

The Surrender Initiative

Mass by Candlelight

6pm Reconciliation | 7pm Mass | 8pm Reception

See page 3 for more information



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 1, 2026

*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 call or email one of our priests 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**

Mass Intentions

Key: B: Bernadette, M: Mary, P: Peter, TM: Thomas More

Monday, February 2

8:15am (B) † Bob O'Connor

Tuesday, February 3

8:15am (B) People of the Parish Family

8:30am (M) † Ronald D. Gass, Jr. req. by Karen and David Jones

8:30am (TM) † Alice Kushner req. by Lorie and Steve

Wednesday, February 4

8:15am (B) People of the Parish Family

8:30am (TM) Vicki Aicholtz (Birthday) req. by Karen Trautmann

Thursday, February 5

8:30am (TM) † Bill Wofford req. by Pat Rohal

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

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

Friday, February 6

8:15am (B) People of the Parish Family

8:30am (P) Julie and David McLaughlin req. by Mary Clare Smith

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

Saturday, February 7

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Ginny Rottinghaus req. by The Ivers Family

5:00pm (P) † Dan Morgan req. by Betty Morgan

Sunday, February 8

8:00am (TM) † Vincent Meisman req. by Diane Meisman

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

9:00am (B) † Thomas Schmidt req. by St. Bernadette Choir

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

10:30am (M) † Craig Weber req. by Chris Owens

11:00am (B) † Ron Giwer, Sr. req. by The Giwer 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](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



*Exceptions for Mass times will be listed separately in the bulletin.

FROM ARCHBISHOP CASEY'S DESK

January 24, 2026

Feast of Francis de Sales, Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year! I pray that you had a blessed and joyful Christmas season with your family, friends, and loved ones.

A new year calls us to reflection. As we look back with gratitude for God's goodness, we look ahead with faith and hope. Even amidst life's daily challenges, we have so much to thank God for. We also have so much to look forward to. We live in hope, recognizing the love of Christ that has been handed on from generation to generation is now our responsibility to reveal, to share, and to radiate more fully. This has been at the heart of our local Church's efforts with Beacons of Light.

Beacons of Light has assisted us in discerning how we might fully live our Catholic faith in this particular time and place. I am grateful to the commitment of so many who have taken up the challenge of Beacons of Light to move our Church from maintenance to mission and more clearly radiate Christ's love throughout the 19 counties of our archdiocese. As the phases of Beacons of Light come to conclusion between now and June 2027, each Family of Parishes will continue this effort by engaging in discernment of the best use of its resources – its buildings, finances, and personnel.

We must keep in mind that Beacons of Light has not been a typical process or program; we have been given a mandate to take up the mission and ministry of Christ in our present day. We ensure that it will continue for years to come through the six foundational principles of vitality and missionary discipleship. How we transition from the phases of Beacons of Light into the ongoing work of our parishes, schools, and institutions becomes the question.

After much prayer and consultation on this question, I have decided that we will conduct an archdiocesan synod over the next two years. Since our last archdiocesan synod in 1971, much has changed in our Church. A diocesan synod at this time will offer us a moment where we can prayerfully listen to the Holy Spirit and to one another in order to discover anew the joy of our discipleship. It will culminate with a general assembly where representatives of our clergy, religious, and laity will join together to discuss how Christ seeks to shepherd us into the future.

Inspired by the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, encouraged by Pope Leo's efforts to create a more synodal Church, and considering the more than fifty years that have passed since our last synod was held, Synod 2027 will offer our local Church a blessed opportunity to recognize Christ in our midst and respond enthusiastically to His call. More details will be forthcoming this spring. In the meantime, information on Synod 2027 can be found at catholicaoc.org/synod2027. Please join me in prayer for the fruitfulness of our upcoming synod and for the well-being of all God's children in our archdiocese, especially those who may be suffering and seeking hope.



In Christ,

Most Reverend Robert G. Casey
Archbishop of Cincinnati

The Surrender Initiative

Friday, Feb. 6, 2026 | St. Thomas More Church

6pm Reconciliation | 7pm Mass | 8pm Reception

Come and pray for your family members and friends who are no longer practicing their Catholic faith.

800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245



stellamarisfamily.org/the-surrender-initiative

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

St. Bernadette — 8:15am and 4:00pm

St. Peter — 9:00am

St. Mary — 7:00pm

St. Thomas More — 8:30am, 12 noon, and 7:30pm

There won't be a first Friday Holy Hour
on February 6, at St. Bernadette

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

1, 2 We had a great turnout for Fr. Eric Wood's talk, "Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?" on Tuesday, January 20. 3, 4 The first session of the "Praying with Scripture" mini-course took place in Stievenard Hall on Friday, January 23. 5 The library in Stievenard Hall is starting to come together. Thank you to our volunteers who are organizing, sorting, and digitally cataloging all of these books!



Do you have photos from a recent event at Stella Maris?

Please send them to rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org for a chance to be featured in the bulletin!

FAMILY SUNDAYS



for families with children in preschool through high school

 Dig into Scripture!



Each Family Sunday includes...

- a special family-focused Mass 🏛️
- complimentary brunch 🍳☕
- guided, family time with Scripture 📖
- community with other families who have kids in grades pre-K to 12 🎉

RSVP today!



St. Peter
St. Mary
St. Bernadette
St. Thomas More

February 8, 8:30am - 11:00am
February 15, 10:30am - 1:00pm
March 15, 9:00am - 11:30am
March 22, 10:00am - 12:30pm

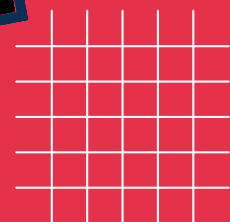
There is no cost, but space is limited. Please RSVP no later than one week in advance at stellamarisfamily.org/family-sundays or by using the QR code above.

ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

The entire student body enjoyed a visit from NKU's Mobile Planetarium. This exciting experience was made possible by last year's PTO WalkMORE Fundraiser. Everyone had a blast!



February 1 | 7-9pm
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NIGHT
St. Bernadette | Stievenard Hall



New Forms of Prayer

Attention high schoolers! Please join us on Sunday, February 1, for a nerf war, followed by a lesson on how to pray the Rosary.

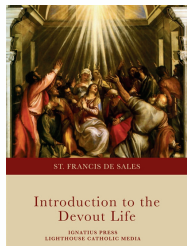


stellamarisfamily.org/high-school-youth-ministry



Stella Maris
INSTITUTE

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE A BOOK STUDY



Weekly on Thursdays at 7:30pm — 11 sessions beginning Feb. 19

Join Fr. Tim in studying this book written by St. Francis de Sales. This study will take place in Stievenard Hall on the St. Bernadette campus. The study fee of \$20 covers the cost of the book and materials. We have 15 spots available for this study and Registration closes one week before the course begins. This study will consist of 11 sessions beginning on Feb. 19 and skipping Apr. 2 and Apr. 30.

stellamarisfamily.org/institute-book-studies



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Holy Widowhood: Living at Peace with God A TALK



Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026 | 10:30am | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

God provides peace and protection for widows. Many widows in the Bible have much to teach us. Our journey is never alone when we find ourselves in this special group. Bring your Bible to participate in the discussions! This event is free, and no pre-registration is required.



Becky Ready is a widow, mother, grandmother, and soon to be great-grandmother.



stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks



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 gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life, and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty. We also ask for your prayers for our Haitian neighbors in Springfield, Ohio. "When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. You shall treat the alien who resides with you no differently than the natives born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you too were once aliens in the land of Egypt. I, the LORD, am your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

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. Thomas More Church Kneeler Pad Project

The Knights of Columbus would like to facilitate the installation of new kneeler pads and bumpers for Saint Thomas More Church. The current pads and bumpers are original, meaning they are very old. Many are ripped, and most of the padding is not effective, along with many missing bumpers. A sample of the new kneeler and bumpers can be felt in the Usher Pew in the back of the church on the left side. Please contribute to this project. Your contribution will go directly to replace the kneeler padding. The Knights of Columbus will provide all the labor to install. The total cost of the project is approximately \$20,000 and K of C is matching the first \$6,500 in donations. Please use the QR code to reach the donation website or mail a check to Lisa Casavant at St. Thomas More. You can sponsor one kneeler for only \$75. Any donation is welcome.

tinyurl.com/9df9r4zf



Stella Maris Youth Ministry

STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 17 - 19, 2026 | 9th-12th 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

St. Mary's Altar Society

January Raffle Winners

- Kris Schnitgen — \$50
- Rita O'Toole — \$25
- Madonna Cahall — \$10

Congratulations to these winners; they are starting the year off right!

St. Bernadette Festival, 2026

New Weekend | August 7 and 8, 2026

We are seeking two to three people to help with ideas and planning. For more information, contact Samantha Compton, Festival Chairperson at: festival@stbernadetteamelia.org, or at 513-238-8116

St. Bernadette School Bake Sale Fundraiser

Sunday, February 1 | after Masses at St. Bernadette

St. Bernadette School's 8th-graders will have a bake sale fundraiser for their Washington, D.C. trip this Sunday, February 1, 2026, after Masses at St. Bernadette.



MARDI GRAS Casino Night

Presented by the St. Bernadette PTO

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 14, 2026
8:00PM-12:00AM

GET READY FOR A NIGHT OF GLITZ, GLAMOUR, AND GIVING! JOIN PTO FOR ST. BERNADETTE'S CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD, TRY YOUR LUCK AT THE TABLES, RAFFLES, CASH BAR AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY—ALL WHILE SUPPORTING STUDENT ENRICHMENT AND PTO INITIATIVES.

DRESS TO IMPRESS AND BRING YOUR BEST POKER FACE!

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SPECIAL DJ
STEVE BENDER

Mentor Couples for Baptism Ministry

We need mentor couples for our Baptism Ministry at Stella Maris. Please contact Mark and Cindy Henderson at baptism@stellamarisfamily.org if you are interested in being apart in this great work! To learn more about this ministry, please visit stellamarisfamily.org/baptism.

St. Mary's Fish Fry

Feb. 20 and 27 | Mar. 6, 13, 20 and 27

Our fish fry is nearly here! Please save the dates. The dates are February 20th, 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Please join us for good food and social interaction. The sign-up sheets are in the gathering space, and we could use your support (time/talent) to make this a successful event!



ST. BERNADETTE FISH FRY

Join us for a delicious Lenten tradition!

St. Bernadette Cafeteria

February 20 • February 27 • March 6 • March 13

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Enjoy a great meal and support our school community!

Presented by: **St. Bernadette Athletic Boosters**

Thank You from the Msgr. Gerdes Council, Knights of Columbus

Msgr. Gerdes Council, Knights of Columbus, would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated to our Coat Drive in October and November, as well as those who donated to our fund request for the developmentally disabled in September. Due to your generosity, we were able to donate just over \$3,500 to the Thomas Widly School and to Steppingstones to aid them in their mission to serve the developmentally disabled in our area. We also had over five carloads of coats, hats, scarves, and gloves that were delivered to Give Like a Mother in Eastgate Mall, and also to St Vincent de Paul in Adams and Brown County, to be given to those who are less fortunate. My God bless you all.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE
02/05/26

BULLETIN
02/15/26

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 Canelaresi, Jose Worrall, Stephanie Kortyka, Kathy Johnson, Dave O'Connor, Art Kareth, Beverly Cmehil,

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, Travis Gallivan, Tim Czubek, Neil Lizakowski, Bill Harris, Rachel Piening, Brian Faw, Jeff Archer, Kyle Schulte, Justin Mulloney, 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, Fermin DeRepentigny, Robert Kidd, James Leo Seibert III, Ethan Tolliver, Crosby Luke Seibert,

To keep our prayer list up to date, please email williams@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

Fiscal Year-to-Date through December

(for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026)

St. Bernadette

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$416,309	\$325,164
EXPENSES	\$404,436	\$417,222
NET	\$11,873	(\$92,058)

St. Mary

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$129,902	\$114,625
EXPENSES	\$120,970	\$129,370
NET	\$8,933	(\$14,745)

St. Peter

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORECASTED</u>
INCOME	\$134,261	\$99,750
EXPENSES	\$113,459	127,520
NET	\$20,802	(\$27,770)

St. Thomas More

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FORCASTED</u>
INCOME	\$436,063	\$475,800
EXPENSES	\$399,544	\$428,370
NET	\$36,519	\$47,430

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Bernadette
1479 Locust Lake Rd.
Amelia, OH 45102
Office: (513) 753-5566
stbameliparish.org

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

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

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

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