

*For to us a
Child is born,*

*to us a Son
is given.*

— Isaiah 9:6

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, December 29 – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 p.m.	Roch Fredette	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	Charlene Wash	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, December 30 – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 a.m.	James Thomas	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 Noon	Raymond Bollhauer	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Our Lord of Hope in Lima	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

3:00 p.m.	People of St. James	St. James
4:00 p.m.	Special Intention of Amy O'Connor	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Thursday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m.	Lois Anderson	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
12:00 Noon	People of St. Margaret Mary	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard

Friday, January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

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

Saturday, January 3 – Christmas Weekday

3:00 p.m.	Joe Bosse	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Laurie Rheaume	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, January 4 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m.	Jonah Habedank	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Walter Weisbrodt	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	People of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Lavern Rapping	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Pat Lohbeck	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Lillie Smiley	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the family of : Martha "Marty" Steigelman

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

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!

I woke up this morning with the words "Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son." As I am writing this, it is still Advent. We haven't sung these words, we haven't sung the Gloria since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, but there they were, the words of the song playing in my mind. "Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us". I realized more fully than I had ever realized before that the Gloria is not just a beautiful hymn of praise but a proclamation of the Christmas gift of Jesus Himself in the celebration of His birth and the promise of His return. We celebrate the gift of God Our Father, the communion of the Holy Spirit, the amazing, astounding completeness of the gift of God Himself to us, and the Gloria begins with "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to people of good will". Not only does God give Himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ but He makes us One in the peace of Christ. This is Christmas! This is the greatest gift that could ever be given to us. Glory to God in the highest!!!

Today we celebrate the very family of God together with us, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Thursday will be New Year's Day, more importantly the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Next Sunday we will celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We join with the Magi, recognizing the gift of Christ and bringing of our gifts to Him. It is all about family! All of it, every bit of it celebrates the gift of family, we together with Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Glory to God in the Highest! Merry Christmas!

PRAYER

Sing the Gloria. Take some time to read and reflect on the Gloria. Sing the Gloria again.

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

VOCATION CHALICE

St. Ann

December 28th -January 9th Claudia Sajnog at 11:30 a.m.

January 10th – Mary Ann Kramer at 3:00 p.m.

January 17th – Joe and Martha Martini at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

December 28th – 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/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

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.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish
Saint Bernard Church
Monday, January 19, 2026

Please join members of our Respect Life Ministry in a communal prayer at the following times.

- 8:30 a.m. – Mass, Followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament until 6:30 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Chaplet following Mass
- 11:00 a.m. – The Rosary for Life (Luminous Mysteries)
- 1:00 p.m. – The Rosary for Life (Sorrowful Mysteries)
- 3:00 p.m. – The Rosary for Life (Glorious Mysteries)
- 5:30-6:15 p.m. – The Rosary for Life (Joyful Mysteries)
- 6:15 p.m. – Benediction



Reverence for the Holy Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, arose in the apostolic times. St. Paul in his Letter to the Philippians wrote, "So that at Jesus' name every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God the Father: Jesus Christ is Lord" (2:10-11). Just as a name gives identity to a person and reflects a person's life, the name of Jesus reminds us of who Jesus is and what He has done for us.

We receive every grace and blessing through the Holy Name of Jesus. Jesus said, "I give you my assurance, whatever you ask the Father, He will give you in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:23-24). In summary, St. Paul said, "Whatever you do, in whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Colossians 3:17).

**ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, WE WILL CELEBRATE
THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHRIST WITH MASS AT ST. ANN AT 9:00 A.M.**



We all know it; our Archdiocese needs more good and holy priests. Priests do more than say Mass on Sunday morning. **We cannot have a Sacrament without a priest!!** They are there for us in times of celebration, like Baptisms and Marriages, and in times of hardships, illness, and mourning. Priests offer Reconciliation, anointings, blessings, counseling, spiritual direction, education, and mentorship.

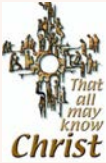
Within the next few years, many of our currently active priests will be retiring. There are less than 30 men who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in that same time. It is so important that we pray for vocations to the priesthood, now more than ever! A great way to commit to praying for vocations is to sign up for the St. Ann Traveling Chalice program. This program gives us an opportunity to pray for vocations in a very personal way. By having the blessed chalice in our view as we pray for our ordained clergy, our seminarians in formation, and those discerning religious life, we, along with them, are strengthened by prayer.

Please prayerfully consider signing up to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in signing up, please email info@saintannparish.org and you will be personally contacted.



WEATHER ALERT

When School is delayed or cancelled because of the weather (inclement weather or temperature), **MASS IS CANCELLED!** We follow school closings or delays for Northwest Schools.



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.



BIBLE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join others in studying the **Gospel of Luke** making use of **Ascension Press/Jeff Cavins' video and book study series**. Barb Yoder will facilitate, and the meetings will take place on Thursday mornings, beginning January 15th, 10:00 a.m. for eight consecutive Thursdays at St. Bernard. The workbook can be purchased from AscensionPress.com. or by contacting Barb at the email or phone below. **Please register for the study** by email: yoder@stbernardtc.org or call 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

SAVE THE DATE – MQH SUMMER PSR PROGRAM JUNE 1 THRU 12, 2026

CHILDREN'S EVANGELIZATION UPDATE:

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children ages 4-9 are invited to pray and learn together at the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during 10:30 a.m. **Mass at St. Bernard Church**. Children in Grades First through Fourth are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word **at St. James Church** at 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Twenty-seven PSR students along with students from St. Bernard and St. James had the opportunity to participate in the Mary, Queen of Heaven Reconciliation Service in November. All Students are starting to prepare to receive their First Communion in the spring.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Tuesday, February 3rd: First Communion Parent Meeting (Spanish) at St. Ann's in the Trinity Room.

Wednesday, February 11th: First Communion Parent Meeting (English) at St. Bernard Church

OCIA FOR CHILDREN

The ten students who are in OCIA for Children continue to learn about the Catholic faith and are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The Godparent/Sponsor forms went home before Christmas; they are due February 23rd. OCIA students should be thinking about their Confirmation saint name.

MQH FIRST COMMUNION DATES:

Please plan appropriately as these Masses will be crowded.

St. James: Saturday, April 18th, at 4:30 p.m. Mass

St. Margaret Mary: Sunday, April 19th, at 10:00 a.m. Mass

St. Bernard: Saturday, April 25th, at 4:00 p.m. Mass

St. Ann: Sunday, April 26th, at 9:00 a.m. Mass and 11:30 a.m. Mass



FAITH STUDY + VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADES 8-12

Please join us beginning January 11 for Faith & Volleyball.

Faith study begins on January 11, 2026, from 6:15-7:25 p.m. with dinner in the St. Joseph Hall, undercroft of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, 7130 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45247. Volleyball is from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Come to either or both events. **All participants must complete an Archdiocese of Cincinnati form to participate in any event at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church.** Contact Pam at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com to register.

HIGH SCHOOL + GR. 8 FAITH STUDY	
 	
All sessions are from 6:15 - 7:25 p.m. Dinner will be served in the St. Joseph Hall, under St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church.	
Study # 1	"The Invitation"
January 11	The Kind of People He invites
January 18	The Invitation
January 25	The Cost
February 15	You are not Alone
Study # 2	"Return"
February 22	Into the Desert
March 8	The Glory of God Revealed
March 15	Repentance and Renewal
March 22	The Father's Unfailing Love
Contact: Pam Bevington by 01/01/26 to reserve your spot for study 1 or study 2 or both, at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com . All participants need to fill out an Archdiocese of Cincinnati permission form to attend any event at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, 7130 Harrison Ave. 45247. Volleyball will be held afterwards in the parish center from 7:30-8:30 pm.	



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT



To commit ourselves to live as disciples who steward our many gifts and blessings involves every facet of our lives. We will experience God's call differently in distinct moments of our lives. At times, we may recognize the call to give our time sacrificially, at other times, our treasure. In some moments, we may discern a call to active service among the poor, ill, or imprisoned; in other moments, our stewardship may be of prayer or the sharing of faith. In all of these times and circumstances, we follow Jesus Christ and learn to embrace His way of self-giving love. The young creature in the stall of Bethlehem was a human being with human brain and heart and soul. And it was God. Its life was to manifest the will of the Father; to proclaim the sacred tidings, to stir mankind with the power of God, to establish the Covenant, and shoulder the sin of the world, expiating it with love and leading mankind through the destruction of sacrifice and the victory of the Resurrection into the new existence of grace. In this accomplishment

alone lay Jesus' self-perfection: fulfillment of mission and personal fulfillment were one.

We have explored the call to discern and live out our vocation, the life vocation that each of us has, and the many calls we experience as followers of Jesus. Another way of saying this is to recognize that living out our vocational call is our mission. We fulfill our mission by being good stewards of our lives, gifts, and blessings. This ongoing discernment and fulfillment of our mission is one of the many things that makes stewardship leadership such a dynamic and sometimes challenging endeavor. Helping people recognize their mission to witness to and make Christ's love known through their stewardship is a sacred responsibility. As we celebrate Christmas this year, let us pray that we may fulfill this mission well and with grace. Merry Christmas!



BUNCO! LADIES NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER IS ON JANUARY 31, 2026!

Rally your girlfriends and plan to attend this fun night of playing Bunco!, meeting new people and enjoying an array of appetizers, desserts, and drinks. There are two separate Split the Pot games, door prizes, and a basket raffle.

Each Bunco ticket costs only \$25.00! Tickets will be available in the Gathering Space at St. Ann after weekend Masses beginning in January, or order them on the St. Ann website, www.saintannparish.org.

If you are new to Bunco!, it's easy to learn and fun for all. You can come with a group of friends or by yourself, players move throughout the rounds of play. It's a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and make new friends.

Proceeds raised benefit our JOY ministry. This ministry provides outreach for seniors and shut-ins across our parish family.

We are looking for volunteers to help make this event a great success. If you are willing to donate towards our basket raffle or would like to help with set up, or serve during the event, please call Cindy at St. Ann, 513-521-8440 or email info@saintannparish.org.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL REPORTS

Thank you to all who supported the St. Ann and St. Bernard SVDP Conferences!

We can assist many neighbors in need through your abundant generosity. Your donations, combined with programs offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cincinnati District, allow us to create a lifeline of support to neighbors in need in our communities.

Support is given, based on the neighbor's need, may include groceries, personal care items, household supplies, and vouchers for clothing or furniture. We also assist in payments for rent and eviction prevention, temporary housing, transportation, and utilities. Spiritual support is also a part of the St. Vincent de Paul support. Volunteers pray with and for the neighbors and offer encouragement.

We thank you for your generous financial support. We especially thank you for your support in prayer for both our neighbors in need and for us in our Vincentian mission. If you have any questions about our St. Ann or St. Bernard Conferences, or would like to learn more about SVDP, please call the church office at St. Ann: 513-521-8440, ext. 121 or St. Bernard: 513-520-8911.

	St. Ann	St. Bernard
# of Neighbors Helped	1949	432
Parishioner Contributions	\$74,436.00	\$46,320.00
SVDP Conference Assistance Program	\$60,500.00	\$40,000.00
Other Assistance Programs	\$1,710.35	\$9,200.00
Monetary Donation Totals	\$136,646.35	\$95,520.00
Direct Aid Assistance	\$134,113.61	\$93,496.00
Food Pantry Contributions	\$40,935.00	\$21,175.00
Furniture & Clothing Vouchers (Provided by SVDP)	\$14,906.00	\$10,249.00



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, December 29

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
11:00 a.m. Rosary, Shepherds of Christ	St. James
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:45 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, December 30

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 p.m. Adoration	St. Bernard
12:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
5:00 p.m. Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry	St. Ann

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

Parish Offices are Closed

3:00 p.m. Mass	St. James
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard

Thursday, January 1 – Solemnity Mary, Mother of God

Parish Offices are Closed

9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
12:00 p.m. Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Friday, January 2

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:00 a.m. Confessions	St. James
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Judy Haas	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard

Saturday, January 3

9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
3:00 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

Sunday, January 4

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—Sports Team Attending	
Athletic Club Coffee & Donuts, after Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:10 a.m. Mass+ Gospel of Matthew Part 5 (TR)	St. Ann
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. Baptisms	St. James



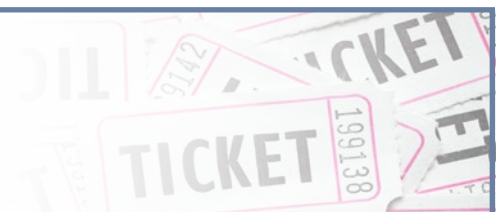
FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

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: December 121st, 2025 – John Forbes (Ticket # 0957)





ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – JANUARY 11TH FROM 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

All parishioners and families are invited to visit our school on **Sunday, January 11**, for an Open House celebrating the wonderful things happening in our classrooms. Come see how our students are growing in **faith, virtue, and academic excellence** through daily prayer, service projects, and Christ-centered learning across all subjects. **Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Mass** for a joyful look at how our Catholic faith is lived and taught each day. We look forward to welcoming you!

REGISTER NOW!

Enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year at St. Bernard School is now open!

New families are encouraged to apply early, as classes fill quickly. Don't miss the chance to become part of our faith-filled, close-knit community. Begin the application process at: <https://stbernardtc.org/admissions>.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope this year brings your family health, happiness, and abundant blessings!

NO SCHOOL!

School is closed this week. We will see you again on Monday, January 5, 2026! We hope you enjoy your break!



THANKS FOR DONATING!

Thanks to all who donated blood on November 29 at the Pray, Hope, Believe Blood Drive at St. Ann. With your help, the collection goal of 67 blood units was met, which means 201 potential lives saved!



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 14, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 9,881.50
St. Bernard	\$ 11,717.50
St. James	\$42,702.00
St. Margaret Mary	No Mass on December 14, 2025

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

DECEMBER 14, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 1,445.00
St. Bernard	\$ 866.00
St. James	\$ 3,200.00
St. Margaret Mary	No Mass on December 14, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 21, 2025

St. Ann	Will be published in next bulletin
St. Bernard	Will be published in next bulletin
St. James	Will be published in next bulletin
St. Margaret Mary	Will be published 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 **"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

St. Bernard – Scott Dover, 513-353-4207

St. James – Brenda Stier, 513-741-5300

We appreciate your support!

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday, December 29, 2025

Fifth Day of Christmas
I John 2:3-11
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

Sixth Day of Christmas
I John 2:12-17
Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

Seventh Day of Christmas
I John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

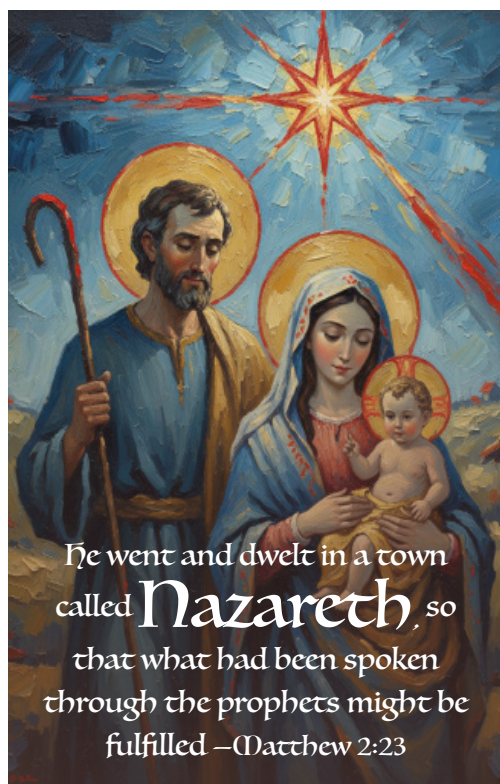
Friday, January 2, 2026

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory
Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of
the Church
I John 2:22-28
Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab and 3cd-4
John 1:19-28

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Christmas Weekday
I John 2:29 – 3:6
Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6
John 1:29-34

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He went and dwelt in a town
called **Nazareth**, so
that what had been spoken
through the prophets might be
fulfilled —Matthew 2:23

ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Saint of the Day: January 2

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Saint Basil the Great was on his way to becoming a famous teacher when he decided to begin a religious life of gospel poverty. After studying various modes of religious life, he founded what was probably the first monastery in Asia Minor. He is to monks of the East what Saint Benedict is to the West, and Basil's principles influence Eastern monasticism today.

He was ordained a priest, assisted the archbishop of Caesarea—now southeastern Turkey—and ultimately became archbishop himself, in spite of opposition from some of the bishops under him, probably because they foresaw coming reforms.

Arianism, one of the most damaging heresies in the history of the Church which denied the divinity of Christ, was at its height. Emperor Valens persecuted orthodox believers, and put great pressure on Basil to remain silent and admit the heretics to Communion. Basil remained firm, and Valens backed down. But trouble remained. When the great Saint Athanasius died, the mantle of defender of the faith against Arianism fell upon Basil. He strove mightily to unite and rally his fellow Catholics who were crushed by tyranny and torn by internal dissension. He was misunderstood, misrepresented, accused of heresy and ambition. Even appeals to the pope brought no response. "For my sins I seem to be unsuccessful in everything."

Saint Basil the Great was tireless in pastoral care. He preached twice a day to huge crowds, built a hospital that was called a wonder of the world—as a youth he had organized famine relief and worked in a soup kitchen himself—and fought the prostitution business.

Read the full article: "St. Basil the Great" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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