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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SEPTEMBER 21, 2025****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Bill Soards +****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Barb Wilkenson +****MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025****8:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Pedro & Maria Louisa Nungia +****WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025****8:30 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Confessions****Noon St. Benignus – Robert Warthen +****12:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Confession and Adoration****12:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Confessions**3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Holy Trinity****9:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****Noon St. Mary – Amy Kirst Barnett +****6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – St. Mary****6:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025****8:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen of Heaven****Noon Mass at St. Mary – Eleanor Sipos****SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025****2:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****3:00 p.m. St. Mary – Nancy Sprauer +****4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Luke Givens +****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Richard Lane +**Daily Mass Readings can be found at: usccb.org.**MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN – LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven>**ST. MARY – LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/saintmaryhillsboro>

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From the Pastor's Desk



There’s an old saying that goes, “If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.” Growing up, I quickly developed a love of cooking and wanted to go to culinary school. As I became a teenager, that dream shifted, and I wanted to follow in my grandfather’s footsteps and join the Navy. As it turns out, neither of those things happened, and in God’s divine providence life took a drastic turn that brought me to the Church and eventually to the priesthood. This year, as I celebrated my sixteenth anniversary of Confirmation and my fourth anniversary of Ordination, I am eternally grateful for this journey and still find myself surprised at where the Lord has brought me.

When we think of vocations, we typically think of priests and religious, when, in fact, we are all called to a particular vocation for a particular purpose. Priesthood, religious life, the permanent diaconate, marriage, and the chaste, single life are all particular ways in which God calls us. Each of these vocations direct us to one thing, and that is the call we all receive to become saints. Whether you are an ordained person, consecrated religious, married person, or single person, you are called to be a saint. Your vocation is the path God has called you to in this life to help you achieve the goal of heaven.

I once heard a priest give the “Four I’s of Vocational Promotion”: Inspiration, Invitation, Information, and Intimacy with Jesus. The priest gave these four principles in relation to promoting vocations to the priesthood. However, these four basic rules can serve as a guide for all of us, regardless of our vocation. In whatever vocation you find yourself, grow in intimacy with Jesus, inspire others to grow in holiness, and invite others to consider how God is calling them to become a saint. When we live out our vocation, we grow closer to Jesus, and we inspire others to do the same. Inspire. Invite. Inform. Together, let us dare to be holy.

Fr. Scott Morgan

Notes from Fr. Adam Lewis

Brothers & Sisters, it often happens that I do not include all the material from my notes in Sunday’s homily for the sake of brevity. I want to include some of last Sunday’s notes here for your edification (The Exaltation of the Cross):

St. Bede, Doctor of the Church

In the raising up of the bronze serpent (when those who were stricken beheld it, they were cured) is prefigured our Redeemer’s suffering on the cross, for only by faith in Him is the kingdom of death and sin overcome. The sins, which drag down soul and body to destruction at the same time, are appropriately represented by the serpents, not only because they were fiery and poisonous [and] artful at bringing about death, but also because our first parents were led into sin by a serpent, and from being immortal they became mortal by sinning. The Lord is aptly made known by the bronze serpent, since he came in the likeness of sinful flesh.

Just as the bronze serpent had the likeness of a fiery serpent – but had absolutely none of the strength of harmful poison in its members – rather by being lifted up, it cured those who had been stricken by the [live] serpents – so the Redeemer of the human race did not merely clothe Himself in sinful flesh, but entered bodily into the likeness of sinful flesh, in order that by suffering death on the cross in [this likeness] He might free those who believed in Him from all sin and even from death itself.

(Bede, *Homilies on the Gospels* 2.18; see Lienhard 2001 p. 241.)



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Weekly Collection.....	\$	3,401.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	23.00
Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center.....	\$	28.00
Building Fund	\$	224.00
St. Mary Fr. Luehrmann Hall July Debt Balance	\$	28,272.59

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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"When an evil thought is presented to the mind, we must immediately endeavor to turn our thoughts to God, or to something which is indifferent. But the first rule is, instantly to invoke the names of Jesus and Mary and to continue to invoke them until the temptation ceases. He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things."

– St. Alphonsus Liguori

DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. BENIGNUS

PSR at St. Benignus: 1st class begins Sunday, September 21st

Parents/Guardians and children are invited to join all parishioners in the church basement, immediately following (9:00 a.m.) Mass for refreshments. We will have a group prayer together before walking to the Religious Ed. Building for classes to start by 10:30 a.m. Parents/guardians should plan to pick up their child/children at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday (at the Rel. Ed. Bldg).

Men's group of St. Benignus will be meeting the **2nd Wednesday of the month**, and all men are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m.

St. Benignus Ladies Auxiliary Meetings will be held on the **2nd Thursday of each month**. Any questions, please reach out to Paula at 937-876-9883.

DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. MARY

St. Mary Women's Group Meeting

Thursday, September 25th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hall

"When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."

– Pope Saint Gregory the Great

ST. MARY PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

Orange Paper is located by the bulletins. Even if you have registered in the past, please take one per family, print the information needed, and **return it in the collection basket or to the church office**.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in a hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

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To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932 St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church office, 937-981-2785)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

September 20 – Heather Boden, Kristina Harless

September 22 – Sue Kennedy

September 23 – John Michael

September 25 – Monty Rayburn

September 26 – Karen Hawk, Walter Pogorzelski, Mike Shorten

September 28 – Liam Georges, Josh Michael, Linda Perry, Kathie Wietmarschen

September 29 – Morgan Pohlman, Shannon Taylor

September 30 – Cherrie Grasso, Ann Marie Gunderman

October 1 – Bob Addington, Jeff King, Paula Miller

October 2 – Velvet Frye, Brandon Fullenkamp

October 3 – Jennifer Thery

October 5 – Amanda Hall, Blake Walters



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**St. Mary Church BINGO –
Bingo Team 1 (October 3, 2025)**

Michelle S., Jane H., Ann L., Barb R., Josh P., Tim L.,
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Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night?! Come Play
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friends! Support St. Vincent de Paul (Food Concession) during
Bingo! All are welcome! **Must be over 18.**

St Mary

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*Our Lady Of The
Hills Annual Family
Picnic Committee*

Want to join the committee to help
plan and organize the annual family
picnic!?

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CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE
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In this September Mary Garden, we
remember Mary's sorrows through
Meadow-Rues.



Where to Plant: Meadow rue prefers
partial shade, but in cooler climates it
will also do well in full sun. Choose soil
that's moist, rich, and well-drained.
They can be planted in pots in the
spring, or as seeds in the fall!

How to Plant: Work in compost before planting. Space plants
2–3 feet apart so they have room to grow, and water deeply after
planting.

Care Tips: Keep the soil evenly moist, especially in dry weather.
Cut back old stems in late fall, and divide clumps every few years
to keep them vigorous.

Season of Creation
September 1-October 4

 **CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE**

Pope Leo XIV invites us, from September 1 (World Day of Prayer for
Creation) to October 4 (Feast of St. Francis), to pray, reflect, and
act for our common home.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention is for "our relationship with all of
creation." We are invited to pray that "inspired by Saint Francis, we
might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are
loved by God and worthy of love and respect."

How to join:

- Pray with the global Church
- Reflect on Scripture & creation care
- Act with justice through community projects, advocacy, or daily
choices

Together, we can renew our relationship with God, neighbor, and
creation.



YOUR FALL FEAST DAY GUIDE

It's not just sweater season – it's the season of saints as well! Fall is nearly here! Even if it still feels hot and humid where you live, the season of sweaters and saints is just around the corner. September and October are filled with feast days, from beloved favorites to lesser-known gems, and they are all worth celebrating. Here's your Get Fed guide to some of the season's most important feast days:

September 29 – The Feast of the Archangels (Michael, Gabriel, Raphael)

Once known as Michaelmas, this feast celebrates God's mighty messengers. A traditional custom is to prepare a meal of goose or seasonal fruits. You might also pray the St. Michael Prayer and ask for the angels' protection.

October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The Little Flower teaches us the beauty of holiness in small things. Celebrate with a bouquet of roses, by offering small sacrifices, or by reading a passage from her Story of a Soul.



October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis is remembered for his love of creation. Many parishes host the Blessing of the Animals on this day. At home, pray the Canticle of the Sun or take a family walk to give thanks for God's creation.

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

This feast, born from the victory at Lepanto, invites us to rediscover the Rosary. Families can pray a decade together, decorate a family altar with rosaries, or entrust special intentions to Our Lady.

October 15 – St. Teresa of Avila

This Doctor of the Church calls us to deeper prayer. Read one of her quotes, light a candle, and take time for silence with the Lord.

October 22 – St. John Paul II

A beloved modern saint, John Paul II's feast day is a wonderful time to watch one of his addresses, pray the Totus Tuus prayer, or enjoy a Polish meal in his honor.

October 28 – Sts. Simon and Jude

These Apostles remind us of the Church's firm foundation. St. Jude, patron of impossible causes, is especially powerful to turn to with your hardest intentions.

This list is only a starting point. There are many other feast days in these months. Which ones are your favorites? Which are you most excited to celebrate?

World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

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Upper Gallery: Alan Tan, Vietnam, April 1, 2024. (CPRM/Lady Margaret Murphy)

Are you ready to be a part of World Mission Month 2025?

World Mission Sunday is always celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October, October 19 this year.

This day of solidarity and support for the Church's missionary efforts, however, is just a day within an entire month of prayer and recollection for those answering Jesus' command to "go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Lk 24:47)

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is inspired by the Jubilee of Hope: "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples." It is an invitation to bring Christ's light and hope to the world, especially to communities where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share the love of Christ!

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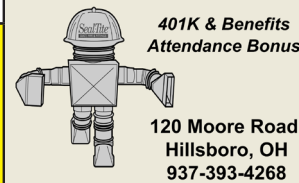
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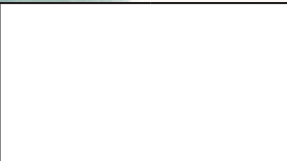
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