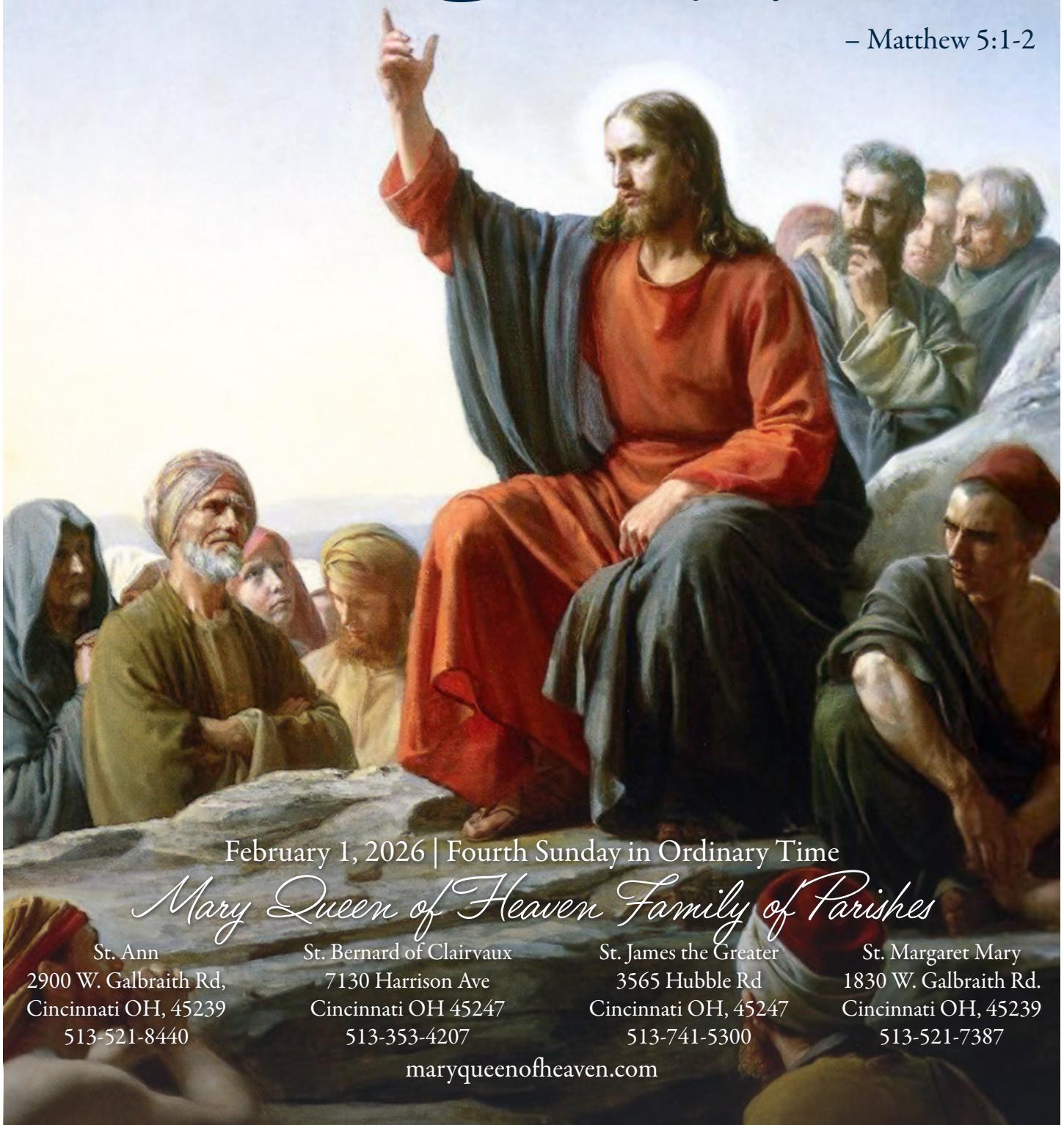


When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain,
and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him.
He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are..."

– Matthew 5:1-2



February 1, 2026 | Fourth 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, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m.	Rob Blaut	St. James
12:00 p.m.	Suzanne Jones	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	David Hils	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, February 3 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Lois Anderson	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Jun & Mares Bermas	St. James
12:00 Noon	Ryan Schmutte	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Our Lord of Hope	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, February 4 – Weekday

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

Thursday, February 5 – St. Agatha

8:30 a.m.	Lynne Eschenbach	St. Ann
12:00 Noon	Ed Rivera	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions

8:30 a.m.	Shirley Knose Wilcox	St. James
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Mariellen Rechting	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, February 7 – Weekday

3:00 p.m.	Joe Bosse	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Ray Harrigan	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Frank Osterhues	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	John Specht	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Hilda Hawkins	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	David Hils	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Mark Reichling	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	David Barkman	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Family	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	James Dewald	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :
Janice Maratta and Mary Jane Stenger

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

A BASIC CATECHISM:

We are a people of faith. This statement means nothing unless we can answer the question, "Faith in what?" Beginning this week, I will be using this column to explore some of the basic foundations of our faith. Our faith is in God and begins with and in God. We believe that there are three Persons in one God. Faith, however, is more than simply believing. It is becoming part of what we believe, becoming part of the relationship of those three Persons. Through faith, we actually enter into the life of the Trinity. At its basic core, our faith is a love story. It begins with creation and ends with eternity in the presence and life of our Creator. All of time and all of Scripture is God's invitation to know Him and be with Him. All of time and all of human experience is our response to God's invitation. This is a sacred mating dance. God proposes. We refuse. God waits. God proposes again, perhaps in another way or place. We consider. God waits for an opportunity to propose again. We finally accept, only to reconsider. The dance goes on and on. Hope joins with faith to tell us that the dance will lead to ultimate success, for both God and humanity, in eternity.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

Celebrates Jesus being brought into the temple by Mary and Joseph and their reception by Simeon and Anna. The feast is also called Candlemas because candles to be used throughout the year are blessed, a reflection of Simeon's recognition of the Light entering the world in Jesus.

PRAYER:

Lord, You are our only light. You lead us through our struggles and confirm us in our successes. You look upon us with compassion, and give us the warmth to look upon each other in the same way. Your warmth allows us to flower in goodness. Lord, may Your love always burn bright as a source of guidance for ourselves and for those around us.



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 31 – Rich & Bev Hadden at 3:00 p.m.
February 8 – Lyle & Terri Glazier at 9:00 a.m.
February 15 – Joyce May at 11:30 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

February 1 – Margie King

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.



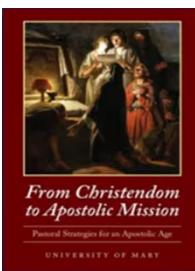
THE BEATITUDES and stewardship are deeply connected as the Beatitudes outline the heart and character of a faithful steward, describing a life of humility, mercy, and righteousness that reflects God's kingdom, while stewardship is the practical, grateful management of God's gifts (time, talents, resources, creation) in alignment with these blessed attitudes, involving service and justice.

From our youth, we learned that "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ... and the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Today, we can take that approach to stewardship, because blessings follow those who give to help their church.

The Beatitudes were spoken by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, found in Matthew, and also in the Sermon on the Plain, in Luke. They describe the character and attitudes valued in the Kingdom of Heaven and serve as a guide for living a Christian life. Key Beatitudes include blessings for the poor in spirit, those who mourn, the meek, and the peacemakers – and they are among the best-known Bible verses.

In a reversal, the Beatitudes pronounce blessings on those who are typically considered unfortunate by worldly standards, such as the poor in spirit and those who mourn. They emphasize virtues such as mercy, purity of heart, and a thirst for righteousness as qualities that lead to God's blessing.



ST. ANN MEN'S GROUP – BOOK DISCUSSION

Beginning on Saturday, February 14, the St. Ann Men's Group is going to host a book discussion on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. The group will meet in the Trinity Room from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and will begin with Monsignor James Patrick Shea's, *From Christendom to Apostolic Age*. Each of the five chapters will be discussed and be used as a springboard to talk about the current culture that we live in and educate ourselves on the best ways to share our Catholic faith with others in an increasingly non-Christian culture.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Through your generous donations of nonperishable food items, volunteers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are able to assist neighbors in need within our community. Currently, the SVDP pantry at St. Ann is in need of jelly, pork & beans, instant potatoes, rice, Tuna Helper, pasta and macaroni, and Chef Boyardee meals. If you are interested in learning more about the work of St. Vincent de Paul, please contact one of our conference presidents. St. Ann: Julie Bearcroft at jabearcroft@gmail.com; St. Bernard: Mary Bradford at maryebradford3@gmail.com; St. James: John Herrmann at jph5513@gmail.com.

"Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me." Psalm 50:15



PRAYER FOR NEIGHBORS

"Precious Holy Spirit, I come to you with a broken heart for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living with no security, no shelter and no safety from the outside world. Please be with all the men, women, and children in our world who are homeless, as well as the struggling poor and our St. Vincent de Paul neighbors. Give them extra warmth and peace, as we provide opportunities for a better life. Give them hope where there is no hope and provide wisdom as they work through their trials. Lord, let them know they are loved and prayed for, Your precious children, who will never be forgotten. In Jesus name, Amen."

Vincentians offer our neighbors hope in a material sense by easing their current financial crisis, but more importantly, we offer them spiritual hope in Christ's never-ending love for them. Vincentians are keenly aware of our dependency on God's providence and the power of prayer. Mary, Queen of Heaven Vincentians invite you to save the above prayer and to pray it often for our neighbors-in-need.

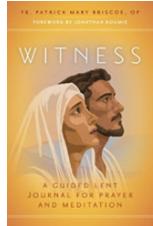
"The measure of our love for others can largely be determined by the frequency and earnestness of our prayers for them."

– Arthur W. Pink

Parish SVDP Help Lines: St. Ann 513-521-8440, ext. 121, St. Bernard 513-520-8911, St. James 513-741-5300 business hours; ext. 234 (voicemail)

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

This Lent, walk the road to Calvary with those who witnessed the Passion firsthand with the Lenten devotional *WITNESS* from Ave Maria Press. Explore the characters of the Passion one by one, examining their choices, their failures, and their moments of grace. Some will inspire you; others may unsettle you. But all will draw you closer to Jesus. The book *WITNESS* is a journal for daily prayer and meditation. Weekly, we will gather and meditate on different virtues with biblical figures from the Passion, and watch a companion reflection video featuring Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP. **Meet with us for seven Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in St. James Seniors Room starting February 17th, ending March 31st.** RSVP to Elaine Rasp by February 9th for ordering books, 513-604-5091 ELAINELRASP@GMAIL.COM





THE MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN EVANGELIZATION TEAM

Mrs. Barbara Yoder, Director, also Adult Evangelization; Dcn. Tim Crooker, Marriage and Family; Mrs. Pam Bevington, Youth; Mrs. Elena McSwane, Children. 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, yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR

FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENT PREPARATION

There are two options available for PSR parents and St. Bernard Parents: **Tuesday, February 3rd**: 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. ALSO, **Tuesday, February 17th**: First Communion Parent Meeting for St. James School Students.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATES:

FAITH STUDY + VOLLEYBALL FOR GRADE 8-12

A new 4-week study begins with the program "Return," preparing our hearts for the season of Lent. Faith & Dinner begins at 6:25 p.m. in Marian Hall (church undercroft). Volleyball begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Sign up for both or just one event. February 22, March 8, 15, & 22, 2026 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Springdale & Harrison Roads. pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com, 513-741-5300

YOUNG ADULT GATHERINGS

BEHOLD – FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Friday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. St. Monica St. George

Mount St. Mary's Seminarians and Queen City Catholic invite all young adults to join them for an evening of Adoration, prayer teams, music, the opportunity for Confession, and a social with beverages, food and fellowship.

SACRAMENTAL HUB – EVERY OTHER TUESDAY,

ST. PETER IN CHAINS CATHEDRAL

The Sacramental Hub is a place for young adults to come together and worship our Lord. Having regular access to the sacraments and finding community are crucial parts of the Catholic faith; Sacramental Hubs are a place to find both. Come encounter the Lord through Adoration, Confession, Mass, and Praise and Worship. Stick around afterwards to meet other young adults in the area—grab dinner or head to a local brewery to keep the community going.

The Sacramental Hub takes place every other Tuesday night. Join us in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral (325 W. 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202). We will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Adoration, Praise and Worship, and Confession. Mass begins at 8:00 p.m., and the evening wraps up around 9:00 p.m. Free parking is available in the lot behind the Cathedral (entrance on Plum Street). Please enter through the Handicap entrance on the left side of the Cathedral. UPCOMING MEETINGS: February 10, 24, March 24, April 7 and 21, May 19.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

February 7-14, 2026 is National Marriage Week! **World Marriage Sunday will be celebrated on February 8th.** This year's theme will be "Man and Woman, He Created Them: Together with Purpose." This theme honors the unique gifts of men and women, and how these gifts are expressed in a spirit of complementarity.

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

MQH CHILDREN'S VBS – "LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM" – JULY 13-17, 2026



2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries!

Pledge cards are available in the pews for your convenience. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 2

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
6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Meeting
6:45 p.m.	Mass
7:30 p.m.	Patriotic Rosary

Tuesday, February 3

8:30 a.m.	Mass
8:30 a.m.	Mass
9:15 a.m.	5th Grade Grandparent Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
10:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary (BMH)
12:00 p.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 p.m.	Mass
3:15 p.m.	Children's Choir
5:00 p.m.	Benediction
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass
7:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry
7:00 p.m.	AHG Leaders Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Growing Faith
7:00 p.m.	St. James Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.	St. Ann Parish Council

Wednesday, February 4

8:05 a.m.	Rosary
8:30 a.m.	Mass
8:30 a.m.	Mass
9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
11:00 a.m.	Senior Luncheon
5:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 4961 Meeting
7:00 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting

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Thursday, February 5

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m.	Exposition	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Luke Bible Study	St. Bernard
11:00 a.m.	Mom's Ministry	St. James
12:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
1:30 p.m.	St. James Parent/Teacher Conferences	St. James
4:30 p.m.	St. James Teacher Conference Dinner	St. James
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:45 p.m.	Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, February 6

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, February 7

6:15 a.m.	That Man Is You!	St. Bernard
7:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	St. Ann
Baby Bottle Collection, Mary, Queen of Heaven Parishes		
3:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Mass	St. James

Sunday, February 8

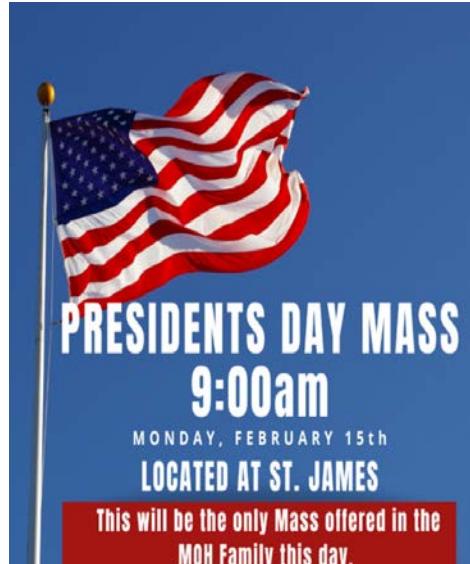
Baby Bottle Collection, Mary, Queen of Heaven Parishes		
8:00 a.m.	Cookie Connection	St. James
8:00 a.m.	Mass	St. James
8:00 a.m.	Rosary	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Preschool	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:10 a.m.	St. Ann Mass + ...12 Tribes of Israel Part 2	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



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@sbernardtc.org at St. Bernard; gperkins@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James; jpetrey@stmargaretmaryparish.org at St. Margaret Mary.





Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

*would like to congratulate the following parishioners who were confirmed on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 1:30pm
by Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, Archbishop of Cincinnati
at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains*

Janet Abughosh Santos	Jaxon Back	Tyler Barsan	Alexandra Bartlowe
Jaxson Basinger	Tate Beckman	Melanie Bell	Grant Blank
Evan Botts	Owen Braasch	Tommy Brinck	Ryan Brinkman
Tobias Brown	Madison Cigolotti	Carlos Coronado Rodriguez	Lillie Curtis
Claire DeKors	Wyatt Dillenburger	Ryan Doxsey	Kaseon Elliot
Kendall Fouts	Kyle Fouts	Anna Franchi	Nathaniel Garland
Katherine Girardot	Thomas Girardot	Josephine Glassey	Natalie Gomez Peña
Julian Guadiz	Christopher Hall	Ella Hansert	James Harlow
Tess Hartmann	Mia Haun	Liam Hawley	John Hermann
Elyana Hines	Evelyn Hotlhaus	Cora Hood	Caelyn Howard
Liam Hugentobler	Joseph Jackson	Sophia Jones	Bryson Jorg
Matthew Joseph	Benjamin Kemen	Ava King	Ellie Kinne
Ella Kist	Lacee Klosterman	Andrew Korfhagen	Ava Kramer
Abigail Link	Ethan Liston	Jonathan Lopez Pablo	Jacob Louis
Victor Lizardo Sanchez	Abigail Mason	Mia Mirizzi	Oliver Morgan
Isla Novak	Emily Peter	James Peter	Theo Ramer
Ryan Reder	Enrico Reid	Reagan Reynolds	Nicholas Rumpke
Carly Schibi	Emily Schibi	McKinley Schmid	Caden Schmidt
Jayden Schnur	Luca Schweer	David Seibel	Owen Sexton
Dominic Swygart	Arianna Szoke	Lucia Teepe	Tysen Thompson
Katherine Trenkamp	Vincent Veach	Aaron Vineyard	Alec Vorderbruggen
Peyton Wallpe	Jaxson Waters	Nathaniel Wilson	

"From there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search with all your heart and soul."

Deuteronomy 4:29



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS



AUTHOR STUDY

St. Bernard School was delighted to welcome back alumna **Christine (Demeropolis) Hoffman**, who recently returned to campus to read her newly published children's picture book, *Teddy Lou, Bell Guru*, to students in **Kindergarten through 2nd grade**. To bring the story to life, Christine partnered with a longtime St. Bernard classmate, **Sara (Bonner) Fox**, who illustrated the book. We are grateful to Christine for sharing her creativity and talents with our students and for returning to St. Bernard to inspire the next generation of readers and writers.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS

THIS WEEK WE ARE WELCOMING GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL VISITORS FOR OUR 5TH GRADE CLASS!

They will begin at Mass together with light refreshments to follow. Thank you to our PTO for organizing this event!

EARLY RELEASE DAY

There is an early release day on Thursday, February 5th due to conferences. Students will be dismissed at 1:05 p.m.

NO SCHOOL

There is no school on Friday, February 6th or Monday, February 9th! Enjoy your long weekend.

OUR 2026 FISH FRY IS FAST APPROACHING!

 We need many volunteers and hope that you might consider helping, even if you have never volunteered at the Fish Fry before! There are many opportunities to get involved, so please sign up now. It is as simple as visiting our website at www.stjamesfishfry.org and clicking on "Volunteers." You may select any dates and areas of interest. If you have any questions, please email the Fish Fry Committee at stjfishfrywo@gmail.com.
Please join us for good food and fellowship every Friday from February 20th-March 27th from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the church undercroft. We will once again be serving our delicious baked and fried fish, fried shrimp, and LaRosa's cheese pizzas!
Hope to see you!
The Fish Fry Committee



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 two 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

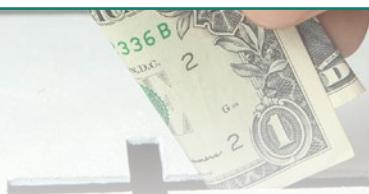
Luncheon is Wednesday, February 4th at 11:00 a.m.
in the Church Hall.

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 1, 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Matthew 5:1-12a

Monday, February 2, 2026

The Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Weekday
2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Weekday
2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 6, 2026

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sirach 47:2-11
Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51
Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7, 2026

Weekday
1 Kings 3:4-13
Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
Mark 6:30-34

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

SAINT ANSGAR

Saint of the Day: February 3

Patron Saint of Denmark

The "apostle of the north" (Scandinavia) had enough frustrations to become a saint – and he did. He became a Benedictine at Corbie, France, where he had been educated. Three years later, when the king of Denmark became a convert, Ansgar went to that country for three years of missionary work, without noticeable success. Sweden asked for Christian missionaries, and he went there, suffering capture by pirates and other hardships on the way.

Fewer than two years later, he was recalled, to become abbot of New Corbie (Corvey) and bishop of Hamburg. The pope made him legate for the Scandinavian missions. Funds for the northern apostolate stopped with Emperor Louis' death. After 13 years' work in Hamburg, Saint Ansgar saw it burned to the ground by invading Northmen; Sweden and Denmark returned to paganism.

He directed new apostolic activities in the North, traveling to Denmark and being instrumental in the conversion of another king. By the strange device of casting lots, the king of Sweden allowed the Christian missionaries to return.

Saint Ansgar's biographers remark that he was an extraordinary preacher, a humble and ascetical priest. He was devoted to the poor and the sick, imitating the Lord in washing their feet and waiting on them at table. He died peacefully at Bremen, Germany, without achieving his wish to be a martyr. Sweden became pagan again after his death, and remained so until the coming of missionaries two centuries later. Saint Ansgar shares the celebration of his liturgical feast with Saint Blaise on February 3. Ansgar's life is another reminder that God writes straight with crooked lines. Christ takes care of the effects of the apostolate in His own way; He is first concerned about the purity of the apostles themselves.

Read the full article: "Saint Ansgar" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ansgar/> (Accessed January 15, 2026).

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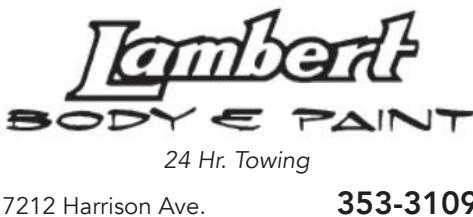
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