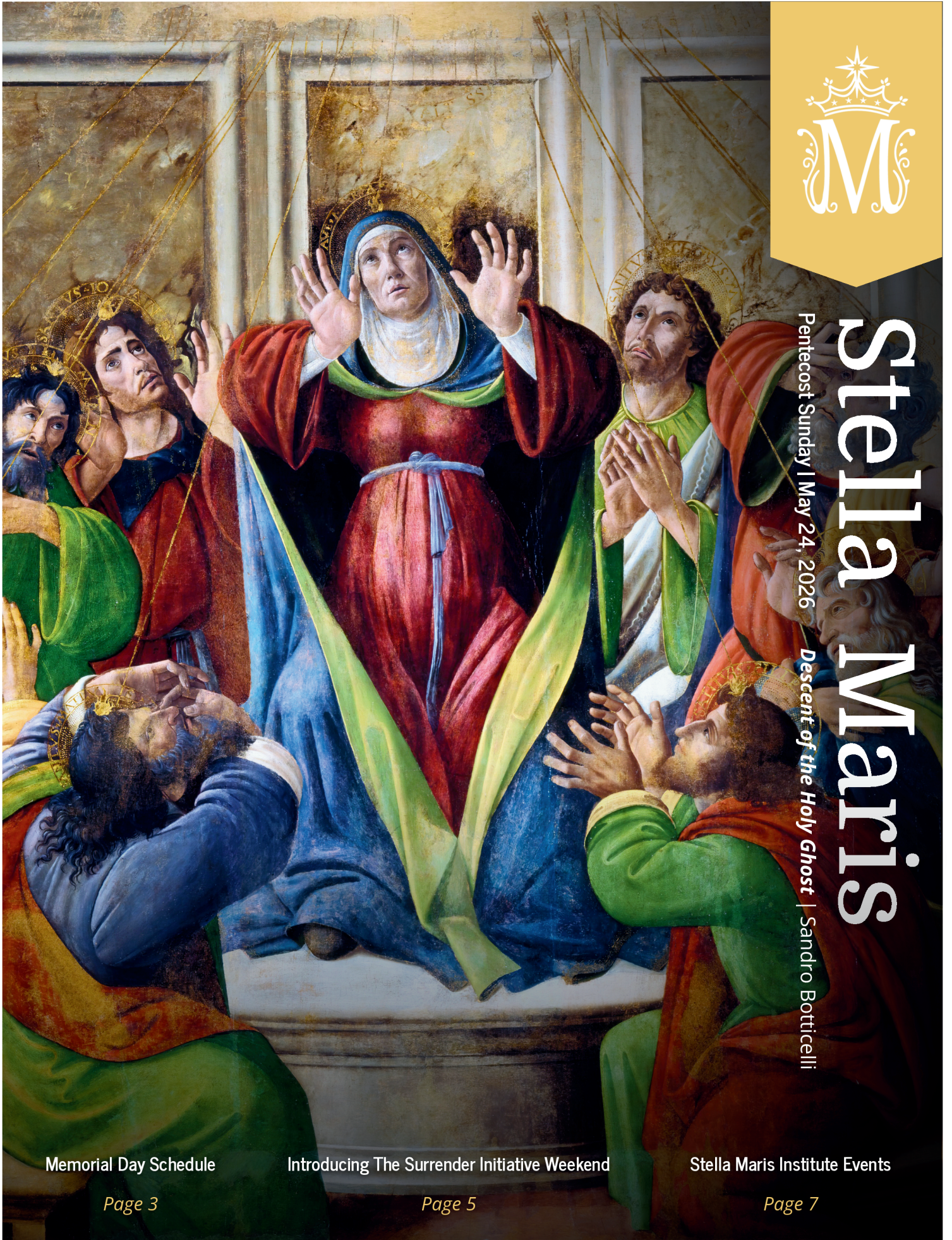




Stella Maris

Pentecost Sunday | May 24, 2026

Descent of the Holy Ghost | Sandro Botticelli



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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, May 25

9:00am (B) Jesus' promise: Asking, through the Bl. Virgin Mother...In Jesus' Name, urg req. by Nancy Reed

9:00am (P) † Bill Weimer req. by The Parish

9:00am (TM) † Thomas Bosken req. by Barb Comello

Tuesday, May 26

8:15am (B) † Michael Shaver req. by The Parish

8:30am (M) † William Fischer req. by St. Mary Bereavement

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Pat and Jim Lindsey

Wednesday, May 27

8:15am (B) † Gary Jay Feldkamp req. by The Parish

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Jim Harrison

Thursday, May 28

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Jim Harrison

8:30am (M) † Roberta Buchanan req. by Ron and Rita O'Toole

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

Friday, May 29

8:15am (B) † Joseph Gizara req. by Josette Gizara

8:30am (P) † Jim Seipel req. by Marilyn Martineck

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by The Ivers Family

Saturday, May 30

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

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

5:00pm (P) † Diane Piening req. by The Parish

Sunday, May 31

8:00am (TM) † Richard Opp req. by Mary Opp

8:30am (P) Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity req. by Anne Tran

9:00am (B) † Michael Shaver req. by The Parish

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

10:30am (M) † Bill Fischer req. by Ronald and Patricia Ryerson

11:00am (B) † Stephanie Quehl req. by Barb Boots

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.**

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 Holy Spirit

It is a highly recommended spiritual practice **to pray prayers to God the Holy Spirit**, who is the 3rd Person of the Most Holy Trinity, **because He dwells within your soul by grace**. Below is one of my favorites, which I recommend you pray every day, perhaps even after receiving the Eucharist, **because the Eucharist renews the grace of the Holy Spirit in your soul**, presuming, of course, your soul is in a state of grace when you receive Holy Communion. The prayer is as follows:

Holy Spirit, come down into my soul, that all my enemies may be driven out, all my crimes melted away, all my sins forgiven. Enlighten my understanding with the light of true faith, inflame my will with Thy sweet love, clear up my mind with Thy glad presence, and give virtue and perfection to all my powers. Watch over me, especially at my death, that I may come to enjoy Thy beatific vision in eternal bliss. Amen.



Fr. Thomas Dorn
Parochial Vicar

Volunteer for Totus Tuus

Looking for a way to share your gifts and invest in our children and youth? Totus Tuus summer camp is a beloved tradition at our parish and richly blesses the children and young people who attend. We need support from across our parish family to make Totus Tuus a success this year! Camp will be held from June 7th to 12th at the St. Bernadette campus. We need help with the following:

- Host homes for the Totus Tuus Missionaries.
- Individuals to provide meals for the missionaries each day of camp.
- Volunteers to help out on-site during camp. We need regular volunteers as well as nurses!

To learn more and sign up to volunteer, visit stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus and look for 'Volunteer for Totus Tuus' at the bottom of the webpage.

Memorial Day Schedule

Monday, May 25, 2026

Mass

St. Bernadette — 9 am

St. Peter — 9 am

St. Thomas More — 9 am



Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration will be canceled at St. Peter on Monday, May 25.

St. Bernadette First Friday Holy Hour Update:

In June, the First Friday Holy Hour will take place at 7 pm on **Friday, June 12** — the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — rather than June 5.

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

Sunday, June 7 | St. Mary Church, Bethel, Ohio

To celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we will have a Eucharistic procession after the 10:30 am Mass at St. Mary's Church located in Bethel, Ohio. Please join us!



Totus Tuus

Registration Deadline — May 31

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, 8:30 am-2:30 pm
(Entering) Grades 1-6

Evening Program

Sun-Thur 7:00-9:00 pm
(Entering) Grades 7-12



stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

1-3 The St. Bernadette School kids planted wildflowers in a pollinator garden at St. Bernadette during the first week of May. 4-6 On May 9th, the Men of St Joseph of St Mary's got together to trim hedges and spread mulch at St. Mary's Church. 7-10 Troop 452 doubled up on service at last week's meeting. Scouts worked alongside local volunteers to beautify the grounds outside of Martyr Hall at St. Thomas More while also collecting non-perishable food items for the annual 'Scouting for Food' drive. All donated items will be delivered to St. Bernadette's St. Vincent de Paul to support those in need within the community.



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

Introducing The Surrender Initiative Weekend

Given that about 10% of American adults are non-practicing Catholics, it's fairly safe to say everyone sitting in our pews on Sunday knows a family member or friend who is not practicing his or her faith. One in ten. That's staggering when you think about it. They are our children, grandchildren, coworkers, classmates, aunts, and uncles. And, what are we doing about it?

Well, we could try to do a lot of things about it. And many of our people have tried. They've tried to have conversations with grown children, but they feel like they hit a wall. They've stumbled through discussions. They've sent people books, pamphlets, and YouTube videos. And those of us who have tried often carry within our hearts a weird admixture of frustration, guilt, shame, and sadness.

Over the last three years at Stella Maris, we've been happy to offer The Surrender Initiative for our parishioners. The Surrender Initiative provides an opportunity to unburden ourselves of all we're carrying when it comes to relatives and friends who are no longer practicing Catholics. It's an invitation to offer all the guilt, shame, sadness, and frustration to the Lord, and it's an invitation to surrender the person (be it a child, grandchild, friend, etc.) to God so that he would draw near to them in his time and in his way. In other words, it's an invitation to cede control and let God do his thing.

So what is The Surrender Initiative? In sum, it is an opportunity to come together as the Body of Christ, gathered in the sacredness of the Holy Mass, to pray intentionally for those we know who are not practicing their Catholic faith. At The Surrender Initiative, we dedicate our Mass, prayers, and sacrifices for those we love who are no longer practicing their faith.

Since we started The Surrender Initiative, I believe we've seen three significant fruits:

- People returning to the Church — yes, we've heard stories of this happening!
- A new freedom — participants unburden themselves of the weight they've been carrying and find themselves free to step into other roles or relationships with renewed vigor.

- A deep sense of community — like I said, most every Catholic sitting in the pew on Sunday knows plenty of people who should be there, but aren't there. So it's nice to come together in prayer and fellowship with other Catholics in the same boat.

Why am I telling you all of this? Because up to this point, The Surrender Initiative has existed as its own isolated event. Typically, we hold three of these events a year at St. Thomas More. However, during **the weekend of June 13-14**, I'm excited to announce that all of the Sunday Masses (including the Saturday Vigil Masses) will be Surrender Masses. This doesn't mean the Masses will be longer. But, it does mean that we will:

- Pray the "Litany to Obtain a Conversion" together before Mass begins (prayer cards will be provided)
- Make an offering of names of people for whom we are praying at the time of Offertory. The regular Sunday offering will be collected in baskets at the doors, while the primary collection the weekend of June 13-14 will be a collection of names. This is your time to write down the first names or initials of the people you want to pray for, surrender them into the basket, and watch people process the basket to the altar. The basket of names will remain at the foot of the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer.
- Enjoy fellowship after Mass. Can anyone say "coffee and donuts"?

So, this is a neat opportunity for all the parishes of Stella Maris to join together in prayer for our family members and friends, entrusting them (and ourselves) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To learn more about the weekend, visit: stellamarisfamily.org/the-surrender-initiative



Brad Bursa
Director of Evangelization

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

Weekly Updates

The Children's Theater visited our preschool through third grade for an in-school field trip. Students enjoyed interacting with the characters of Peter Pan!



Sacred Heart: History and Meaning

— A Stella Maris Institute Talk —



Wed. June 3 | 7 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Join Fr. Tim Ralston as he dives into why Catholics should have a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This talk will take place a little over a week before the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and the US Bishops' consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart on June 11, 2026. This is a free event, and no registration is necessary!



stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks



Why Creation Needs the Church: Laudato Si' and Its Relevance Today



Thur, June 18 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

In this talk, we seek to break through the noise about environmentalism and explore an authentically Catholic response to the environmental challenges of our day. We will discuss how public dialogue on the right, left, and middle miss the mark on the environmental question and how the Church can lead us to a better response. We will consider scripture, Church teaching such as Laudato Si', and some of the most pressing environmental topics.



Dr. Richard Gallenstein, Associate Professor of Economics and Dir. of the Master of Public Policy program at The Catholic University of America

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STELLA MARIS YOUTH MINISTRY REDS GAME OUTING

Sunday, June 14

6th-12th grade
Tickets — \$15

Join us for a day at Great American Ball Park to watch the Cincinnati Reds take on the Arizona Diamondbacks!

MASS @ 11 AM
LUNCH @ 12:15 PM
GAME @ 1:40 PM



stellamarisfamily.org/redsgame2026

Crash Course in Catholic Economics

Fri, June 19 | 8:15 am | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Ever wonder why the Church cares about economics? Looking for a deeper understanding of how the Church deals with political economics? Want to figure out how to live Catholic all the way down to daily life? This crash course is for you! In just one day, we'll cover the following topics:

- The Church and the Economy
- Political Economy: Breaking the Dichotomy
- Holy Economics

This course will run from 8:15 am – 2:30 pm. The fee of \$15 covers the cost of materials. We have 25 spots available, and registration closes one week before the course begins.



Dr. Richard Gallenstein, Associate Professor of Economics and Dir. of the Master of Public Policy program at The Catholic University of America



stellamarisfamily.org/institute-courses



Register your 8th grader for IGNITE

Confirmation Formation Program



Parents, please complete the online registration form and submit the fee (\$45) to secure your child's spot for the 2026/27 IGNITE Confirmation Formation Program.

DEADLINE: June 1, 2026.

Liability and Medical Release Forms will be emailed after the registration deadline. These must be completed, signed, and returned to the parish office before the first IGNITE event. Please visit our website via the link or QR code below to register today!

tinyurl.com/2w5v24zz



Fr. Bill Wagner's Bible Study Update

Fr. Bill Wagner's Wednesday night Bible study on Acts of the Apostles has finished. Please join him in studying the Book of Revelation starting in the Fall! More details coming soon.

St. Bernadette SVDP Annual Yard Sale July 17 & 18, 2026

St. Vincent de Paul is accepting items for our summer yard sale. We accept all household items, children's toys, games, puzzles, bedding, jewelry, collectables, kitchen items, tools, lawn and garden tools, house decorations (Christmas, etc.), and clothing. We can use almost everything **except** large items such as Furniture, Exercise equipment, Desks, and dining room. If you have questions, have larger items, or large quantities, or for pick up or drop off, please call 513-753-5566 ext. 130 and leave your message. Please leave your items in the St. Bernadette church Gathering Space.

For the year 2025, our society was able to assist 825 families and 2,286 individuals. In past years, the summer yard sale has generated \$15,000+. This money is used to assist individuals in our community. Thank you for your support.

St. Mary's Altar Society May Raffle Winners

\$50.00 - Madonna Cahall

\$25.00 - Charlotte Thompson

\$10.00 - Madonna Cahall

Congratulations to the winners, and here's your reminder to get your raffle tickets so you can be a winner, too!

St. Mary's Pill Bottle Collection

Thank you to those who have recently donated pill bottles! Please remember this is an ongoing ministry, and we're always accepting the donations of clean, unlabeled pill bottles. The trip to Matthew 25 Ministries is only taken a couple of times a year, and it's nice to have a good full load to drop off when we go, and they are very thankful for them. Blessings to you all!

Please pray for the soul of Michael Shaver from St. Bernadette, who passed on 05/06/2026. May God grant him eternal peace and console his family at this time of great loss.

St. Mary's Rummage and Bake Sale

June 19th — 9 am - 4 pm

June 20th — 9 am - 2 pm

It's that time of year again for the Rummage and Bake Sale. As always, we need many people to help. From donating to setting and especially cleanup. Any amount of donated time will be appreciated. Please text the number below the times you are available to help. The Sunday before, we need people to move items out of the basement and set up tables. Clean-up after takes many hands, also. And don't forget the bakers that keep our people fed and happy. If you have any questions, please call Joanna Morgan at 513-940-8326.

Knights of Columbus COR

Heart to heart conversations with men. Social time with coffee & pastries.

We meet on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Please join us at Knights of Columbus Hall, 1800 Ohio Pk. Amelia, OH 45102. For more information, contact Steve Feist at 513-965-1073 or email at stevfeis@gmail.com

NEWS AND EVENTS

Knights of Columbus Measure Up Campaign

Next weekend, May 30 and 31, our Knights of Columbus Council will be conducting the annual "Measure Up" campaign following all Masses at St. Thomas More and St. Mary. The "Measure Up" campaign raises funds to support individuals with developmental disabilities in our local community. Donations help provide vital programs, services, and assistance to those in need. Knights will be stationed outside the church after Mass to accept contributions. Please consider supporting this important cause with a generous donation. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Saturday, May 30

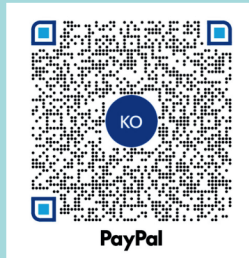
St. Thomas More — 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 31

St. Thomas More — 8:00 am

St. Thomas More — 10:00 am

St. Mary — 10:30 am



EMBER DAY

WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

A discernment retreat for high school men, aged 15-19

Hosted by the Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Willig, and the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Friday, June 5 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
at Mount St. Mary's Seminary

REGISTER HERE

resources.catholicaoc.org/event/ember-day-june-5



For questions, contact: vocations@catholicaoc.org

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, as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can bring peace to those who are 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



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE:
MAY 28, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:
JUNE 07, 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



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, Chris Horstman, Nicole Henry, Al Meisman,

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

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pastor@stellamarisfamily.org
- Father Thomas Dorn, Parochial Vicar**
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- 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		
Fiscal Year-to-Date through April		
<i>(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)</i>		
St. Bernadette		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$1,870,769	\$1,860,061
EXPENSES	\$1,752,953	\$1,876,826
NET	\$117,817	(\$16,766)
St. Mary		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$210,107	\$191,042
EXPENSES	\$212,250	\$215,617
NET	(\$2,143)	(\$24,575)
St. Peter		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$189,610	\$166,250
EXPENSES	\$194,505	\$212,534
NET	(\$4,895)	(\$46,284)
St. Thomas More		
<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
REVENUE	\$2,803,101	\$2,654,260
EXPENSES	\$2,571,376	\$2,586,683
INCOME	\$231,725	\$67,577
\$71,017 — PARK NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE		
\$264,812 — IN RESERVES		

CHURCH INFORMATION

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