



# Behold,

**the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.**

**-John 1:29**

**January 18, 2026 | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes*

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Cincinnati OH, 45239  
513-521-8440

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux**  
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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, January 19 – Weekday

	No Mass	St. James
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Heather Fredette	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

### Tuesday, January 20 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Nelson Chaik	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Walter I. LaFary	St. James
12:00 Noon	Mary Grace Adams	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Our Lord of Hope in Lima, Peru	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

### Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

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

### Thursday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 a.m.	Bob Dieckman	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Joann Ebbeler	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

### Friday, January 23 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Janey Meyer	St. James
12:00 Noon	Barb Beetz	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

### Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales

3:00 p.m.	Annette Russell	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Mary Lezzoni	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	St. James Memorial Fund	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

### Sunday, January 25 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	People of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Judy Walters	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Ron Krass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Ralph Layer	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Jonah Habedank	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Lance Corporal Ryan Barnard	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Eric Smith	St. Ann

## IN SYMPATHY

**Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of : Suzanne Jones, Kathleen Maue**

*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

### OUR RESPONSE

Next week's Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 27) proclaims "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation". It begins with our trials and ends with the "bounty of the Lord" and "the land of the living." Getting from the one to the other depends on our response. It always has. God has always offered. God has always worked with us. God has always awaited our response. This is not a beginning. Jesus' ministry continues the work of John, the work of Isaiah, the work of all the prophets before Him. He uses John's theme of repentance in His preaching and includes two of John's disciples among His apostles. We are connected to all those who have gone before us, and yet there is still something very precious in the moment. Like all the prophets before Him, Jesus speaks with the word of God. Unlike any of the prophets, He is the Word of which He speaks. It is both the same and critically new! Jesus' ministry continues through His disciples. It is with His voice that His followers speak. It is the same call. It is a call to all people, and yet it is new, a special moment. Today, He calls us. It is not a beginning. He has called us many times before. Yet, it is also a critical moment. There is something very precious in the moment. He calls you. He calls me. He calls us. It is one more opportunity, and yet one specifically for us to hear His word and become more fully His disciples.

### PRAYER

Heavenly Father, continue to bless all of those being confirmed next Sunday. Strengthen them in their faith and their dedication to the family of the Church. Lord Jesus, bless them, together with all of us. As we remember the day of our own Confirmation, renew us in the commitment and promises we have made. We thank You for Your persistence and Your patience.



### 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

January 18 – Joe and Martha Martini at 9:00 a.m.  
January 25 – Bev Pleasants at 11:30 a.m.  
January 31 – Rich & Bev Hadden at 3:00 p.m.

#### St. Margaret Mary

January 18 – Karen Litteral

**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](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org).

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

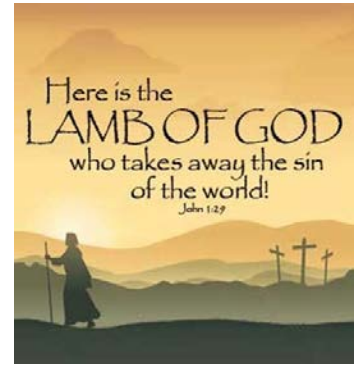
All bulletin announcements for Mary, Queen of Heaven must be approved by the appropriate director before submitting to Gina Perkins, Director of Communications, at [gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com](mailto:gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com). Announcements must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. Monday, two weeks prior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



## STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Were you aware that the term “Lamb of God” only appears in the Gospel of John? John was the youngest of the Twelve Apostles. His Gospel was the last of the four Gospels written (estimated around 90 AD). His Gospel is also unique among the four Gospels in its approach and in its style. John lets us know why he wrote it: “...that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.” (John 20:31)

For more than 1,300 years, the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) has been a standard part of our Catholic Mass. That term reminds us at every liturgy that Jesus allowed Himself to be sacrificed on our behalf. It was the ultimate act of love. In a small way, we are asked to respond to that sacrifice by living lives of stewardship — by giving of ourselves in many ways. Father Henri J. M. Nouwen, a prolific writer on what it means to be Catholic, said “Our humanity comes to its fullest bloom in giving. We become beautiful people when we give whatever we can give: a smile, a handshake, a kiss, an embrace, a word of love, a present, a part of our life...all of our life.”



### 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This weekend, the homily from Archbishop Casey explains how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese.

Thanks to the generosity of many families throughout Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes, here are the contributions from 2025 and the goals for 2026:

	2025 Goal	2025 Contributions	2026 Goal
St. Ann	\$43,200.00	\$35,499.00	\$43,470.00
St. Bernard	\$35,400.00	\$35,135.00	\$35,610.00
St. James	\$59,500.00	\$84,783.00	\$64,310.00
St. Margaret Mary	\$11,200.00	\$ 7,340.00	\$10,560.00

You will receive a CMA mailing from Archbishop Casey in the coming week. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass.

We will also be speaking about the CMA at the Masses on January 31 & February 1, where families will have an opportunity to make a commitment at that time. For more information or to make your donation online, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](https://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

Thank you!



### CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

would like to thank everyone who took a tag or two from the Advent Giving Trees at St. Ann and St. Margaret Mary. Over 700 gifts were given to families in need at Community Matters, St. Boniface Church, Healthy Moms and Babies, and Elizabeth New Life Center.

Thank you for your generosity in the Corporal Work of Mercy.



### Cincinnati Men's conference

Saturday, Jan 24, 2026 8:00AM - 4:00PM EST

5720 Hamilton Mason Road Hamilton, OH, 45011



Christian men are called to be leaders when times get tough. At the Cincinnati Men's Leadership Conference, Father Nathan Cromly will show you how to succeed in leading the culture of your family and your career by using your God-given power to aspire for greatness. This framework will provide the foundation for action as you become the leader you are called to be in your family, in your workplace, and in our culture.

[www.saintjohninstitute.org](https://www.saintjohninstitute.org)



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](mailto:yoder@stbernardtc.org) or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

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

### PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

There are two options available for PSR parents and St. Bernard Parents:

**Tuesday, February 2nd:** First Communion Parent Meeting (Spanish) at St. Ann's in the Trinity Room. OR, **Wednesday, February 11th:** First Communion Parent Meeting (English) at St. Bernard Church

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT LASALLE HIGH SCHOOL

LaSalle High School's Campus Ministry is hosting Eucharistic Adoration on **Tuesday, February 3rd from 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.** You are invited to attend and spend some time with Jesus Christ in prayer with the Blessed Sacrament in the St. John Baptist de La Salle Chapel. Students will also be invited to participate in Adoration during their religion classes throughout the school day. To offer this spiritual engagement opportunity for the young men, adult volunteers are needed to sign-up as "adorers" to pray for a Holy Hour. If you are interested, please contact Norb Mette at 513-477-0490.

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES:

### FAITH STUDY + VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADE 8-12

Please join us on Sundays (started **January 11**) for Faith & Volleyball. Faith study began on the same date 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](mailto:pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com) to register.

### 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. & 11:30 a.m. Masses



### IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION DATES:

Wednesday, January 21st MQH Confirmation Practice at 6:45 p.m. for all candidates and sponsors at St. Ann Campus.

Sunday, January 25th, MQH Confirmation Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains at 1:30 p.m. **The Archbishop has requested that the students arrive by 12:45 p.m. He will come to the undercroft to visit with the candidates prior to the Mass. Space is limited to the confirmand and their families.**

## 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](mailto: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.



## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 19

#### Parish Offices are Closed

9:00 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. CANA	St. James
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting	St. James
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

### Tuesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
9:30 a.m. Bible Study	St. James
10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary (BMH)	St. Ann
12:00 Noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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. Growing Faith	St. James
7:00 p.m. SAMA Men's Group (BMH)	St. Ann

### Wednesday, January 21

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
6:30 p.m. MQH Family Pastoral Council Meeting	St. Ann

### Thursday, January 22

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 23

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 24

Baby Bottle Campaign, MQH	
11:00 a.m. Baptisms	St. James
3:00 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

### Sunday, January 25

Baby Bottle Campaign, MQH	
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
1:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass	Cathedral

### ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

**Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner:** January 11th, 2026 – Cathy Oelling ( Ticket # 0803)

### ST. BERNARD 250 CLUB WINNERS: DECEMBER 2025

**1st Prize:** Steven & Pauline Meyers

**2nd Prize:** Joseph & Karen Halpin

**Early Bird 2026 Drawing Winner:** Dennis & Bonnie Campbell



### 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.



## OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL NEWS



## ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Students and teachers are excited to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** with a variety of fun and faith-filled activities. Highlights include the **Penny Challenge**, **8th Grade vs. Staff volleyball game**, the **Catholic Schools Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains**, and an all-school **Minute-to-Win-It** event. We are grateful for the gift of Catholic education and the strong community it fosters.

### MISSION FESTIVAL

The annual **St. Bernard School Mission Festival** will take place on **Friday, January 30**. Students in grades **Kindergarten through 7th grade** will enjoy carnival games run by our **8th graders**, with all proceeds benefiting our sister school, **St. Julie Billiart School in Busesa, Uganda**. This special event gives our students an opportunity to practice generosity and support the mission of Catholic education.

### 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

### WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

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

### NO SCHOOL!

There is no school Monday (January 19, 2026) due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. St. James School is also closed Tuesday (January 20, 2026) due to a teacher in-service. Enjoy the long weekend!

### CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Confirmation practice for students and sponsors is this Wednesday evening. Please see the Wednesday e-envelope for more details on time and location.

### WELCOME!

This week we are welcoming grandparents and special visitors for our 6th grade class! They will begin at Mass together with light refreshments to follow. Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event!

### KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH COMPASSION

Start 2026 by serving hope at **St. Francis Seraph Ministries**. Our **greatest need is for Breakfast Volunteers** to help serve a warm morning meal to neighbors experiencing homelessness. Morning shifts are short, meaningful, and a powerful way to begin your day in service. Dinner Volunteers are always needed as well!

Located in the St. Anthony Center (corner of Liberty & Republic). Free parking available! Sign up: [sfsministries.galaxydigital.com/need/](https://sfsministries.galaxydigital.com/need/) Questions? Email Susan at [swalsh@sfsministries.org](mailto:swalsh@sfsministries.org) or call **513-549-0542, ext. 284**.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark on Saturday, September 5!** The second annual Catholic Day at Great American Ballpark will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will host the Milwaukee Brewers that evening. More details will be announced soon.



### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

A six-week, self-care class for family caregivers began on **Thursday, January 8, 2026, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1553 Kinney Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45231.** Led by parish nurse Norah Bertschy and pastoral counselor Kristin Merrill, MS, MA, LPCC. Whether you need support right now or are just planning for the future, this program is for you. Join us as we support and learn from each other, discussing topics such as self-care, communicating with family, tools and resources for aging in place, and how to make tough caregiving decisions. Contact our CareLine at 513-869-4483, email [can@ccswoh.org](mailto:can@ccswoh.org) or visit <https://www.ccswoh.org/get-help/senior-caregiver-support-services/> for more information. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

### PARENTING CLASSES IN SPANISH

Parenting is a highly rewarding but very demanding job. Many parents find their responsibilities difficult. They need help. Catholic Charities offers a six-week course designed to help these parents increase their knowledge of child development, develop appropriate discipline skills, and otherwise improve the relationship with their children. Who should come? Parents with children under 12 years old, new parents, struggling parents, or any parent who wants to learn practical, effective parenting skills. The classes cover normal child development, realistic expectations, physical discipline alternatives, communication skills, problem-solving skills, coping skills, and stress management. The six-week sessions take place on Monday evenings from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and cost \$80.00. Parenting Education Class in Spanish schedule: Mondays, January 26-March 2; March 16-April 20; July 13-August 17; and October 19-November 23. Classes take place 4:30-6:30 p.m. Please contact Priscila Reyes for more details at 513-867-7076.

### FOLLOW AND PRAY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

Archbishop Casey has launched his own social media accounts! Follow him at: Instagram: [@archbishopcasey](https://www.instagram.com/archbishopcasey) or Facebook: [facebook.com/archbishopcasey](https://www.facebook.com/archbishopcasey)

### MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513-263-6623 or 1-800-686-2724, ext. 6623.



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY MASS**  
**January 19th at St. Bernard**  
**9:00am**  
 This will be the only Mass offered in the MQH Family this day.



**A Gift of Comfort for Your Family.**

*Complimentary*  
**Pre-planning Seminar**  
**Tuesday, February 24th**  
 11AM, 2PM, 6PM

**Call to RSVP Today**  
 (513) 489-0300

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 Archdiocese of Cincinnati



### YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### SUNDAY OFFERING – JANUARY 11, 2026

St. Ann	\$ 11,756.70
St. Bernard	Will be published in the next bulletin
St. James	\$ 14,827.09
St. Margaret Mary	\$ 1,933.00

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## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalms 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

### Monday, January 19, 2026

Weekday

1 Samuel 15:16-23

Psalms 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

Mark 2:18-22

### Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Weekday

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 27-28

Mark 2:23-28

### Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51

Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9, 10

Mark 3:1-6

### Thursday, January 22, 2026

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Psalms 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13

Mark 3:7-12

### Friday, January 23, 2026

Weekday

1 Samuel 24:3-21

Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11

Mark 3:13-19

### Saturday, January 24, 2026

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7

Mark 3:20-21

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## SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Saint of the Day: January 24

Patron Saint of Authors, Deafness, Journalists and Writers

Saint Francis de Sales was destined by his father to be a lawyer. For this reason, Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood.

His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis, did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Saint Francis de Sales set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear Confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints.

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Read the full article: "Saint Francis de Sales" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-francis-de-sales/> (Accessed January 5, 2026).

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