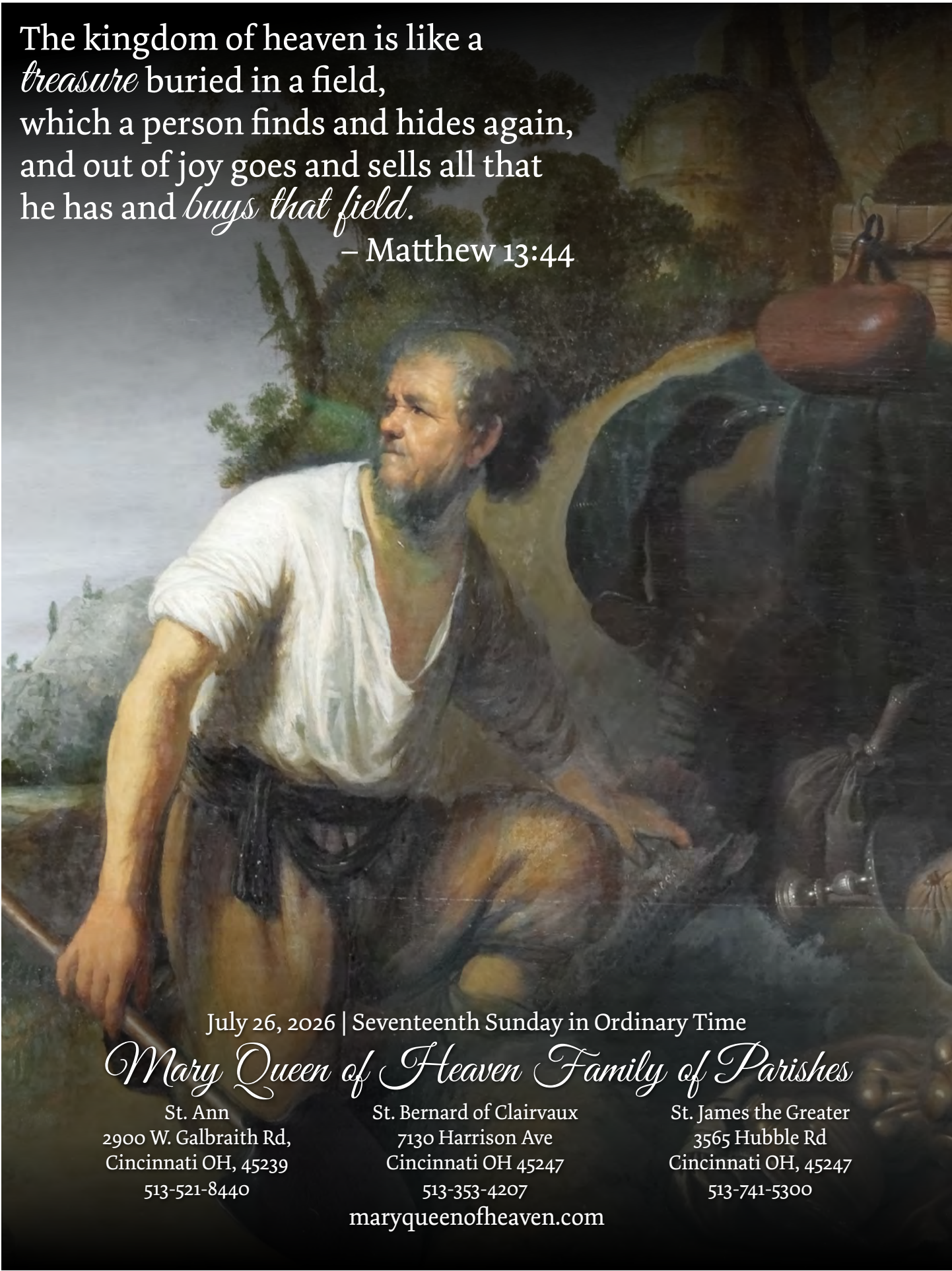




The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that
he has and *buys that field*.

– Matthew 13:44

July 26, 2026 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes

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A PRAYER FOR MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES

For our Family of Parishes, that our four parishes may, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, work in a spirit of collaboration with one another as we together strive for holiness, and embrace the Mission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all, let us pray to the Lord...

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 has either 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.**

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 or Barb Yoder 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.

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. 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. Ann has Baptism preparation classes during Mass+ on the Third Sunday of the month.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

FAMILY

July 25 is the Feast of St. James the Greater. July 26 is the Feast of St. Ann, the Mother of Mary. We have two of our family feast days occurring at the same time, and also the festival at St. James. St. Bernard's feast day is still several weeks away, on August 20, and St. Margaret Mary, not until October 16. I like to think of this weekend as part of our continuing celebration of family.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

REFLECTION

There is no aisle in a store where a person buys bread or wine without price. There are places where a poor person can receive a meal without charge. These meals are without price because of the caring that is given with them. There is an aisle in the Church where not just bread and wine but the very Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is offered without price. It is because of Jesus' great love and sacrifice that we who are poor are able to receive. The Body and Blood of Christ is the richest meal of all. We feast upon the love of Christ and of all who join in the celebration. The meal does have a price, not to the one who receives, but to the one who gives. We contribute our hearts to the Eucharistic meal. Even in that, however, Christ has first given us the gift which we in turn give to each other.

PRAYER

Jesus, it is from Your open hand that we receive our most precious meal. Recreate us, Jesus, through the celebration of Your love. May the Eucharist we receive become a boon and a rich blessing to all people.



VOCATION CHALICE AT ST. ANN

July 25th – Jim & Mary Lee Nichols at 3:00 p.m.
August 2nd – Mary Ann Kasselmann at 9:00 a.m.
August 9th – Barb Ulm at 11:30 a.m.



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.

IN SYMPATHY

Mary, Queen of Heaven extends prayers and sympathy to the families of Edward J. Dowling, Jr.

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



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. 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.

ST. JAMES CEMETERY

Frank Bromer: 513-801-4238

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.



PRIEST'S MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 27 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Veronica Koch	St. James
12:00 Noon	David Bryant	St. Bernard
6:45 p.m.	John Rizzo	St. Ann

Tuesday, July 28 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Elizabeth Fehring	St. Ann
8:30 a.m.	Joan Marie Pennington	St. James
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Kathy Niklas	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m.	Intention of Celebrant	St. Ann

Wednesday, July 29 – Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Norma Mersch	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m.	Thomas Romard	St. James
	No Mass	St. Ann

Thursday, July 30 – Weekday

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Suzanne Lydon	St. Ann
	No Mass	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. James

Friday, July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 a.m.	Special Intention of Sue & Terry Kieley	St. James
12:00 Noon	Special Intention of Jonathan Gerbus	St. Bernard
	No Mass	St. Ann

Saturday, August 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori

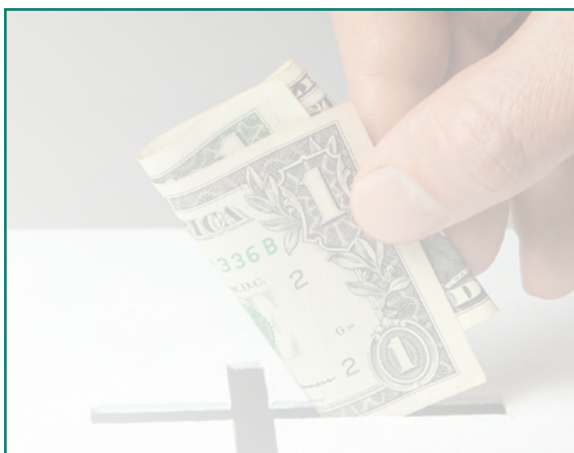
3:00 p.m.	David Kramer	St. Ann
4:00 p.m.	Robert Kirk	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m.	Special Intention of Nancy Cooper	St. James

Sunday, August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Patricia Hendricks	St. James
8:30 a.m.	Donald Wurzelbacher	St. Bernard
9:00 a.m.	Chuck Noonan	St. Ann
10:00 a.m.	Marilyn Mollmann	St. James
10:30 a.m.	Corina Buchanan	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Mary, Queen of Heaven Family of Parishes	St. Ann



YOUR GIFTS TO GOD



SUNDAY OFFERING – JULY 19, 2026

St. Ann	\$13,574.55
St. Bernard	\$12,518.14
St. James	\$18,882.00

ONLINE GIVING

Contributions to all of our parishes in the Mary, Queen of Heaven Family (St. Bernard & St. James) are **NOW ALSO available** through our secure **"WeShare Link."** St. Ann is 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 – Jenni Petrey, 513-521-8440, ext. 102

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

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

We appreciate your support!



LOVE IN ACTION



OUR MQH CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING A VARIETY OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES to assist families in need to prepare for the 2026-2027 school year at St. Ann this coming weekend, August 1 and 2.

Composition notebooks, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, filler paper, binders, pens, pencils, pencil pouches, eraser caps, scissors for small children, rulers, glue bottles or glue sticks, backpacks, and crayons are needed.

Please drop off your donation in the Gathering Space or at St. Ann parish office during the week of July 27-31.

Look for a box with "School Supplies Collection – August 1-2" on it. Thank you for your generosity with this Corporal Work of Mercy. Your donation will help families in need at Community Matters (Price Hill), St. Boniface Church (Northside), and St. Joseph Church (West End Downtown).

Thank You For Your Support!



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WHAT YOU DID WAS...WONDERFUL!

A huge thank-you to everyone who gave from what they have to support May's SVDP Fifth Sunday Collection! Your generosity echoes in heaven and touches lives here on earth!

Thanks, also, to all who participated in the SVDP Bundle Sunday held Father's Day weekend at St. Ann. We collected enough to fill our truck! Donations help us support people in need and raise funds for our charitable programs.

Lord, we are grateful for every donor who has poured into others without expecting anything in return. Now we ask that You pour unexpected favor upon them. May blessings locate them in unusual places. Let doors open that were once closed. May they be remembered in rooms where their names were never spoken before. Let divine favor encompass them like a shield.

"Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."

~Psalm 5:12

If you would like to learn more about our Vincentian vocation of Faith, Friendship & Service; or know of someone who needs help, please leave a message on the Help Line.

Mary, Queen of Heaven 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)



EVANGELIZATION NEWS

SACRAMENT PREPARATION REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON

Parents may enroll their children in Sacrament Preparation for First Reconciliation & Communion, or Confirmation **as of JULY 20**. Visit MaryQueenofHeaven.com. These Sacrament Preparation session schedules will be available at that time as well.



FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNION: Those who attended the Summer PSR program will already have been contacted about continuing their sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation and Communion in the fall. Second grade or older children at Our Lady of Grace will need to register for PSR First Reconciliation and Communion prep sessions. Students of St. Bernard & St. James Schools will be registered and prepared at their parish school.



CONFIRMATION: Grade 7 (St. James only) and Grade 8 – St. Bernard, Our Lady of Grace, and all PSR students (Grades 8-10) who have attended the Summer PSR program or another religious education program, will need to register online to sign up for reception of the sacrament.

ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MUST REGISTER.

St. Bernard and St. James schools will prep their students. Our Lady of Grace Grade 8 Students and all Grade 8-10 students who attended the Summer PSR program will need to be signed up for Monday evening Confirmation Preparation through our Parish School of Religion. PSR students who did not attend the summer PSR program **will not** be ready to enter Confirmation prep.



The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today's readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, God appears to Solomon in a dream and invites Solomon to ask Him for something he desires. Rather than asking for riches or power, Solomon asks for the gift of "an understanding heart... to distinguish right from wrong." In other words, he asks God to help him discern what is true and therefore what really matters in life. It is no surprise that God is pleased to give him this gift and that Solomon has been known since then as the wisest of kings. God will give the same gift to us if we ask Him sincerely. And in fact, we must have a wise and understanding heart if we are to live the stewardship way of life, to guide our priorities and decision-making in matters big and small.

When we pursue Godly – rather than worldly – priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading from Romans, "all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose." All things – not just the major, life-altering

decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, we arrive at the conclusion of three weeks of Jesus' teaching on the kingdom of heaven. In the first of today's parables, our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. But the deep joy that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it. Jesus says, "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." Next, He says the kingdom of heaven is "like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

In each of these stories, the kingdom of heaven is somewhat "hidden." We must intentionally search for it amidst the noise of the world that bombards us. We need wisdom to recognize it. Yet, our Lord reminds us that His kingdom is meant for everyone, and He wants us to find it! He says, "It is like a net thrown into the sea which collects fish of every kind."

But Jesus concludes His teaching with a rather ominous image, reminding us that every "fish" will also be judged as good or bad. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This is a description that is difficult to forget. Clearly Jesus wants to get our attention. Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.



AROUND THE PARISHES

PLEASE LET US PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS, THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD.

There is a prayer group at St. James every Monday at 11:00 a.m., unless there is a funeral Mass during that time. In this case, we pray at St. Bernard's at 10:45 a.m. before the Noon Mass. We pray the Rosary and the Shepherds of Christ prayer manual around the tabernacle. This includes praying for our family of parishes and our families, the Holy Father, Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Permanent Deacons, etc.

Please join us every week, if possible or whenever you are able. We would like to have holy men answering God's call to the priesthood. Thank you.

WHERE IS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADING US?

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PARISH PICNIC SAVE THE DATE!

The St. James Parish Picnic is Friday, August 28th at Stricker's Grove Amusement Park. The park opens at 5:00 p.m. with rides beginning at 6:00 p.m. The rides and park close at 10:00 p.m. There will be corn-on-the-cob, metts, brats, pop, ice cream, popcorn, cotton candy and beer available for purchase. You can also bring a picnic lunch. See you there.





EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday, July 27

8:05 a.m. Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
11:00 a.m. Rosary Shepherds of Christ	St. James
12:00 Noon Mass	St. Bernard
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m. Cheer Camp	St. James
6:45 p.m. Mass	St. Ann
7:30 p.m. Patriotic Rosary	St. Ann

Tuesday, July 28

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
5:00 p.m. Benediction	St. Bernard
6:00 p.m. Cheer Camp	St. James
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass	St. Ann
7:00 p.m. St. James Finance Committee Meeting	St. James
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (BMH)	St. Ann

Wednesday, July 29

8:05 am Rosary	St. James
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. James
11:00 a.m. Seniors Board Meeting	St. James
6:00 p.m. Cheer Camp	St. James

Thursday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Ann
9:00 a.m. Exposition	St. Ann
5:00 p.m. Confessions	St. Ann
6:00 p.m. Cheer Camp	St. James
6:45 pm Benediction	St. Ann

Friday, July 31

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, August 1

10:00 a.m. Shred Day (Upper lot)	St. Ann
3:00 p.m. Mass—School Supply Collection	St. Ann
4:00 p.m. Mass	St. Bernard
4:30 p.m. Mass	St. James

Sunday, August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 – School Supply Collection	St. Ann
10:00 a.m. Mass	St. James
10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word	St. James
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Bernard
11:30 a.m. Mass – School Supply Collection	St. Ann

2026 ST. ANN WEEKLY RAFFLE

Weekly \$100.00 Raffle Winner for July 12, 2026
Al Martin (Ticket #0888)

ST. BERNARD 250 CLUB

WINNERS: JULY 2026

1st Prize: Albert & Susan Brodbeck

2nd Prize: Pat Sieve



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; gwilliams@stjameswhiteoak.com at St. James.



TIME TO DECLUTTER YOUR FILING CABINET!

Pack up your old files and bring them to St. Ann next Saturday, **August 1** for our **FREE Shred Day** from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

We will have a document shredding service to securely destroy your personal files onsite. Volunteers will be available to help remove your bags, boxes, or totes from your vehicle to the shredding truck.

We are currently looking for extra volunteers to help us at this event.

It's an excellent opportunity for teens and jr. high students, especially those in need of service hours for the upcoming school year. Please contact Cindy at St. Ann Parish Office or email info@saintannparish.org for more information.



CELEBRATE WITH US!

It's here! The 30th Anniversary of the St. James Festival is in full swing! Invite your family, friends and neighbors and join us in celebrating our parish community. The festival is always a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new faces all while enjoying great food entertainment, games and more!

Hours – Saturday, July 25, 5:30-11:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 26, 3:00-9:00 p.m.

Raffle Tickets – There is still time to get your raffle tickets! Tickets will be available during festival weekend at the Major Award Booth. The winning ticket for the grand prize will be drawn Sunday evening at the festival. Thank you for your support!

Chicken Dinner – Join us in the Church Hall for a delicious chicken dinner from Ron's Roost Sunday, July 26, from 4:00-6:30 p.m.! Meals are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 kid's meal. Reminder: desserts for the Chicken Dinner can be dropped off after Masses or during festival hours in the Church Hall kitchen.

Kids' Happy Hour! – Join us Sunday, July 26, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for our first ever Kids' Happy Hour! It is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon packed with fun for kids and families, including a live DJ playing your favorite songs, exciting contests, games, free activities such as face painting, a scavenger hunt, and more! There is even a special \$2.00 Kids' Meal Deal! We can't wait to celebrate this new tradition with you!

Thank you again for your support! We are looking forward to a wonderful weekend of fellowship and fun!

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CATHOLIC FAMILY NIGHT AT GREAT AMERICAN BALLPARK 2026!

You are invited to join Archbishop Casey and Bishop Iffert of the Diocese of Covington and Catholics from across our region at Catholic Family Night at Great American Ballpark on Saturday, September 5, 2026, which is the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. The Cincinnati Reds will play the Milwaukee Brewers that evening at 6:40 p.m. Ahead of the game an on-field ceremony will include Fr. Michael Willig pitching to his brother, Fr. Jacob Willig. Join us at the ballpark by purchasing discounted tickets for the September 5th game through the Reds ticketing at the following: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Archdiocesecincinnati22>.

CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY

Couples celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2026 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on Sunday, November 15th (Cincinnati) or Saturday, November 21st (Dayton). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered for the jubilarians couples. Couples should RSVP online by Monday, November 2nd at www.catholicaoc.org/goldenjubilee.

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN FAMILY OF PARISHES



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday, July 27, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 13:1-11
Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 14:17-22
Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Weekday
Jeremiah 18:1-6
Psalm 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 31, 2026

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jeremiah 26:1-9
Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 14:1-12

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

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.
— Psalm 119:72



SAINT TITUS BRANDSMA

Saint of the Day: July 27

Patron Saint of Catholic journalists and Catholic Esperantists

Given the birth name Anno, Brandsma and his siblings grew up on their parents' dairy farm in rural Frisia. As devout Catholics, the family was in the minority among their Calvinist neighbors. From age 11 Anno was educated at a preparatory school for boys who were studying for the priesthood. He joined the Carmelite novitiate in 1898, taking the name Titus Brandsma in honor of his father. In the years following his 1905 ordination, Brandsma received a doctorate in philosophy and initiated a project to translate the works of Saint Teresa of Avila into Dutch. One of the founders of the Catholic University of Nijmegen, he served as a professor of philosophy and the history of mysticism at the school. While there Brandsma was known more for his availability to faculty and students than for his academic achievements.

Working as a journalist Brandsma served as ecclesiastical advisor to Catholic journalists. His long-standing opposition to Nazi ideology came to the attention of the Nazis when they invaded the Netherlands in 1940. In direct opposition to the Third Reich, the Conference of Dutch Bishops sent a letter ordering Catholic newspaper editors not to print Nazi propaganda. Fr. Brandsma was arrested while hand delivering the letter in January 1942. After being imprisoned in several other facilities, in June he was taken to the Dachau camp in Germany.

During his brief time at Dachau Fr. Brandsma was well-known for his kindness and spiritual support of other prisoners. His death on July 26, 1942 was a result of the Reich's program of medical experimentation on prisoners. He gave a wooden rosary to the nurse who administered the fatal injection; she later became Catholic and testified to his holiness. In recent years Brandsma has been honored by both the cities of Nijmegen and Dachau. Titus Brandsma was beatified in 1985, and canonized in 2022.

Read the full article: "Saint Titus Brandsma" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-titus-brandsma/> (Accessed June 19, 2026).

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