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stbenignus@gmail.com***FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – APRIL 6, 2025****CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE  
BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.****Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.** *Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass*  
**9:30 a.m.** *Holy Trinity – Mass*  
**11:30 a.m.** *St. Mary – Rudy Thomsen (Parishioners of St. Mary) &  
Mary & George Trumble (Mary Tamborski)*  
**1:00 p.m.** *St. Benignus – St. Benignus Family (Jean Smith)*

**Monday April 7, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.** *Confession/Adoration – Holy Trinity Church*  
**7:00 p.m.** *Mass – Holy Trinity Church*

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

**9:00 a.m.** *Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass*  
**9:15 a.m.** *St. Mary – Communion Service Only*  
**11:30 a.m.** *St. Benignus – Communion Service Only*

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**6:00 p.m.** *St. Benignus – Exposition*

*3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life  
Holy Hour Every Thursday at St. Mary Church*

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**6:30 p.m.** *St. Mary – Stations of The Cross*  
**7:00 p.m.** *St. Mary – Barb Wilkinson (Mary Tamborski)*

**Friday, April 11, 2025**

**Noon** *St. Benignus – Communion Service Only*  
**Noon** *Holy Trinity Church – Mass*

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

**3:00 p.m.** *St. Benignus – Theresa Staten (Patty Hays)*  
**5:00 p.m.** *St. Mary – Tom Moran & Emily Morris (Margaret Hudson)*  
**7:00 p.m.** *Holy Trinity – Mass*

**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**8:00 a.m.** *Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass*  
**9:30 a.m.** *Holy Trinity – Mass*  
**11:30 a.m.** *St. Mary – Dr. Monica Salido (Isidro Salido)  
Barb Wilkinson (Mary Tamborski)*  
**1:00 p.m.** *St. Benignus – Rita Blankenship (Jim & Joan Winner)*

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### ST. MARY COLLECTION – MARCH 30, 2025

Weekly Need .....	\$ 7,200.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,866.00
Variance .....	\$ -2,334.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED .....	\$ 278,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED .....	\$ 210,674.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ -67,326.00

### ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – MARCH 30, 2025

Weekly Need .....	\$ 2,900.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 1,027.00
Variance .....	\$ -1,873.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED .....	\$ 109,100.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED .....	\$ 89,536.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ -19,564.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

*"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection." — Fulton Sheen*

*"One just soul can obtain pardon for a thousand sinners." — St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*



### ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

**Bingo Team 2 (May 2, 2025)** – David T., Mary T., Tara B., Joyce C., Kevin/Teresa S., Mary B./JoAnn M. Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night?! Come Play Bingo at St. Mary!

Bring a friend/family or come and make new friends! Support St. Vincent de Paul (Food Concession) during Bingo! All are welcome! **Must be over 18.**



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### UNITED IN GENEROSITY AS ONE GLOBAL FAMILY

Amid the harsh conditions of the Sahel region's 1976 drought, millions faced hunger. That same year, Catholics worldwide gathered at the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, focusing on "The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family." As Lent draws to a close, let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can help ensure no one goes hungry in the middle of today's global food crisis. Visit [csrricebowl.org/week-5](http://csrricebowl.org/week-5) to learn more. **You can visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for stories, meatless recipes, prayers and more to enrich your Lenten journey.**

**Please return your Rice Bowl to the Church or Church Office at the end of Lent.**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

### ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Pope Francis, Archbishop Schnurr, Dave Shoults, Kristen Wise, Gail Grim, Hannah Burton, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff Thoroman, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Ron Speakman, Linda Strahler, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Emily Konerman, Kirk Wuellner, Roseann Cordrey, Richard Vilvens, Danielle Gehler, Mike Vermeersch, Lydia Breckel, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams

**\*\* 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

**April 6** – Cindy Sprauer  
**April 7** – Ashley Taylor  
**April 10** – Bethany Taylor  
**April 11** – Pat Hays  
**April 12** – Kevin Kelner, Franklin Thery, Tim Wells  
**April 13** – Joe Howell, Patty Howell, Marilyn Rosselott  
**April 14** – Jamie Corns, Dr. Sophela Mesina, Mary Wise  
**April 15** – Jim Demers, Libby Whitt  
**April 16** – Chyane Collins, Lori Clifford, Myles Fouch, William Roark  
**April 17** – Tava Combs, Joan Winner  
**April 19** – Brantley Collins, Olivia Worley  
**April 20** – Wes Stultz  
**April 21** – Abbagayle Kelly, Dave Tamborski  
**April 22** – John Miller  
**April 24** – Janet Butler, Janet Inkrot, Mary Remsing  
**April 25** – Tabor Temser  
**April 26** – Leah Burnett-Salyer, Joyce Wendell  
**April 27** – Kimber Cooper, Bryant Miller-Salyer  
**April 28** – Ken Nauman, Caleb Worley  
**April 29** – Vickie Everhart  
**April 30** – Linda Schweitzer, Mike Witt



## THIS SAINT WAS SALT OF THE EARTH— LITERALLY.

Why is St. Rupert depicted with a salt-shaker in hand?

St. Rupert was born into nobility in 7th century Germany. Rather than live a lavish life, St. Rupert felt called to a life in service of the Church. As a young man, his humility and faithfulness was recognized and he was made Bishop of Worms.

However, his preaching was quickly met with resistance. Though Christianity had spread through the Roman Empire centuries earlier, by the 7th century many regions in what is now Germany had reverted to pagan practices or had never fully embraced the faith.

As Bishop of Worms, Rupert was known for preaching reform and calling people to a deeper, more authentic Christian life. Not everyone was up to his challenge, and the townspeople opposed and threatened their holy bishop.

Eventually, the opposition became so strong that Rupert left Worms voluntarily. Rather than force the issue, he accepted Duke Theodo of Bavaria's invitation to bring the Gospel to regions where people were more open to it. There, especially in what would become Salzburg, he found fertile ground for his mission – literally.

Rupert traveled to the ruins of the old Roman town of Juvavum, where he saw an opportunity to build both the Church and a community. He renamed the city Salzburg – literally “Salt Castle” – because of the nearby salt mines. Recognizing the economic value of salt, Rupert helped organize its production and trade. The income supported the monasteries and churches he founded, including the famous Abbey of St. Peter and Nonnberg Abbey, one of the oldest convents in the world.

That's why Rupert is often depicted with a salt barrel or salt shaker. It's not just symbolic – salt was part of his practical mission. Through it, he helped build a strong foundation for Christian life in the region.

Rupert died around 718 AD, likely on Easter Sunday. He is remembered not only as a bishop and teacher, but as a builder who used the resources at hand—spiritual and material—to spread the faith.

St. Rupert used local salt to build a Christian community; you can use your kitchen to build a Catholic home. Channel your inner St. Rupert. Use the salt. Say the prayer. Build the kingdom – one meal at a time.



<https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light>



## EASTER CANDY NEEDED

Easter Candy needed to fill Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Mary. Please drop off to the Church Office or in Narthex on table. Thank You for your support & generosity!

## ST. MARY, HILLSBORO:

Palm Sunday, April 13 at 9:30 a.m. – St. Mary Family Breakfast. Please bring food to share. Followed by Egg Hunt and Palm Sunday lesson/crafts. Easter Sunday, no PSR.

## OUR LADY OF THE HILLS

### ST. BENIGNUS ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

**May 3/4, 2025, Orders will be taken through April 20th, 2025.** This year, we are offering Begonias, Geraniums, Small Petunias, and, new this year, Mixed Sun Impatiens. Color of flowers in baskets are determined by florist. Each basket will cost \$30.00 and is payable at time of ordering. Checks can be made out to St. Benignus Ladies Aux. Pickup of baskets on the weekend of May 3/4, at the church. Just in time for a beautiful Mothers' Day Gift.

## CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** – Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection for Christians in the Holy Land**. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. For information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2025/>.

**EMBER DAY** – A discernment day for high school boys (sophomores to seniors) on Friday, June 6 at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology. Hosted by the Cincinnati seminarians and Fr. Michael Willig. The content will focus on vocation, virtue, priesthood and fatherhood. The schedule will include Mass with Archbishop Schnurr, a tour of the seminary, meals, talks, and sports. Mark your calendars, registration opening soon.

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025** – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched



a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit <https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

**FREE VIDEO SERIES FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – Deepen your faith with five short (less than 14 minutes each) videos called “Mission of the Family” produced by the Knights of Columbus. This dynamic new video series proclaims the truth and beauty of the Catholic vision of marriage and family life in the modern world. These videos are available free of charge on the Knights of Columbus website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>. This page also features the well-known original “Into the Breach” video series, which is likewise available free of charge.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** – The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 11, fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest” (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and consecrated life including societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. More information and resources for promoting vocations can be found at: <https://Worlddayofprayerforvocations.com>.

**RELIGIOUS BROTHERS DAY, MAY 1** – Religious Brothers Day on Thursday, May 1 offers the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for religious brothers in our lives, including 82 here in our archdiocese. It also offers an opportunity to consider how we all invite, walk with, and encourage young people to discern God's call in their life. Please visit [www.religiousbrothers.org](http://www.religiousbrothers.org) to download prayers, prayer services, reflections, and other resources to celebrate Religious Brothers Day.

**CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE** – Join thousands of others **Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m.** for the annual Cross the Bridge for Life across the Purple People Bridge to raise awareness for the sanctity of human life – born and unborn. Meet at Newport, KY's Riverfront Row Festival area for live music, food, face painting and balloons for children, brief presentations, and many booths sponsored by our local life-saving agencies! All are welcome to participate in this day of family fun and powerful witness. For more information, see [CrossTheBridgeForLife.org](http://CrossTheBridgeForLife.org).

**THE GIFT OF FERTILITY: MOTHER AND DAUGHTER WORKSHOP** – Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, The Gift of Fertility: Mother and Daughter Workshop is geared toward moms with their young daughters (ages 10-14), providing a beautiful context for strengthening their bond and learning about God's plan for growing up. Speakers include Sr. Philomena Marie of the Sacred Heart, CFE, Melissa Rahm, Cassie Subler, and Dr. Trina Winner. The cost is \$50.00 per family and includes hand-outs, a light breakfast and lunch. Sign up online no later than May 2. Learn more and sign up at: <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/event/the-gift-of-fertility-2025>.



*Our Lady of The Hills*  
**HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY APRIL 12TH**  
 3:00pm - St Benignus  
 5:00pm - St Mary  
 7:00pm - Holy Trinity

**PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13TH**  
 8:00am Mary Queen of Heaven  
 9:30am Holy Trinity  
 11:30am St Mary  
 1:00pm St Benignus

**MONDAY APRIL 14TH**  
 6:00pm Confession/Adoration - Holy Trinity  
 7:00pm - Mass - Holy Trinity

**TUESDAY APRIL 15TH**  
 9:00am Mary Queen of Heaven- Communion Service  
 9:15am - St Mary -Mass  
 11:30am - St Benignus- Mass

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 16TH**  
 No Mass/ Communion Services

**Holy Thursday APRIL 17TH**  
 7:00pm - St Mary  
 7:00pm - Holy Trinity

**Good Friday APRIL 18TH**  
 Noon - St Mary  
 Noon - Holy Trinity  
 6:00pm St Benignus  
 6:00pm - Mary Queen of Heaven  
 7:30pm - St Mary

**Holy Saturday APRIL 19TH**  
 8:45pm - Easter Vigil - Mary Queen of Heaven

**Easter Sunday APRIL 20TH**  
 8:00am Mary Queen of Heaven  
 9:30am Holy Trinity  
 11:30am St Mary  
 1:00pm St Benignus



*Our Lady of The Hills*  
**Spring Retreat**  
 April 26, 2025  
 9:30am- 4:30pm  
 9:00 am- Optional Donuts & Coffee  
 Lunch will be provided  
 Mass is at 5:00pm  
 All Are Welcome To Attend

*Do you long for a deeper more fulfilling relationship with Jesus?*  
*Do you hunger for more happiness and meaning in your life?*

**No Charge Retreat - a free will collection will be taken for Haiti 180, a Catholic mission that serves the poor of Haiti.**

**Guest Speaker: John Beaulieu, founder and president of Romans 5:5, a Catholic apostolate committed to the renewal of the Catholic Church.**

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EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES  
EASTER FLOWERS



**Easter Sunday is April 20th**, and flowers will once again be ordered as a tribute to your loved ones, both living and deceased. Anyone who wishes to make a donation may do so by using one of the envelopes marked “Flower Offerings” located at the doors or a separate envelope marked with “Easter Flowers” with your name and intention and place in the collection basket or mail/drop off at the Parish Office.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH

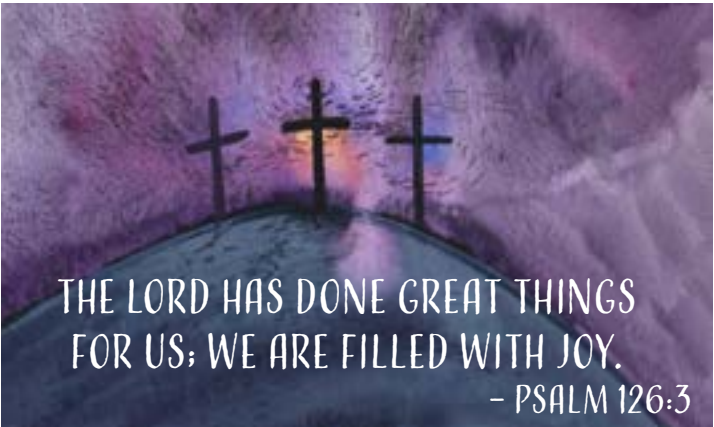
Monthly Donations	\$ 677.00
Bingo Concession	\$ 300.00
Other SVdP helped with a case	\$ 450.00
District helped with a case	<u>\$ 785.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,212.00

Thank you for your generous monthly contributions. Your contributions will help families and individuals in crisis.

Expenditures

Assistance to Neighbors	\$ 3,981.00
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This includes help with paying utility bills, gasoline, rent, temporary housing, furniture, groceries and more. The local SVDP phone number for a neighbor in need is 937-205-0919.



Combs & Feder Families, Howland Family, Betty Wilkin, Buck Wilkin, Marie Neu, Joe Neu, Sister Lucille Neu, Katherine Martin, Bob Martin, Russell & Reva Salyer, Clayton & Ruth Vanzant, Max & Mary Lou Haines, Ronald & Sandy Burnett, Deceased Family of the Vanzant, Salyer, Cowdrey, Burnett, Haines & Rolfe Families.



HELPING PARENTS CHOOSE LIFE...  
WHAT BETTER TIME TO GIFT TO  
NEW LIFE THAN EASTER!

Saint Mary Catholic Church is accepting collections for our local mothers and babies. Simply gift a box of diapers and/or purchase items listed and return to Narthex by **April 13th**. Items will be given to The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center before Good Friday.

Items in need:

- Baby wipes
- Diapers, size 3 and 4
- Pull-ups, all sizes
- Sleepers, size 3 months to 18 months
- Spring clothing for girls, size 18 months and 24 months
- Lightweight Spring jackets, size 0-3 months up to 2T

*“It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”*

– Mother Teresa

Thank you for your donation.  
Let us pray for peace this Lenten season and always.  
In JESUS’ name.

## SERMON ON THE RAISING OF LAZARUS – JOHN 11:1-45

“**W**HERE IS GOD”? shouted a young father looking down on the lifeless body of his baby daughter nestled in his arms. The Children Hospital nurses were stunned into silence not knowing what to say. The grieving father yelled out again “WHERE IS GOD”? as his tearful eyes looked up to mine. I could not remain silent. I had to speak. I replied in a soft voice, “God is with your daughter in Heaven.” He closed his eyes and said, “God take good care of her.” Then we prayed.

Martha and Mary felt this pain. “Lord, if you had been here...”. Jesus healed so many yet was not there for his closest friend Lazarus. From their grief they cried out, “Where were you Jesus?”

How many friends of Jesus have also cried out, “Where are You, God, when I am suffering?” The suffering Job felt so abandoned by God that he wanted to look for Him. “If only I knew where to find Him; if only I could go to His dwelling!” (Job 23:3)

When life breaks your heart, you don’t have to go looking for God. God comes to you. God speaks in Psalm 34:18 “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” I believe our crosses are like magnets drawing the presence and power of God to you. God will be there the most when you most need Him. I have witnessed so many examples of this with families at Children’s Hospital. I worked with parents who gave up everything back home to be near their sick child in their journey to health. This one dad quit his lucrative job, sold his house, turned down tons of money and went one million dollars in debt after his insurance capped out. He told me, “Nothing else matters except my baby girl.”

There are two little words in the Lazarus story that show the power of God’s compassion to His people who suffer. “Jesus wept” (John 11:35). The Greek word used for “wept” is *embrimaomai*. It literally means to “quake.” Jesus cried so deeply that His body shook. I don’t think Jesus was weeping over the death of Lazarus. He knew Lazarus would come back to life. Jesus wept from the depth of His spirit because God never intended suffering or death to ever be part of His creation. He wanted all His children to have a happy, beautiful life where sickness and death did not exist. Jesus was angry that the joy of the Garden of Eden turned into the pain of the Garden of Gethsemani. Jesus showed God the Father has deep love for His creation.

Yet God’s Love exists in a broken world. Jesus “came to His own people, and even they rejected Him.” (John 1:11) Humans killed Jesus whose only crime was that He loved us.

Bad things occur that make no sense, like the passing of a child, the devastation of a storm or the hell of war. The death and resurrection of Jesus offer hope. Jesus has won the victory over everything that hurts you. God makes right the meaningless sufferings inflicted on God’s people. Christians live in hope that God will bring goodness and grace from a world filled with chaos. The father who lost his daughter expressed hope when he said, “God take good care of her.”

God promises He will destroy all pain and suffering. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” (Rev 21:4) That day is coming.



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