



# Stella Maris

Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 2026

Jesus Christ the High Priest | Kaspar Schleichner



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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, May 4

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

### Tuesday, May 5

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

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

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

### Wednesday, May 6

8:15am (B) † Arthur G. Williams req. by The Williams Family

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

### Thursday, May 7

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

8:30am (M) Donna Heid req. by Rachael Williams

6:45pm (B) † Mike Brunner req. by Diane Brunner

### Friday, May 8

8:15am (B) † Stephanie Quehl req. by Linda and Keith Friedrich

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

8:30am (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by Steve and Debbie Feist

### Saturday, May 9

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

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

5:00pm (P) † The Deceased Poor req. by St. Peter St. Vincent de Paul

### Sunday, May 10

8:00am (TM) † Rachel Collins req. by The Petri Family

8:30am (P) Maria Brockman req. by The Williams Family

9:00am (B) † Stephanie Quehl req. by Barb Boots

10:00am (TM) Curt Harter IV req. by Cindy Harter

10:30am (M) Peter Quinn req. by Rachael Williams

11:00am (B) † Ralph Kelley 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)



## Beacons Update: Adult Evangelization

Adult formation matters. The Church has said this repeatedly in recent years. For example, Pope St. John Paul II said, “[Adult catechesis] is the principal form of catechesis, because it is addressed to persons who have the greatest responsibilities and the capacity to live the Christian message in its fully developed form. The Christian community cannot carry out a permanent catechesis without the direct and skilled participation of adults, whether as receivers or as promoters of catechetical activity” (Catechesi Tradendae, §43). In 1990, the International Council for Catechesis said, “A fully Christian community can exist only when a systematic catechesis of all its members takes place and when an effective and well-developed catechesis of adults is regarded as the central task in the catechetical enterprise” (§25, emphasis mine).

The directives keep coming.

The 1997 General Directory for Catechesis claims that “catechesis for adults, since it deals with persons who are capable of an adherence that is fully responsible, must be considered the chief form of catechesis. All the other forms, which are indeed always necessary, are in some way oriented to it” (§59). And, in 2020, the new Directory for Catechesis, points out that particularly in adulthood, “accompaniment and growth in faith are necessary so that the adult may mature in that spiritual wisdom which illuminates and brings unity to the manifold experiences of his personal, family and social life” (§259).

Despite this guidance from the Church, in most places, a disproportionate amount of resources goes to the formation of children and youth. That was the case at Stella Maris, but we’re working to balance things out.

Take, for example, the new Stella Maris Institute. We designed this effort to provide a robust “menu” of formation offerings for adults in a wide range of formats: book studies, Bible studies, mini-courses, talks, and workshops. Over the course of the 2025-2026 ministry year, we ran 24 events through the Institute (not counting the regular weekly Bible studies), which

drew in nearly 1,000 total attendees. The Institute aims to put adults into deeper communion with Christ, integrate faith and life, and cultivate a sense of wonder. We look forward to many good things along these lines as the Institute grows.

Our Lenten Mission with John Leyendecker and Dave Staples provided a spiritual “shot in the arm” during the season of Lent. We had ~120 people attend each night for worship, Confession, the mission talk, and time in Eucharistic adoration.

About two years ago, we rebranded OCIA as Become Catholic (for communication/marketing purposes) and refashioned the program to employ a mentorship approach that is similar to how the Church initiated people during her first three centuries. We have 19 parishioners serving as mentors on the Become Catholic team. In 2025, 14 adults received the Sacraments of Initiation. In 2026, we have already initiated 17 adults, with 15 more currently in formation.

Finally, our efforts to form adults spill into our work with whole families. Through Sacramental formation, Become Catholic for Children, Family Sundays, and so forth, we are actively engaging whole families and providing more support for parents as they fulfill their roles as primary formators of their children.

We certainly have a long way to go in the realm of adult evangelization, but the efforts of the past few years are already bearing fruit. This is a good sign.



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

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

1 - 4 Our last Become Catholic Night took place in Stievenard Hall on Tuesday, April 21. Fr. Dorn gave a presentation. 5 - 7 Deacon Henry Jacquez was awarded Clergy of the Year, and Mother Marie-Cecile was awarded Religious of the Year at the Knights of Columbus Salute to the Religious event.



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!

# Totus Tuus

June 7 - 12, 2026

## Youth Summer Camp

Entering grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
St. Bernadette Church

The mission of Totus Tuus 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 with a max cost of \$105 per family. To learn more, register your child, or become a volunteer, please visit our website!



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



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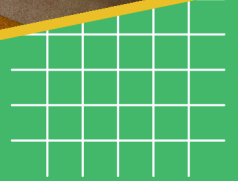
# ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL



## Weekly Updates

St. Bernadette's 8th grade, along with St. Thomas More's 8th grade, visited Washington, D.C.

The 2nd-grade is practicing computer programming by "programming" their classmates to find the smiley face!



## Upcoming Events

- Today, the 2nd graders are receiving their First Communion!
- On May 5, the 8th grade will be confirmed at the Cathedral.
- On May 8, we will have a May Crowning ceremony.
- On May 10, The Children's Theater will have a special presentation of Peter Pan performed for our students as part of Mrs. Duffey's Gold Star Teacher of the Year selection.
- On May 15, we have our Walkathon.





**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

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



## Staff Update from John Giroux, Youth Minister

Dear Parishioners of the Stella Maris Family of Parishes,

After much prayer and reflection, I am writing to share that I have discerned a call to move forward into the next chapter of my life. Our theme for this ministry year was "All Things New," based on the verse in the book of Revelation where God says, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev 21:5). As Coordinator of Youth Ministry, this year I have had the sacred privilege of having a front-row seat to God's work of renewal at our Family of Parishes.

Some of these moments include fun, Faith-filled youth nights for both high school and jr. high students, discussing the upcoming Sunday Gospel with the middle schoolers in our Catholic grade schools, and walking with three high schoolers in the Become Catholic program (shoutout Landon, Ryan, & Levi!). There are also many more moments that I could share that I don't have space for in this bulletin article!

I am deeply grateful to Fr. Ralston, Brad, and the entire Evangelization Team here at Stella Maris for the support and encouragement throughout the year. I'm excited to finish out the ministry year and help onboard the new youth minister to ensure continuity in our programs. I'll wrap up my time at Stella Maris during the summer months.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your lives and your families. I will always cherish my time here and will keep you all in my prayers!

With gratitude and peace in Christ,  
John Giroux

**Stella Maris Youth Ministry**  
**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
July 17 - 19 | Franciscan University of Steubenville | 9 - 12 Grade

**WORTHY**  
For the battle belongs to the Lord.  
1 SAMUEL 17:47

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)



**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 the Gospel today, Jesus says, "...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. Through your almsgiving, you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Your donations to St. Vincent de Paul bring Christ's love and compassion to our neighbors in need.

**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 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@stbernadetteameli.org](mailto:festival@stbernadetteameli.org) or at 513-238-8116

## A Public Square Rosary Rally

Please join the body of Christ and pray for God to heal our land. Saint Louis de Monfort stated, "public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy." On May 16, a Rosary Rally will be held worldwide as part of the Public Square Rosary Crusade. So, please make plans to join Tim Glutz of St. Bernadette, Rose Mary Bell, and John Aicholtz of St. Thomas More, as we pray to Our Lady of Fatima at the St. Thomas More Grotto from noon to 1 pm, and ask Our Lady to intercede for us. We need a miracle, and she has the ear of Jesus.

## JulyFest Bid N Buy Booth



The JulyFest Bid N Buy Booth is one of the most profitable booths at the STM festival! We rely on donations from local businesses and generous parishioners, family, and friends.

### Here are some ways you can donate:

- Donate any new or unused items
- Donate gift cards, timeshares, sporting event tickets, appliances, etc.
- Purchase an item off the Bid N Buy's Amazon Wish List by going to: [tinyurl.com/2s3sszt5](https://tinyurl.com/2s3sszt5)



If you have any questions, please contact Casey Anderson: 513-374-9965 / [Casey.Clukey@yahoo.com](mailto:Casey.Clukey@yahoo.com)

## 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, May 14**
- 10:30 am — noon
- Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Monthly gatherings will be on the second Thursday of each month.

### Questions? Contact

Pat Lees — [pat.bernadette.lees@gmail.com](mailto:pat.bernadette.lees@gmail.com)

Becky Ready — [bready@fuse.net](mailto:bready@fuse.net)

## St. Mary Pig Roast Planning Meeting

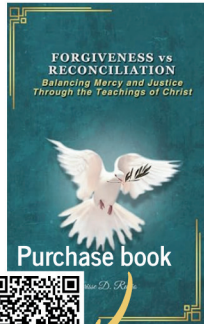
Wednesday, May 6 | 6 pm | St. Mary

The annual St. Mary Pig Roast will take place this year on Saturday, August 1st. The first planning team meeting will take place on **Wednesday, May 6, at 6 pm** in the Fr. Lewis Center. The success of our Pig Roast greatly depends on our parishioners stepping up to be on the team. We have a solid core group, but are looking for new team members. Please consider joining the meeting to see if you could have a role on the team.

## Please Be Advised

It has been brought to our attention that scammers have been using the emails and phone numbers of staff and parishioners to ask for money and gift cards. No member of our parish staff — including our pastor and parochial vicars — will ever ask you for gift cards or money via text or email. If you receive a message claiming to be from a member of our staff, please do not respond. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

## The Grace Ministry Book Club



Wed. June 24, 2026

7 pm | Stevenard Hall | St. Bernadette

Come for fellowship, fun, and to 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)

### Forgiveness vs. Reconciliation

Balancing Mercy and Justice through the Teachings of Christ

Join us for a thoughtful and compassionate book study with author and St. Thomas More parishioner, Charisse Rubio, for those wrestling with the difficult call to forgive after deep hurt or betrayal. Rooted in the teaching of Christ and the wisdom of the Church, this book offers clarity where confusion often reigns. It gently affirms that forgiveness is a personal act of mercy — one that frees the heart from bitterness and opens the way to healing — while also acknowledging that reconciliation is an act of justice that requires mutual effort, restored trust, and at times, clear boundaries. All are welcome, especially those seeking freedom, healing, and peace amid complex or unresolved relationships.

## Saint Francis: Visionary of Life

Read the full version at [respectlife.org/francis-visionary-of-life](http://respectlife.org/francis-visionary-of-life).

Saint Francis proclaims that the created world reveals the glory of God himself.



This is particularly true for the human person, created in the image of God, whose life from conception to natural death is to be honored and protected. Among all creation, the human person has the unique capacity to praise God, highlighting the distinctive dignity of human life.

During this Year of Saint Francis, may we seek his intercession for the protection of human life and the courage to defend it.

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# 2026 HEARTBEATS FOR LIFE 5K

Mother's Day Weekend  
Saturday, May 9 |  
Lunken Airport Playfield



**5K RUN & WALK**

- Music ✓
- Food ✓
- Family Fun Run ✓
- Basket Raffle ✓

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
513-728-7870  
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### BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE:  
MAY 7, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:  
MAY 17, 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

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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 March		
(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)		
<b>St. Bernadette</b>		
CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
REVENUE	\$125,884	\$1,662,824
EXPENSES	\$154,794	\$1,693,336
INCOME	(\$28,911)	(\$30,512)
<b>St. Mary</b>		
CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$189,147	\$171,938
EXPENSES	\$194,628	\$194,055
NET	(\$5,482)	(\$22,118)
<b>St. Peter</b>		
CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
INCOME	\$174,412	\$149,625
EXPENSES	\$177,903	\$191,280
NET	(\$3,491)	(\$41,655)
<b>St. Thomas More</b>		
CATEGORY	ACTUAL	FORECASTED
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

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

St. Mary

3398 State Route 125  
Bethel, OH 45106  
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[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  
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Stella Maris Family of Parishes: [stellamarisfamily.org](http://stellamarisfamily.org)