



Stella Maris

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 19, 2026 *Lady with Bread* | Victor Gabriel Gilbert

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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, July 20

8:15am (B) † Rosalie Bird req. by The Parish Family

Tuesday, July 21

8:15am (B) † Emily Anne Nickles req. by The Parish Family

8:30am (M) † Betty Ann Marx req. by St. Mary Bereavement

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Tom and Beverly Hageman

Wednesday, July 22

8:15am (B) † For Anne's Godchildren in Purgatory req. by Anne Tran

8:30am (TM) † Elizabeth Kij req. by Rebecca Doogan

Thursday, July 23

8:30am (TM) † Le Ha req. by Marie Ha

8:30am (M) † Sister Mary Francis Dirr req. by St. Mary Bereavement

6:45pm (B) Tony and Charisse Rubio's 10th anniversary req. by Tony and Charisse Rubio

Friday, July 24

8:15am (B) † Elizabeth Kij req. by Rebecca Doogan

8:30am (P) Safe travel and grace-filled trip for my family req. by Jade Dinh

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

Saturday, July 25

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Rachel Collins req. by Kate Roelker

5:00pm (P) † For Anne's Godchildren in Purgatory req. by Anne Tran

Sunday, July 26

8:00am (TM) † Diane Piening req. by Amanda Duggan

8:30am (P) Javier Nava req. by Rachael Williams

9:00am (B) † Mike Brunner req. by Diane Brunner

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

10:30am (M) † Gloria Siemer req. by Rose Marie Toltave

11:00am (B) † Tom Justice req. by The Justice Family

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 Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Prayer is the "center and high point of the entire..." (GIRM) Mass and "the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification." The command of Jesus to "do this in memory of me" refers to his actions with the bread and the cup. These actions were to be repeated in his memory and form the nucleus of the celebration of the Mass. Christ's actions were an act of thanksgiving to God. Jesus declares the bread and wine to be himself, his body and blood. They are his body that is given and his blood that is poured out, which in reality is the sacrifice of the cross for our salvation, for our sake, and the forgiveness of our sins.

The Eucharist is the sacrifice of the Church in and through Christ our High Priest. It is not a new sacrifice of the cross but an actual participation in Christ's sacrifice. It is the center of all human actions in which we put ourselves in the service of God.

In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the bread that has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world... My flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink; whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood dwells in me and I in him."

It is extremely interesting to note that in the original Greek language of the Gospel, the word *sarx* is used, meaning flesh, and not the word *soma*, meaning body. *Soma* in literature can have many symbolic meanings, but *sarx* has only one meaning and has never been given other symbolic meanings. Likewise, the word for "eat" is a very graphic word often used in describing how animals eat, and it has no other symbolic meanings in Greek literature.

There is a more polite word which St. John could have used in translating "eat," but he did not choose to use that word. The whole idea here is to demonstrate that Jesus means he is really and truly present in the bread and wine, for he says, "My bread is real food and my blood is real drink." Even when many of his disciples walked away because they could not accept this, Jesus did not change one word of his statement merely to appease those who would not believe, even though he could have used words with other symbolic connotations.

The Eucharistic Prayer is a prayer reflecting the church's participation in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. It is the greatest treasure we possess.



Fr. Bill Wagner

Parochial Vicar

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1 The Holy Widowhood ladies gathered at Stievenard Hall for their monthly time of prayer, share, and care! Please reach out to Pat Lees at pat.bernadette.lees@gmail.com for more information about this group. 2, 3, 4 St. Thomas More's JulyFest took place last weekend, July 10-12. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and came out to support our parish festival. We had a rocking good time!



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

Get to Know Jacie Lussetto

What is your favorite thing about being Catholic?

I love the Church's tradition and how we can encounter Jesus so personally in the Eucharist.

What is an event that transformed your faith life?

An event that transformed my faith life was when I truly realized the depths of the love the Lord has for me personally and for all of his creation. While I had grown up hearing that God loved me, I had never understood it fully until I encountered Jesus for myself in college.

What is your role within the family?

I am the Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

What makes you most excited about your role?

I am most excited to begin meeting and serving the Youth of the Parishes and to walk with them on the path to Sainthood.

What skills do you bring to Stella Maris?

I am passionate about sharing the Faith and have a background in education.



Jacie Lussetto
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
jlussetto@stellamarisfamily.org

Eucharistic Guardians Needed

We need Eucharistic Adoration Guardians who can commit to spending a specific hour each week in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ensuring the Eucharist is never left alone during times of Exposition. Our most needed times are:

- St. Bernadette: 10 am, 11 am, 3 pm, 6 pm, and 7 pm
- St. Peter: 1 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm, and 5 pm
- St. Thomas More: 10:30 am and 2:30 pm

Please prayerfully consider becoming a designated Eucharistic Guardian. You can learn more and sign up by visiting stellamarisfamily.org/adoration or by scanning the QR code.



Reborn: Preparing for Baptism

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



st Mary Church PIG ROAST

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4pm-7:30pm

3398 St Rt 125 Bethel, Ohio

ADULTS
\$13
IN ADVANCE

KIDS 5-10
\$6
IN ADVANCE

KIDS
UNDER
5 EAT
FREE



tinyurl.com/3m96ja3b

Advanced Pig Roast tickets are available via the QR code and link above, or at St. Mary after Masses the week of July 26. Exact cash or check required.

RAFFLE

First Prize - **\$1000**

Second Prize - **\$500**

Third Prize - **\$500+**
IN GIFT CARDS

\$10 for 1 Chance
\$50 for 6 Chances
\$100 for 12 Chances

FOR MORE INFORMATION
SCAN THE QR CODE



Dancing with Joy

St. Bernadette Parish Festival

August 7 & 8, 2026

Friday, August 7, 6 pm - 11 pm | Saturday, August 8, 6 pm - 11 pm: Food, drink, casino, and games! Friday night will feature music by the band Back Beat, and Saturday will feature Kevin McCoy Band, both from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Grand Raffle



tinyurl.com/4556s3uw

Volunteer



tinyurl.com/mrs4fubf

Bid n Buy



tinyurl.com/mrxj99rs

Festival Shop



tinyurl.com/3m58p7n5

Stump the Priests

July 21, 2026 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm



Get your questions answered.

- \$27/person (includes admission, fajitas buffet, and soft drink)

July 21, 2026 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant

268 W Main St. Williamsburg, OH 45176



Event co-sponsored by:



stellamarisfamily.org/stump-the-priests

The Jingle Bell Crafters

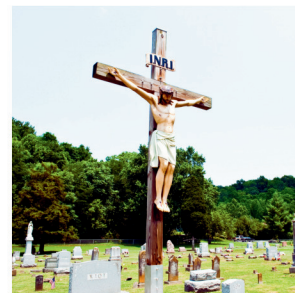
Meetings are at St. Peter at 10 am on the 3rd
Wednesday of every month



We work on a variety of different crafts, which are sold at our annual Bazaar. Profits from the sale help purchase items needed around the church. New members and new ideas are always welcome! Please join us for some crafting fun, as well as an opportunity to get to know other Parish Family members. All materials will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Stang at 513-550-1907 or maryannstang@gmail.com

St. Peter's Cemetery



Grave Pricing per plot

One plot - \$1,200	Three plots - \$3,200
Two plots - \$2,200	Four plots - \$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

St. Bernadette Athletic Boosters | Burgers & Beers



Sunday, July 19, following the 11 am Mass | St. Bernadette Cafeteria: The St. Bernadette Athletic Boosters invite you to Burgers & Beers this Sunday, immediately following 11 am Mass. Join them for a free lunch of burgers, hot dogs, chips, desserts, and drinks in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

Grace Ministry Ladies' Luncheon



July 26 at 12:30 pm: Please bring a dish if able and a friend! Get to know our Stella Maris Family and enjoy fellowship among our parishes. This month, the luncheon will be at the home of Marilyn Doyle, 2070 River Birch Drive, Amelia, Ohio. Please RSVP by calling or texting Constance Taggart at 513-646-6494.

Stella Maris Institute Writer's Group



We launched the Stella Maris Institute last summer with a desire to offer adults throughout the Family a range of formation offerings. During the Fall and Spring, we ran 24 events with over 1,000 total attendees. We now have several interest groups popping up through the Institute. One of these is a writer's group. **Our first meeting will be on August 11 at 7 pm in Stievenard Hall.** If you are interested in this group, please fill out the Google Form: tinyurl.com/5n7z6jee or by scan the QR code.



The GRACE Ministry Fall Women's Retreat



September 18-20 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood: Join your Stella Maris sisters for the GRACE Ministry's fall retreat — Living Jesus: Past, Present, and Future. Faith-based Catholic speaker Barb Volpat will lead us through a weekend of talks, prayer, fellowship, and reflection as we seek to grow in our faith and to become the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Barb earned her theology degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology. Weekend cost — \$200. Early bird registration — \$180 before Aug. 1. The registration deadline is Aug. 30. Scholarships are available. Questions? Contact Terri Murrell (513) 218-9535 or Lisa Rose (513) 886-8531. Please scan the QR code or visit zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/grace-ministry-retreat for tickets.



St. Mary's Raffle Winners



June

Sharon Ritzi — \$50
Madonna Cahall — \$25
Debbie Goldschmidt — \$10

July

Barb Hanlon — \$50
Bette Merz — \$25
Jerry Etienne — \$10

Thanks to everyone who buys raffle tickets!

Thank you for another great JulyFest!



On behalf of the St. Thomas More parish community, thank you to our festival chairs and every volunteer who generously gave their time, talents, and energy to make this year's parish festival a tremendous success. Your dedication, teamwork, and spirit of service brought our community together and helped support the mission of our parish and school. We are truly grateful for all you have done and are blessed by your generosity. Congratulations to our Grand Raffle winners, Karen Boberg, Jeff Rieder, and Melinda Christman.

Cafeteria Help for St. Thomas More School



St. Thomas More School is seeking part-time cafeteria help. All inquiries should be sent to aruehlman@sttmschool.org

Update on St. Mary's Rectory Conversion/Office Move



Because the parish office is being remodeled into a rectory, there will now be three lockboxes in the St. Mary's Gathering Space by the bathrooms. One for the Parish Office, one for the Men's group, and one for the Altar Society.

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.

Putting our Love in Action through Charitable Work and Social Justice



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's key mission is to help the poor and marginalized. Because of your generosity, the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at St. Bernadette, St. Mary, St. Peter, and St. Thomas More are able to do this every week. Thank you! Our conferences are welcoming new members. If you have a desire to grow in faith and help those in need through the love of God, your St. Vincent de Paul Conference needs your help. For more information, contact the help line at your parish.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: David Himmelstein, Jan Frazee, Bev Jung, Carroll Mayhugh, Ross Gentry, Timothy Haller, Robert Back, Julie Armbricht, Marge Armbruster, Kristina Deboard, Ken Ozanich, Joann Schwetschenau, Matthew Haurert, Patricia Dean, Herbert Doty, Steve and 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, Andrea Kittel, Robert Kocher, Paul Coyne, Willie and Renee Rooks, Joe Bresser, Rita Afflaeck-Graves, Bernice Sutter, 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 Worral, Stephanie Kortyka, Kathy Johnson, Dave O'Connor, Art Kareth, Steve Feist, Harry Horstman, Cathy Scheffter, Tyler Renfro, Chris Horstman, Nicole Henry, Kathy Luken, Mary Burke, Michael Daniel Lafferty, Deacon Jerry Etienne, Sallie Lund Etienne, Tim Etienne,

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

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Father Benjamin Packer, Parochial Vicar

frpacker@stellamarisfamily.org

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 July 5 bulletin.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

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AUGUST 02, 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

stbameliaparish.org

St. Mary

3398 State Route 125

Bethel, OH 45106

Office: (513) 734-4041

sccroho.org

St. Peter

1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd,

New Richmond, OH 45157

Office: (513) 553-3267

sccroho.org

St. Thomas More

800 Ohio Pike

Withamsville, OH 45245

Office: (513) 752-2080

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