EASTER 2025

He is Risen!

"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed." JOHN 20:8

Our Lady of the Hills

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT. SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass 9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass St. Mary - Sandy Burnett (Salyer Family) 11:30 a.m. Joel Griggs (Colleen Bolton) St. Benignus - Bernard (Bo)Dean (Margaret Dean & Family) 1:00 p.m. MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025 6:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church – Confession/Adoration 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 9:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Communion Service Only 9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Amy Simpson (Joseph Markland & Jesse Caplinger) 11:30 a.m. St. Benignus - Roy & Evelyn Dye (Bob Dye) WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. St. Benignus - Exposition 3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 6:00 p.m. St. Mary - Exposition 6:30 p.m. St. Mary - Recitation of the Rosary 6:50 p.m. St. Mary - Bendiction 7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Walter & Julia Paraniuk (St. Mary Parishioners) FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025 Noon St. Benignus – The Bucayan Family (Bob Dye) Noon Holy Trinity – Communion Service Only SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025 3:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Elizabeth Enzweiler (Don & Sharyn Salzano) 5:00 p.m. St. Mary - Deacon Len Parker (Thomas Hovan) 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass 9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass St. Mary - Clayton Vanzant (Michelle Vanzant-Salver) 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Ann Marie Gunderman (Patty Hays)

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN - FREE LIVESTREAM

https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven

ST. MARY – FREE LIVESTREAM

https://www.twitch.tv/saintmaryhillsboro No Sign-ups Needed, Free Livestreaming of Mass WLRU Radio 106.9FM plays when Mass is not in session!

St. Mary Online Giving Link & QR Code osvhub.com/stmaryhillsboro/giving/funds You can give Online to (SOPC, SVdP, Building Fund, Church) to the link above.



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ST. MARY COLLECTION - MAY 4, 2025

Weekly Need\$	7,200.00
Weekly Collection\$	5,410.00
Mother's Day Offering:\$	564.00
Rice Bowl Collection: \$	1,034.40
Variance\$	-1,790.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED \$	314,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	242,854.00
VARIANCE\$	-71,146.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - MAY 4, 2025

Weekly Need\$	2,900.00
Weekly Collection\$	2,674.00
Variance\$	
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	123,600.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	105,732.00
VARIANCE\$,
Thank You for your Generosity!	-

BULLETIN DEADLINE OR BULLETIN EMAIL REQUEST

Bulletin can be emailed – If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you, please contact the email below or church office. Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. Bulletin submissions in writing or email justleahatstmary@gmail.com or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.

"Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model." – St. Madeleine Sophie Barat

BEACONS OF LIGHT

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

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

Bingo Team 2 (June 6, 2025) – Brandon F., Mary W., David S., Courtney G., JoAnn M., Mary B. 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.*





Thank you, Callum Fullenkamp, for selecting the students to crown our Blessed Mother.

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

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, John Oyer, Barry Reinholz, Danielle Gehler, Mike Vermeersch, Lydia Breckel, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams, Xaiden Sams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow

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)

"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."

- St. Anselm of Canterbury

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

\$39,362.58 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

May 11 – Ashley Sams, Shannon Tise May 12 – Bruce Collins, Chloe Fullenkamp,

- Greg Rhoads May 15 – Fr. Mike, Pete Pence, Iryana Reeves,
- Reagan Rusch, Isidro Salido
- May 17 Jim Creed, AnnaMaria Ventura
- May 18 Lori Gunderman, Lynn Turner
- May 19 Alex Combs, Joyce Combs, Courtney Gallimore, Theresa Hartman, Joshua Pohlman
- May 20 Jim Hehl, Donna Remsing
- May 21 Sarah Wuellner
- May 22 Sharyn Salzano
- May 23 Andy Piekutowski, Brian Rumpke
- May 25 Susan Iseman Hallows
- May 27 Emmylou Evers
- May 28 Taylor Remsing
- May 29 Marge Rankin
- May 31 Austin Strickland
- June 1 David Sprauer

BEAUTIFUL MAY CROWNING BY THE PARISH CHILDREN AT ST. MARY, HILLSBORO.



Molly L. made a life-size, hand-crafted Rosary, donated for the children of St. Mary for the procession into the church. The children also carried banners and flowers.





IN LOVING HONOR & MEMORY

Marian Markland, Sandra Singer, Teresa Caplinger, Mary Huffner, Margaret Cadwallader, Dr. Monica Salido, Mary Lou Haines, Sandy Burnett, Lynn Burnett, Reva Salyer, Michelle Vanzant-Salyer, Ruth Vanzant, Kathleen Vanzant, Rosanna deMilliano, Eleanor Solley, Elizabeth Cole, Flora Cole, May Griffith, Alice Wilson, Louise Hapner, Rose Ryan, Matilda Dick, Mary Huiet, Dorotha Leibreich, Beverly Rhoads, Lori Leibrich, Anne Gagne, Ruth Kleinhenz, Lena Klein, Phyllis Huff, Mary Hovan & Daughters (Margaret, Mary Ann, Anna Mae), Betty Lou Moses, Carrie Wright, Stacy Moses, Rita Haban, Marjory William, Nance Lafferty, Sara Anderson, Norma Groves, Margaret Lane, Margaret Riehle, Doris Yost, Evelyn Sharp, Maryann McNeal, Willa Mae Reinholz, Marion Dosch, Patty Reinholz, Rita Hawkins, Iris Harmon, Margorie Braun, Pat Adams, Viola Smrek

FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. MARY, HILLSBORO

Sunday, May 18th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. This is St. Mary's 173rd First Holy Communion and Mrs. Michelle Vanzant-Salyer's 39th Year of First Communicants.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 15, 2025 6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul -Religious Ed. Building - St. Benignus

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Ladies Auxiliary in the Parish Hall

SOUTHEAST DEANERY **CENTURY FARM AWARD**

Once again, Southeast Catholic Rural Life would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. Presentation of the awards will be made at the Fall Farm Mass on Friday, September 5, 2025. To qualify, the owner must be a practicing Catholic, the farm must be located in the Southeast Deanery (roughly Clermont, Brown, Adams, Clinton or Highland Counties) and a copy of the original deed needs to be attached to the application form and submitted by Friday, May 30, 2025. Applications can be found on the web by searching "Catholic rural life Cincinnati." Scroll down to find the link to the Century Farm Awards. Questions may be referred to Marilyn Fryer at 937-378-4583.

"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray - that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy." - St. Faustina Kowalska



WHAT ARE THE SEVEN-CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY?

These works are the perfect guide for imitating Jesus.

The Catholic Church has always preserved the teaching of Christ that both faith and works are important in living out our faith. We prove our faith by imitating Jesus' good works and His command to serve one another – and by living out our values in real, practical ways.

When He told the story of separating the sheep from the goats on the day of judgement, He said to the sheep, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). The goats were those who did not perform these works of mercy.

Thankfully, the Catholic Church provides us with a summary of the works of mercy to help us serve the least of Christ's brethren. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines these works of mercy as "charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities."

We have the spiritual works of mercy (works that help a person's soul) and the corporal works of mercy (works that provide for someone's physical needs).

The seven-corporal works of mercy are:

- 1. Feed the hungry
- 2. Give drink to the thirsty
- 3. Shelter the homeless
- 4. Visit the sick
- 5. Visit prisoners
- 6. Bury the dead
- 7. Clothe the naked.

We can do corporal works of mercy in both small and large ways. Sometimes our daily lives get so busy that we can't spend the day volunteering at a homeless shelter, or we can't afford large donations to alleviate many people in poverty.

That's when we find small ways to administer the corporal works of mercy. We can stop by a hospital or nursing home to say hello to a lonely patient or buy a meal for a homeless person on the street. Even giving just five dollars to a local charity counts!

These simple acts can make a great difference. St. Catherine of Sienna's famous quote is a great reminder of the good God can do through you; "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

DONATION BABY BOTTLES

The WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED program is collecting Baby Bottle donations for the SOUTHERN OHIO PREGNANCY CENTER. It is easy to help support moms in our community. Just pick up a baby bottle, fill it with money or a check, and return it to the Communion Rail on Mother's Day weekend (May 10th and 11th). Thank you so much for your support. All the moms helped are always so appreciative when they can take better care of their babies/children because of your financial help. May our good God bless each of you in all your efforts!

CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati 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.

EVER CONSIDER REACHING BEYOND YOURSELF AND YOUR COMFORT

ZONE? Are you semi or fully retired? A teenager, young adult, or family open to learn from and serve others? Did you know there are 100+ different Catholic missionary organizations in the U.S. seeking short- or long-term volunteers in the U.S. or overseas? Opportunities include: several weeks of housing rehab work in the Southwest or Appalachia, several months serving food banks and shelters in Florida, a year of ESL teaching in China, three years with Maryknoll in Africa, etc. etc. For more information, contact: Catholic Volunteer Network at www. catholicvolunteernetwork.org. If you have questions or need further advice, contact Dr. Mike Gable at the archdiocesan Mission Office at mgable@catholicaoc.org or 513-263-6680.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

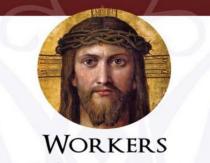
The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is **Sunday, May 11**. The theme for this year is "Pilgrims of Hope: The Gift of Life." Fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and



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.

FAMILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, increase our family's love for one another. May we honor each other in times of happiness or hardship, bearing with one another in love, just as You love us. In a special way, help us strive for holiness in our current states of life. Should You call some of us to the priesthood or religious life, help us to respond with courage and joy. Together, we make heaven our goal, and pledge, with Your grace, to help each other on life's journey to You. Through the intercession of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Amen



for the HARVEST

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

VIANNEY VOCATIONS



God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass: To lead the little ones to You: To strengthen the faith of believers; To preach the Gospel to all peoples; To bring forgiveness to sinners; To feed souls the Bread of Life; To comfort the suffering & dying, and To spread Your Kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen





Our Lady of The Hills Family **Birthday** Celebration Dinner May 15th at 7:30pm at St Mary Parish Hall

Wishing you the Happiest of Birthdays!

Please come celebrate with Fr. Mike

St Mary Parish Hall on May 15, 2025 at 7:30pm Spaghetti Dinner & Cake to Celebrate!! Please bring a side dish to share!



SERMON ON JOHN 10:27-30 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD



n elderly woman sat on a park bench crying. A concerned young man sat beside her. "Can I help?" he asked. The woman said, "I'm embarrassed for crying in public, but I couldn't help it. My husband just passed. My life is so uncertain. How can I live without him? Who are you that you care?" He answered, "I am a Morman Missionary." He then asked her a strange question. Do you ever read the Sunday comics? When I was a kid, I would put them right up

to my eye, real close. I was amazed they were just a mass of dots, scattered around that made no sense. I think life is like that. From God's perspective, He can see the whole picture. It makes sense to Him. Our lives are not just scattered dots. We are all connected to the One who made the dots. He makes it beautiful and meaningful and good. Seeing life close up, we can't expect it to make sense right now. I believe God will one day show you the entire picture. On that day, you will laugh again just like you would do reading the Sunday comics.

All of us have felt uncertainty. I feel it right now as I wonder what God wants me to do in retirement. Uncertainty is not knowing what to do or believe, or not being able to decide about something. You can't see the whole picture but only random events, the dots, that leave you confused.

There is one thing you must do when uncertainty and doubts creep into your soul. Take it to Jesus. Jesus knows you just like a shepherd knows everything about his sheep. Jesus knows you personally and intimately. He knows more about you than you even know about yourself. Jesus is the Good Shepherd because what He offers you will crush uncertainty. It is called Security. Security is freedom. Freedom from fear, freedom from anxiety, freedom from danger. God made humans to need security. A baby's cry screams out, "Mom where are you? I want you. Hold me! Feed me!" One mother told me, "All my baby does is whine and dine."

When life throws senseless dots at you, stay connected to Jesus. Have faith that Jesus can connect those dots into a beautiful picture made just for you. The Bible says, "Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7) I testify that I feel His peace right now as I ponder my future. I have placed my future in God's hands. I believe He will make it good.

I guarantee you, when you stay connected to Jesus, you will hear His voice. How does Jesus communicate with you? Sometimes it is through a dramatic event to get your attention. God knocked St. Paul off his horse before speaking to him. God generally uses less drama to communicate. I find that God speaks to me through my thoughts during prayer. When I sit at a blank computer screen before writing a sermon, I pray, "God, tell me what to write." Then thoughts flow into my mind like gallons of eggnog at Christmas.

When Jesus speaks, you have to do more than listen. You have to follow Him. Sheep are not dumb as some think. Cowboys herd cows by going behind them to yell, shout, and crack the whip. I learned this by hearing the song "Rawhide" sung by the Blues Brothers. This doesn't work with sheep. If the shepherd yells behind them, the sheep will run behind him. They want to be led. Jesus wants to lead.

Where does Jesus want to lead us? Revelation 7:17 says "For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd. He will lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe every tear from their eyes." The "lifegiving water" He offers will wash away all pain and suffering. There will be no need to cry ever again.

Blessings...Fr. Mike

