



Do not be ashamed

of your testimony to our Lord, but bear your share of hardship
for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

— 2 Timothy 1:8

*Respect Life
Sunday*

October 5, 2025 | The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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Cincinnati, OH 45239
513-521-8440

St. Bernard of Clairvaux
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Cincinnati, OH 45247
513-353-4207

St. James the Greater
3565 Hubble Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45247
513-741-5300

St. Margaret Mary
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St. Margaret Mary Campuses
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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

BECOMING CATHOLIC

We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONER OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.

PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 6 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Joe Oldendick	St. James
12:00 Noon	John Langefeld	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	James & Johnny Watson	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m.	James Breen	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Richard Berlier	St. James
12:00 Noon	Dick Sunderhaus	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Lois Anderson	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, October 8 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Celeste Beetz	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Debbie Eagan	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, October 9 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Tim Clifford	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Audrey Schnur	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, October 10 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 Noon	Lisa Robisch	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, October 11 – Weekday

3:00 p.m.	Lil Koppmeier	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Michael Beck	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Janet McCarthy	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, October 12 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Ray Finke	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Jenny Elsen	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Daniel Poettker	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Dick Cunningham	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Amy Lampe	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :

Lawrence Snyder, Ralph Layer, Ray Fitzjarrell, Florence Maureen Galardo, Nancy Smith, and Raymond Bollhauer.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated each month at St. James (4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); St. Bernard (2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.); and as scheduled at St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions on Baptism are held the second Thursday of each month at St. James or by appointment at St. Bernard & St. Margaret Mary. St. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the third Sunday of the month.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FROM THE BEGINNING

Adam and Eve are our common ancestors not just in the sense of our being descendants but in terms of marriage. They were made for each other. Adam could not bond with any of the animals in the way that he bonded with Eve. Ironically, as beautiful as this is, it also becomes key to the first sin. When Eve eats from the tree, Adam joins her. He places his bond with her above his bond with God. This is a lesson for us. Our marriage is second in importance. God comes first. In fact, if God doesn't come first our marriage bond will suffer. God is love. Without Him, we have no love to share. Hence, when Adam is confronted by God, Adam condemns Eve, and even God for having placed her in the Garden with him. What happened to their love? There is no love apart from God. This is not the end. Thankfully we have a forgiving and healing God. Adam and Eve are banned from the Garden but are also given a path of redemption, a path they will share together. They will grow strong in faith and will share that faith wholeheartedly with their children. Adam calls his wife Eve because she becomes the mother of all the living! Next week will focus on Sarah and Tobiah from the Book of Tobit. Let us always be in prayer with and for each other.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all good gifts. We thank you especially for calling us together as a Church. You bless in so many ways. Bless all our married couples. Help them as they continue to grow together and bless all of us through the model they offer us. We pray as always in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

As party of the Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Family, we have established the following protocol for Sacramental Emergencies.

What is a Sacramental Emergency?

Sacramental Emergencies are if someone is in imminent danger of dying and wishes to receive the sacraments before passing. This also may include those who are under someone's care and are unable to request the sacraments themselves – including but not limited to, emergency infant Baptism or Last Rites of someone with dementia.

If someone either has a chronic illness or is not in imminent danger, please schedule an anointing. It is suggested that the sick person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the beginning of any serious condition – not at the end. **If you are in need of a priest or have a Sacramental Emergency after hours, please call 513-369-9820.**

VOCATION CHALICE

St. Ann

October 5th – Paula Mitchell & Sheila Dixon Young, 11:30 a.m.

October 11th – Steve & Robin Schulte, 3:00 p.m.

October 19th – Paula Dziech, 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

October 5th – Kathy & Ray Ebbeler

October 12th – Linda & Frank Lech

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests, religious such as brothers and sisters.

LITURGY/CONFESSIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday No Mass

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Monday &

Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 12:00 Noon

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday No Mass

Friday 12:00 Noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit all bulletin announcements to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. All bulletin announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday (two weeks before published date).



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

As a reminder, Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes have three St. Vincent de Paul conferences. Each conference has wonderful volunteers committed to helping others and are blessed with the donations received from our parishioners. Thank you for your continued generous support!

Please remember our neighbors in need by donating nonperishable food items to the pantry shelves at St. Ann and St. Bernard. Each of our conferences provides financial assistance to our neighbors. We do our best to assist as many families as we can, but with the increase in requests, we ask you to prayerfully consider donating to St. Vincent de Paul either through your online giving or drop a donation in the collection basket marked to SVDP. We appreciate all your prayers and gifts as we serve our neighbors in need.

St. Ann: Julie Bearcroft at jabearcroft@gmail.com
 St. Bernard: Mary Bradford at maryebradford3@gmail.com
 St. James: John Herrmann at jph5513@gmail.com



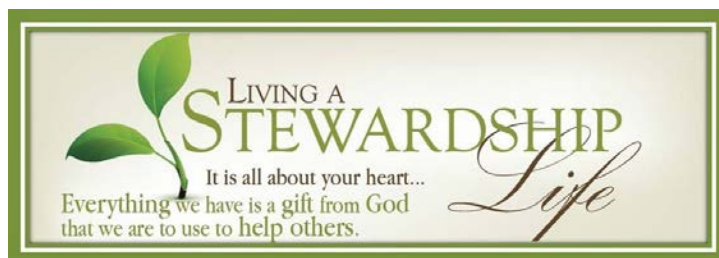
STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

WHAT DOES GOOD STEWARDSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Being a good steward is about sharing our time, talent, and treasure with God and others. If we love God and are aware of His love for us, He can transform us to give of ourselves freely and sincerely, without counting the costs. Accepting the outpouring of God's love can help us deepen our love for Him and for others. Here are some tips to get started:

- **Set aside time for personal prayer, Adoration, and Mass.** Those moments can help you discern how to use the rest of your time, as well as your skills and resources, more prudently and effectively.
- **Make sure immediate family members feel God's love through our presence, words, and actions.** As Christians, we're called to minister to those in our immediate care before we can minister to others.
- **Volunteer at church, events, or other places like retirement homes or homeless shelters.** Many venues need volunteers in order to function and run smoothly. On a smaller scale, offer to help and support relatives, friends, and neighbors. Many people might welcome and appreciate your company.
- **Donate to your parishes and to meaningful causes or nonprofit organizations.** It's okay to start off small and slowly increase the amount as you feel more comfortable. Following a written-out budget can help you feel more secure in knowing where your money goes. Many charities also accept used or new clothing and nonperishable food.

At the end of the day, God knows and understands our hearts. No matter what difficulties we may face, He only gives us what we can handle. He wants us to make decisions that glorify Him and that help others along the way. We can never outdo God in generosity, so let us love and give out of our abundance and let us grow in holiness as stewards of His blessings.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 24,204.31
St. Bernard	\$ 9,259.00
St. James	\$ 14,610.66
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,389.00

SUNDAY OFFERING SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 18,861.50
St. Bernard	\$ 12,720.50
St. James	\$ 15,149.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,100.00

SPECIAL MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION

St. Ann	\$ 1,988.10
St. Bernard	\$ 2,503.00
St. James	\$ 5,149.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 758.15

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions to all of our parishes in the Mary Queen of Heaven Family (St. Bernard, & St. James,) are **NOW ALSO available** through our secure **"We Share Link."** St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary is available through "Our Sunday Visitor." You have the ability to make donations online through the use of a credit card or an electronic fund transfer (EFT) from your checking or savings account. You may set up a one-time or recurring donation to St. James Church by clicking the "Online Giving" Tab on your parish website. It's an easy, convenient and safe way to make your Sunday offerings. When you have completed your donation, you will be emailed a receipt for your records. Your donation will be recorded and be part of your year-end donation letter. If you have questions, contact the Parish Offices:

St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary – Jenni Petrey, 513-521-8440
St. Bernard – Scott Dover, 513-353-4207
St. James – Brenda Stier, 513-741-5300

We appreciate your support!



Grief Support

Our parish continues to offer our prayers for our deceased loved ones.

Please know that there is help and support if you have experienced a loss. We offer a Grief Support Program to help people working through the loss of a loved one. The program is offered two times a year. This session began at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1. It is an eight-week program, meeting for one hour a week, discussing the various aspects of grief. Come to share or just listen. The purpose is to bring the grieving process into focus and provide support for each other, others that know your pain.

This program is a joint venture between Mary, Queen of Heaven, Blessed Trinity Family, and St. Ignatius Montfort Heights, although all are welcome. The meetings will be held at the St. Ignatius campus.

Please contact Vicki Jung at 513-260-2373 for the location details or have any questions.



COAT COLLECTION

Please consider donating your gently used coats and jackets to someone in need. Our Christian Outreach Ministry team will be collecting winter coats on October 18-19.

Look for a table with a sign "coat collection." All sizes for adults and children are needed. Your donation will be sent to families in need at St. Joseph Church, St. Boniface Church, and Community Matters. Thank you for your support and generosity.

As Jesus said in Luke 3:11, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none."



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 IS COLUMBUS DAY.

As a reminder, we will celebrate one Mass for the entire Family of Parishes on civil holidays.

The Mass will be held at St. Margaret Mary at 9:00 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. James, Noon at St. Bernard, 6:45 p.m. Mass at St. Ann, along with the 5:00 p.m. Confessions will be cancelled on that day.



COOKIE CONNECTION REMINDER

Please don't forget that the monthly collection of cookies and juice will be held next weekend at St. James Church. We are now providing cookies and juice along with sandwiches donated by other local parishes. Cookies do not need to be homemade.

Please drop off in the Church Hall before or after Masses. If you wish to volunteer, or need more information about this project, please contact Alice Haffner at 923-4721, Linda Creelman at 513-484-5725 or Lois Schaefer at 720-3049.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FALL DANCE! COME JOIN THE FUN!



**ST. JAMES CHURCH, WHITE OAK
IN THE CHURCH HALL
3565 HUBBLE ROAD, 45247**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025
1:30 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES WHO ENJOY DANCING,
PLAYING GAMES OR JUST LOVE A GREAT PARTY!**

**Please R.S.V.P. BY CALLING 706-0698 or
EMAILING: missmary@cinci.rr.com**

*Please provide us with an email address
if possible so reminders may be sent.*

**FREE ADMISSION!
SNACKS AND DRINKS PROVIDED!**

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*Don't forget to bring your cameras/phones
to record the memory with pictures!*

**COSTUMES ARE
WELCOME BUT
NOT NECESSARY!
COME AS YOU ARE!**



**SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS
WITH OTHERS BY
BRINGING A CANNED
GOOD FOR THE
FOOD PANTRY**

6:30 P.M. OCTOBER 27, 2025

SERVICE PROJECT - FEED THE HUNGRY

**We need to make 100 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches.
For "Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen".**



**Who can attend: Confirmation candidates
who would like to serve the community.**

**Where: St. James R.C. Church
3565 Hubble Road, 45247**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 6

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
11:00 a.m. Rosary	St. James
12:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
3:15 p.m. Pet Blessing	St. James
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m. OCIA	St. James
6:30 p.m. MQH 1st Reconciliation PSR Class	St. Ann
6:30 p.m. MQH Confirmation Prep	St. James
6:45 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. Music Ensemble	St. James
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, October 7

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m. Bible Study	St. James
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, (BMH)	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Adoration	St. Bernard
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
3:15 p.m. Children's Choir	St. James
5:30 p.m. Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry, (Gym)	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. AHG Leaders Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. Growing Faith	St. James
7:00 p.m. St. Ann Parish Council	St. Ann

Wednesday, October 8

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop Meeting	St. James
5:45 p.m. 4th Grade Girl Scout Troop Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Firm Foundations	St. James
6:35 p.m. MQH Respect Life Meeting, (TR)	St. Ann

Thursday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m. Exposition	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Margaret Mary
5:30 p.m. Baptism Workshop Class	St. James
6:45 p.m. Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, October 10

6:00 a.m. Father's Ministry	St. James
8:00 a.m. Panther Prowl	St. James
8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:00 a.m. Confessions	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
3:00 p.m. St. Margaret Mary Rosary Group	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, October 11

6:45 a.m. That Man Is You!, (Marian Hall)	St. Bernard
3:00 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Cookie Connection	St. James
8:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m. Sunday Preschool, Church Hall	St. James
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
11:30 a.m. Babysitting, (Room 4)	St. Ann
1:30 p.m. MQH Respect Life Special Needs Dance	St. James

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner for September 21, 2025: Tom Dangle, Ticket #0689



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

With 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: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese 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.

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 at csajnog@saintannparish.org at St. Ann; sandling@stbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 4/5

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati will observe Respect Life Sunday as we enter into October, Respect Life Month.

As in past years, we will participate in the Respect Life Fund Collection. Through your donation, we are given the opportunity to contribute to the Respect Life Fund that helps support local Crisis Pregnancy Centers, educational resources, advocacy groups, and other local organizations whose work supports a Culture of Life right here in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please help us save lives by supporting the Respect Life Fund through your generous donation.





Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never

hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life – especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the Will of God in all things. Amen



THE HOLY LAND SHEPHERDS

The carving of the Olive Wood Tree has been inherited since the time of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was passed down from father to son for many generations including our family. More than 80% of the Christian community income comes from tourism and the olive

wood trade. However, due to the ongoing difficult circumstances and the tremendous decrease in tourism, the Christian community has suffered many hardships that led many Christian Families to leave their homes in search of work and safety.

Our mission is to support and strengthen the presence of Christianity in the Holy Land by selling their beautiful olive wood artifacts here in the United States. We have been blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to travel to different parishes all around the United States for the past 15 years to represent these less fortunate Christians. We are happy to announce that we will be visiting St. Bernard and St. Margaret Mary church on the weekend of October 18th & 19th.

We encourage you to look over the beautiful hand carved items. We value your support. We will be accepting cash, credit cards & checks.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds
www.theholylanshop.com
(810) 394-5291



ST. BERNARD TURTLE FEST GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS:

\$4,000.00: Michael & Barbara Ries

\$600.00: Bill & Danielle Buckley

\$400.00: Denny & Marilyn Murray



Join Father Bryan Reif, October 5-15, 2026, on a spiritual pilgrimage as he travels through Italy, exploring sacred sites along the Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, and beyond. Visit San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant' Angelo, and Rome, where you will connect with the rich history of our Catholic Faith. The trip includes daily Mass, stunning shrines, beautiful landscapes,

and daily breakfast/most dinners. More information is included in the QR code, or you can get online at www.trinitytourtravels.com. We will also continue to offer more details in the bulletin as the trip gets closer. A more detailed flyer will be available soon.



FALL DANCE!

Volunteer opportunity for candidates preparing for Confirmation!

WHO'S IT FOR? Adults with Developmental Disabilities wanting to dance, play games or just love a great party!

WHERE: St. James Church, Hall on Sunday,
Oct. 12, 2025 from 1:30 TO 4:00 P.M.

This is a great opportunity for you to get some community volunteer hours. We would like some help in serving, conversing, dancing with, helping do crafts and playing games with the attendees. A little personal contact and attention can go a long way to brighten the day and enrich the experiences and lives of these individuals. This volunteer experience was well enjoyed and appreciated by all who participated in prior years! This is a very rewarding experience! Volunteers would need to get there anytime after 11:30 and stay if possible to clean up until around 5:30. (Eat before you come or bring a lunch with you.) The two hours prior to the start of the dance is spent setting up the tables, crafts and games as well as decorating the hall transforming it into a Halloween Party Place. We also have to undecorate and return the hall to normal. You can volunteer all or part of the time but please let us know the time you will be there. You are welcome to bring a snack to share with all who attend (simple finger food, cookies or brownies but no nuts). Snacks could also be cheese and crackers, fruit or veggies and chips/pretzles. Parent volunteers/chaperones are also welcome.

SPONSORED BY Mary, Queen of Heaven Respect Life Ministry

To volunteer or Call Mary Lackman (513-706-0698)
and/or Email: missmary@cinci.rr.com RSVP by 10/7/25

In the email, please provide us with student's name/grade, the time they plan on being there and an emergency contact name and number.

COSTUMES ARE WELCOME BUT NOT NECESSARY! COME AS YOU ARE!

SHARE YOUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS BY BRINGING A CANNED GOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY BUT NOT REQUIRED



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA

2025 ROSARY RALLY

Please join us for our annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 11 as we join with others across our nation to publicly pray for our country. We will gather at 11:45 a.m. in front of St. Margaret Mary Church on Galbraith Road.

The Rosary will start at 12:00 Noon. Please bring a chair.

Any questions, call Evelyn Bardua at 513-521-8155.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

FIELD TRIPS!

We are excited to send several of our grades on field trips this week! Our third graders are headed to the theatre while several 7th and 8th grade electives classes are headed to Green Acres!

A WIRED FAMILY

Our 5th through 8th grade students will be attending a presentation to learn more about technology, their digital footprint, and how to make safe choices while using the internet.

PANTHER PROWL!

This FRIDAY is our Panther Prowl walk! We are excited to spend the day having fun and walking. There is still time to donate to help us reach our goal of \$30,000.00 for classroom upgrades! Visit www.stjameswo.org to learn more.

Donate to our schools...

...without a cost to you!

For residents of the state of Ohio, there is an **AMAZING** opportunity to help the students of our schools without it costing you anything! You can **use dollars you already owe in state income taxes**.

How does this work?

- Individuals can donate up to \$750 to a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). (Married couples can give two \$750 donations totaling the max allowed of \$1,500 per couple.)
- This is a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for your state of Ohio taxes. You receive a tax credit for the amount of your gift up to the \$750 per individual or \$1,500 joint filing.
- Donating is easy!
- Give at this link: <https://www.givecentral.org/.../acp637633bf783bd/user/guest>
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MUSTARD SEED

Reflection on Luke 17:5-10

The lesson for us in the parable of the mustard seed is clear and simple: even a little faith in Jesus can achieve unimaginable outcomes. Examples of mustard seed faith abound throughout the centuries, from Francis of Assisi, to Charles Lwanga, to Mother Teresa. From small, humble beginnings have come remarkable movements: the Franciscan Order, a continent on fire for Christ, communities of sisters ministering to the poorest of the poor everywhere in the world.

Let us cling to our mustard seed faith, and keep on planting it here and there. Like the examples mentioned above, and countless others, we cannot see clearly God's coming reign. But coming it is! "The vision still has its time, it presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, for it will surely come." God acts through our tiniest beachhead of faith. For us who follow Christ, this really is the only source of coherence and meaning and life in this world.

— Father Jay

Do not be ashamed
of your testimony to our Lord,
but bear your share of hardship
for the gospel with the strength
that comes from God.

— 2 Timothy 1:8

*Respect Life
Sunday*

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 5, 2025

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

Monday, October 6, 2025

Weekday

Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11

Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8

Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 3:1-10

Psalms 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8

Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Weekday

Jonah 4:1-11

Psalms 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10

Luke 11:1-4

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Weekday

Malachi 3:13-20b

Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Luke 11:5-13

Friday, October 10, 2025

Weekday

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalms 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9

Luke 11:15-26

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Weekday

Joel 4:12-21

Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Luke 11:27-28

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SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Saint of the Day: October 5 – Patron Saint of Mercy

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3:00 p.m. by many people. Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses.

In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize His mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," He once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to My merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God."

Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.

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