicar for St. Ignatius Parish in Monfort Heights.

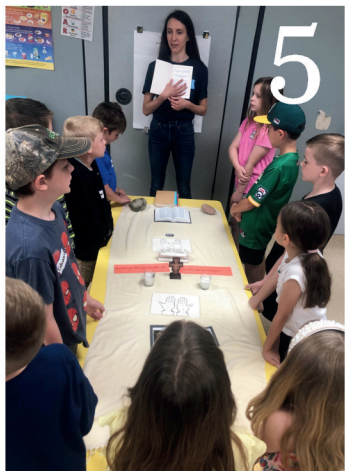
Deacon Benjamin Packer, who will be ordained a priest next month, has been assigned as parochial vicar for Stella Maris. Deacon Packer's assignment will also begin on July 1st.

Please keep in your prayers Fr. Dorn, Deacon Packer, and all those who are in the midst of transition.

## Deacon Benjamin Packer



1 - 3 On Friday, April 17, the children participating in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd celebrated Easter, modeling for them what an Easter Vigil might look like. They sang songs, read readings, enjoyed how bright the light is in the darkness, and praised God for all he has done for us. 4 - 6 The First Communion Retreat took place on Saturday, April 18 at St. Thomas More. 7 - 9 Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out to support Troop 452's Fish Fry at St. Thomas More this year!



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!

## 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: 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

## Parent Confirmation Informational Meeting

IGNITE 2026/2027

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).

## May Crowning at St. Peter's

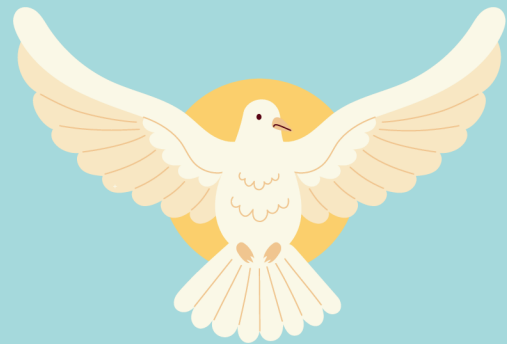
Sunday, May 3, 2026



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

## Sacrament of Confirmation, 2026

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 | 7 pm | St. Peter In Chains



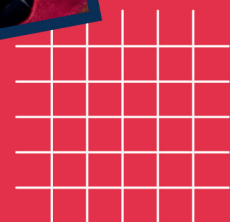
Please join us on Tuesday, May 5, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati to support our Confirmation Candidates as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass begins at 7 pm. Please continue to pray for our Candidates as they prepare to be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

# ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



## Weekly Updates

Our Class of 2026 officially left for Washington, D.C. on Monday, April 20! Before hitting the road, they gathered as a community in the gym where Principal Collins led the group in prayer, asking for safe travels, open hearts, and an unforgettable learning experience as the students explore the history of our nation!



# 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. 26

[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)



Stella Maris INSTITUTE

# June Calendar

**Sacred Heart: History and Meaning**, Fr. Tim Ralston, Pastor, Stella Maris (Talk)

- Jun. 3 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

**Laudato Sí: Its Relevance Today**, Dr. Richard Gallenstein (Talk)

- Jun. 18 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

**Crash Course in Catholic Economics**, Dr. Richard Gallenstein. (Course)

- Jun. 19 | 8:15 am | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

**House of Beer: A Catholic Workshop For Men**, Brad Bursa, Dir. of Evangelization, Stella Maris (Workshop)

- Jun. 27 | 8:15 am | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

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Stella Maris Youth Ministry

# STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 17 - 19 | Franciscan University of Steubenville | 9 - 12 Grade



9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders (including rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders and graduating 12<sup>th</sup> graders), please join us this summer to experience a life-changing encounter with Christ at the Steubenville Youth Conference on the beautiful campus of Franciscan University! The cost of the conference is \$250. A \$50 down payment is due when you reserve your spot.

[stellamarisfamily.org/youthconference2026](http://stellamarisfamily.org/youthconference2026)



## 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

## Thank you from The SEM Food Pantry

Parishioners of St. Thomas More,

Thank you so very much for your recent food drive donation to the SEM Food Pantry! We rely on donors like you to carry out our mission of providing food assistance to the many needy families in our community. Your donations will help us provide these families with shelf-stable foods, cleaning products, and personal hygiene needs. Rest assured that your donations touch many lives and are greatly appreciated!

Warm regards,

Jenny Justice  
Donations Volunteer

## St. Mary's Altar Society

### April Raffle Winners

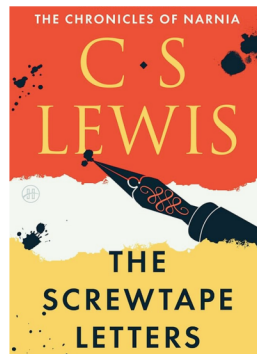
- \$50 — Sharon Ritzi
- \$25 — Diane Siebert
- \$10 — Lee Spiller



Reminder: get your tickets to us by the first Wednesday of May for the next drawing.

Please pray for the soul of Sister Caroline Benken, former teacher and principal of St. Thomas More School, who passed away on 04/09/2026. May God grant her eternal peace and console her family at this time of great loss.

## The Grace Ministry Book Club



Wed. April 29, 2026

7 pm | Stievenard 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!



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, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love for us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."

By your gift of prayers, donations, and your time to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

**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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[CINCINNATIRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG](http://CINCINNATIRIGHTTOLIFE.ORG)

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

### Seven Sisters Retreat

Saturday, June 20, 2026

**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

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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

**MATERIALS DUE:**  
APRIL 30, 2026

**BULLETIN ISSUE:**  
MAY 10, 2026

Please submit your bulletin articles to [rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org](mailto:rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org).  
For submission guidelines, visit [stellamarisfamily.org/bulletin](http://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](http://stellamarisfamily.org/new-parishioner-registration)

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  
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- 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		
Fiscal Year-to-Date through March		
(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)		
<b>St. Bernadette</b>		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
REVENUE	\$125,884	\$1,662,824
EXPENSES	\$154,794	\$1,693,336
INCOME	(\$28,911)	(\$30,512)
<b>St. Mary</b>		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$189,147	\$171,938
EXPENSES	\$194,628	\$194,055
NET	(\$5,482)	(\$22,118)
<b>St. Peter</b>		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$174,412	\$149,625
EXPENSES	\$177,903	\$191,280
NET	(\$3,491)	(\$41,655)
<b>St. Thomas More</b>		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
REVENUE	\$2,514,758	\$2,344,177
EXPENSES	\$2,336,069	\$2,330,061
INCOME	\$178,689	\$13,816
\$76,017 — PARK NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE		
\$244,545 — IN RESERVES		

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Bernadette

1479 Locust Lake Rd.  
Amelia, OH 45102  
Office: (513) 753-5566  
[stbameliaaparish.org](http://stbameliaaparish.org)

St. Mary

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

St. Peter

1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd,  
New Richmond, OH 45157  
Office: (513) 553-3267  
[sccrochio.org](http://sccrochio.org)

St. Thomas More

800 Ohio Pike  
Withamsville, OH 45245  
Office: (513) 752-2080  
[sttm.org](http://sttm.org)

Stella Maris Family of Parishes: [stellamarisfamily.org](http://stellamarisfamily.org)