

Whoever *exalts* himself
will be *humbled*,
and the one who *humbles* himself
will be *exalted*.

– Luke 18:14

October 26, 2025 | Thirtieth 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

Priest's Intention for Mass

Monday, October 27 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Mary Baumer	St. Bernard
12:00 Noon	John & Betty Westover	
6:45 p.m.	Mary Jean Bowlin	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, October 28 – Sts. Simon & Jude

8:30 a.m.	Lori Moore	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Jane Katenkamp	St. James
12:00 Noon	Louis Ruman	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, October 29 – Weekday

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 30 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Larry Hoffman	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	James Knight	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, October 31 – Weekday

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

Saturday, November 1 – All Saints

3:00 p.m.	Margie Lucas	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	All The Faithful Departed	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Marian Stubenrauch	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, November 2 – The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

8:00 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Parishes	St. James
8:30 a.m.	All The Faithful Departed	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Eileen Haggard	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Jack Klosterman	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
10:30 a.m.	All The Faithful Departed	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

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

Anna Claire Steinmetz, Jeanne Wagner, and Janet Meyer

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

GIVING IT ALL

The Apostle Paul first met Aquila and his wife Priscilla in Corinth. They were Jews who had recently been expelled from Rome. As providence would have it, they were tentmakers just like Paul. They invited him to stay with them. They would share their trade and their faith. Later, the couple would accompany Paul to Antioch and to Ephesus. In Ephesus, they would meet Apollos, an eloquent and faithful follower of Christ. They would correct him on some points in his teaching of the Way. They continued working with Paul for the rest of their lives, possibly being martyred with him in Rome. Aquila and Priscilla are strong examples of the bond of marriage being strengthened by faith, and faith being strengthened by the bond of marriage. They work together. They also provide a strong example of marriage reaching out to others. Marriage does not separate us. Rather, it becomes a foundation for the work we do. This is true both in the ordinary work of tentmaking and the extraordinary work of faith-building. Finally, both in the bond of marriage and in the bond of faith, even death can not triumph over it. Next week will focus on All Saints and All Souls, the saints we know helping us and each other on the Way. 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 26th – Curt & Elizabeth Little 11:30 a.m.
November 1st – Linda Maret 3:00 p.m.
November 9th – Cindy Lyon at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

October 26th – Jenni Petrey
November 2nd – Tom & Carolyn Doerflein
November 9th – Bill & Diana Johansing

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.

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

All bulletin announcements for Mary, Queen of Heaven must be approved by the appropriate director before submitting to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications, at gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com. Announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday, two weeks prior to requested publish date. Please plan accordingly.



A GOOD STEWARD?

It is important to ask yourself, "Am I being a good steward with all that God has given me? With all the blessings, with all the things I have prayed for?" Maybe you've prayed for your first home, a new car, a spouse, or children to fill your home. So now when you look at your life, and look at all the things that God has given you and answered your prayers with, are you showing God that you are a good steward of these things? This is a very powerful question to ask yourself because if you're not, should God bless you with more? If you're not able to appreciate and take care of what you have already received, should He give you more? What would you do with more?



One way to become a better steward is to shift your mindset from ownership to one of management. The thought of managing things compared to owning things changes everything. It is such a different perspective. You move away from not just being the owner of a home but the manager of a home as well. And as a manager or steward, you start asking yourself, "What would God want me to do with this home, this car, or this family?" And how would God want me to treat this? Instead of holding onto things you no longer need, you start to look for ways to share them. You invest in what He has entrusted to you and has given to you. This may be a completely different outlook on life than you may have had before.

Stewardship is showing God that I am grateful for the things He has already made me responsible for, the things He thinks I am capable of taking care of. Being a good steward also shows God that I can handle more. I know and I trust myself to be a good steward with what comes next and what other additional blessings God has in store for me.



WWMIN BABY SHOWER

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generosity and support of Brittany's baby shower! Brittany was so touched by Deacon Doug's blessing that it brought tears to her eyes. She truly appreciated all the wonderful gifts! Brittany was overwhelmed by all the love and support bestowed upon her. A very special Thank-You to the Joy Ministry for co-hosting this shower and providing such delicious food! Thank you to our generous parish family for your support whether it be through prayer, a gift, or your presence at the shower. Please continue to pray for Brittany and baby Greysen who should be arriving mid-November. Our next MQH Baby Shower is scheduled for March 15, 2026. If you are interested in co-hosting this or future showers, please contact us at walkingwithmomsMQH@gmail.com.



Thank you,

The MQH Baby Shower Team

MENTAL WELLNESS SPEAKER

Over the past few years, the focus on mental health has risen to the forefront of conversations, media attention, and a variety of school programs. Continual feelings of hopelessness, sadness and depression continue to rise, especially among adolescents and young adults.

In recognition of the continuing mental health crisis in our nation, the USCCB launched a new component of its National Catholic Mental Health Campaign this month. "Healing and Hope" is focused on amplifying local engagement on mental health and the accompaniment of people struggling with mental illness. The Campaign has 3 primary goals: To raise awareness of the mental health crisis, to combat stigma surrounding the topic of mental health, and to advocate for all those impacted by the crisis. The message is simple. Everyone who needs help should receive help. There will be so much more to be done, but this Campaign is great start.



An important first step to understanding mental wellness is educating ourselves. On Wednesday, November 5, Lisa Averion from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Respect Life office will host a presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the church at St. Ann. Make plans to spend an hour to learn more about mental wellness.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

NEWS FROM OUR SVDP CONFERENCES

St. Bernard of Clairvaux Conference is hosting the 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Items needed include: \$25.00 Kroger gift cards, cereal, pancake mix and pancake syrup, raisins, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly or jam (please, no glass jars), canned meat (ham, beef, etc.), canned chicken, canned tuna, Tuna Helper, canned stew, cans of chili, Spaghetti-Os, ravioli, Beefaroni, etc., canned green beans, canned corn, canned potatoes, boxed potatoes, canned soup, baked beans, black beans and other assorted beans, plastic jars of spaghetti sauce, boxes of pasta, rice, macaroni & cheese, crackers, instant hot chocolate mix, Jell-O and pudding mix, bars of soap, adult toothbrushes, adult toothpaste, adult shampoo

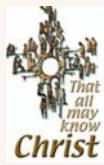


Children's Toothbrushes, Children's Toothpaste, Children's Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap.

COLLECTION DATES: NOVEMBER 8TH & 9TH BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES

Please bring your donations to the parking lot behind the church or to the church entrances.

SVDP is grateful for the continued support of our food drives. There are many families in the St. Bernard area that need your help. From September 1, 2024-September 30, 2025, our conference provided 165 food boxes and 166 personal care bags, serving 243 adults and 201 children. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



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.



THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

The Inquiry phase of 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. 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.

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.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH - 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 church near the Sacred Heart from mid-October through November.

ST. BERNARD CHURCH LECTORS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY NOON MASS

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.

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TO LEARN
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St Bernard
Catholic School



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

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, October 27

8:05 a.m. Rosary
8:30 a.m. Mass
11:00 a.m. Rosary Shepherds of Christ
12:00 Noon Mass
5:00 p.m. Confessions
6:00 p.m. OCIA
6:30 p.m. MQH 1st Reconciliation PSR Class
6:45 p.m. MQH Confirmation Prep
6:45 p.m. Mass
7:00 p.m. Music Ensemble Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, October 28

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 Adoration
12:00 Noon Mass
12:00 Noon Ladies Lunch & Prayer (K of C)
5:00 p.m. Benediction
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry (Gym)
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (BMH)

11:30 p.m. St. Vincent

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
11:00 a.m.	Seniors Board Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ministry, Prepare the Way	St. James
7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal	St. James

Thursday, October 30

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m.	Exposition	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
2:00 p.m.	Garofano/Kihnke Wedding	St. Ann
5:00 p.m.	Adoration	St. Margaret Mary
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:45 p.m.	Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, October 31

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

Saturday, November 1

6:45 a.m.	That Man Is You! (Marian Hall)	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	All Saints Day Mass	St. Ann
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

4:30 p.m. Mass

8:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:00 a.m. Rosary	St. Bernard
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
Sunday Offering	

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: October 19, 2025 – Linda Lyons (Ticket #0235)



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.

St. Margaret Mary

Mass of Remembrance

November 2, 2025



The annual remembrance of those from our parish community who have died since the last celebration of All Souls takes place Sunday, November 2, 2025, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Each of the names of the recently deceased from our parish will be included in the Universal Prayer of Mass. A lighted candle will be placed near the listing of their names near the baptismal font.

Plan to join us as we remember them with love and lift our prayer for the gift of God's mercy for them.



ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bring hope to those in need by volunteering with our Caregiver Assistance Network programs for as little as a couple of hours a month or as often as a few hours a week. Caregivers need support and encouragement – but who takes care of the caregiver? If you have ever been a caregiver for a friend or family member, or have worked in a caregiving profession, we need your expertise! Enrich your life as well as the lives of others by mentoring current caregivers, co-facilitating caregiver support groups, co-leading Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, or helping people living with dementia participate in our weekly Creative Connections program. All volunteers will receive training and support. For more information, please contact Angie Homoele at 513-869-4483 or email can@ccswoh.org. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, funded in part through the Council on Aging.

LET'S GET READING!

The Book Fair is coming to St. James this week! Check out the Wednesday E-Envelope for more information about the books that will be available for purchase and class shopping times.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

We are excited to see all the students in their costumes and Halloween attire on Thursday. After the K-2 parade, all classes will be celebrating with a party!

AMBASSADOR FIELD TRIP

This week, we are sending our 7th and 8th-grade ambassadors on a service field trip at Farbach-Werner.

“Prepare the Way”
For grades 7-8

Oct. 29
Session 1
Transforming your heart through Hope

Nov. 5
Session 2
Transforming your heart through Peace

An Advent study
Nov. 12
Session 3
Transforming your heart through Joy

Nov. 19
Session 4
Transforming your heart through Love

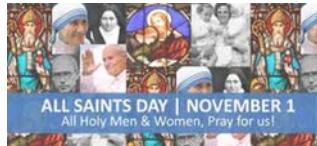
Dec. 3
A celebration in the Church Hall
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Snacks & Drinks provided

Reservation Information

R.S.V.P. for all sessions by Friday, Oct. 24 to pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com

The study will be held in the Marian Hall, under the church offices at St. James from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.



ALL SAINTS DAY

This year, All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, as an important feast day in the Catholic Church, all are welcome to celebrate All Saints Day Mass on Saturday, November 1 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Ann.



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – OCTOBER 12, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 15,638.00
St. Bernard	\$ 10,806.50
St. James	\$ 15,343.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 1,810.00

SUNDAY OFFERING – OCTOBER 19, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 16,076.00
St. Bernard	\$ 11,654.51
St. James	\$ 18,324.44
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,151.58

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

St. Ann	\$ 547.00
St. Bernard	\$ 2,331.00
St. James	\$ 3,149.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 389.00

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 **“WeShare 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!

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/appeals-form-registration/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!



Scan QR Code to Give

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.



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, October 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday, October 27, 2025

Weekday
Romans 8:12-17
Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
Ephesians 2:19-22
Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5
Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Weekday
Romans 8:26-30
Psalm 13:4-5, 6
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Weekday
Romans 8:31b-39
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Luke 13:31-35

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Weekday
Romans 9:1-5
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Luke 14:1-6

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All Saints
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Matthew 5:1-12a

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SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

Saints of the Day: October 28

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Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English. Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans – the very domination of the Romans – was a blasphemy against God.

No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create His divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

Read the full article: "Saints Simon and Jude" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-simon-and-jude/> (Accessed October 13, 2025).

*I will bless the LORD
at all times;
his praise shall be
ever in my mouth.*

Psalm 34:2

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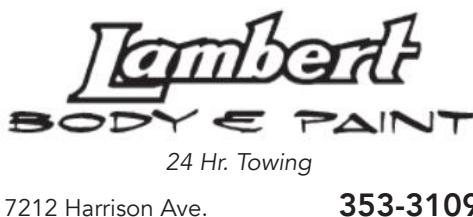
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