



Stella Maris

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10, 2026

Holy Spirit | Unknown



Preparation of the Gifts

Page 3

First Communion Photos

Page 4

Job and Volunteer Opportunities

Page 9

*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, May 11

8:15am (B) † Frank Paunicka req. by Elaine and Joe Macaluso

Tuesday, May 12

8:15am (B) † Joseph Thanh Dinh req. by Jade Dinh

8:30am (M) † Robert "Bob" Smith req. by St. Mary Bereavement

8:30am (TM) † Fred Haas req. by Linda Haas

Wednesday, May 13

8:15am (B) † Brandon Miles req. by Kiser Family

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

Thursday, May 14

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Gloria Visper

8:30am (M) † Bob Smith req. by Chuck and Charlotte Thompson

6:45pm (B) In thanksgiving for Tony Rubio's successful surgery on April 30, 2026, req. by Charisse Rubio

Friday, May 15

8:15am (B) The Brockman Family req. by The Williams Family

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

8:30am (TM) † Rachel Collins req. by Kate Roelker

Saturday, May 16

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Bob O'Connor req. by Bill and Ruthann Carroll

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

Sunday, May 17

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

8:30am (P) † Debbie Chambers req. by Rachael Williams

9:00am (B) † Karen Klysz req. by Chris and Maria Pour

10:00am (TM) † Kevin Westerkamm req. by Delia Berry

10:30am (M) † Betty Haverland req. by Wayne Haverland

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



The preparation of the gifts is the first part, or beginning of the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Preparation of the Gifts

The first thing to point out is the title of this part of the Mass. It had formally been called the "Offertory." The change was made to make clear what is and is not being offered. Jesus is what (or we should say who) is being offered to the Father at Mass. We do not offer mere bread and wine to the Father. In the Eucharistic Prayer, Jesus, under the appearance of bread and wine, is being offered. This is a very important distinction to keep in mind.

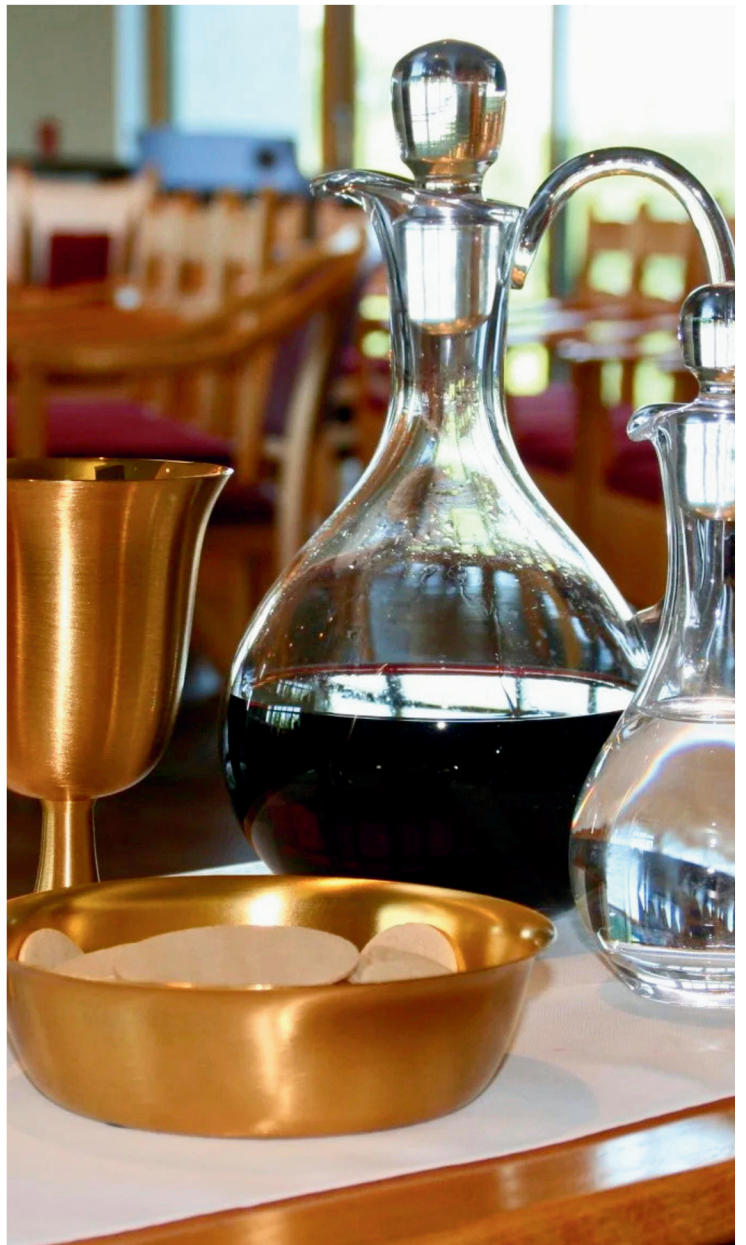
The bread and wine are brought forward in a procession. In some Masses, especially on weekdays, the servers bring the bread and wine to the altar in what I suppose we could interpret as a symbolic procession. Traditionally, the collection money is also brought along with the bread and wine. In ancient times, this was given for the care of the poor. The procession with the gifts is an exercise of the priestly ministry of the laity. The giving of alms and other gifts was considered a sacrifice of the giver. The giver gives what could have been used for his own sustenance; so, in a sense, the real gift is the giver. It is a form of spiritual self-expression, as one theologian wrote. It is the incorporation of the gift of one's own life into the sacrifice of Christ.

In the Book of Revelation (17:1, 15), "nations" are called waters. The union of wine and water represents the union of the believing people with Christ, the Head. The wine symbolizes Divinity, and the water symbolizes Humanity.

The prayers over the gifts emphasize the generosity of God, the produce of the earth that God has created, the human labor involved in the making of the bread and wine, and the Eucharist itself for which the gifts have been brought.



Fr. Bill Wagner
Parochial Vicar
wjwags@sttm.org



FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

Congratulations to all of our First Communicants who received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist over the past two weekends at Stella Maris! 1 St. Peter Church celebrated First Communion on Saturday, April 25. 2 St. Mary Church celebrated on Sunday, April 26. 3-4 Most recently, St. Thomas More and St. Bernadette celebrated their First Communions on Sunday, May 3.



Do you have photos from a recent event at Stella Maris?
Please share them by emailing wiliams@stellamarisfamily.org for a chance to be featured in the bulletin!

Sunday, May 17 | 7-9 pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY END-OF-YEAR PARTY



St. Bernadette | Stievenard Hall

1479 Locust Lake Rd, Amelia, OH 45102

Rising 9th graders and graduating seniors invited!



stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry

Stella Maris Jr. High Youth Ministry Night

RISING 6TH - CURRENT 8TH GRADERS INVITED!

SPORTS COMPETITIONS



Friday, May 22



6:30 - 8:30 pm



St. Thomas More

800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

stellamarisfamily.org/junior-high-youth-ministry

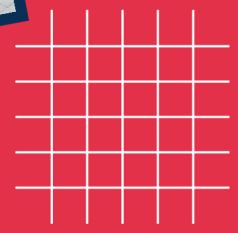


ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

Eighth graders had an amazing trip and were able to experience many places, from The Holocaust Museum, where they met a Holocaust survivor, to making their way to the top of The Washington Monument! Their final night ended with a pizza party at Dave & Buster's.




A Become Catholic Night at Stella Maris...


Catholic Social Teaching

May 19 | 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



Beast of the East Fork

Mud Run | 5K | Obstacle Course

High schoolers, join us on Saturday, May 30, for The Beast of the East Fork Mud Run! It's a 3.2-mile course filled with obstacles like tight ropes, spider webs, tire flips, mud, and more! Run, crawl, climb, and splash through the woods and along the water of East Fork State Park while competing alongside your friends. We'll meet at 8:30 am, with the race kicking off at 9:00 am.

 **High Schoolers**

 **Saturday, May 30**

 **8:30 am**

 **East Fork Lake**
3294 Ellick Road, Bethel, OH 45106

stellamarisfamily.org/beast-of-the-east



Totus Tuus

June 7 - 12, 2026
St. Bernadette Church Campus



Help your child deepen their faith this summer! The Totus Tuus Catholic youth program helps young people grow in their relationship with Jesus through prayer, learning, worship, skits, games, and songs.
Cost is \$35 per child, with a max cost of \$105 per family.

Day Program Mon-Fri, 8:30am-2:30pm (Entering) Grades 1-6	Evening Program Sun-Thur 7:00-9:00pm (Entering) Grades 7-12
---	--





stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus

Stella Maris Youth Ministry



STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

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



9th through 12th graders (including rising 9th graders and graduating 12th 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

Grief Support Group

Meetings take place at St. Peter's at 7 pm on the first and third Mondays of each month (except for most civic holidays).

The group is open to anyone dealing with loss who would like to attend. It provides an opportunity for sufferers to express their feelings and concerns among others who may have experienced similar losses. Meetings are free, and light refreshments will be provided. There is no pre-registration necessary. If you have questions, contact Mary Ann Stang at 513-550-1907 or maryannstang@gmail.com.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism At Stella Maris

Are you pregnant or have you recently had a child? The church encourages parents to baptize their child as soon as possible. Parents seeking information about the baptism of their child should complete the inquiry form on the Stella Maris Family of Parishes website two months before the desired date of the baptism. Once the form is completed, the coordinator of the baptism program will contact you with additional information and requirements. Parents desiring baptism for children seven years or older should contact the parish office.



stellamarisfamily.org/baptism

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

Becky Ready — bready@fuse.net

Jingle Bell News

The Jingle Bell crafters meet at St. Peter on the third Wednesday of every month from 10 am to about 12:30. We work on a variety of crafts to sell at our November Bazaar. Our profits purchase items needed for St. Peter or to sponsor programs and activities within the parish family. New crafters and new ideas are always welcome! All materials will be provided. Please join us for an enjoyable and productive experience.

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.

Director of Internal Communications Job opening | Archdiocese of Cincinnati Pastoral Center

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is seeking a Director of Internal Communications. The Director of Internal Communications is responsible for developing, executing and improving internal communications efforts to: (1) build awareness, understanding, and buy-in to archdiocesan priorities and strategies; (2) help foster employee engagement in the overall mission of the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and employee understanding of their work as part of that mission; and (3) improve communication and stronger connection among priests, religious, and staff members across the archdiocese.

The Director of Internal Communications reports to the Director of Communications & Media Relations and collaborates closely and congenially with the entire staff of the Department of Communications and other archdiocesan offices. The Director must be a model of professional conduct and always represent the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with honesty and integrity.

Visit: tinyurl.com/32fhurf8 to learn more and apply.



Coord. of Youth Ministry Job opening | Stella Maris Family of Parishes

The Stella Maris Family of Parishes is seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The coordinator of youth ministry will be responsible for offering leadership and discipleship programming in each of the parochial schools that are part of Stella Maris. The coordinator will also recruit and form adult and high school volunteers as a team of missionary disciples who will carry out the IGNITE Confirmation Formation program. Finally, the coordinator will develop and execute content, curriculum, and programs for jr. high and high school teens.

Visit: tinyurl.com/w53ms32v to learn more and apply.



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 to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments...Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him. Last week, U.S. House committees marked up the Agriculture Appropriations bill, which includes provisions affecting vital nutrition programs. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) USA, alongside our national Catholic partners, has urged Congress to protect and strengthen these essential supports. You can read SVdP's letter to lawmakers by visiting tinyurl.com/msejdcce. We also encourage you to take a moment to raise your voice by contacting your legislators through the action alert available at votervoicenet.com/SVDPUSA/home. Advocacy, like charity, is an expression of love in action. When we advocate for the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace, and joy into our hearts, into our lives, and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.

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



Calling All Creatives!

Do you enjoy photography, graphic design, videography, or other creative work? We would love to connect with you!

As our communication efforts at Stella Maris continue to grow, we would love to invite parishioners who are willing to share their creative talents from time to time — whether that's photographing an event, designing a flyer for one of our Stella Maris programs, or helping with a special project if extra creative hands are needed.

This is a great opportunity to utilize your artistic gifts within our Parish community. If you are interested in being added to a volunteer team, please contact Rachael Williams, Communications Coordinator at Stella Maris, at rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org.

We look forward to collaborating with you!



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, Nicole Henry,

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, Logan Coward,

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 May 3 bulletin.

CONNECT WITH US!
@StellaMarisCincinnati
facebook.com/StellaMarisCinci
@stellamariscincinnati

BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE: MAY 14, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE: MAY 24, 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
stbameliaaparish.org

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

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

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

Stella Maris Family of Parishes: stellamarisfamily.org