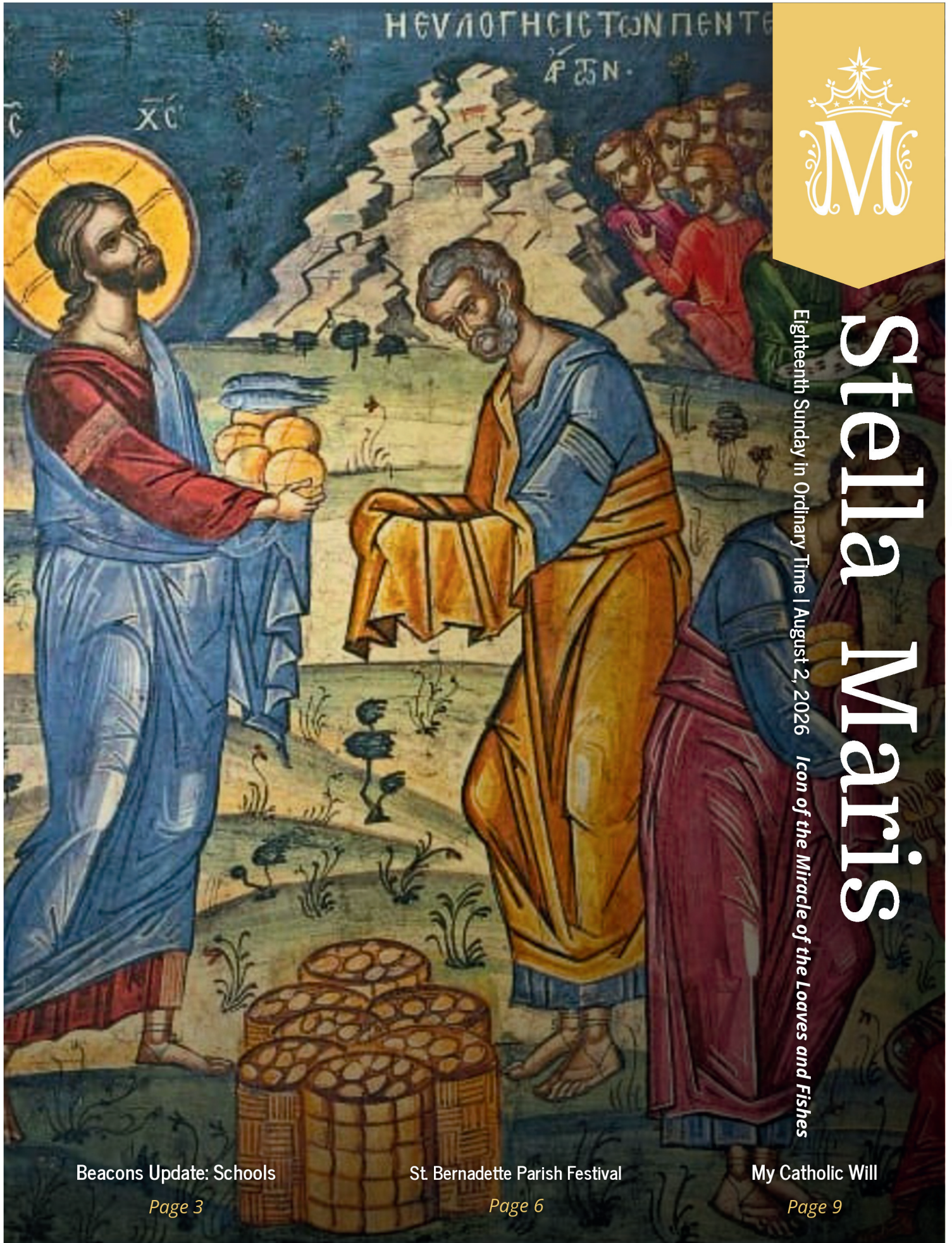




Stella Maris

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 2, 2026 *Icon of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*

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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, August 3

8:15am (B) Special Intention req. by Anonymous

Tuesday, August 4

8:15am (B) ✠ Maxine Stuber

8:30am (M) ✠ Raymond F. DiMuzio req. by Wayne Haverland

8:30am (TM) ✠ Mr. and Mrs. Ha and Du Ha req. by Marie Ha

Wednesday, August 5

8:15am (B) ✠ Jim Seipel req. by Marilyn Martineck

8:30am (TM) Bill Weimer req. by Bo and Pat Trutschel

Thursday, August 6

8:30am (TM) Maureen Deeds req. by Maureen Combs

8:30am (M) ✠ Gloria Seimer req. by Rose Marie Toltave

6:45pm (B) ✠ Arthur Williams

Friday, August 7

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

8:30am (P) Maria Brockman

8:30am (TM) ✠ Edna Booth req. by John and Vicki Aicholtz

Saturday, August 8

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) ✠ Louis F. Grieco req. by The Grieco Family

5:00pm (P) ✠ Debbie Chambers

Sunday, August 9

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

8:30am (P) Peter Quinn

9:00am (B) Dr. Michael Bourgeois req. by Charles Bourgeois

10:00am (TM) ✠ Chi Nguyen req. by Marie Ha

10:30am (M) ✠ Rosalie Bird req. by The Parish

11:00am (B) ✠ Emily Anne Nickles req. by The Parish

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



Beacons Update: Schools

Dear Stella Maris Parishioners,

In this month's Beacons of Light update, I would like to highlight the two schools within our Family of Parishes: St. Bernadette and St. Thomas More. I have asked our Principals to share brief updates on the exciting growth taking place in each of these school communities. Their reflections offer insight into the many ways God is at work in the lives of our students throughout Stella Maris.



Fr. Tim Ralston
Pastor of Stella Maris

St. Bernadette School

Dear Stella Maris Families,

We are gearing up for another wonderful school year! St. Bernadette School is dedicated to academic excellence and fulfillment of self for the glory of God. We are dedicated to creating an environment that develops the whole child spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially in order to prepare students for active and mature participation in their Church, family, and society.

St. Bernadette has five grade levels that are at capacity for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. With eight new families joining our school community, we have 190 K-8 students and 53 incoming preschoolers.

Our Catholic faith serves as the heart of our community. Students are learning about God's love for them and how to share that love with others. St. Bernadette School places an emphasis on serving others. Our students worked on many service projects this year, such as food drives and blessing bags for those in need.

This past school year, we implemented a new 'Virtues in Practice' program for students K-8. Students learned and studied a new virtue each month. At the end of each month, one student from each homeroom was given a Virtue Award from their teacher.

The Carmelite Daughters of Elias brought our 3rd graders a deeper understanding of Catholicism. This upcoming school

year, they will bring their teaching and kindness to our 2nd grade students, who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation and First Communion. We are very grateful for their partnership and the work they are doing within our school.

Thank you to everyone for your continued dedication, prayers, and blessings for our school and community.

God Bless,
Christie Halaby, Principal

St. Thomas More School

Dear Stella Maris Families,

There is an undeniable energy on our campus, and it's all thanks to the incredible growth, faith, and innovation taking place at St. Thomas More School. Since 2022, our school community has flourished, with enrollment surging by 26.8%—growing from 250 to 317 students, and projecting up to 347 scholars for the upcoming school year!

This vibrant growth is anchored first and foremost by our deep commitment to Catholic identity, which serves as the heart of our expanding community. This past year, our partnership with the Hallow app blew past expectations, with our community logging over 15,000 prayers. Most beautifully, we joyfully welcomed nine students and two parents into the Church at the Easter Vigil, with eight more already scheduled for next year.

Hand-in-hand with this spiritual vitality is our pursuit of academic excellence. We are thrilled to launch a brand-new math curriculum (HMH Into Math) next year and expand our Spanish program to include all grades from PreK through 8th grade. Our robust science curriculum continues to thrive, maintaining our 7th-grade Science Fair while introducing an exciting new engineering component for 8th graders. To foster future-ready skills, our library has transformed into a dynamic STEM Lab and Makerspace, complete with a 3D printer. Furthermore, we continue to enhance our strong intervention and gifted programming to ensure every student reaches their full potential.

Thank you for your continued partnership, prayers, and dedication. Together, we are building a remarkably bright, faithful future at St. Thomas More!

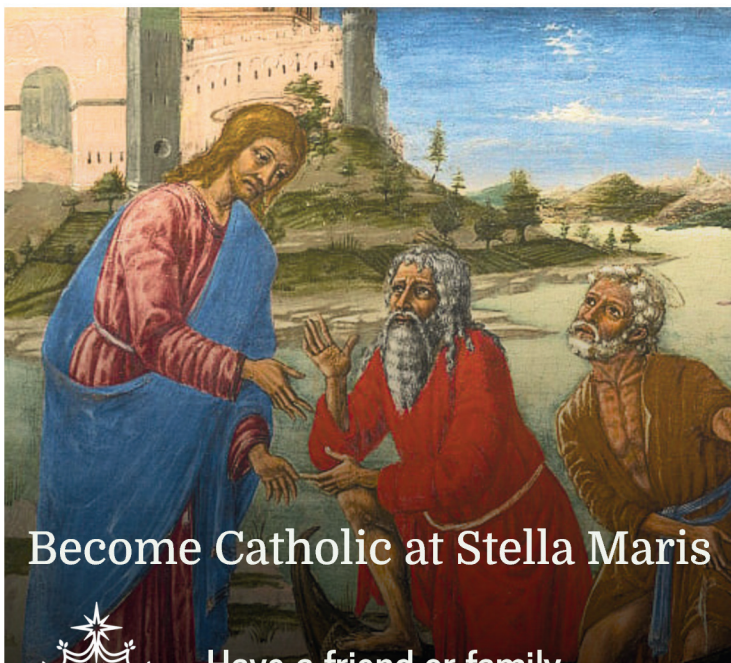
In Christ,
Michael Collins, Principal

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

1, 2 The SVdP yard sale at St. Bernadette took place on July 17 and 18, and was a success! Thank you to everyone who donated items. 3, 4 Stump the Priests took place on Tuesday, July 21, at Los Compadres in Williamsburg. Nearly 150 parishioners from Stella Maris and Holy Family joined us that night! 5-8 The Rite of Entrance and Welcoming took place at St. Bernadette on Saturday, July 26. Please continue to pray for our Candidates and Catechuminate as they journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.



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!



Become Catholic at Stella Maris

Have a friend or family member thinking about becoming Catholic?

Learn more about the process and get in touch at stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic



Bible Studies

- **Adult Bible Study**
Mondays at 7:00pm | Fr. Lewis Center, St. Mary
- **Sunday Readings Preparation — starts Sept. 9**
Wednesdays at 9:30am | St. Thomas More
- **The Book of Revelation with Fr. Bill Wagner — starts Sept. 16**
Wednesdays at 7:00pm | St. Thomas More
- **Lectio and life — new, starts Sept. 3**
Thursdays at noon | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- **Women's Bible Study**
Fridays at 9:15am | Fr. Kennedy Hall, St. Peter
- **Men's Bible Study**
Saturdays at 7:30am | St. Peter

stellamarisfamily.org/bible-studies



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 via this link, tinyurl.com/5n7z6jee, or by scanning the QR code.



High School Youth Ministry

Kick off event | Sunday, August 30 | 7 - 9 pm



Our 2026/27 High School Youth Ministry year will launch with a, "Built on Rock Angry Birds IRL" water balloon game. It will take place on August 30th at 7 pm at Saint Bernadette's. It is open to all 9th-12th grade students. Invite a friend and join us for games, fun, and fellowship as we launch our ministry year. RSVP's are requested, but not necessary. Please RSVP by emailing Jacie at jlussetto@stellamarisfamily.org by August 25th.

stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry



Dancing with Joy

St. Bernadette Parish Festival

August 7 & 8, 2026



Next Weekend!

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/Stbbidnbuy2026

Festival Shop



tinyurl.com/3m58p7n5

NEWS AND EVENTS

Solemnity of the Assumption | Saturday, August 15



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on Saturday, August 15. This year, it is **NOT** considered to be a Holy Day of Obligation. **An additional Mass has been added at St. Mary's Church** to celebrate the solemnity at **9:00 am**. All other Churches within the Stella Maris Family will follow their regular Saturday Mass schedule.

- **St. Mary:** Mass at 9:00 am for the Assumption.
- **All other churches** will follow their regular Saturday schedule.

Widows Helping Widows on the Journey

Thursday, September 10 | 10:30 am | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

We will NOT be meeting in August. Our next Meeting will be on September 10th



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. Coffee and sweet treats will be served! Fr. Packer, our new Parochial Vicar, will join us as our guest speaker. **Monthly gatherings will be on the second Thursday of each month.**

Questions? Please contact Pat Lees at pat.bernadette.lees@gmail.com or Becky Ready at bready@fuse.net

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. The cost for the weekend is \$200. Early bird registration is \$180 before August 1. The registration deadline is August 30. Scholarships are available. If you have any questions, please 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.



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, Jesus says, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blessed them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. **Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those living in poverty touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.** Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

STELLA MARIS FAMILY OF PARISHES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP LINES: (Please note St. Mary's updated number)

St. Bernadette: 513-753-5566 Ext 130

St. Mary: 513-373-1996

St. Peter: 513-525-7173

St. Thomas More: 513-753-2561



July 14, 2026

St. Thomas More Parish
800 Ohio Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Dear Leadership:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,389.00, check no. 89233 A Caring Place.

I want to share some exciting news with you! Our client website is under new construction to better the women that seek out our services. AND, we are going to add a donor website! This will be a great way for our supporters to stay abreast of all the ministry is doing. 🌟

We've added several new support options for clients who are vulnerable to abortion and for those who may experience a miscarriage. Through the ultrasounds we perform, we can sometimes identify when a pregnancy is not viable and may be ending. Miscarriage is the loss of a life. And we want to treat it as such.

Another new and exciting way for donors to give to A Caring Place, is through stock donations. We have an account set-up with Fidelity. All donated stock will be sold immediately and either used for client services or placed in some type of interest-bearing account. If you know anyone that may be interested in donating stock **our account number is: Z40578284 DTC#: 0226 It is under A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center, Inc.**

Thank you again for your faithful support and partnership. Bless you for touching the lives of those we serve.

Serving with you for Life,

Shawna Dunn, ACP Executive Director



When: Friday, 9/18 (7pm) – Sunday, 9/20 (3pm)

Where: Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center (5701 Lawshe Rd, Peebles, OH)
Some overnight rooms are available!



Who: This retreat is intended for ages 20–50 who are single and free to discern the vocation to marriage.

Cost: Entire event (retreat, meals, room) – all for a free will offering

Questions: (513) 373-2397 or
retreats@presentationministries.com

Register: presentationministries.com
under Discipleship Center (or QR code)



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE:
AUGUST 06, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:
AUGUST 16, 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



As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby assisting Archbishop Casey as he establishes pastoral priorities for the future.

There are approximately 60 sessions scheduled
between Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

Register today at
catholicaoc.org/conversations

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 Haunert, 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

513-753-5566 ext. 102 | pastor@stellamarisfamily.org

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

Fiscal Year-to-Date through June

(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)

St. Bernadette

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORCASTED</u>
REVENUE	\$2,224,421	\$2,163,908
EXPENSES	\$2,130,624	\$2,242,738
INCOME	(\$93,798)	(\$78,830)

St. Mary

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$246,287	\$229,250
EXPENSES	\$253,693	\$258,740
NET	(\$7,407)	(\$29,490)

St. Peter

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$214,746	\$199,500
EXPENSES	\$234,269	\$255,040
NET	(\$19,524)	(\$55,540)

St. Thomas More

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORCASTED</u>
REVENUE	\$3,357,124	\$3,201,615
EXPENSES	\$3,094,406	\$3,117,553
INCOME	\$262,719	\$84,026

\$62,215 — PARK NATIONAL LOAN BALANCE

\$351,190 — IN RESERVES

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Bethel, OH 45106

Office: (513) 734-4041

sccrohio.org

St. Peter

1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd,

New Richmond, OH 45157

Office: (513) 553-3267

sccrohio.org

St. Thomas More

800 Ohio Pike

Withamsville, OH 45245

Office: (513) 752-2080

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