



Will not God secure the rights
of his chosen ones who
call out to him
day and night?

October 19, 2025 | Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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St. James the Greater
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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

Priest's Intention for Mass

Monday, October 20 – Weekday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Jodie Gettelfinger Schwartz | St. James |
| 12:00 Noon | Norma Jean Stasell | St. Bernard |
| 6:45 p.m. | Shirley Miller | St. Ann |
| | No Mass | St. Margaret Mary |

Tuesday, October 21 – Weekday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Larry Leser | St. Ann |
| 8:30 a.m. | Jonah Habedank | St. James |
| 12:00 Noon | Dot Sunderhaus | St. Bernard |
| 6:00 p.m. | Our Lord of Hope, Lima, Peru | St. Ann |
| | No Mass | St. Margaret Mary |

Wednesday, October 22 – Weekday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Veronica Glassmeyer | St. Bernard |
| 8:30 a.m. | Special Intention of Michelle & Jason Volmer | St. James |
| | No Mass | St. Ann |
| | No Mass | St. Margaret Mary |

Thursday, October 23 – Weekday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Tim Clifford | St. Ann |
| 12:00 Noon | Jack Schaffer | St. Margaret Mary |
| | No Mass | St. Bernard |
| | No Mass | St. James |

Friday, October 24 – Weekday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Jim Niehaus | St. James |
| 12:00 Noon | Janet Huegen | St. Bernard |
| | No Mass | St. Ann |
| | No Mass | St. Margaret Mary |

Saturday, October 25 – Weekday

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| 3:00 p.m. | Jack Ulm | St. Ann |
| 4:00 p.m. | People of St. Bernard | St. Bernard |
| 4:30 p.m. | St. James Memorial Fund | St. James |
| | No Mass | St. Margaret Mary |

Sunday, October 26 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:00 a.m. | People of St. James | St. James |
| 8:30 a.m. | John Reverman | St. Bernard |
| 9:00 a.m. | David Kramer | St. Ann |
| 10:00 a.m. | Ed Rivera | St. Margaret Mary |
| 10:00 a.m. | Jerry Bucher | St. James |
| 10:30 a.m. | David Bryant | St. Bernard |
| 11:30 a.m. | L.I. Priests of Mary Queen of Heaven | St. Ann |

IN SYMPATHY

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

Marian Stubenrauch, Frank H. Feldhaus

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-Canva 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

HONOR YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER

We are not even certain of their names. The names Anne and Joachim come from the apocryphal Gospel of James. This work is from the 2nd century and is not authored by either of the apostles named James. What we do know is that Mary, the mother of Jesus, had parents and that those parents raised her well. As married couples, and as the Church in union with Christ, our first responsibility is to God. Our second responsibility is to the marriage itself. Our third responsibility is to family, especially our children. Anne and Joachim are models of these three and the order of importance. How do we know this? The fourth commandment is honor thy Father and Mother. There are two expectations included in this commandment: Caring for our parents in their old age, and ourselves living a holy life which reflects well on them as the parents who raised us. Mary's life reflects very, very well on the parents who raised her. Next week will focus on Priscilla and Aquila, a married couple who worked closely with St. Paul who referred to them as fellow workers in Christ 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 19th – Paula Dziech, 9:00 a.m.
October 26th – Curt & Elizabeth Little, 11:30 a.m.
November 1st – Linda Maret, 3:00 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

October 19th – Debbie, Jacob, & Preston Hillner
October 26th – Jenni Petrey
November 2nd – Tom & Carolyn Doerflein

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

EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, Father Jim has resumed 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/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).



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

STEWARDSHIP AND THE POWER OF PRAYER

Prayer is essential to stewardship because it aligns our hearts with God's will. When we pray, we seek God's guidance on managing what He has entrusted to us wisely. Without prayer, stewardship can quickly become a self-centered practice, where we might be tempted to rely on our own wisdom, desires, or sense of control. Here are some ways prayers can support stewardship:

1. **Prayer Reminds Us of God's Ownership** – When we start with prayer, we remind ourselves that God is the true owner of all we have. Through prayer, we acknowledge that our resources – time, talents, and money – are not ours to hoard or misuse. Stewardship is less about managing our resources and more about being faithful to God's resources. Prayer enables us to shift our focus from ourselves to God.
2. **Prayer Helps Us Discern God's Will** – In moments of decision-making, prayer is crucial to discern how God wants us to use our resources. Should we donate to a cause, invest in a ministry, or allocate time for a particular task? Prayer opens our hearts to hear God's voice and guides us to be good stewards in a way that aligns with His purposes. As stewards, we need to be in constant communication with the Holy Spirit, who helps us make wise and generous decisions. Prayer invites God into the process, ensuring that our choices are not solely based on worldly standards but on the kingdom's values.
3. **Prayer Nurtures a Generous Spirit** – Giving can sometimes feel like a burden, especially when resources are tight. However, prayer shifts our mindset from one of scarcity to one of abundance. When we pray, God transforms our perspective on giving. Rather than viewing it as a loss, we begin to see it as an act of worship and a reflection of God's generosity toward us.



STEWARDSHIP AND PRAYER GO HAND IN HAND

As we seek to live out the principle of stewardship in our daily lives, prayer must remain at the center of our efforts. Stewardship without prayer can become a checklist of tasks and responsibilities. However, stewardship with prayer becomes a profound act of worship and trust. By bringing our decisions and resources to God in prayer, we acknowledge His sovereignty, seek His guidance, and foster a spirit of

generosity. Let us then approach our stewardship of time, talents, and finances with a heart of prayer, continually seeking God's will and trusting Him to guide our every decision. In doing so, we will not only honor God but also find joy in serving Him with all that we have.



RESPECT LIFE

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is set aside by the Catholic Church as a month dedicated to Respect Life, as well as a month dedicated to the Rosary. Take this opportunity to incorporate the two by joining us in praying the Rosary for Life before the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition in our parish family takes place on Tuesdays at St. Bernard from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursdays at St. Ann from 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.



DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Have you or someone you know suffered from the loss of a child to abortion? We invite any woman who has experienced this loss to join us for a one-day retreat in the Cincinnati area on Saturday, November 15.

This event offers women a safe and confidential space to share their experience, reflect on their past, and offer their future to Christ who makes all things new. A trained priest, counselor, and post-abortive volunteer will be present to accompany participants along the journey of healing. Exact location and event details will be shared after completing

the registration process. You can register for this retreat by calling 513-784-0531, emailing ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org, or by going to ProjectRachelOhio.org. All communications are kept in strict confidentiality.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – OCTOBER 5, 2025

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| St. Ann | \$ 12,172.03 |
| St. Bernard | \$ 11,879.50 |
| St. James | \$ 24,886.46 |
| St. Margaret Mary | \$ 3,400.00 |

RESPECT LIFE COLLECTION

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| St. Ann | \$ 2,421.60 |
| St. Bernard | \$ 1,822.00 |
| St. James | \$ 1,136.00 |
| St. Margaret Mary | \$ 340.50 |

SUNDAY OFFERING – OCTOBER 12, 2025

Will be published in next week's 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 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!



EVANGELIZATION



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 at yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.



OCIA

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 next meeting is October 20th. Please pray for those who are considering the Catholic faith.

We welcome all 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

At all Masses the weekend of November 1st and 2nd, we will pray for the souls of the faithful departed, particularly those parishioners who have died this past year. We welcome parishioners to add their beloved dead's names to the book of the names of the dead, which will be displayed at the front of the church near the Sacred Heart from mid-October through November.

LECTORS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY NOON MASS AT ST. BERNARD CHURCH

We have openings for lectors at the Tuesday noon Mass on the first, third and fourth Tuesdays, if you are a lector and would like to volunteer any of these days. If you are not a lector, but would like to learn, we can provide training. Please contact Barb Yoder in the Parish Office, ext. 5.



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 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.



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>
- Be sure to choose St. Bernard School, St. James the Greater School, or Our Lady of Grace from the drop down menu.
- You will receive a letter shortly after from the SGO to use when you file taxes for the credit.
- Share this information with friends and family members too!

You can contact business manager, Brenda Stier, with any questions at bstier@stjameswhiteoak.com.

PLEASE consider giving to help our schools without any overall cost to you!

Thank you for your support!

Quick Example

- You owe Ohio \$1,200 in income taxes
- You give \$750 through the SGO & claim the credit
- Your Ohio tax bill drops to \$450 (\$1,200-\$750)

Fast FAQs

- Do I need to itemize?** No, This is a tax credit, not a deduction.
- What's the deadline?** Make your SGO gift by the date you file for taxes up to April 15.
- Can I give less than the limit?** Yes, but the credit is capped at \$750/\$1,500.
- Anything else to know?** The credit can only reduce up to the Ohio income tax you owe for the year.

ST. BERNARD
Catholic School
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OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

BE THE CHANGE, DONATE NOW

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 24

This project is to help confirmation candidates to follow the mission of Jesus by serving others in need.

OCTOBER 27, 2025

In the Marian Room
6:45- 8:15 p.m.
Follow the peanut butter & jelly signs.

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE

FOOD ITEMS

We need jars of peanut butter, jelly and loaves of bread to make 100 sandwiches for the homeless at 'Our Daily Bread'.

OTHER ITEMS

Note cards, stickers and other items to decorate cards with encouraging words.

At
St. James
3565 Hubble Road
45247



**CONTACT US
TO DONATE:**

pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20

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| 8:05 a.m. Rosary | St. James |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass | St. James |
| 11:00 a.m. Rosary Shepherds of Christ | St. James |
| 11:00 a.m. Soul Core Rosary | St. Ann |
| 12:00 Noon Mass | St. Bernard |
| 5:00 p.m. Confessions | St. Ann |
| 6:00 p.m. CANA | St. James |
| 6:00 p.m. OCIA | St. James |
| 6:30 p.m. MQH 1st Reconciliation PSR Class | St. Ann |
| 6:45 p.m. MQH Confirmation Prep | St. James |
| 6:45 p.m. Mass | St. Ann |
| 7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary | St. Ann |

Tuesday, October 21

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| 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 Rehearsal | St. James |
| 5:00 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. Growing Faith | St. James |
| 7:00 p.m. St. Ann's Men's Group Fellowship Meeting | St. Ann |

Wednesday, October 22

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| 8:05 a.m. Rosary | St. James |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass | St. Bernard |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass | St. James |
| 9:30 a.m. Adoration | St. Margaret Mary |
| 6:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Firm Foundations | St. James |

Thursday, October 23

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| 8:30 a.m. Mass | St. Ann |
| 9:00 a.m. Exposition | St. Ann |
| 12:00 Noon Mass | St. Margaret Mary |
| 5:00 p.m. Adoration | St. Margaret Mary |
| 5:00 p.m. Confessions | St. Ann |
| 6:45 p.m. Benediction | St. Ann |

Friday, October 24

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| 6:00 a.m. Father's Ministry | 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. Rosary | St. Margaret Mary |
| 6:00 p.m. OLG Truck or Treat (Upper Lot) | St. Ann |
| 6:00 p.m. Exposition | St. Margaret Mary |
| 7:00 p.m. Rosary Guild (BMH) | St. Ann |

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

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| 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 |
| 11:30 a.m. Baptisms | St. James |

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: October 12 – Charlie Ante (Ticket #0205)



St Bernard
Catholic School



K-8 Information Night
Nov 19 • 6:30-8pm

Rediscovering Catholic CLASSICAL Education



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 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 & checks.



May God bless you & keep you safe.

The Holy Land Shepherds.

www.theholylanndshop.com

810-394-5291



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE JOY MINISTRY?

The JOY Ministry delivers small gifts and goodie bags to homebound parishioners, those in nursing homes, older seniors, and those identified as someone in need of a little extra joy. The JOY Ministry is all about a personal connection between parishioner to parishioner and parishioner to parish. A special gift is prepared for each member of our JOY Ministry six times a year. Every gift is personalized and is hand-delivered to their door. No cost and no strings attached!

The ministry includes a Call Team, Delivery Team, and Prep Team. In 2025, we expanded the program to include parishioners from across Mary, Queen of Heaven.

The JOY Ministry makes deliveries for Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Calls are made on the Wednesday before a scheduled delivery to ensure the parishioner will be home.

If you know of a parishioner who you feel may want to be included in our ministry, please call St. Ann at 513-521-8440 or email info@saintannparish.org.

If you are interested in joining our team or have any questions concerning JOY Ministry, please contact our Director of Love in Action, Cindy Withrow at 513-521-8440, ext. 122 or cwithrow@saintannparish.org.



YOU ARE INVITED TO PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT WITH A FAITH STUDY, JUST FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7-8.

This program was designed by Y Net Disciple, the same organization that provides retreats for our Confirmation candidates. Please register by October 24, to let us know you are coming. Refreshments will be provided on the first night, October 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Marian Room, under the gym. Teens will decide dinner for the following three weeks. Contact Pam at 513-741-5300 or pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com.

Hope

Peace

Joy



Rummage

Sale

**ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH
PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.**

**Limited Inventory!
Priced to sell!**

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.



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..

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalms 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

Monday, October 20, 2025

Weekday

Romans 4:20-25

Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Weekday

Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21

Psalms 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Saint John Paul II

Romans 6:12-18

Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8

Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Weekday

Romans 6:19-23

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

Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 24, 2025

Weekday

Romans 7:18-25a

Psalms 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94

Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Weekday

Romans 8:1-11

Psalms 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Luke 13:1-9

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Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

I LIFT UP MY EYES
TOWARD THE MOUNTAINS;
WHENCE SHALL HELP COME TO ME?
MY HELP IS FROM THE LORD,
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.
— PSALM 121:1-2

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Saint of the Day: October 22

Patron Saint of young Catholics and families

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Krakow. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Back in Poland, a short assignment as assistant pastor in a rural parish preceded his very fruitful chaplaincy for university students. Communist officials allowed Wojtyla to be appointed auxiliary bishop of Krakow in 1958, considering him a relatively harmless intellectual. They could not have been more wrong!

Appointed as archbishop of Krakow in 1964, he was named a cardinal three years later. Elected pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

Read the full article: "Saint John Paul II" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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