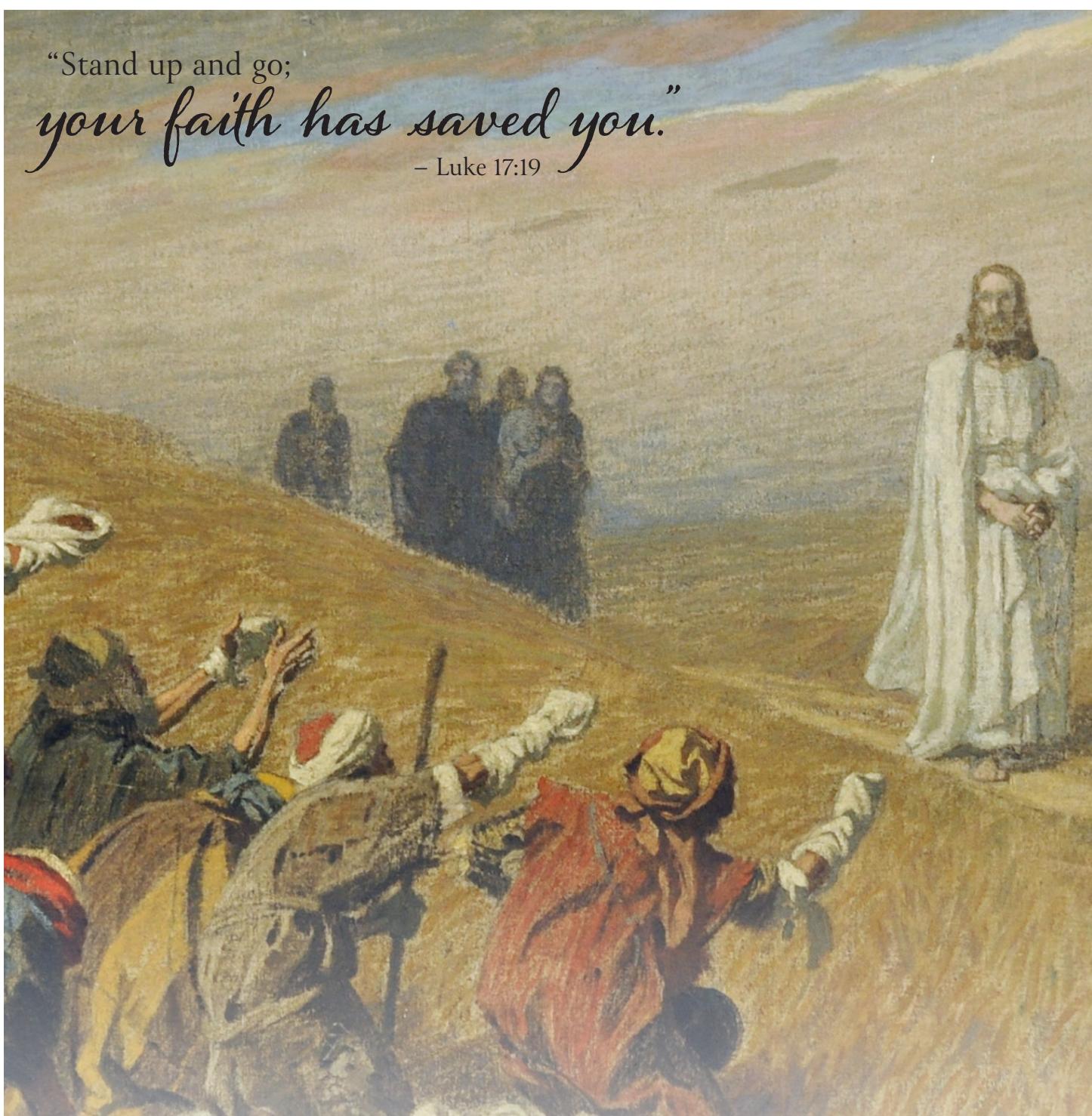


“Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you.”

– Luke 17:19



October 12, 2025 | Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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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 13 – Weekday

No Mass	St. James
No Mass	St. Bernard
No Mass	St. Ann

9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, October 14 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. James Reuter	St. Ann
8:30 a.m. Rita Henze	St. James
12 Noon Jenny Wurzelbacher Swopes	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. St. Ann Legacy Society	St. Ann
No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, October 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Christel Murphy	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Intention of Celebrant	St. James
No Mass	St. Ann
No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, October 16 – Weekday

8:30 a.m. James Russell	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Jean Alcorn	St. Margaret Mary
No Mass	St. Bernard
No Mass	St. James

Friday, October 17 – St. Ignatius

8:30 a.m. Fred Knapp	St. James
12:00 Noon Lisa Robisch	St. Bernard
No Mass	St. Ann
No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, October 18 – St. Luke

3:00 p.m. Dave Kramer	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Terry & Diane Adams	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. People of Mary Queen of Heaven	St. James
No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, October 19 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m. Lucille Weisbrodt	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m. Amy Glazier	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Special Intention of Frank & Rosemary Pletikapich	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m. Special Intention of Bill & Peggy Phelps	St. James
10:30 a.m. Martha Swallow	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m. Patricia Burgasser	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

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

Joan Cluxton & Jane Katenkamp

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

MEANT FOR EACH OTHER

The Book of Tobit weaves two stories together. The angel Raphael, disguised in human form, is sent by God to answer the independent prayers of Tobit and Sarah. Both have prayed for death due to their misfortunes. God will give them healing and life. Today, I want to focus on the way God answers Sarah's prayer through her marriage to Tobit's son Tobiah. In their travel, Raphael and Tobiah near the home of Raguel, a relative. Raphael informs Tobiah that Raguel has a beautiful, courteous and wise daughter, who he has the right to marry because they are relatives. Tobiah responds with fear because he has heard that Sarah has been married seven times and that each died on their wedding night. Raphael reassures him and directs him to use a fish liver and heart as incense, and to pray. Tobiah does marry Sarah following Raphael's instructions and the demon that had been afflicting Sarah is expelled. Their marriage is begun in the grace of God. When Raguel sees that Tobiah has not died, he also gives praise to God. Sarah and Tobiah were brought together by God and placed their marriage in God's hands. We are called to center our marriages upon God. Next week will focus on Anne and Joachim the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus. 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 part 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 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 11th – Steve & Robin Schulte at 3:00 pm
October 19th – Paula Dziech at 9:00 am
October 26th – Curt & Elizabeth Little at 11:30 am

St. Margaret Mary

October 12th – Linda & Frank Lech
October 19th –

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.

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, Father Jim will resume the 5:00 p.m. Confessions on Thursdays at St. Ann. As a reminder, Exposition is available from 9:00 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays at St. Ann.



LITURGY/CONFESIONS

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 FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you for your generous donation in August!

It is time for us to prepare for Holiday Dinner Baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The St. Ann SVdP Conference usually prepare 30 baskets for each holiday. If you are able to donate for this purpose, please consider purchasing grocery store gift cards for the conference to use for turkeys, chickens and/or hams. If you prefer, consider a donation to our Pantry for the following items that will be included: Instant mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables – green beans, corn, carrots, yams – cookies, wide dried noodles, and cornbread mix.

Bless you for your generosity during this special time of year.

The SVDP Pantry at St. Bernard will host a food drive on November 8 & 9. Check future bulletins for more details.

Please contact one of our conference presidents for more details about the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

St. Ann: Julie Bearcroft @ jabearcroft@gmail.com

St. Bernard: Mary Bradford maryebradford3@gmail.com

St. James: John Herrmann @ jph5513@gmail.com



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

TEN LEPERS, THANKFULNESS, AND STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not just about giving. It begins by realizing all of God's many blessings. Today's Gospel reading, Luke 17:11-19, is about Jesus meeting ten men who have leprosy on his way to Jerusalem. He healed them and told them to "go and show themselves to priests" so they could be judged clean physically and socially. The men faithfully do as Jesus said, eager to resume a normal life. Later, only one of the men returns to thank Jesus. This man is grateful and kneels before Jesus to loudly thank Him. Jesus tells the man that his faith has made him well physically. Jesus knows that this grateful man has recognized this blessing and has been healed spiritually as well. We might ask ourselves, "Would we have moved on to the busyness of our lives or would we stop to thank God for His blessing? And, when we ask God for answers to our many prayers, would we have thanked God as loudly as we asked Him? Many sermons this year at Mary, Queen of Heaven (MQH) have boiled down to: "Let others see Christ working through us." As we ponder about true stewardship, is it more than just giving money? It is giving our time, our talents, and our treasure to glorify all that God has blessed us with. There are many opportunities to give your time by reaching out and caring for others and getting involved in the many ministries at MQH. The opportunities to encourage and influence others are countless! How can you commit yourself to giving time so that others may see Christ working through us? God has blessed all of us with unique talents and gifts. How can we share these wonderful gifts to make our church and world better so others may see Christ working through us? God blesses us with abundant treasure and the opportunities to give with a thankful heart. Let others see Christ working through us and MQH! We are always THANKFUL for the blessings received! Just as the faithful leper did – then give thanks, praise, get up and let's all get going! What should we stop and thank Him for today?



ARCHDIOCESE TWINNING PARISH PROGRAM

St. Ann has partnered with Our Lord of Hope in Lima, Peru for many years as part of the Archdiocese Twinning Parish Program. One of the flagship programs of our twinning parish is Yancana Huasy which provides services for children and young people with disabilities in a highly impoverished area near Lima, called Canto Grande.

The program is dedicated to children born into situations of extreme poverty who have significant physical or mental disabilities. Not only does the program help the children, but the staff also works with the mother or caregiver to teach them ways to care for their children. This allows the parents to come to see their children as the gifts that they are, even with the challenges they have.

The services that Yancana Huasy provides the children allow them to develop mentally, physically, spiritually, and achieve their maximum potential. Besides the physical care, vocational classes and projects are established so the older children and young adults can learn trades, crafts, or find ways

to continue learning and developing. Through all of this, a great sense of community is created.

Funds raised for this project support the goals of Yancana Huasy to bring their staff and services to the farthest regions of this sector within a parish of 300,000 people. The goal is to reach out to everyone who might have babies or children with such needs and provide them with assistance. It will also help bring the children to the Center of Yancana Huasy for their treatments and therapy.

Various times throughout the year, we support them by selling their handmade gifts. In the month of October, items will be available in the Gathering Space at St. Ann on October 11/12 and again on October 25/26. All of the proceeds of these sales benefit the Yancana Huasy mission.



SUNDAY OFFERING OCTOBER 5, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 12,172.03
St. Bernard	\$ 11,879.50
St. James	\$ 24,886.46
St. Margaret Mary	Will be in next bulletin.

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

St. Ann	\$ 2,421.60
St. Bernard	\$ 1,822.00
St. James	\$ 1,136.00
St. Margaret Mary	Will be in next bulletin.

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 our 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!



It is the mission of the EVANGELIZATION TEAM to work with and for the community of Mary, Queen of Heaven to offer studies, speakers, classes and more to assist the people of God in growing closer to our Lord. We welcome your ideas and participation. Contact Barbara Yoder, Director of Evangelization, yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) HAS BEGUN.

Deacon Tim Crooker and Barb Yoder continue to meet with those inquiring about the Catholic faith on Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m. at St. James campus. Our group has grown to 12 participants, but there is always room for more! Please pray for those who are considering the Catholic faith. We welcome others who are seeking to join us during this OCIA period of Inquiry. MEETINGS WEEKLY ON MONDAY, 6:00 p.m. AT ST. JAMES.

OCIA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to prepare or purchase refreshments and deliver them for our Monday night meetings. Delivery during business hours is preferred.

We are also seeking volunteers, who would consider walking alongside our catechumen (those to be baptized) on their faith journey as sponsors/godparents. If you are interested in helping with either of these service opportunities, please contact Barb Yoder or Tim Crooker to learn more.

CANA FAMILY

It's not too late to join a group studying the teachings of Pope John Paul II regarding family. Questions: Christina Sillies – silly7@fuse.net. Website: www.canafamilyinstitute.com.



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING:

Wednesday, October 15th, 6:30 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church. (English) – details for all St. Bernard and MQH PSR parents whose children will be receiving the sacrament through the Mary, Queen of Heaven Family on November 15th.

EVANGELIZATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 IS COLUMBUS DAY

All classes for PSR, Confirmation and OCIA (Sessions on the Catholic faith) are cancelled that evening.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A PART OF WORLD MISSION MONTH 2025?

World Mission Sunday is always celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October, October 19 this year. This day of solidarity and support for the Church's missionary efforts, however, is just a day within an entire month of prayer and recollection for those answering Jesus' command to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Lk 24:47)

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is inspired by the Jubilee of Hope: "Missionaries of Hope among the Peoples." It is an invitation to bring Christ's light and hope to the world, especially to communities where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share the love of Christ!

A second collection will be taken at all Masses October 18/19th in support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.





AROUND THE PARISHES



JOIN US FOR A Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

IN HONOR OF OUR PATRONESS
SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

Oct. 11–Oct. 19

PLANNED EVENTS FOR THE NOVENA:

Day 1 – Saturday, October 11, 2025

- America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally 12 Noon
- Galbraith Road side of church.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 2 – Sunday, October 12, 2025

- Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 3 – Monday, October 13, 2025

- MQH Family Mass 9:00 a.m.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 4 – Tuesday, October 14, 2025

- Come Pray the Rosary. Begins at 5:00 p.m. in church.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 5 – Wednesday, October 15, 2025

- Church will be open from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for adoration.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 6 – Thursday, October 16, 2025

- Church will be open from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for adoration.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 7 – Friday, October 17, 2025

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church
- 6:00 p.m. Ends at 7:30 p.m.
- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 8 – Saturday, October 18, 2025

- Continue Novena with your intentions at home

Day 9 – Sunday, October 19, 2025

- Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- Celebrate SMM Parish Appreciation
- Drawing for basket raffle and Split-the-Pot



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.



Ladies Bunco Night – Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Northside Knights of Columbus Bar/Grill

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. – Game Play 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, food & drink included

Hosted by Northside Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Large Basket Raffle and Split-the-Pot! Only 80 Tickets Sold!!!!

For tickets, contact Margie Obert 513-607-2712 or

Angie Luecke 513-260-6177



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 & St Margaret Mary church on the weekend of October 18th & 19th.

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

May God bless you & keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds.

www.theholylanshop.com or 810-394-5291



ST. BERNARD 250 CLUB WINNERS

1st Prize: Donna Bushman

2nd Prize: Scott & Celeste Beetz



ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: September 28 – Doretta Lampe (#0328) and October 5 – Tom Dangel (#0689)



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 13 – Parish Offices are closed

7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Ladies Society Meeting
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, October 14

8:05 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary, (BMH)
12:00 Noon Ladies Lunch & Prayer (Knights of Columbus)
12:00 Noon Adoration
12:00 Noon Mass
3:15 p.m. AHG Meeting
5:00 p.m. Benediction
5:00 p.m. Rosary
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (Gym)
7:00 p.m. SVDP (BMH)
7:00 p.m. SVDP

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Wednesday, October 15

8:05 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Firm Foundations
6:30 p.m. MQH Pastoral Council Meeting (TR)
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

St. Ann

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Thursday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Exposition
12:00 Noon Mass
5:00 p.m. Adoration
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:45 p.m. Benediction

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Friday, October 17

6:00 a.m. Father's Ministry
8:05 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:00 a.m. Confessions
12:00 Noon Mass
6:00 p.m. Exposition
7:00 p.m. Rosary Guild (BMH)

St. James

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St. James

St. Bernard

St. Margaret Mary

St. Ann

Saturday, October 18 – Coat Drive

6:45 a.m. That Man Is You! (Marian Hall)
3:00 p.m. Mass,
4:00 p.m. Mass (Olive Wood Carvers after Mass)
4:30 p.m. Mass

St. Bernard

St. Ann

St. Bernard

St. James

Sunday, October 19 – Coat Drive

8:00 a.m. Mass (Donut Sunday after Mass)
8:30 a.m. Mass (Olive Wood Carvers After Mass)
9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Mass (Appreciation Drawing) St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m. Mass (Donut Sunday after 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 (Olive Wood Carvers after 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
2:00 p.m. Legion of Mary Meeting, (BMH) St. Ann



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

With fall 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.

COFFEE & DONUTS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

Donut Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, October 19th at St. James in the Church Hall after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses for Coffee and Donuts.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Thank you to the 30 parishioners who were able to pray in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue on Saturday, September 27, as well as those who could not come in person, but prayed with us for all those lives affected by the tragedy of abortion.

The 40 Days of Life Campaign continues through November 2. Come anytime and join us in this peaceful and prayerful witness.

YOUNG ADULT SACRAMENTAL HUB

The Archdiocese Young Evangelization team is hosting Adoration, Mass, and Confessions every other Tuesday night at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, starting at 7:00 p.m. To learn more and to see the full schedule, go to <https://queencitycatholic.org/sacramental-hub>.

Rummage Sale

St. Margaret Mary Church – Parish Activity Center

Saturday, October 25

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

We have started cleaning out the classrooms in the school building. Some things have been identified as items that you might find valuable. So, come rummage through what we found and purchase a piece of St. Margaret Mary history!!

Available items: student desks & chairs, teacher desks, religious statues & framed religious images, file cabinets, carts, etc.



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.



ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

7TH GRADE RETREAT!

Our 7th Grade Panthers will be spending the day together at an all-day NET Ministries Retreat!

SAY CHEESE AGAIN!

Thursday is Picture Retake Day for St. James. Students who were absent or getting their pictures retaken can come to school out of uniform, but will need to change into their uniform after pictures are taken.

WELCOME!

St. James 3rd Graders are welcoming their Grandparent/Special Friends for breakfast this Friday! Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event.

CAMP KERN

We are once again excited to send the St. James 8th Graders to spend two days working on leadership skills and team building activities at Camp Kern. Join us in saying a prayer that these students learn some great lessons, while having a fun and memorable time with their classmates.

TRIPLE P DISCUSSION GROUPS

Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Discussion Groups, facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio Family Development Services, offer tips and suggestions for dealing with children's problem behavior. After viewing short video clips of parents successfully dealing with issues, participants share thoughts with the other parents in the group. The group meets via Zoom two Thursdays a month. To learn the topics or to register, go to <https://forms.office.com/r/x5kj5tHSjg>.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

VOCATION NIGHT AT MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

On Wednesday, October 29, 2025, single men aged 18-35 are invited to come to a Vocation Night at the seminary. The evening includes Mass, dinner, talks, a tour and a social with the seminarians. Doors open at 4:45 p.m. and the evening ends at 8:30 p.m. Attendees should register at <https://catholicaoc.org/vocation-night>.

MEN CONSIDERING THE DIACONATE

Men, who are inquiring about the Vocation of Deacon, and their wives, are invited to attend a Deacon Information Evening hosted by the Office of Diaconate.

- North: Tuesday, October 28, St. Michael Parish, Fort Loramie
- Dayton: Wednesday, October 15, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Kettering
- Cincinnati East: Thursday, October 16, St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park
- Cincinnati West: October 23, St. James the Greater Parish, White Oak – This is a change in location.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end by 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Deacon Mark Machuga, Director, at deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org or 513-263-6641 to reserve your spot.

"Come and See" Live-in Weekend at the Josephinum College Seminary, November 6-9.

Young men (high school and college students) interested in learning more about college seminary and the priesthood in general are invited to a Live-in Weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus. There is no cost for the registrant. Those interested should contact Fr. Michael Willig for registration information: vocations@catholicaoc.org.

RETIREMENT FUND RELIGIOUS

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement in savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous December 6 and 7.

ST. GERARD MASS OF HOPE FOR THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN

All married couples, family and friends are invited to the Annual St. Gerard Mass of Hope for the Blessing of Children. Hosted by the Archidiocese of Cincinnati, this free event provides an opportunity for prayerful support for married couples experiencing infertility or pregnancy loss. It includes Holy Mass on the Feast Day of St. Gerard Majella, the patron saint of expectant mothers, followed by a reception with fellowship, delicious hors d'oeuvres and resources. Thursday, October 16, 2025 at St. Bartholomew, 9375 Winton Road, Cincinnati, OH. For more information, contact Deacon David Ulmer at dulmer@catholicaoc.org or 513-263-3453.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18-19

For next weekend's World Mission Sunday collection, October 18-19, please support our sisters and brothers in 1,200 mission dioceses worldwide through the Holy Father's Pontifical Mission Societies. Many are struggling with earthquakes, armed conflicts, and destruction of church facilities. Your support also helps to educate seminarians, novices, and catechists as well as to maintain hospitals, clinics, and schools to build their self-sustainability. Thank you for your generous gift that enables God's love and hope to come alive. If you wish more information about supporting missionary work or about becoming a missionary yourself, please visit the website for Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office: <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/mission-and-pontifical-mission-societies>.

GRATITUDE

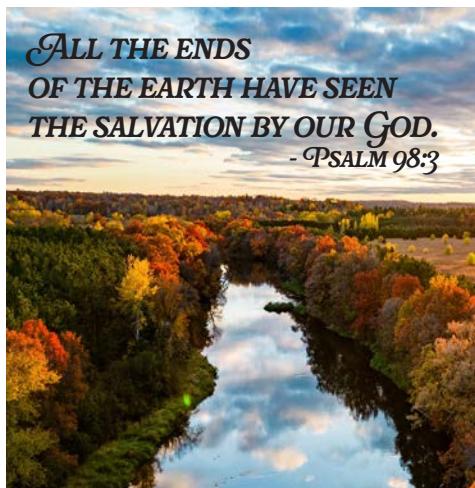
Reflection on Luke 17:11-19

Certainly, this story of the cleansing of the ten lepers has something important to say about gratitude, as Jesus points out in the story that only one of the ten returned to give thanks. But the fact that the story is silent about what happened to the other nine is also important. Did they recognize the gift they had received? Were they ungrateful?

What is instructive for us in the story is the fact that the one who did return to give thanks was a foreigner, a Samaritan. Ironically, given the fact that Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests, who by custom were the only ones who could pronounce them cured, the Samaritan is the only one who could not go to the priests. He would not have been welcomed in the temple, because he was a non-believer in the eyes of the Jews.

Perhaps one of the lessons for us in this story is the value of strangers, foreigners, in our midst. God calls all people to Himself. While God's search for us unfolds within the Church, God's search for every one of His children is no less persistent. In lives and beliefs that look strange and foreign to us, God is at work, in God's own way and wisdom.

— Father Jay



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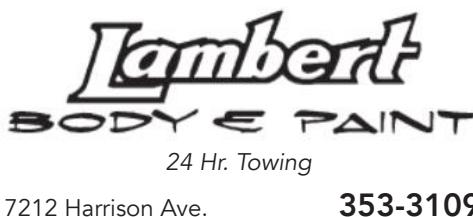
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