

*All that you see here –
the days will come when there
will not be left a stone upon
another stone that
will not be thrown down.*

– Luke 21:6

November 16, 2025 | Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, November 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30 a.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. James
12:00 Noon	David Bryant	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	Margie Lucas	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, November 18 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Denny Hoying	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Haffner Family	St. James
12:00 Noon	Repose for the Souls of the Riggs Family	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, November 19 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Gary Frederick	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, November 20 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Joe Oldendick	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Mark Reichling	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m.	Paul Krekeler	St. James
12:00 Noon	Ben Presutto	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

3:00 p.m.	Majorie Lucas & John Quattrone	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, November 23 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m.	John Reverman	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Ray Finke	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Bob Gerversman	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Julie Mette	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Tom Brunck	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Bo Miller	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

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

Judith Walters, Pat Lohbeck, Norb Ohmer, and Joan Shay
 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

THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Louis and Zelie Martin are the first married couple to be canonized on the same day. This is not just because they are the parents of Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. It is because of their strong commitment to living the Domestic Church within which their children would grow. Louis was a watchmaker who had wanted to be a monk. Zelie was a lacemaker who had wanted to be a nun. Passing each other one day, Zelie heard a voice, "This is he whom I have prepared for you." They were married in 1858. They would have 9 children, 4 that died during childhood. All their children were corrected for their faults, rewarded for good deeds, and expected to make sacrifices and to seek holiness. Louis and Zelie attended Mass everyday, were generous especially in terms of the needs of the poor and led their family in prayer. Zelie would die of cancer in 1877. Louis would die of strokes and dementia in 1894. They were a strong model for all of their children all of whom continued in the life of faith. This concludes our reflections on marriage, at least for now. Next week, we will begin a series of Advent and Christmas reflections. 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

November 16th – Brian & Alicia Bourbeau at 11:30 a.m.
November 22nd – Jim & Karen Brandt at 3:00 p.m.
November 30th – Ted & Ruth Wietmarschen at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

November 16th – Pam & Bill Windisch

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.

**DEVELOP A HEART OF GENEROSITY**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances!
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Would you like to be a more generous person, possessing a generous heart? Then try embracing gratitude as a spiritual practice. Since Thanksgiving is on the 27th of this month, November is a wonderful time to give it a try.

Gratitude and generosity go together. Whether you're a millionaire or just middle-class, when you are grateful for what you have, you'll likely be happier and more satisfied. You will see the world through eyes of abundance and be more likely to give of yourself.

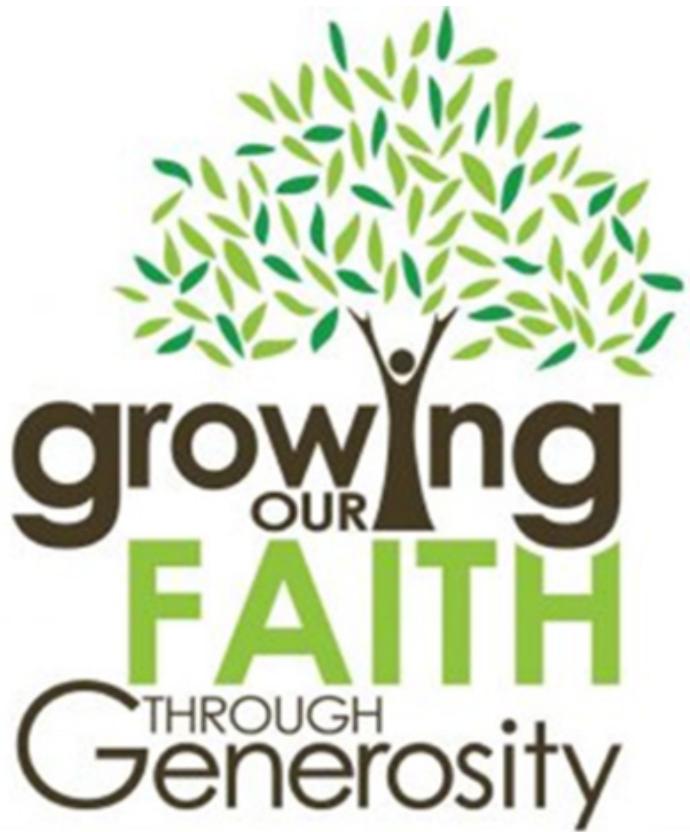
How can we embrace gratitude as a spiritual practice? Paul gives us good advice.

Give thanks in all circumstances: Paul says give thanks IN all circumstances, not FOR all circumstances. In tough times, we can be grateful for what is going well and for the resources, relationships and faith that will help us through.

Pray without ceasing: Pray in the shower, in your car, on the beach, on your lunch break, at a stop light, in a grocery line. God hears all your prayers. Pray nonstop.

Rejoice always: Look for everyday celebrations every day. Do you have hot water? A car? Clean socks? Food? Friends? Rejoice.

For a disciplined approach, keep a journal of your daily thanks, or a "gratitude list" that you can pray over and revise. Keep it up and it's a good bet that your developing "attitude of gratitude" will result in you becoming more generous and seeing the world through a lens of abundance.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER****THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD SAMARITAN!**

Healthcare issues have been the basis of some recent calls to our SVDP Conferences' Help Lines:

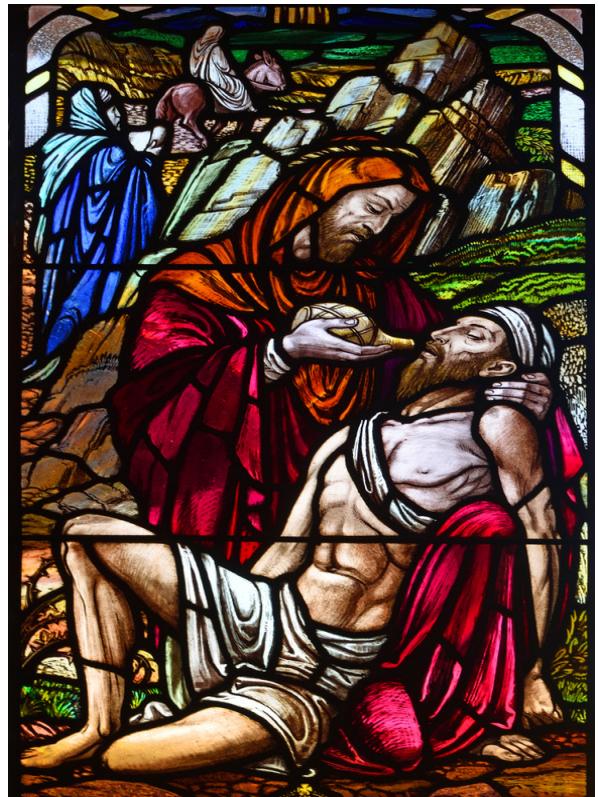
A neighbor undergoing an 8-week cancer treatment asked for help with rent. She was unable to work during treatment, had used her sick leave and was facing 2-month's rent without a paycheck.

A single mom who was short on funds for her electric bill after a hospital stay in treatment of an ongoing medical condition.

A young adult who had just undergone a kidney transplant and was waiting for benefits to begin, needed help with rent.

Parishioner support of our ministry has allowed Vincentians to walk alongside these neighbors, and many others, with compassion. Whether it is time in prayer, donated resources, or a financial contribution, your gifts provide stability and hope for a brighter future. On behalf of all of us at St. Vincent de Paul – and every neighbor you have helped – thank you!

We love because he first loved us. — 1 John 4:19



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WHAT YOU
CAN**



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, November 17

- 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. PSR
 - 6:45 p.m. Mass
 - 7:00 p.m. Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, November 18

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary
12:00 Noon Adoration
12:00 Noon Mass
5:00 p.m. Benediction
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry
7:00 p.m. SAMA Men's Fellowship Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

- 8:05 a.m. Rosary
 - 8:30 a.m. Mass
 - 8:30 a.m. Mass
 - 6:30 p.m. K-8 Information Night

Thursday, November 20

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

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Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

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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 | St. Bernard |
| 4:30 p.m. | Mass | St. James |

Sunday, November 23

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| 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 |
| 10:10 a.m. Parish Breakfast | St. Ann |
| 10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Bernard | 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 |



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

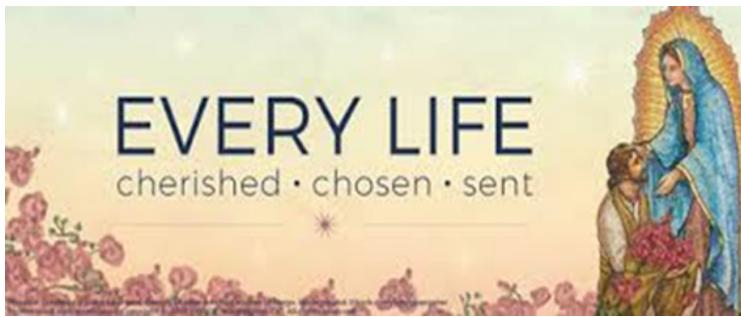
With fall activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed **The Archdiocese of Cincinnati: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse – Archdiocese 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. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: November 9, 2025 – Bob Long (Ticket # 0643)



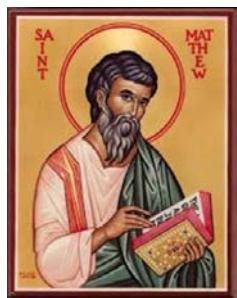
RESPECT LIFE ENCOMPASSES ALL STAGES OF LIFE.

November is also National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Hospice is a type of care that focuses on providing comfort and support to patients who are facing a terminal illness and end-of-life care. Palliative care is a type of care that focuses on relieving the symptoms of a serious illness, regardless of whether the illness is curable. Care is given in hospitals, nursing homes, and the patient's home. The 2025 theme is "We See the Whole You." This theme emphasizes the holistic and person-centered approach of hospice and palliative care, which focuses on supporting the physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs of patients and their families. If you need information about Hospice or Palliative Care, check out the Hospice of Cincinnati HOC Navigators website <https://hospiceofcincinnati.org/services/> and <https://getpalliativecare.org>.



ST. ANN MASS+... PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us for a pancake breakfast as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday, November 30. We will serve fresh pancakes hot off the griddle, along with sausage, scrambled eggs, and more beginning at 10:10 a.m. in the gym. All are welcome.



ST. ANN MASS+... SERIES FOR ADVENT

Beginning on Sunday, November 30, Deacon Doug will host a video series and discussion on the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the Trinity Rooms at 10:10 a.m. on Sunday, November 30, December 7, December 14 and finish up on December 21. This will be a great way to grow in your faith, especially during the season of Advent.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025

7:30 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

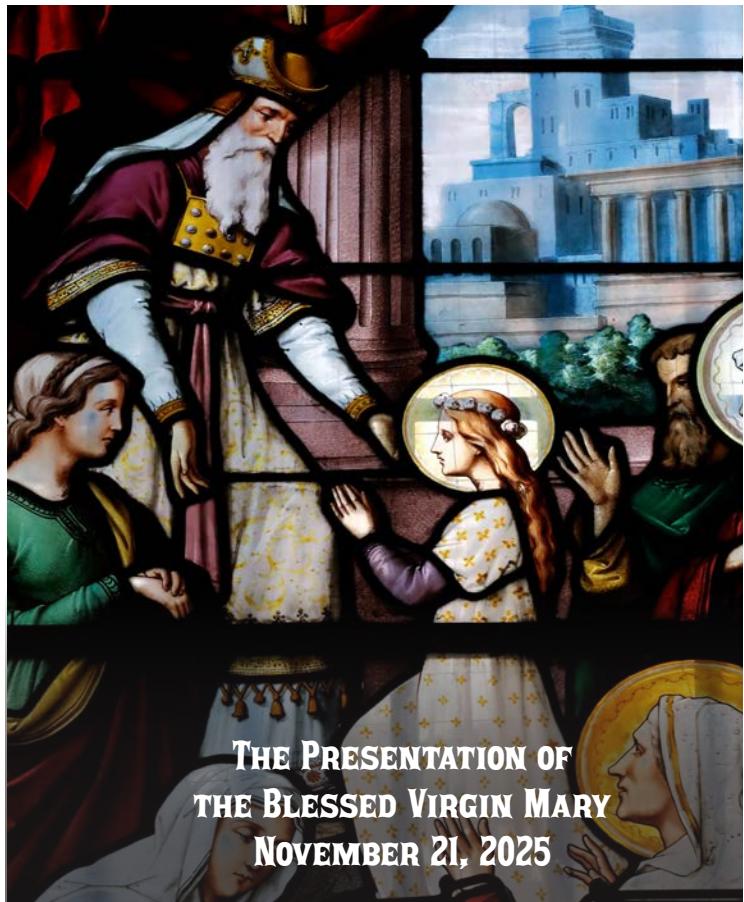
Blood drive held in the Parish Center/Gymnasium, 2900 W. Galbraith Road, 45239. To schedule your appointment, please visit: hoxworth.org/groups/stann or scan the QR code or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. Questions? Call Rick and Lynne Merk at 513-304-2388. All donors will receive a Cincinnati Cyclones Hoodie! Appointments are highly encouraged. Ask about Red Cell donations.



Appointments Encouraged.

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THE PRESENTATION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
NOVEMBER 21, 2025



ST. BERNARD CHURCH, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

If you are interested in sharing the word of God with His little children during the Sunday 10:30am Mass, please contact Barb Yoder for more information and training.



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL INFORMATION

ST BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

Spirit of St. Bernard Day – Each month, we have one day where students give back to the community through donations and service. So far this year, we've supported the EB Hope Foundation and Pregnancy Center West. In November, we're collecting food items for St. Vincent de Paul to help families enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Our Veterans Day program was a wonderful success! Students in Grades 5-8 honored local veterans with patriotic songs and tributes to each military branch. It was a heartfelt thank-you to those who have served.

THANKSGIVING FEAST

On the Friday before Thanksgiving break, our entire school family – students, staff, and parish staff – will gather for a traditional Thanksgiving meal prepared by our Parents Club. It's a beloved St. Bernard tradition celebrating gratitude and community.



ST. BERNARD 250 CLUB WINNERS:

1st Prize: William Hermes
2nd Prize: Will & Janet Bussman



ST. BERNARD CHURCH SENIOR LADIES LUNCHEON

See old friends and make new friends. Reminisce and make new memories by joining this great bunch of ladies who meet about every six weeks. Their next lunch is on Thursday, November 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at Barnesburg Tavern. Please respond as soon as you can to Mary at maryehrman@yahoo.com.



St **Bernard**
Catholic School



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

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ST. JAMES SCHOOL INFORMATION

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Welcome to our second grade families! We are so glad you could join us for the special second grade family Mass!

SCHOOL EVENTS

- Monday is a no homework day! This was an incentive we earned during Panther Prowl.
- Report cards will be going home on Wednesday.
- This Friday is a Spirit Wear Day, another incentive earned from Panther Prowl! (Our 7th graders will be out of uniform on THURSDAY due to their field trip on Friday.)
- We are excited to see our kindergarten students perform their Thanksgiving Program for us this week!
- Our 7th graders are headed to the Athenaeum this Friday!

Good Luck!

Please join us in saying a prayer for all of our 8th grade students who will be taking the High School Placement test on Saturday (November 22). We know you will all do your best!

REGISTER NOW!

Enrollment for St. James School is now open. If you are a new family to our school, please do not delay in applying; kindergarten fills up quickly. Go to <https://forms.rediker.com/stjamesschool> to apply now!

ADORE – A GROUP ADVENT STUDY

All are welcome to join a group Advent Study entitled *Adore: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation* by Fr. John Burns. This book and video combo will help us reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent, focusing on a new theme each week – vigilance, preparation, nearness, and Emmanuel – that we can relate to our own life. The study meets for five Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in St. James Senior's Room beginning November 25th. Contact Elaine Rasp to order a book, by November 17th at 513-604-5091 (call or text), ElaineLRasp@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY BONANZA RAFFLE

Our Holiday Bonanza Early Bird Winner is Kathy Bromer!!



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – OCTOBER 26, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 12,457.99
St. Bernard	\$ 11,751.00
St. James	\$ 21,371.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 3,195.00

SUNDAY OFFERING – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 13,165.22
St. Bernard	\$ 10,209.10
St. James	\$ 17,093.00
St. Margaret Mary	Will be published next week

MILITARY COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 9, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 907.00
St. Bernard	\$ 1,317.00
St. James	\$ 2,471.00
St. Margaret Mary	Will Be published next week

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 are 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, 513-521-7387
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We appreciate your support!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, November 16, 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 3:19-20a
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

Monday, November 17, 2025

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
1 Macc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Psalm 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158
Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Weekday
2 Maccabees 6:18-31
Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Weekday
2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31
Psalm 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15
Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Weekday
1 Maccabees 2:15-29
Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15
Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 21, 2025

The Presentation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59
1 Chronicles 29:10bcd, 11-12
Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
1 Maccabees 6:1-13
Psalm 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19
Luke 20:27-40

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Saint of the Day: November 16

Patron Saint of Scotland, Large Families, Queens

Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

Read the full article: "Saint Margaret of Scotland" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-margaret-of-scotland/> (Accessed October 31, 2025).

*The Lord comes to rule
the earth with justice.*

– Psalm 98:9

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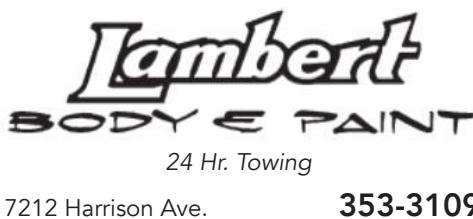
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