

*For to us a
Child is born,*

*to us a Son
is given.*

—Isaiah 9:6

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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our 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, January 5 – St. John Neumann

8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mary Lezzoni	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, January 6 – Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Mary Kramer	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Linda & Jason Evers	St. James
12:00 Noon	Cynthia Pitzer	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Our Lord of Hope in Lima, Peru	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, January 7 – Christmas Weekday

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

Thursday, January 8 – Christmas Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Nelson Wikstrom	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Mark Reichling	St. Margaret Mary
No Mass	St. Bernard	
No Mass	St. James	

Friday, January 9 – Christmas Weekday

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

Saturday, January 10 – Christmas Weekday

3:00 p.m.	Ester Borgman	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Judy Walters	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	John Specht	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, January 11 – The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m.	People of St. James	St. James
8:30 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Lois Anderson	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Jenny Elsen	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Shirley Knose Wilcox	St. James
10:30 a.m.	People of Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	St. Ann Legacy Society	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the family of : Elaine Chapman

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

NOT SO ORDINARY

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. Jesus is the Light for the nations. Definitely not an ordinary day. Next Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Not an ordinary day, but with the Baptism of the Lord, we close the Christmas Season and head back into Ordinary Time. Baptism both celebrates and creates unity. Peter resists the idea of baptizing Gentiles until he sees the presence of the Spirit upon Cornelius and his family. Peter's eyes are opened. Nothing can be allowed to separate people who share the same Spirit. Thinking His Baptism is primarily one of repentance and forgiveness, John resists the idea of baptizing Jesus. Jesus insists. Jesus' Baptism is a celebration of union with us and with the Father. As Jesus rises from the water, the sky is rent in two. For a brief moment, there is no barrier between heaven and earth, between God and His creation. In Baptism we commit ourselves to all others in faith. Nothing can be allowed to stand between us. In Baptism, God commits Himself to sharing His life with His people. He will allow no barrier to remain between us and the life of heaven. Ordinary Time is so called because the weeks are sequentially numbered, not because it is boring or unimportant. God works with us throughout the year, in different ways according to the different seasons, both in the Church Year, and in the movements of our personal lives. Look for God in all the moments. He is certainly in them. Ordinary time is not so ordinary after all.

PRAYER

Lord God, we rejoice in the splendor of Your presence. You have placed Your heart in our hands. We are transformed by the touch. May the hands which have touched you be generous as they reach out to touch others. Your presence goes with us, Lord, and with Your presence, Your blessing.



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.

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 9 – Claudia Sajnog at 11:30 a.m.
January 10th – Mary Ann Kramer at 3:00 p.m.
January 18th – Joe and Martha Martini at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

January 4th – Tom, Carolyn & Jenna 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.

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:
Sunday 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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of a new year. You have entrusted us with the coming days, weeks, and months as stewards of Your divine plan; to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever-growing confidence in Your Kingdom to come.

We ask for the humility to reform our lives; the courage to commit ourselves to You no matter the cost; and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.

Open our hearts, give us Your Spirit, and show us how to share Your love so that we may bring hope to a world in need of Your justice and peace.

We pray to be a sign of Your grace in this new year through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



RESPECT LIFE

On January 24-25, volunteers from Mary Queen of Heaven Respect Life ministry will pass out baby bottles or envelopes to collect donations for a local pro-life organization. **Please consider taking a bottle or envelope with you and returning it by February 7-8.**

Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

Each of our churches has been assigned a local charity we will support through this campaign. St. Ann will support the Madonna House; St. Bernard funds will be sent to Mater Filius Queen City; St. James donations will be sent to Pregnancy Center West; and Elizabeth New Life Center will be supported by St. Margaret Mary. Each of these pro-life organizations relies on the support of caring individuals to continue their life-saving work for the preborn and their parents faced with an unexpected pregnancy.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL UPDATE

Thank you to all who supported our SVDP Conferences.

We can assist many neighbors in need through your abundant generosity and the dedication of nearly 50 parishioner volunteer Vincentians. 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 Conferences, or would like to learn more about SVDP, please call the church office: St. Ann: 513-521-8440, ext. 121; St. Bernard: 513-520-8911; or St. James: 513-741-5300.

Each of our individual conferences works cooperatively together. Here is a snapshot of the assistance our conferences supplied to our neighbors in need thanks to your generosity:

	St. Ann	St. Bernard	St. James
# of Neighbors Helped	1949	432	504
Parishioner Contributions	\$ 74,436.00	\$ 46,320.00	\$ 37,230.70
SVDP Conference Assistance Program	\$ 60,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Other Assistance Programs	\$ 1,710.35	\$ 9,200.00	\$ 0.00
Monetary Donation Totals	\$136,646.35	\$95,520.00	\$45,230.70
Direct Aid Assistance	\$134,113.61	\$93,496.00	\$ 37,003.01
Food Pantry Contributions	\$40,935.00	\$ 21,175.00	\$ 0.00
Furniture & Clothing Vouchers (Provided by SVDP)	\$14,906.00	\$ 10,249.00	\$14,850.00



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 – COMING SOON!

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.

MQH CONFIRMATION RETREAT WITH NET MINISTRIES IS ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

TMIY PROGRAM.

That Man is You! is an interactive **men's program** that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Join us for food, fellowship and faith (**Saturday January 10th** at St. Bernards basement cafeteria, breakfast and fellowship from 6:45-7:15 a.m., course material and small groups 7:15-8:30 a.m. All men are welcome. Learn more at thatmanisyou.com. The program lasts 13 weeks and includes a Lenten program. Any questions, call Dave Rothan at 513-476-9912.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES:

FAITH STUDY + VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADE 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, 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

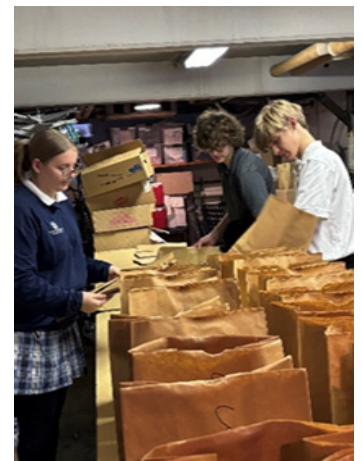
Contact: Pam Bevington by 01/01/26 to reserve your spot for study 1 or study 2 or both, at pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com. All participants need to fill out an Archdiocese of Cincinnati permission form to attend any event at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, 7130 Harrison Ave. 45247. Volleyball will be held afterwards in the parish center from 7:30-8:30 pm.



LOOKING BACK TO 2025 MQH YOUTH MINISTRY SHARE THE CARE PROJECTS



GIVE BACK TO COLERAIN DAYS AND SERVICE PROJECTS—TOTAL OF 55 HOURS



Youth Ministry spent 36 hours making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for “Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen,” collected new socks for Mary Magdalene House (6 hours), and assisted families with food bags from St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann Church (18 hours), a total of 60 hours. How many service projects can we complete in 2026?



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 21, 2025

St. Ann	\$ 13,115.26
St. Bernard	\$ 10,583.50
St. James	\$ 28,319.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 2,990.34

SUNDAY OFFERING – DECEMBER 28, 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!



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 5

8:05 a.m.	Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
11:00 a.m.	Rosary Shepherds of Christ	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mass	St. Bernard
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m.	OCIA	St. James
6:45 p.m.	MQH Confirmation Prep	St. James
6:45 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	Music Ensemble	St. James
7:30 p.m.	Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
9:15 a.m.	Kindergarten Grandparent Breakfast	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	St. James
5:00 p.m.	Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	AHG Leaders Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m.	Growing Faith	St. James

Wednesday, January 7

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.	Women's Bible Study	St. James
11:00 a.m.	Seniors Luncheon	St. James
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 4961 Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting	St. James

Thursday, January 8

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.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:45 p.m.	Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, January 9

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

Saturday, January 10

10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary Meeting	St. Ann
3:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
4:00 p.m.	Cookie Connection	St. James
4:30 p.m.	Mass	St. James

Sunday, January 11 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m.	Cookie Connection	St. James
	Second Sunday Social after Masses	St. Bernard
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	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
12:30 p.m.	SAMA Football Game Day	
	Get-Together (TR)	St. Ann

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

2025 Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: December 28th,
2025 – Kristi & Rick Nadler (Ticket #0477)

Bunco! Ladies Night Out

Saturday, January 31

Starts at 6:30 p.m.

Use this convenient QR Code
to order tickets now! Or
Contact the St. Ann Parish Office

BUNCO
Night
LET'S ROLL



An Event for the Men of
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish

**WILD CARD
PLAYOFF**

**GAME DAY
TAILGATE**

Join us for food, fun, and football
vibes all around.

**SUNDAY
JANUARY 11**

12:30PM
ST. ANN TRINITY ROOMS

What to Expect:

All men are welcome!
BBQ and Chili will be provided.
Bring your favorite beverage and a
game-day favorite snack or side dish
to share.

RSVP BY JANUARY 10

email Ted @
twietma@yahoo.com



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

ROBOTICS TEAM ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to our **7th grade Robotics Team, the 78Picklenators**, on qualifying for the **District Robotics Tournament** in January! Out of 17 teams, only 6 advanced, and our team earned a qualifying spot. They also received the **Engineering Award** for their innovative project, and their coach was honored with the **2025 Coach/Mentor Award**. We are proud of our students and mentors for their hard work, creativity, and teamwork.

ST. BERNARD SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – JANUARY 11 AT 11:30–1:30 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 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 2025–2026 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

SCHOOL EVENTS

- We are excited to welcome all of our students back to school this new year!
- This Friday is a Christian Service Spirit Wear Day. Students who bring in a small donation for The Dragonfly Foundation are allowed to wear St. James spirit wear. Welcome!
- This week, we are welcoming grandparents and special visitors for our 3rd grade class! They will begin at Mass together with light refreshments to follow. Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event!



ST. JAMES COOKIE CONNECTION

Please don't forget that the monthly collection of cookies and juice will be held next weekend at St. James. We are now providing cookies and juice along with sandwiches donated by other local parishes to St. Anthony Ministries in Over the Rhine. Cookies do not need to be homemade. Cookies should be packaged 2 to a bag. Please drop off in the St. James Church Hall before all Masses. If you wish to volunteer, or need more information about this project, please contact Alice Haffner at 923-4721, Linda Creelman at 513-484-5725 or Lois Schaefer at 720-3049.



ST. JAMES SENIOR ORGANIZATION

Luncheon is **Wednesday, January 7th at 11:00 a.m.** in the Church Hall.

J.T.M. AND HAFFER DRAYAGE INC. PRESENTS

BOBCAT BASH

 **FEBRUARY 7, 2026**
 **7PM-MIDNIGHT**
 **ST. BERNARD
PARISH CENTER
21+ EVENT**



ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY:
THE MENUS

 **GAMES!**  **DRINKS!**  **RAFFLE BASKETS!**

PLEASE VISIT STBERNARDATHLETICS.ORG TO PURCHASE
TICKETS
TICKETS ARE NONREFUNDABLE



FROM THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT OFFICE

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.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Monday, January 5, 2026

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 John 3:22-4:6

Psalms 2:7bc-8, 10-12a

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Tuesday after Epiphany

1 John 4:7-10

Psalms 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Wednesday after Epiphany

1 John 4:11-18

Psalms 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Thursday after Epiphany

1 John 4:19-5:4

Psalms 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17

Luke 4:14-22

Friday, January 9, 2026

Friday after Epiphany

1 John 5:5-13

Psalms 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Luke 5:12-16

Saturday, January 10, 2026

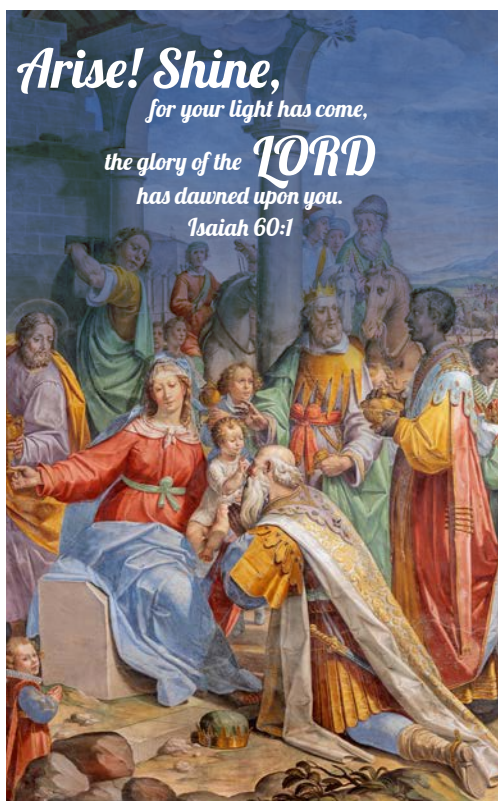
Saturday after Epiphany

1 John 5:14-21

Psalms 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b

John 3:22-30

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Saint of the Day: January 5

Patron Saint of Educators/Teachers

Perhaps because the United States got a later start in the history of the world, it has relatively few canonized saints, but their number is increasing.

Saint John Neumann was born in what is now the Czech Republic. After studying in Prague, he came to New York at 25 and was ordained a priest. He did missionary work in New York until he was 29, when he joined the Redemptorists and became its first member to profess vows in the United States. He continued missionary work in Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, where he became popular with the Germans. At 41, as bishop of Philadelphia, he organized the parochial school system into a diocesan one, increasing the number of pupils almost twentyfold within a short time.

Gifted with outstanding organizing ability, he drew into the city many teaching communities of sisters and the Christian Brothers. During his brief assignment as vice provincial for the Redemptorists, he placed them in the forefront of the parochial movement.

Well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching, on October 13, 1963, Saint John Neumann became the first American bishop to be beatified. Canonized in 1977, he is buried in St. Peter the Apostle Church in Philadelphia.

Read the full article: "St. John Neumann" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars,
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