



Stella Maris

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 16, 2026 *Assumption Of The Virgin* | Guercino

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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 17

8:15am (B) † Rachel Tieman req. by The Tieman Family

Tuesday, August 18

8:15am (B) Alexandra Bourgeois req. by Charles Bourgeois

8:30am (M) † Joseph Krimmer req. by Nick McCarroll

8:30am (TM) † Fred Bosken req. by Dorothy & Tom Klosterman

Wednesday, August 19

8:15am (B) † Naomi McCormick req. by Karen & John Trautmann

8:30am (TM) † Michelle Renee Smith req. by Mom & Dad

Thursday, August 20

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by John & Vicki Aicholtz

8:30am (M) † Roseann Farris req. by Linda & John Faulhaber

6:45pm (B) † Peter Schmidt req. by Jennifer & Gary Black

Friday, August 21

8:15am (B) All parishioners dealing with serious health issues req. by Laura Cochran

8:30am (P) † Tony Macke req. by The St. Vincent de Paul Society

8:30am (TM) † Ingrid & Sylvester Fernando req. by Sharmanthie Fernando

Saturday, August 22

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

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

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

Sunday, August 23

8:00am (TM) † Diane Piening req. by St. Thomas More Bereavement Ministry

8:30am (P) † Pat Marck req. by St. Peter's Bereavement Committee

9:00am (B) † Joey Szafranski req. by Meribeth & Tony Paunicka

10:00am (TM) † Jim & Janet Pour req. by Chris Pour

10:30am (M) † Joey Szafranski req. by Susan Hmurovic

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



Feast of the Queenship of Mary

Saturday, August 22nd

The Church has just celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary (on August 15th). This coming week, on August 22nd, the Church will again honor our Blessed Mother, as we celebrate the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. When Mary was assumed into heaven, she took her place as Queen, next to her Son, Jesus, the King. These two feasts, then, go hand in hand. With this in mind, I wanted to share a message from Pope Benedict XVI regarding Mary's Queenship, which he gave in 2010. His words follow.

Benedict XVI

Angelus

Courtyard of the Papal Residence, Castel Gandolfo
Sunday, 22 August 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A week after the Solemnity of her Assumption into Heaven, the Liturgy invites us to venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary with the title of "Queen." We contemplate the Mother of Christ crowned by her Son, in other words associated with his universal kingship, as she is portrayed in numerous mosaics and paintings. This year too the Memorial falls on a Sunday, receiving a greater light from the word of God and from the celebration of the weekly Easter. In particular, the image of the Virgin Mary as Queen finds important confirmation in today's Gospel, where Jesus declares, "Behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last" (Lk 13: 30). This expression is typical of Christ as it clearly reflects a theme dear to his prophetic teaching, because the Evangelists recorded it several times, although differently formulated. Our Lady is the perfect example of this Gospel truth, namely that God brings down the proud of this world and raises the humble. (cf. Lk 1: 52).

The small and simple young girl of Nazareth became Queen of the world! This is one of the marvels that reveals God's Heart. Of course, Mary's queenship is totally relative to Christ's kingship. He is the Lord Whom, after the humiliation of death on

the Cross, the Father exalted above any creature in Heaven and on earth and under the earth (cf. Phil 2: 9-11). Through a design of grace, the Immaculate Mother was fully associated with the mystery of the Son: in his Incarnation; in his earthly life, at first hidden at Nazareth and then manifested in the messianic ministry; in his Passion and death; and finally, in the glory of his Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. The Mother did not only share the human aspects of this mystery with the Son. She also shared, through the work of the Holy Spirit within her, his profound intention, the divine will, so that the whole of her poor and lowly life was exalted, transformed and glorified, passing through the, "narrow door" which is Jesus himself (cf. Lk 13: 24). Yes, Mary was the first person to take the "way" to enter the Kingdom of God that Christ opened, a way that is accessible to the humble, to all who trust in the word of God and endeavour to put it into practice.

In the history of the cities and peoples evangelized by the Christian message, there are many testimonies of public veneration, in some cases even institutional, of the queenship of the Virgin Mary. Today, however, let us, as children of the Church, above all renew our devotion to the One whom Jesus bequeathed to us as Mother and Queen. Let us entrust to her intercession the daily prayer for peace, especially in places where the senseless logic of violence is most ferocious; so that all people may be convinced that in this world we must help each other, as brothers and sisters, to build the civilization of love. *Maria, Regina pacis, ora pro nobis!*



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Tim Ralston".

Fr. Tim Ralston
Pastor of Stella Maris

FROM AROUND THE FAMILY

St. Bernadette's annual Parish Festival took place last weekend, August 7th & 8th! Despite a little wet weather, there was still a wonderful turnout. Thank you so much to our Festival Chairs, volunteers, and sponsors who worked so hard to make this weekend a success! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



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 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



Is your child ready for First Reconciliation & First Communion?



Join our family formation program this fall!

Let us help you prepare your child for these beautiful sacraments of healing and communion through an integrated, family-focused approach. And watch God renew your own experience of the sacraments at the same time!

Registration closes **August 19th**.
Program begins September 2nd.

stellamarisfamily.org/reconciliation-communion



High School Youth Ministry

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



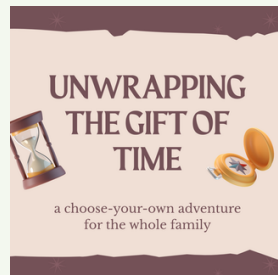
Our 2026/27 High School Youth Ministry year will launch with a "Built on Rock Angry Birds IRL" water balloon game. It will take place on August 30th at 7 pm at Saint Bernadette's. It is open to all 9th-12th grade students. Invite a friend and join us for games, fun, and fellowship as we launch our ministry 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




Family Faith

FALL 2026



UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF TIME
a choose-your-own adventure for the whole family

Sept. 8 | 6:30-8:00 pm



COMING ALIVE IN CHRIST
Amid the Chaos of Family Life
with Julie Yost

Oct. 13 | 6:30-8:00 pm



SLAYING THE DRAGON OF STRESS
a family adventure

Nov. 10 | 6:30-8:00 pm



LIVE ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Nov. 29 | 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Learn more and register by visiting stellamarisfamily.org/family-faith



You are invited to...

The 4th Annual Stella Maris Family of Parishes Picnic!

What to Bring...

- A side dish or dessert to share
- BYOB
- Your whole family!

What is provided

- Main dish
- Water & lemonade
- Music
- Kids' games and prizes
- Raffles
- Fellowship
- A whole lot of fun!



September 26, 2026 | 5:00-9:00 pm

St. Thomas More Picnic Shelter
800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

Please **RSVP** by Friday, September 18

RSVP by scanning the QR code or by visiting stellamarisfamily.org/picnic



Please note that Fr. Tim will cancel the 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Peter on the evening of Saturday, September 26, for the 4th Annual Stella Maris Family of Parishes Picnic. Everyone is invited to attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. Following Mass, we'll gather for the picnic at 5:00 p.m. You do not need to attend Mass to join us!



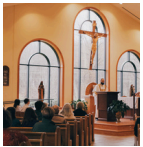
Parish Secretary Update

Liz Hart, parish secretary for St. Bernadette, St. Mary, and St. Peter, will be out of the office for an undetermined period. During this time, we kindly ask parishioners to direct all questions and inquiries to **Kate Roelker, Parish Secretary at St. Thomas More**, at 513-753-2550 or kroelker@sttm.org. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.



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!



Become Catholic at Stella Maris

Interested in becoming Catholic, getting Baptized, or entering the Church? Join one of our Become Catholic programs! Learn more and register by visiting stellamarisfamily.org/bc or by contacting the appropriate member of our team listed below.



Become Catholic (ages 18+)

Please contact Brad Bursa, Director of Evangelization, at bbursa@stellamarisfamily.org

Become Catholic for Teens (grades 9th-12th)

Please contact Jacie Lussetto, Youth Minister, at jlussetto@stellamarisfamily.org. **Register by Sept. 1.**

Become Catholic for Children (ages 7+)

Please contact Courtney Smalley, Coord. of Family Faith, at csmalley@stellamarisfamily.org. **Register by Sept. 9.**



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 Like Jesus from the Inside Out. The cost for the weekend is \$200, and 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 to reserve your spot today!



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

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. **With love for your neighbors who have nothing, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use...and give it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thrift stores in Milford or Mt. Washington.**

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



Please pray for the soul of Tony Macke, long time parishioner of St. Peter, who passed on August 6, 2026. May God grant him eternal peace and console his family at this time of great loss.



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!



Looking for a Caregiver

We are looking for a compassionate, dependable caregiver to support our wonderful 33-year-old son with autism. He is verbal, enjoys being active in the community, and participates in three volunteer opportunities each week. We're looking for someone patient, kind, and responsible, and who enjoys building meaningful relationships. Previous experience with autism is welcome but is not required—having the right heart, a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn are what matter most.

Position Details:

- Schedule: Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- Location: Anderson Township
- Pay: Highly competitive hourly rate.
- If you're looking for a rewarding opportunity to make a genuine difference in someone's life, we'd love to hear from you! For more information, please email Nancy at nfuller2504@gmail.com



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!



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)

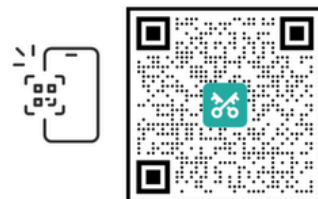


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As part of Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey invites each of us to participate in a Conversations in the Spirit listening session. Join others across our archdiocese in prayerfully considering what the Holy Spirit is asking of our Church at this time, thereby 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
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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 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 August 2 bulletin.

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MATERIALS DUE:
AUGUST 20, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE:
AUGUST 30, 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

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Bethel, OH 45106

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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

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