



Stella Maris

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 9, 2026 *Lord Save Me* | Axel Hou

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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 10

8:15am (B) ✠ For the soul of Father Ted Kosse req. by Cecilia Krusling

Tuesday, August 11

8:15am (B) ✠ Marjorie Milliner req. by Mary Williams

8:30am (M) ✠ Dan Barker req. by St. Mary Bereavement

8:30am (TM) ✠ William Weimer req. by The Ivers Family

Wednesday, August 12

8:15am (B) ✠ Joseph and Marjorie Milliner req. by Mary Williams

8:30am (TM) ✠ Van Bui req. by Marie Ha

Thursday, August 13

8:30am (TM) ✠ Karen Klysz req. by Maureen Combs

8:30am (M) ✠ Tony Reichert req. by Linda and John Faulhaber

6:45pm (B) ✠ Lillie Schooley req. by Pat Simpson

Friday, August 14

8:15am (B) ✠ Emajean Doogan req. by Dan and Rebecca Doogan

8:30am (P) Special Intention req. by Anonymous

8:30am (TM) Purgatorial Society req. by The Parish

Saturday, August 15

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

9:00am (M) ✠ Arthur Williams req. by The Williams Family

4:00pm (TM) ✠ Thomas Bosken req. by Dorothy and Tom Klosterman

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

Sunday, August 16

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

8:30am (P) Carl Martineck req. by The Daniels Family

9:00am (B) ✠ Fabian Kij req. by Dan and Rebecca Doogan

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

10:30am (M) ✠ Dan Barker req. by Bev and Frank Jacquez

11:00am (B) ✠ Rita Craft req. by Sheila Fehn

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 Eucharistic Prayer Continued

Each eucharistic prayer can be divided into prayers of Proclamation (anamnesis) and prayers of Petition (epiclesis). The major elements of the eucharistic prayer are as follows:

I. Thanksgiving: The word eucharist means, 'express for all that God has done through Jesus Christ.' The prayer begins with a Preface, but the word "preface" is not used in the usual sense as a preface to a book. Its use derives from the Latin word *prefatio*, meaning something that is put before the people in the sense of being proclaimed aloud and thereby making the entire eucharistic prayer our prayer of thanksgiving.

II. Acclamation: Every eucharistic prayer has at least three acclamations: 1.) the Sanctus or "Holy, Holy, Holy" reflecting Isaiah 6:3, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts, all the earth is filled with his glory" and Matt 21:9. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest." 2.) the Memorial Acclamation which has four choices from which to choose and 3.) the Great Amen.

III. Petitions (epiclesis): A request for the Holy Spirit to come upon the gifts of bread and wine, and later a petition for the Holy Spirit to come upon the people. This demonstrates that we do not control the Holy Spirit but that we can only ask for the Spirit to come. We ask this even though we are confident that God always keeps his promises.

IV. The Institution Narrative and Consecration: This, of course, is the most solemn part of the Mass. The Lord's own words are used as part of our prayer. (We do this, for instance, when praying the Our Father, as we use the words of Jesus for our prayer.)

V. Memorial (anamnesis): It begins with "Therefore." We remember what the Lord has done and what he will continue to do for us and the whole world.

VI. Offering: "We offer to you..." i.e., we offer Christ, whom the Father has given to us as the one perfect sacrifice.

VII. Intercessions: We pray for unity, for peace, for a sharing in the inheritance of Mary, Joseph, the saints, and we pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

VIII. Final Doxology: All the eucharistic prayers and the way they began with praise and glory to God. This also shows that Christ is the center, the motivation, the energy, and the content of our prayer.

Each eucharistic prayer has its own unique characteristics. It is not possible to deal with all of them in a series of articles in the parish bulletin. There are, after all, ten eucharistic prayers in the Roman Missal: Eucharistic Prayers I, II, III, IV, three eucharistic prayers for use at Masses with children, two eucharistic prayers for Reconciliation, and one for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions. The average parishioner may never hear every one of these since some are infrequently used and even then usually for special occasions and groups.



Fr. Bill Wagner
Parochial Vicar
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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.**

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

1-3 Saint Peter's expert fisherman, Rich Adams, shared the finer points of fishing with Gordon and Samuel. Rich brought them out to the home of Marianne Peck to let them experience fishing. 4 Marilyn Doyle hosted the GRACE Ladies Luncheon at her lovely home on Sunday, July 26. All enjoyed good fellowship, lively conversation, and delicious food. Especially nice was looking out over the lake from her back deck.



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!



Stella Maris
INSTITUTE

Putting Adults in Communion with Christ

Writers' 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.



Become Catholic Night

at Stella Maris

Why the Church?

Join us as Fr. Tim Ralston, pastor of Stella Maris, discusses the nature and purpose of the Catholic Church.

Aug. 18 | 6:00PM | 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 using the QR code or by visiting our webpage.



stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic

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



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.



Fall at the Stella Maris Institute

Courses - Go Deeper. Learn More. Grow in Discipleship.

- Boundless: Encountering Jesus in the Gospels, Brad Bursa
 - September 24; October 1, & 8 | 1:30 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- The Last Things, Brad Bursa
 - October 29; November 5, 12, & 19 | 1:30 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Talks - Intriguing Topics. Engaging Speakers. Great Community.

- Magnifica Humanitas and Catholic Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence, Fr. Andrew Pinsent
 - September 22 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- Coming Alive in Christ amid the Chaos of Family Life, Julie Yost
 - October 13 | 6:30 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- The Both/And of Faith and Politics, Dr. Kenneth Craycraft
 - October 22 | 7:30 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- Real Friendship, Brad Bursa and Lawain McNeil
 - October 27 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- Eucharistic Living, Brad Bursa
 - November 24 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Workshops - Roll Up Your Sleeves. Get Practical.

- The Art of Spiritual Grandparenting, Jeanie & Charlie Stephens, Bill & Nancy Shula
 - September 14 | 7:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette
- Prayer 101: Daily Appointment with God, Brad Bursa
 - October 16 | 1:00 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Book Study - Read. Reflect. Engage.

- The Four Loves, facilitated by Fr. Benjamin Packer — for ages 21-35
 - October 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3, & 10 | 7:30 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Bible Studies - Pray. Study. Encounter.

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

Groups - Enjoy fellowship. Build Friendships. Journey Together.

- Holy Widowhood
 - Second Thursdays | 12:00 pm | Stievenard Hall
- Writers' Group
 - Begins August 11 | 7:00 pm | Combination of online & in-person meetings



Learn more and register at
stellamarisfamily.org/institute



NEWS AND EVENTS



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. **The registration deadline is September 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 stellamarisfamily.org/ignite or scan the QR code to register today!



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.



New Phone Numbers for SVdP

Please note the new phone numbers for St. Mary's and St. Peter's St. Vincent de Paul Help Lines:

- **St. Mary:** 513-373-1996
- **St. Peter:** 513-688-3629



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 this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope! Please note the new phone numbers for St. Mary and St. Peter SVdP.

STELLA MARIS FAMILY OF PARISHES ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HELP LINES:

St. Bernadette: 513-753-5566, Ext 130 | **St. Mary:** 513-373-1996 | **St. Peter:** 513-688-3629 | **St. Thomas More:** 513-753-2561



Nanny Wanted

We are looking for a dependable, honest, warm nanny to watch our two daughters (ages 18 months and 3 months) on Mondays at our home in Bethel. Prior nanny experience preferred. The job will start at the beginning of October 2026 and end through January 2027. Hours are generally from 6:30 am to 3:30 pm, and pay is negotiable. Smoke-free and pet-free home. For inquiries, please text/call 216-456-4648. God bless!



Vocations Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology

On Wednesday, October 14, 2026, single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the evening ends at 8:30 p.m. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour, and a social with the seminarians. Registration is required. To register, email Fr. Michael Willig at vocations@catholicaoc.org.



Men Inquiring about the Permanent Diaconate

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites, and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.



Catholic Family Night at Great American Ballpark, 2026

Saturday, September 5, 2026 | 6:40 pm

You are invited to join Archbishop Casey and Bishop Iffert of the Diocese of Covington and Catholics from across our region at Catholic Family Night at Great American Ballpark on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will play the Milwaukee Brewers that evening at 6:40 p.m. Ahead of the game, an on-field ceremony will recognize local Catholics who put Love into Action. The first pitch ceremony will include Fr. Michael Willig pitching to his brother, Fr. Jacob Willig. Join us at the ballpark by purchasing discounted tickets for the Sept. 5 game through Reds ticketing at the following: gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati22.



From the Safe Environment Office

With summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed the Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition. In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprinting, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements, and school offices or athletic departments should be consulted if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins. With the school year beginning in August, please make sure you are up to date on completing the quarterly bulletins, or you will not be able to work/volunteer with youth until your SafeParish™ account is approved. Please direct questions regarding bulletin completion to your parish/school safe environment coordinator. Thank you for all you are doing, and please stay safe and healthy!



We all know it's important to plan for the future—and for the unexpected. Yet nearly 70% of Americans have not started or completed the most basic element of an estate plan: a last will. To help make this important step easier, Stella Maris has partnered with MyCatholicWill to offer a valuable new service for our parishioners and their families. Through this partnership, you can create a legally valid will while ensuring your faith and values are reflected in your final wishes. Many people put off creating a will because life is busy, the process seems overwhelming, or getting a lawyer might seem intimidating. That's why we've subscribed to MyCatholicWill.com. As a member of our parish, you can create a legally valid will at no cost, from the comfort of your own home. Simply visit mycatholicwill.com/stellamarisfamily to get started. The process is simple, secure, and takes about 20–30 minutes for most people. You'll be guided through each step, with no paperwork needed to begin. You can create wills for you and your spouse, name guardians for your children, distribute your assets according to your wishes, and document your preferences for a Catholic funeral and burial. As you prayerfully consider your legacy, we would be honored if you remembered Stella Maris in your estate plans. Of course, there is absolutely no obligation to do so. Our hope is simply to provide you with a valuable resource to help protect your loved ones and give you peace of mind.

Scan the QR code or visit mycatholicwill.com/stellamarisfamily to learn more and get started today!



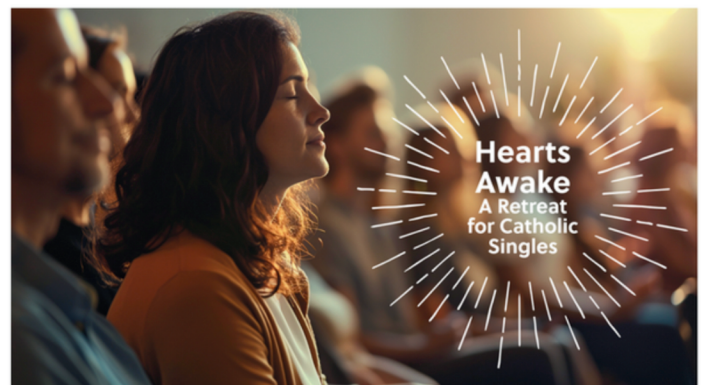
Synod 2027

Where is the Holy Spirit Leading Us?

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



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)



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 Worrall, 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

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Father Benjamin Packer, Parochial Vicar

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Father William Wagner, Parochial Vicar

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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 August 2 bulletin.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE:
AUGUST 13, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:
AUGUST 23, 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.

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stbameliaparish.org

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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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