

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.

I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.

- Matthew 5:17



February 15, 2026 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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St. James the Greater

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St. Margaret Mary

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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 16 – Weekday

9:00 a.m.	George Langenbrunner	St. James
12:00 p.m.	No Mass	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Tuesday, February 17 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Betty Shirmer	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Elbren Agdeppa, Sr.	St. James
12:00 Noon	Judy Walters	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Clergy of Mary, Queen of Heaven Parish Family	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Helen Hinkle	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Helen Robb	St. Ann
12:00 p.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. Margaret Mary
4:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Ann
5:30 p.m.	Pat Lohbeck	St. Bernard
7:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. James

Thursday, February 19 – Thursday After Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Jim Dewald	St. Ann
12:00 p.m.	James Knight	St. Margaret Mary
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, February 20 – Friday After Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m.	Rick Voegele	St. James
12:00 Noon	Don Minges	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Saturday, February 21 – Saturday After Ash Wednesday

3:00 p.m.	Tim Withrow	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	John Langefeld	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Special Intention of Nick Brennan	St. James
	No Mass	St. Margaret Mary

Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m.	St. James Memorial Fund	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mary Godbey	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Thelma Enderle	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Kim Bovin	St. Margaret Mary
10:00 a.m.	Mary Etze	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Fr. Rob Jack	St. Ann

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of :
Bill Flowers and Maureen Bunger

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen



MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children age seven and younger is celebrated each month at St. James (4th Sunday, 11:30 a.m.); St. Bernard (2nd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.); and as scheduled at St. Ann & St. Margaret Mary. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions on Baptism are held the Second Thursday of each month at St. James or by appointment at St. Bernard & St. Margaret Mary. St. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the Third Sunday of the month.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE SEASON OF LENT: Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. With the reception of ashes, we recognize the death and sin within us, and we recommit ourselves to life. Lent is the season for doing something different. We hear God calling us back. God longs to pull us out of our sins and away from death. Lent is God's promise of life, a promise that is fulfilled at Easter. Lent is our response to God's call. We all need to walk more closely with God. We pray. We reflect. We do. We seek God in order to more closely model our lives upon His. We open ourselves to change, so that God may form and reform us more closely in His image.

A BASIC CATECHISM: We celebrate God as Our Father, but it would make no sense for us to speak of God the Father, unless there be a child. This, of course is God the Son, but we can also extend the meaning to all of creation. God is Our Father. Making this statement defines God, from the very beginning as being in relationship. The Son is His child. We are His children. We often speak of the Holy Spirit as being the love shared by Father and Son. Just as human fatherhood should be more than simply having children, providing them with material resources, or even giving them a good example and upbringing, at the heart of God the Father is Love. Being a father does not imply just any relationship, but rather a profoundly loving relationship. God the Father is far more than simply God the Creator. The Father's Love is the most pure love that unites God as One in the Trinity. This is the most pure love that promises to unite all of us with our God. This Love that we celebrate in God the Father is one of choice and selfless giving. He chooses to love us, not just in that he has brought us into being, but that he is Being with us now, and continues to nourish us through the gift of his Being. This is the Father that all fathers are called to emulate.

PRAYER: Like You, Jesus, we face temptation every day. Sometimes it is a losing struggle. Be with us when we fall. Help us to return to the Spirit within. May Your love always be the center of our lives.



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

February 15 – Joyce May at 11:30 a.m.

February 21 – Eric & Stephanie Morris at 3:00 p.m.

March 1 – Ray & Diane Roesner at 9:00 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary

February 15 – Bill & Pam Windisch

Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry to pray for Catholics to answer the call to a vocation as priests, or religious such as brothers and sisters.

LITURGY/CONFESIONS

St. James

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 8:30 a.m.

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00/10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation: Friday 9:00-10:00 a.m.

St. Ann

Monday 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Friday No Mass

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00/ 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Monday & Thursday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary

Monday-Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 12:00 Noon

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernard

Monday 12:00 Noon

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Thursday No Mass

Friday 12:00 Noon

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30/10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m.

BEQUESTS

A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

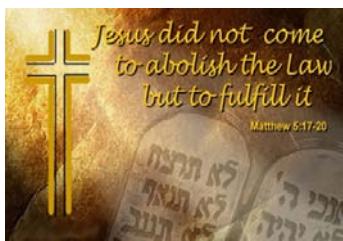
Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



STEWARSHIP AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



Stewardship and The Ten Commandments are deeply linked, as the commandments provide the **ethical framework** for managing God's creation and resources. They call for stewardship over **time, talent, and treasure**, highlighting that God owns all things, while

humans are caretakers responsible for using them to glorify Him and serve others.

Key connections between stewardship and The Ten Commandments include:

Recognition of Ownership (First 4 Commandments): The first four commandments (e.g., no other gods, honoring the Sabbath) emphasize that God is the Creator and owner of all things, establishing the foundational principle of stewardship that we are managers of His resources.

Responsible Management (The 5th-10th Commandments): The remaining commandments, particularly the Eighth ("You shall not steal"), are directly related to stewardship. They require respecting others' property, being honest with resources, and not misusing or wasting what God has entrusted to us.

Stewardship as Obedience: Disobeying God's commands, such as coveting or stealing, is considered thievery of God's resources, whereas obedience is the practice of faithful stewardship.

A FEW QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Do I live as if I own my possessions, or as a steward of God's property?

How am I using my limited time to serve God and others?

Am I using my unique skills to contribute to the community?

Am I generous with my finances, or am I hoarding?

Do I treat my body and health as a gift from God?



2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

We thank everyone who has participated in the 2026 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministry areas right here in our archdiocese. Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish contribution goal will stay in our parish, so please be as generous as you can. To make an online donation, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

Thank you!

Hospital Ministry



Chaplains and lay pastoral ministers bring the sacraments, prayer, and companionship to the hospitalized, their families, and hospital staff.

Through this ministry, we fulfill the scriptures, "For I was ill, and you cared for Me." (Mt. 25:36)

Over **40,000** visits at **14** hospital campuses are made each year.

Retired Priests & Senior Clergy



The CMA helps extend the ministry of retired priests to parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Many of our priests continue their ministry for years after retirement by assisting pastors with weekend Masses, hearing confessions, visiting the sick in hospitals, and more.

107 priests receive retirement benefits, and an additional **14** are Senior Clergy (priests who choose to postpone retirement and continue serving in active ministry beyond age 70).



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Last year, our Family of Parishes participated in a very successful Lenten Collection Drive. Our parishioners were very generous as they supported the work of St. Vincent de Paul in this event. This year, we will participate in the Share What You Can collection drive once again. Each week, we will ask for donations of a particular item to help

our neighbors in need. A collection barrel or box will be available at St. Ann, St. James, and St. Margaret Mary as we work together to be good stewards of the gifts and blessings God has given us.

Week 1: Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Each life is unique, sacred, and unrepeatable – God has crafted each of us with a specific witness to be shown in our world, and our faith reminds us that each life has deeper value, even when it is hard to see. Each person has a dignity which never diminishes because of their situation or what they have to offer. We have value simply for who we are and loved precisely because of that.

St. Vincent de Paul continually seeks to protect and honor the gift of every life, despite the circumstances someone finds themselves in, always seeking the face of Christ hidden in our midst.

What are some ways you honor and respect the life of others in our community around you?

Please bring the following item to donate next week: Cereal



PRESIDENTS DAY MASS
9:00am
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th
LOCATED AT ST. JAMES

This will be the only Mass offered in the MQH Family this day.

**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, at yoder@stbernardtc.org or 513-353-4207, ext. 5.

OCIA RITE OF SENDING & RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of names of all the Catechumens seeking Baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent, the Catechumens, their sponsors and families gather at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. The Catechumens publicly express their desire for Baptism to the diocesan bishop. Their names are recorded in a book, and they are called the Elect. **They will be sent from the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. James Church on Sunday, February 22nd.** All are welcome to attend Mass at St. James and pray for them in person. They will be remembered at all the parishes.

**CONFIRMATION MASS IS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

The Confirmation Mass, which was cancelled due to the snowstorm, has been rescheduled for next Saturday, February 21st at 4:30 p.m. at St. James Church. Eighty-seven of our parish youth will be confirmed by Archbishop Robert Casey. **PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.** We kindly ask that only those to be confirmed, along with their families and guests, attend this Mass. Due to the number of people we are expecting, there will be no extra seats available.

SAVE THE DATES!

MQH SUMMER PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION PROGRAM, Grades 1-8 – JUNE 1-12, 2026
MQH CHILDREN'S VBS – "LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM" – JULY 13-17, 2026

YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING:**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, and 22, 2026 at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Springdale & Harrison Roads. Pbevington@stjameswhiteoak.com, 513-741-5300.

**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 for ordering books at 513-604-5091 ELAINELRASP@GMAIL.COM

**LOVE IN ACTION****40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The "40 Days for Life" Prayer Vigil outside of Planned Parenthood is a peaceful presence dedicated to ending abortion through prayer, fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. Those who stand witness send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. The Spring/Lenten Campaign runs from February 18 through March 29. Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes will be participating on Saturday, February 28 from 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. Please consider signing up to pray with us in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue. Please call or email Connie Kirby 513-470-4010 (fullyalive@yahoo.com) to sign up. If you cannot make this date and would like to participate, check out "cincy40days@fuse.net" Thank you!

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Are you struggling to find moments in your day for Jesus? Do you think "where can I find the time for Jesus outside of Sunday Mass? Why not spend time with Jesus and share what is in your heart and your mind with Jesus.

Our parish family has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday afternoons at Saint Bernard Church from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. and at Saint Ann Church on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Members of the Mary, Queen of Heaven Respect Life Ministry will come together on the 3rd Thursday of the month for a Holy Hour for Life at St. Ann at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!





EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 16 – Presidents' Day

MQH Parish Offices are Closed

8:05 a.m. Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. CANA
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
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
6:30 p.m. 1st Communion Parent Meeting
7:00 p.m. Hispanic Ministry
7:00 p.m. Growing Faith

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Wednesday, February 18 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 a.m.	Prayer Service with Ashes	St. James
8:05 a.m.	Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
12:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
1:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Prayer Service with Ashes	St. James
4:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
5:30 p.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
7:00 p.m.	Mass	St. James



ASH WEDNESDAY

St. James will have a Prayer Service with Ashes on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m.

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.

Thursday, February 19

8:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m.	Exposition	St. Ann
9:30 a.m.	Mom's Group	St. James
10:00 a.m.	Luke Bible Study	St. Bernard
11:00 a.m.	Women's/Mom's Ministry	St. James
12:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Margaret Mary
5:00 p.m.	Confessions	St. Ann
6:30 p.m.	Fish Fry Prep	St. James
6:45 p.m.	Benediction	St. Ann
7:00 p.m.	AHG (7th Grade)	St. James

Friday, February 20

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
4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry	St. James

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6:15 a.m.	That Man Is You!	St. Bernard
8:00 a.m.	Men's Book Club (TR)	St. Ann
3:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Mass MOH Confirmation Mass	St. James

Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, February 21 - First Sunday in Lent		
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 - 5th Grade Family 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
11:00 a.m.	AHG Sunday	St. James
11:30 a.m.	Mass	St. Ann
11:30 a.m.	Baptisms	St. James

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule



- 8:30am St. Bernard*
- 8:30am St. James*
- 10:30am St. Ann*
- 12:00pm St. Margaret Mary
- 4:00pm St. Ann
- 5:30pm St. Bernard
- 7:00pm St. James

*Masses w/ Students



ST. BERNARD SCHOOL NEWS

DINE TO DONATE – SUPPORT ST. BERNARD!

Join us on Wednesday, February 25th, from 2:00-8:00 p.m. at Raising Cane's on Colerain Avenue for a Dine to Donate fundraiser! 15% of all sales – including dine-in, carryout, and drive-thru – will be donated to St. Bernard. Bring your family and friends, enjoy a meal, and help support our school community. Thank you for your support!

8TH GRADE HISTORY GUEST SPEAKERS

As part of their study of the U.S. Constitution, our 8th grade American History class will welcome several guest speakers who are active in different levels of government. Diana Telles will speak about Article V of the Constitution, Colerain Township Trustee Dan Unger will discuss local government, and Ohio Supreme Court Justice Pat DeWine will share insights about state government. We are grateful for their time and for the opportunity this gives our students to connect classroom learning with real-world civic life.

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

WELCOME TO OUR FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES!

We are so glad you could join us for the special Fifth Grade Family Mass!

THERE IS NO SCHOOL TOMORROW, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, DUE TO PRESIDENTS' DAY. Enjoy the long weekend!

THERE IS A FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING TUESDAY EVENING. Please see the Wednesday Envelope for more details.

FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR OUR 2ND TRIMESTER!

We are so proud of all the learning and accomplishments that took place this trimester!

ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner: February 8, 2026 – Mary Chase (Ticket # 0324)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Ann on Fridays during Lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Afterward, Deacon Doug will host a video from Brant Pitre's "Jesus and the End of Times" in the church.

The series explores the end times. Dr. Pitre brings clarity and precision to the confusion that frequently surrounds the doctrine of the end times, by answering crucial questions such as:

- What is the meaning of Jesus' prophecies of tribulation and the coming of the Son of Man? Are we in the "end times" now?
- Why did Jesus prophesy the destruction of The Temple, and how does it relate to the End of the World?
- Is the Protestant belief in a secret "Rapture" a biblical teaching or a false doctrine?
- What will The Final Judgment be like, and how will we be judged?

If you've ever wondered about where this world is heading and what the ultimate destiny of humanity is, then you don't want to miss this powerful study of the truth about what the Bible and the Catholic Church teach about the last days.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Members of Christian Outreach will be in the Gathering Space at St. Ann after Mass next weekend, February 21 and 22, to collect your donation for our Twinning Parish, Our Lord of Hope, in Lima, Peru. Due to the high cost of shipping items currently from Peru, Christian Outreach does not have the usual artisan items for sale. Your donation will help special needs children at the school.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in this Corporal Work of Mercy.



**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK AND OUR FIRST FISH FRY WILL BE THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH!**

We are again serving delicious fried fish, baked fish or fried shrimp dinners each with 2 sides: Your choice of coleslaw, green beans or applesauce and choice of french fries or mac and cheese. Fish dinners come with North College Hill Bakery bread in your choice of white, rye, or salted rye. We also have fried fish baskets, large and small, with fries and coleslaw. LaRosa's will be onsite with the Pizza Truck for hot, delicious LaRosa's Cheese Pizzas to add to your order! Our dine-in beverage services will include pop, bottled water, Little Hugs, domestic and craft beer and seltzers, and complimentary White Oak Coffee House Coffee. The Girl Scouts will be selling desserts. And from 5:00-7:00 p.m., there will be a craft to make for school-age children, brought to you by the American Heritage Girls.

Fish Fry Dates: February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, and 27 (there is no Fish Fry on Good Friday)

Dine-in: 4:30-7:30 p.m. – The kitchen, fry shack and the app will close at 7:30 p.m. But the dining room will remain open and sell any food remaining and allow continued fellowship until 8:00 p.m.

God & Cod 2026 THERE ARE 3 OPTIONS TO ORDER CARRYOUT:

1. Come in as usual and place a carry-out order to take with you. (follow signs to the same carry-out area as in past)
2. **PHONE** – Call the Church Hall at 513-741-5311 between the hours of 2:00-7:15 p.m. on Fridays to place order, give a time to pick up between 4:30-7:30 p.m. and come into the hall. Pay at pick up. We accept cash, checks or credit cards. This is a single phone line, so please be patient.
3. **DRIVE-THRU** – Download the app “MyMenuHelper” to your smart phone. Select our St. James Fish Fry. Place order, select pick-up time and pay through the app. Please give complete info, including FIRST and LAST name. We have curbside pickup in our church lot. Please look for volunteers and signs for the drive-thru for **ONLINE ORDERS ONLY**.

Special Note About the Lower Church Parking Lot: Please be careful and alert. Look for our volunteers and signs and watch for pedestrians! There will be only one Entrance and one Exit open to help with the flow through the lot. Thank you in advance!

We are still needing volunteers – especially help in the Fry Shack and cleanup! Please visit <http://www.stjamesfishfry.org> to volunteer. Please email the Fish Fry Committee at stjfishfrywo@gmail.com with any questions.

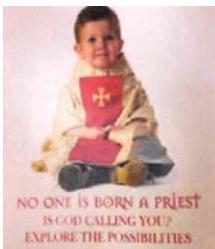
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La Salle High School is answering the call to serve with its 6th Annual Truck Full of Love: Clothing Drive. The LS Truck Full of Love: Clothing Drive is right around the corner and is a great opportunity for you to donate gently used clothes, linens, shoes, blankets, etc.... On February 22 and March 1 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. you will be able to pull through the front of La Salle High School where students will be there to help unload your donations. All donations will benefit local non-profit, Matthew 25: Ministries. Any and every donation is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact the La Salle High School student servant leaders via email at lsclothingdrive@lasallehs.net.

St. John Baptist de La Salle... pray for us.

Live, Jesus, in our hearts... forever.

We are... called to serve.

**THE VOCATION CHALICE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Vocation Chalice program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder to pray and bring the Mass home with us - the joy, the gratitude, and the mission to share the

love of Christ with others in our families.

Beginning on the weekend of February 21-22, parishioners have the opportunity to sign up to be a part of the St. Ann Vocation Chalice Program.

Signing up is quick and easy. Just sign your name and phone number on a sheet in the Gathering Space for your preferred Mass time. Each weekend throughout the year, we rotate the presentation of the Vocation Chalice at a different Mass. The upcoming schedule is posted in bulletin each week.

Do not be afraid or nervous to sign up! About one month before your scheduled time, you will receive a letter in the mail, or email if you prefer, with your scheduled date and time. **Prayers and reflections will be provided.**

On your assigned date, at the end of Mass, Father will call you forward to receive the Chalice. We ask you to display the Chalice in a prominent place in your home and use it as the focal point for praying for an increase in vocations.

The chalice should be returned the following weekend. Please note, if you sign up for the 11:30 a.m. Mass, the chalice needs to be returned before the 3:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday.

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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 your 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, February 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sirach 15:15-20
Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

Monday, February 16, 2026

Weekday
James 1:1-11
Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Weekday
James 1:12-18
Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
Mark 8:14-21

Friday, February 20, 2026

Friday after Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:1-9a
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:12-18
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5:27-32

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday after Ash Wednesday
Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Luke 9:22-25

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

SAINT PETER DAMIAN

Saint of the Day: February 21

Patron Saint of insomnia and sleep difficulties

Saint Peter escaped poverty and the neglect of his own brother when his other brother, who was archpriest of Ravenna, took him under his wing. His brother sent him to good schools and Peter became a professor.

Soon, he decided to leave his teaching and give himself completely to prayer with the Benedictines of the reform of Saint Romuald at Fonte Avellana. They lived two monks to a hermitage. Peter was so eager to pray and slept so little that he soon suffered from severe insomnia. He found he had to use some prudence in taking care of himself. When he was not praying, he studied the Bible.

The abbot commanded that when he died Saint Peter Damian should succeed him. Abbot Saint Peter founded five other hermitages. He encouraged his brothers in a life of prayer and solitude and wanted nothing more for himself.

Pope Stephen IX made Saint Peter Damian the cardinal-bishop of Ostia. He worked hard to wipe out simony – the buying of church offices – and encouraged his priests to observe celibacy and urged even the diocesan clergy to live together and maintain scheduled prayer and religious observance. He wished to restore primitive discipline among religious and priests, warning against needless travel, violations of poverty, and too comfortable living. He asked often to be allowed to retire as cardinal-bishop of Ostia, and finally Pope Alexander II consented. Saint Peter Damian was happy to become once again just a monk, but he was still called to serve as a papal legate. When returning from such an assignment in Ravenna, he was overcome by a fever. With the monks gathered around him saying the Divine Office, he died on February 22, 1072. In 1828, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.

Read the full article: "Saint Peter Damian" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-peter-damian/> (Accessed February 2, 2026).

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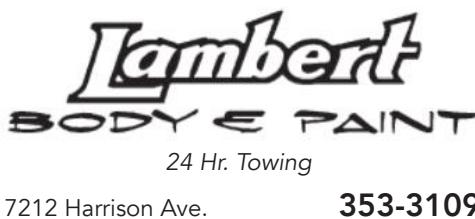
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