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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	SI. DENIGNUS CHURCH
ST. MARY PROGRAM CONTACTS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: George Sakash; 937-205-0919 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Grand Knight, Jim Hehl 937-661-4835 OCIA: Joyce Combs & Cindy Sprauer	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025 CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT. SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass 9:30 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass 9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass 11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Clayton Vanzant (Michelle Vanzant-Salyer) 1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Ann Marie Gunderman (Patty Hays)
937-403-6708 PARISH FAITH FORMATION, DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION, SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR: Michelle Vanzant Salyer 937-840-9932 stmarycre119@gmail.com CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR	Monday, May 19, 2025 No Church Services TUESDAY, May 20, 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, May 21, 2025 6:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Exposition
Lynn Turner; 937-763-8522 <b>PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mary Tamborski; 937-205-4458 <b>ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &amp;</b> <b>ST. MARY PRESCHOOL:</b>	<ul> <li>3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life</li> <li>THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025</li> <li>6:00 p.m. St. Mary – Exposition</li> <li>6:30 p.m. St. Mary – Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary</li> </ul>
Leah Salyer, Administrative Assistant & Beacons of Light Office: 937-840-9932 Cell: 937-205-3038 justleahatstmary@gmail.com	6:50 p.m. St. Mary – Bendiction at St. Mary 7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Mary Germann Strain (Mark & Colleen Germann) FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025 Noon St. Benignus – Communion Service Only Noon Holy Trinity – Mass
ST. BENIGNUS PROGRAM CONTACTS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Gene DeBruin; 937-981-2785	<ul> <li>SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025</li> <li>3:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Margaret Rosselot (Dick &amp; Rose Davis and Jenna Repula)</li> <li>5:00 p.m. St. Mary – Emily Morris (Margaret Hudson)</li> <li>7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass</li> </ul>
OCIA: 937-981-2785 stbenignus@gmail.com ST. BENIGNUS MEN'S AUXILIARY: 937-981-2785	<ul> <li>SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025</li> <li>8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass</li> <li>9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass</li> <li>11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Suzanne Walters (Walters Family)</li> <li>1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Ed Block (Jim &amp; Margaret Block &amp; Family)</li> </ul>

## 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!

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#### ST. MARY COLLECTION - MAY 11, 2025

Weekly Need	\$	7,200.00
Weekly Collection		4,073.00
Variance		-3,127.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	321,200.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	246,927.00
VARIANCE	\$	-74,273.00
ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - MAY 11, 20	25	
Weekly Need	\$	2,900.00
Weekly Collection	\$	1,669.00
Variance		-1,231.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	126,500.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	107,401.00
VARIANCE	\$	-19,099.00
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.

"Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray, we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer." - St. Bernardine of Siena

#### 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.* 



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#### IN LOVING HONOR & MEMORY OF ...

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, Joyce Combs, Joy Iseman, Irene Uhl , Regina Gohring, Thelma Grim, Margaret Gohring, Patsy Carson, Barbara Welch, Beatrice Kelley, Myron Wells, Pat Givens, Ruth Peterson, Joni Peterson, Margaret Dean, Pearl Dean, Margaret Rachford, Eleanor Block, Ruth Bryant, Peggy Ratcliffe, Patricia Barnes, Kay Collins, Spangler/Stuckey Families, Viola Smrek

#### 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, Nicole Rhoads, Cathy Sader

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)

"Have caution in not allowing yourself to be struck down by adversity nor becoming vain by prosperity." — St. Clare of Assisi

#### FR. LUEHRMANN HALL \$36,616.80 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

- 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 June 3 – Kathy Moffat June 4 - Maryanne DeMilliano, Tim Schlater, Mary Stanforth June 6 – Laura Bagshaw
- June 7 Ryan Leibreich
- June 10 Jean Thery
- June 11 Andrew Simis, Sabrina Norris, Robert Thery



#### HOW MANY APPROVED MARIAN APPARITIONS ARE THERE?

And how does the Church decide?

It's amazing to consider that Our Lady, the Mother of God and Queen of Heaven, wants to visit us here on earth.

Throughout history, Our Lady has appeared to all sorts of people, from farmers and peasants to rulers and religious. However, not all of these claims are accepted by the Catholic Church.

The Church actually has a rigorous process for investigating and approving apparitions to ensure the messages align with Catholic teaching and there's no deception involved.

As of today, there are **16 Marian apparitions officially recognized** by the Vatican.

Here's the full list:

- 1. Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico, 1531)
- 2. Our Lady of Lezajsk (Poland, 1578)
- 3. Our Lady of Silvua (Lithuania, 1608–1612)
- 4. Our Lady of Laus (France, 1664–1718)
- 5. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Paris, France, 1830)
- 6. Our Lady of Zion (Rome, 1842)
- 7. Our Lady of La Salette (France, 1846)
- 8. Our Lady of Lourdes (France, 1858)
- 9. Our Lady of Pontmain (France, 1871)
- 10. Our Lady of Gietrzwałd (Poland, 1877)
- 11. Our Lady of Knock (Ireland, 1879)
- 12. Our Lady Help of Christians (Czech Republic, 1885)
- 13. Our Lady of Fatima (Portugal, 1917)
- 14. Our Lady of the Golden Heart (Belgium, 1932)
- 15. Our Lady of Banneux (Belgium, 1933)
- **16. Our Lady of Kibeho** (Rwanda, 1981–1989)

#### So why only 16?

Well, the Church is very cautious in these matters. Each case is investigated with great care to avoid misleading the faithful. The process can take years, even centuries, and involves examining the messages, the fruits of the apparition (like conversions and miracles), and the character of those who reported the apparitions.

In short, the Church doesn't rush to judgment. It's more important to be thorough than to be quick, and the Church wants to ensure that any approved apparition truly leads people closer to Christ through Mary.



Also, this does not mean that the Church belittles or doubts other reports of Marian apparitions. She simply doesn't believe that public approval of that apparition is necessary or she hasn't fully investigated the extent and message of the apparition.

Many of Our Lady's apparitions to saints, such as St. Alphonsus Liguori, are not officially approved by the Catholic Church, but they can still be believed by Catholics.

There are actually several apparitions that have not been approved by the Vatican but have been approved by local bishops. Did you know that one of these locally-approved Marian apparitions actually took place in Wisconsin?

Yes! Our Lady of Good Help appeared in Champion, Wisconsin in 1859 to Adele Brise. In this apparition, Our Lady asked Adele to evangelize the pioneer families of that region and revealed herself as Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. These apparitions took place the year after the Marian apparitions at Lourdes!

Few of us will receive apparitions of Our Lady, but she still longs to be with us and guide us to her Son. This should be inspiring and comforting!

## 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.



## 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 gualify, 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.

"Nothing seems tiresome or painful when you are working for a Master who pays well; who rewards even a cup of cold water given for love of Him." – St. Dominic Savio

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Mr. Joseph Prudhomme Moore, age 93, of Greenfield passed away on Monday, May 5, 2025 at Parkside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Fairfield, Ohio. Funeral service will begin with a Veterans Appreciation service followed by comments and prayers at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the Murray-Fettro Funeral Home in Greenfield. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph's Cemetery with military rites provided by the Concerned Veterans of Greenfield. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at the funeral home.

#### **CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS**

#### 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.



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (HILLSBORO) MONTHLY REPORT FOR APRIL

Monthly Donations	\$	530.00
Fish Fry Tip donations	\$	146.00
Total	\$	676.00
Thank you for your generous monthly contr	ributio	ns. Your
contributions will help more families and indiv	viduals	in crisis.

#### Expenditures

Assistance to neighbors: .....\$ 1,997.00 This includes paying utility bills, gasoline, rent, temporary housing, appliances, furniture, groceries and more. The local SVDP phone number for a neighbor in need is: 937-205-0919.



## ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUX. MUSIC FESTIVAL RAFFLE

PLEASE DONATE NON-PERISHABLE FOOD TO THE WAGON TO BE RAFFLED AT THE MUSIC FESTIVE JUNE 7, 2025.



All donations need to be in the wagon by May 31, 2025 Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please see Ladies Aux. board members to purchase tickets.

Thank you for your help.





Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy. – Saint Augustine

# HABEMUS PAPAM POPE LEO XIV May 8, 2025

Pope Leo XIV was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Augustinian-run Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2015, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

Pope Francis elevated him to Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2023, when he was assigned Cardinal of St. Monica. On February 6, 2025, Pope Francis promoted him to the highest degree of Cardinals, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti pronounced the formula, "Habemus Papam," proclaiming to the city of Rome and to the whole world the news of the election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as Pope Leo XIV.

## SERMON ON JOHN 13: 31-35

esus gathered with His Apostles. The next day He would die. Jesus gave them His last teaching that summed up everything He taught them for three years. "So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." (John 13:34) Why did Jesus call this a "new commandment?" The Jewish religious leaders taught that we should love. But their teaching on love was incomplete. They taught one is only required to offer a type of love called "storge." Storge love exists between family members, friends, or companions. You love them because they love you back.

Jesus teaches a new type of love called "agape." It is the highest love because it demands you be willing to make sacrifices for the one you love. It is completely selfless. Jesus makes this love new because it is based on how God loves. Jesus is saying, if you want to be my disciple, you must love the way God loves you. Jesus gives a completely new teaching on love that no one had ever heard before. For the first and only time in history, Jesus will create a new church based solely upon agape love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

Jesus based His Church on the way God loves you. I ask, "How does God love?" God's Love is not based on the worthiness of the one He loves. No one is worthy. Jesus washed the feet of Peter who denied knowing Him, the feet of Thomas who doubted Him and the feet of Judas who betrayed Him. Jesus still loves you even when you doubt, deny and betray Him. I left the seminary 50 years ago when I was told I had no vocation to priesthood. I also left the church for over a year. I doubted God loved me. I denied God the worship He deserved. I betrayed Him by turning my back on Him. Did God turn His back on me? No. He never gave up on me. He sent me a kind priest who brought me back to God. When I spiritually turned around, I beheld the face of Jesus in Fr. Ed, a small, fivefoot, four-inch Irish priest whose love made me whole again. He would say to me, "Michael me boy, God has a plan for you. Be patient and keep faith." Five years later, Fr. Ed put the stole around my shoulders on my ordination day. That was 44 years ago on June 13th.

The more you live a life of agape love, the more it will flow out of you to others. Then you will become a blessing to others. I remember my first day of ministry at St. Al's Orphanage. There lived teenage boys and girls whose families could not care for them or wanted them. I arrived on a day after a heavy snowfall. The kids wanted to play in the snow. I joined them. A big snowball fight ensued. Guess who was their favorite target? Me. Those kids could make a snowball really fast. When I would bend down to make a snowball, they would lob four snowballs right at my rear. One kid said, "an easy target."

When the fight ended, one young boy asked me, "Why are you here with us?" Before I could answer another boy gave a surprisingly insightful answer. He said, "God sent him here to say He loves us."

The Father sent Jesus to show us what true love looks like. It looks like Jesus kneeling at the feet of flawed and sinful men, washing their feet. Jesus commands us to do the same. I want to thank you for giving me the honor to wash your feet for twenty years. You are a blessing to me.

