

ST. MARY PARISH

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MASS & ADORATION

Low-gluten hosts available in the priest's communion line upon request.

Portable hearing devices available – ask an usher for assistance.

Responses to Mass parts can be found in the first pages of the Gather hymnal.

Parish prayers and Sunday Spotlight can be found on the inside back cover of the Gather hymnal.

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m. Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday, Thursday, Friday – 7:30 a.m. Tuesday – 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday – 12:00 p.m.

Rosary following Mass

Holy Day Mass

Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday – 12:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. *12:00 p.m. Mass followed by Adoration* Benediction from 6:45-7:00 p.m.

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Confessions must end promptly at 4:15 p.m. so the priest can prepare Mass Confessions also available by appointment with a priest.

Last Sunday of the month, following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 p.m. Masses

Baptism for Infants

Sundays at 1:00 p.m. or during weekend Masses. Please call the Parish Office at least two weeks in advance to make arrangements. Required Baptism Preparation classes are hevery other month, with locations alternating between St. Mary and St. Gabriel.

Baptism for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an ongoing inquiry program about the Catholic faith. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Marriages

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office at 440-285-7051 to arrange a sacramental visit to your residence, nursing home, or hospital room.

WELCOME!

If you are new to the area, please register at the Parish Office during the week. Notification of any change of address is appreciated.

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mary Parish under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, will proclaim, celebrate, and live our faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who sanctifies us in word and sacrament.





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OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

Our Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish Office.

Catholic Social Services provides professional counseling for personal or family issues.

Geauga County: 440-285-3537; Lake County: 440-352-6191
The St. Vincent de Paul Society responds to the needs of the poor through direct aid and advocacy. Please contact the Parish Office.
Pregnant, scared, need help? Call 1-800-395-HELP for 24/7 consultation. Call the Parish Office at 440-285-1873 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parish Family,

Today, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday and reflect on the blessing of the priesthood in our lives. I know I would not be a priest today if it weren't for the incredible witness of pastoral charity shown by priests who have been good shepherds and fathers to me in my life. To celebrate that special call to priesthood, we welcome Thomas Byrne who will be speaking with us at Mass today to share his vocation story. Thomas is in his third year at our undergraduate seminary, Borromeo. His home parish is St. Christopher in Rocky River. We are glad you are with us, Thomas. Be assured of our prayers for you!

All Saints Day and Mass of Remembrance

All Saints Day, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Celebrate Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31 at 4:30 p.m., or on Wednesday, November 1 at 9:30 a.m. (with the School), 12:00 p.m. (with Adoration following until 6:00 p.m.) or at 7:00 p.m. We are also celebrating a Mass of Remembrance on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. to commemorate our faithful departed for whom we celebrated the Funeral Rites of the Church in this past year. All families who have lost loved ones are invited to celebrate this Mass with us for all of our beloved who have gone to rest in the peace of Christ.

New Rectory Town Hall Meetings

You are invited to a special presentation to learn more about the proposal to build a new rectory on our parish grounds. Come to a Town Hall meeting in the Banquet Room on either Friday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m., or Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will last about a half-hour with time for parishioners to provide input and ask questions. I kindly ask for your participation in this process as we develop our plans. Please RSVP to the parish office ahead of time if you're able, so we know how many tables and chairs to set up.



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Our tour group, Trinity Tour Travels, is monitoring the current situation in the Holy Land. Please mark your calendars for a special presentation on Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room at St. Mary. Eddie from Trinity Tour Travels

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and I will be there to review the trip and meet fellow travelers. If you are interested in the trip or are on the waiting list, you can come to learn more.

I am yours in Christ, Father Scott Goodfellow

PARENTS MATTER: PART 3

When I was 7 years old, I remember staring at the back of a box of Cheerios at breakfast. It promised that a working model submarine would be rushed to my house as soon as I accumulated 10 box tops. I was all in. Mom and Dad approved. Eventually, we hit the magic number. Mom sent the box tops to General Mills, per the instructions. Every day, I expected a large box from Minneapolis. It took forever, but, finally, a small envelope arrived. It contained a two-inch plastic submarine with a tiny compartment for baking powder, which would allow it to rise from the bottom of the bath tub once per use.

Children's imaginations know no bounds. Their expectations expand to meet their desires. Those expectations, especially when manipulated by adults, promise fully satisfying results but often deliver only two-inch submarines. Adults can coax gullible children to question their sexual identity, and lead them to expect a satisfying excursion into the world of another sex. Their expectations expand to meet their desires. Ultimately, they discover the grim truth: boys cannot actually become girls, and viceversa. The attempt results in profound disappointment, self-loathing and distress.

The proposed Ohio constitutional amendment would expose children to the influence of any adult operating outside the reach of the parents. Those who have access to children, such as teachers, would be in a position to suggest highly destructive surgeries and therapies, and accompany the children to a clinic in pursuit of their dreams.

The proposed amendment confers the right on every individual "to make and carry out" a full panoply of reproductive health care decisions. "Every individual" includes children and excludes parents as potential intruders. How so? The amendment allows every individual to make and carry out "one's own" reproductive decisions. If the parents object, they have no right to substitute their own judgment for their child's. As a constitutional amendment, it would override any State laws or statutes that contradict it.

The amendment guards "an individual's voluntary exercise of this right." Might an argument be made that a 10-year-old child is incapable of exercising any voluntary right? If the child is accompanied by an adult, say, a teacher, or an organization such as Planned Parenthood, the amendment suggests that such a person or entity could be acting in place of the parents (*in loco parentis*), although the amendment does not specify this. Sometimes laws make exceptions for a "mature minor" who makes a healthcare decision. Such a minor must be able to make a decision with "informed consent," which presumes the ability to comprehend the information given by the doctor and to make a mature judgment. These issues could have been addressed through careful drafting. They were not.

What if a teenager, unaccompanied by an adult, were to request sterilization services at a clinic? Ohio law permits minor children to enter into voidable contracts. In other words, a 16-year-old child may make a contract for a medical procedure, and, after the service is rendered, refuse to pay for it. However, the parents would remain liable for all expenses since courts have held that medical expenses are necessities. See *State, University of Cincinnati Hosp. v. Cohen* (1989, 1st App. Dist.) 57 Ohio App. 3d 30. The clinic would be under no obligation to contact the parents, and yet the parents would be required to pay the clinic. After all, parents don't matter—unless it comes to paying the bills.

According to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Bellotti v. Baird*, 443 U.S. 622 (1979), if a court finds a girl to be sufficiently mature and well informed, she may decide whether to have an abortion without parental knowledge or consent, regardless of a state's statutes. If the girl is not mature enough to make the decision, the court may rule that it is in the best interests of that particular child to have an abortion, regardless of the opposition of the parents. The recent reversal of court-recognized abortion rights contained in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, 142 S.Ct. 2228 (2022) may well overturn *Bellotti*, but the Ohio amendment would render that discussion completely academic. The amendment appears to eliminate even the need for a finding of the minor individual's maturity, and would allow a minor to make his or her "own reproductive decision" without regard to his or her competence.

In fact, the Ohio amendment is so poorly drafted, leaves so many questions unanswered and goes so far as to be very possibly unconstitutional at the federal level. When it comes to disputes with states regarding the upbringing of children, the Supreme Court has long recognized that parents have substantive due process rights guaranteed under the 14th Amendment. For example, the state has no right to forbid parents from teaching children to read in German, nor can it forbid parents from educating their children as they choose. In addition, the State cannot unreasonably infringe on other basic rights, such as "the right to marry, establish a home and bring up children." See *Meyer v. Nebraska*, 262 U.S. 390 (1923) and *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, 268 U.S. 510 (1925). Along those same lines, might the Court also hold that the state cannot, in every case, regardless of circumstances, substitute the judgment of a child or its own judgment for the parents' judgment regarding the full range of reproductive healthcare decisions for their immature minor child? Yet the proposed Ohio amendment envisions just such a result.

When I was 7, I learned something about the world and my own gullible imagination. Fortunately, I had loving parents who taught me a valuable lesson, and a government that allowed them to teach it. Indeed, parents matter.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY: OCTOBER 21-22,	2	023
Regular Sunday Collection (RSC)	\$	14,804.00
(257 givers)		
ACH Weekly (31 givers)	\$	1,537.00
ACH Monthly (58 givers)	\$	1,534.80
(\$7,674 divided by 5 Sundays)		
OSV Online Giving (35 givers)	\$	3,242.70
Total Weekly Offertory	\$	21,118.50
Weekly Budgeted	\$	18,500.00
Designated Collections:		
Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP)	\$	90.00
Saint Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday	\$	128.00

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit onefamilyinmission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

MASS INTENTIONS: OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 5

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 28, 2023

4:30 p.m. For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 29, 2023

8:00 a.m. Michael Kordos – *Gary & Judy Kordos* 10:00 a.m. Rodger Bertke – *Andrea Bertke* 12:00 noon Dave Eardley – *Pam Waitinas*

Monday, October 30, 2023

7:30 a.m. Ray Alesandrini – *Mary Louise Gallagher*

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

8:30 a.m. Alojz Sever & Deceased Members of the Sever Family – *Eric & Mitzi Stransky*

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the McCall &
Merry Families – Dave & Mindy McCall
12:00 noon Frank & Mary Tizzano – Vicky McCartney

7:00 p.m. Helen McKay – *Jerry Ray*

Thursday, November 2, 2023

7:30 a.m. For All Souls

Friday, November 3, 2023

7:30 a.m. Paul A. Wells – *Barbara Brayack* 7:00 p.m. For All Souls – Mass of Remembrance

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the Kotlarsic & Lionti Families – *Andy & Lucy Kotlarsic*

Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:00 a.m. Francis Romano – *Lillian Eierman* 10:00 a.m. Deacon Ed McCarthy – *The Passow Family* 12:00 noon Harry Whalen – *Marlene Napalo Whalen*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Lynne Metzger, sister-in-law to Jan & Jim Metzger

UPCOMING WEEK: OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 5

Saturday, October 28

SVDP Blanket Weekend

7:00 a.m. Men on a Journey Mtg. (Community Room)

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, October 29

Confessions After Masses / SVDP Blanket Weekend

6:00 p.m. Life Teen (Cafeteria) 6:00 p.m. PSR Class Grades 6-8

Monday, October 30

6:15 p.m. PSR Class Grades 1-5

6:30 p.m. Theology of the Body Intro. Course (ABC Room)

Tuesday, October 31

4:30 p.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Life Teen Faith Formation (Hospitality Room)

Wednesday, November 1

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m. All School Mass for St. Mary – All Saints Day

12:30 p.m. Adoration

5:45 p.m. Benediction

7:00 p.m. All Saints Day Mass

Friday, November 3

7:00 p.m. Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 4

3:00 p.m. Confessions

Sunday, November 5

Pastries with Parishioners after 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses

3:00 p.m. Holy Land Presentation (*Banquet Room*)

(for those attending the trip or interested to learn more)

6:00 p.m. Life Teen (*Cafeteria*)

6:00 p.m. PSR Class Grades 6-8

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: "JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST"

The National Eucharistic Revival is about helping people know, understand and appreciate the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Please join us for our next Eucharistic Revival Small Group session on **November 9th** from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary's in the ABC Room. At the conclusion of the series, we hope participants feel more empowered to live out the Gospel in their own lives and share the message with others. Register at www. stmarychardon.org/eucharistic-revival. *It's not too late to join!*



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER WITH MRS. FEDAK

This week, the Women of the Well and the St. Mary School joined together to bring the Traveling Truth Booth to St. Mary. LifeWorks presents the Traveling Truth Booth which uses 4D projection to show the

growth of life in the womb. This past week, the booth made its home in the school lobby so that teachers can bring their students down to see how wonderful life is. We decided that by keeping it in the school lobby, different groups that use the school will be able to stop by and experience this as well. This weekend, the Traveling Truth Booth will be in the Gathering Space. After Mass, take a few minutes to check it out.

This week, the students of St. Mary prayed for our priests and those discerning to answer God's call. We are thankful for Father Scott and Father Fabian!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Jules Berry Carol Betori Addison Boehnlein **Bob Bowver** John Bowyer Linda Bowyer Vikki Carlson **Kevin Chartrand** Robert Choate Nathan Cole Phil Conti Serena Conti **Charles Deck** John Dipre Zeke Dornbus Autumn Edmiston Jean Gehring Heidi Geiser Don Gentile

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Additions or Deletions -

Please contact the Parish Office at 440-285-7051.



ST. MARY SCHOOL SANTA SHOP GIFT BAG REQUEST!

St. Mary School will be hosting their annual Santa Shop on **December 1st**. This gives students the

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Charlette Whiting

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Ioe Warren

Jace White

Anita Zagar

Lauren Watts

Johnny Anton Kusar

chance to affordably shop for the special people in their lives. All gifts that students purchase are put into gift bags. We are requesting donations to make this event a success! We need the following:

- New/used gift bags
- · Tissue paper
- Gift Boxes



SAVE THE DATE!

Viking Quest is the PTU's largest annual fundraising event, raising more than \$68,000.00 last year to benefit students and teachers at St. Mary School. We ask for your support with your attendance and/or donations of items to

be used for the live and silent auctions or raffle baskets. Email vikingquest@stmaryschoolchardon.org with questions or more information regarding donations.

PARISH NEWS



ROSARY RALLY THANK YOU!

Thanks to those who attended this year's Rosary Rally. The weather may not have cooperated, but it was still a beautiful time. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for hosting!



JOSEPH ECKERT MEMORIAL FUND

A scholarship fund has been set up as the Joseph Eckert Memorial Scholarship Fund. Joey attended St. Mary in the 60's and was a part of the first graduating class. He enjoyed his time at St. Mary and was the quarterback for the 8th grade football team. Joey passed away in 1983 with cancer. Joseph Eckert is the son of David & Molly Dill of Chardon. His three siblings also attended St. Mary;

Darlene Eckert Hanus, Bonnie Dill-Young, and David Dill. The fund is being set up for students in need to help further their education. Ten thousand dollars has already been pledged for the fund! If you are interested in donating to this memorial scholarship, please contact Linda Ropchock at 440-285-7051 at St. Mary School. A Catholic education is a great way to help steer children in the right direction!

BLANKET SUNDAY

This weekend is Saint Vincent de Paul's yearly Blanket Sunday collection, but no blankets required. There will, however, be designated envelopes in which to put your donations. If writing a check, checks should be payable to St. Mary Parish; memo "Blanket Sunday." The Diocesan SVDP center will then buy new blankets for our needy neighbors.

PASTRIES WITH PARISHIONERS

Doughnut what to do after the 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, November 5th**? Then come to Pastries with Parishioners. We have doughnuts, bagels, fruit, yogurt, coffee, tea, juice, and more. Come join us for awesome fellowship and great conversation! This event will be hosted by the Gady Family. If your ministry or family are interested in hosting this event in the future, you can contact Heather Gady for more information. Call/text 440-487-4108 or Heathergady@yahoo.com.

CALL TO PROTECT

Attention: all St. Mary Day School and St. Mary PSR parents/ guardians: The Diocese of Cleveland has implemented the Called To Protect[™] program in an effort to provide training for adults and children in matters of protection from abuse and creation of safe environments. Parents of all students are asked to attend Called To Protect™ on **Monday, November 6th** from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about ways to keep your child safe. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office of Faith Formation at 440-286-6531.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLY HOUR

You are all invited to gather on Wednesday, November 8th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for Benediction, Eucharistic Adoration, The Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



ANNUAL WREATH SALE

This weekend is your last chance to order your Christmas Wreath and Evergreen Products through St. Mary's Boy Scouts. Payment is not due until your order is picked up. All of the items will be available after each of the Masses on Thanksgiving weekend. Out of town Thanksgiving

weekend? Let us know and we can make arrangements to get your order delivered. Stop by the Community Rooms to see the selection of items.

ATTENTION, PARISHIONERS!

The Mass of Remembrance invitations were sent out last week. There was a section of the letter that stated November 2, however the correct date is Friday, November 3rd.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Remembrance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 3rd. It will be a Memorial Mass honoring all the deceased of the parish from the preceding year. Their names are inscribed in the Book of the Dead, which will be displayed in a place of honor in the church throughout the month of November.

A reception in the Hospitality Room will immediately follow the Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass and pray for our recently deceased members and offer support and consolation to their families.

50+ CLUB

The 50+ Club will meet on **Monday, November 27th** at 1:00 p.m. in the ABC Room. It will be Bingo Day! Prizes and desserts are welcomed. Come have fun! For more information, call Dolores Hissom at 440-286-9836.

ST. MARY SHARING TREE – 2023

Thank you to all who donated to our 2022 Sharing Tree. Our generous parish provided 533 Christmas Gifts, as well as numerous gifts of money to the Nicaragua Mission. This year, we are hoping our parish will meet the unique challenges that we see around us. There are more people in need due to many factors job loss, government budget reductions, and family illnesses.

The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the Sharing Tree. In case you did not know, this event provides local groups and agencies the means to request gifts for people who have a specific gift request for themselves or a family member. The gifts go to members of our parish and local community, Womensafe, Birthright Geauga, Project Hope, The Geauga Senior Center, and Job and Family Services.

Members of our parish can now obtain gift request forms at the Parish Office. These request forms must be received back into the office no later than Friday, November 10th. Parish families can pick up their gifts on Monday, December 11th in the Gathering Space between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m.

This year, we will be setting up the tree with gift request "ornaments" on November 18th to allow a longer period of time for these requests to be seen and accepted by all of us. The key dates are as follows:

- November 18th November 26th Gift 'ornament' requests available in the parish Gathering Space. Please sign your name on the sheets on the table next to the corresponding gift number.
- December 3rd Gifts must be returned WITH the ornament by noon prior to Mass



WOW DAY OF PRAYER

All women are invited to join the St. Mary Chardon Women of the Well Ministry's 11th annual women's Advent retreat, "The Real Presence." The WOW Day of Prayer, Saturday, December 2, at 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., will be in the Banquet Room at St. Mary, 401 North Street, Chardon, OH 44024. For the Advent

time of preparing our homes and Christmas presents, we will prepare our souls with "The Real Presence" through Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, discussion, & more! Details and registration forms may be found in the Gathering Space display and at www. stmarychardon.org. Please invite other women from your family and friends. The deadline is November 27. We hope that you will join us!

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Are you interested in making a difference in people's lives, making new friends or giving back to the community. University Hospitals Lake West and TriPoint Medical Center is seeking volunteers. You must be 16 years old or older. For more information, call today. TriPoint Medical Center in Concord 440-354-1665 or Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby 440-953-6049.

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