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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 5, 2025

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass

9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Gail Miller +

10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

11:30 a.m. **St. Mary** – Tom Moran +

MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Joyce Seal +

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass

Noon St. Benignus – Maggie Sanchez +

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

Noon St. Mary - Mariam Markland (Healing)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen of Heaven

Noon Mass at St. Mary – John Cummings +

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

3:00 p.m. St. Mary – John McCaskey +

5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity - Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass

9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Norman Givens +

10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Clayton & Ruth Vanzant +

Confessions

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Queen of Heaven; 12:30 p.m. - St. Benignus

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity; 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary

Saturday

2:00 p.m. – St. Mary

4:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity

Adoration

Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. - St. Benignus

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - Holy Trinity; 6:00 p.m. - St. Mary

Daily Mass Readings Can Be found at: usccb.org

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From the Pastor's Desk



Who are you? I would imagine that most of us would answer this question by stating our name. But is a name truly the essence of who we are, or does a name simply state something about us? Take a moment and think about the question on a deeper level. Who are you?

Ultimately this question centers upon our identity and the very core of our existence; our name, profession, ethnicity, or other identifiers tell us something about ourselves, but they leave us short of who we truly are. In the account of creation given in Genesis 1 we read, "God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good. Then God said:

Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. [...] God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them" (cf. Gen. 1:25-27). Notice the subtle change in vocabulary: God makes every kind of animal, but when he gets to mankind, He dialogues within himself then He creates us in His image. In chapter 3, we once again see a shift in vocabulary; God forms man and places him in the garden. In other words, we become the work of God in a very particular way and are given the priceless gift of being the only creation made in the divine image.

The question, "Who are you?", harkens back to this very moment of creation. You are a child of God, created in His own image and given His own life breath (cf. Gen. 3:7). While all creation is created good and is given as a gift from God, we are the only creation to be given this privilege of having within us the image of God himself.

The month of October is dedicated as "Respect Life Month." It is a time for us to remember and give thanks to God for the gift of life, and to call to mind the image of the creator that is found within every human being.

Who are you? You are a child of the most-high God, created in His own image and likeness, known and called by name before you were even born. My prayer for each of you is that you would be given the grace to see within yourself the face of God, who in His unfathomable love has created you and given you a share in His own divine life.

Fr. Scott Morgan

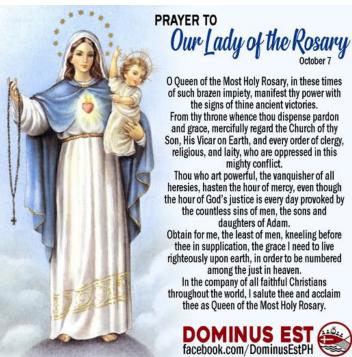
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Weekly Collection\$	3,349.00
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Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center\$	1.00
Building Fund\$	10.00
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"Consider God's charity. Where else have we ever seen someone who has been offended voluntarily paying out his life for those who have offended him?" — St. Catherine of Siena

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

November 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Mass: Do you have a loved one who has recently passed and would like to honor them with a candle on November 3rd at St. Mary at 7:00 p.m.? Please contact the office at 937-840-9932 or email to justleahatstmary@gmail.com for their name to be placed on a candle.

HIGHLAND COUNTY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next Parish Council Meeting for St. Benignus & St. Mary October 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary

Highland County Parish Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month and rotate locations between St. Mary & St. Benignus.

DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. BENIGNUS

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.



"The Divine Heart is an ocean full of all good things, wherein poor souls can cast all their needs; it is an ocean full of joy to drown all our sadness, an ocean of humility to drown our folly, an ocean of mercy to those in distress, an ocean of love in which to submerge our poverty."

— St. Margaret Mary

ST. MARY PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

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

ST. BENIGNUS PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

Blue Registration Forms – Even if you have registered in the past, please complete one form per family and return it in the collection basket or to the church office. Parish registration forms are available in the back of the church.

ST. MARY REMINDERS

<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:</u> Anyone wishing to volunteer to be an usher and/or present the gifts at the Offertory, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

ST. MARY WOMEN'S GROUP: Meeting October 9th (2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.). Dues are \$ 10.00.

ST. MARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for students in grades 7th and up are on **Sundays**, **10:00-11:20 a.m.** in the parish hall. Please contact Michelle in the church office if you have any questions or need to sign up.

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

Madge McCoy, Richard Oakes, Cathy & Ed Morris, Dave Shoults, Gail Grim, Hannah Burton, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff Thoroman, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Roseann Cordrey, Barry Reinholz, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow, Nicole Rhoads, Alan Lane, Elaine Feder, Aubrey Griego, Jamey Phillips, Mike Vermeersch, Daranne Teapthong, Ervin Moore

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

October 5 – Amanda Hall, Blake Walters

October 7 - Bev Bullis, Janice Gaston,

Francis Huiet, Janelle Rockey

October 8 – Lori Leibreich, Kathie Poole

October 9 - Bruno Battistin,

Reese Leibreich

October 10 – Lynn Burnett

October 13 – Kelly Wehrung

October 14 – Elizabeth Kelner,

LaRue Turner

October 15 - Ryan Harless,

Brian Shanahan

October 16 - Teresa Cudkowicz,

Sandra Singer, George Wietmarschen

October 17 – Darlene Eicher



https://catholicaoc.org/ beacons-of-light **PSR FOR GRADES PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH:** Meet in the parish hall at 10:00 a.m. Registration packets are on the table in the narthex.

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

Bingo Team 2 (November 7, 2025)

David T., Mary T., Tara B., Joyce C., Kevin Teresa Stuebs., 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.*



For all Catholics: That on this Respect Life Sunday, the Lord will strengthen our resolve to protect the gift of every human life; let us pray to the Lord.

October 5th "We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope" respectlife.org/celebrate Help is needed from all four churches in the family.

Please consider volunteering to help plan the 2026 Family Picnic

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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BRING GRACE TO YOUR MARY GARDEN WITH LARKSPUR!

Known for its tall spires of blue, pink, and white, Larkspur has long been a flower of devotion to Our Lady, representing her tears. Planting it is simple, and its upward-reaching blooms remind us to lift our hearts toward heaven.



Here's how to plant Larkspur step by step:

- Choose the right spot Larkspur loves full sun and well-drained soil.
- 2. Sow the seeds Direct sow in early spring or fall. Plant about ¼ inch deep, covering lightly with soil.
- 3. Spacing matters Start seeds about 4 inches apart, then thin seedlings to 10–12 inches once they sprout.
- 4. Water gently Keep the soil moist but not soggy while seeds germinate.
- 5. Watch them grow Soon you'll see tall spires reaching upward, a living prayer of beauty in your garden!

Planting flowers for Mary is a beautiful way to weave prayer into creation.

ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

GET FED:

FOUR SAINTS TO HELP YOU WITH HOLY HOSPITALITY.

Hosting season is upon us. These saints get it.

There is something very essential about hosting to Catholic spirituality.

Throughout the Gospel, we see Christ going into homes, sitting with all sorts of people, sharing meals, and spreading the Gospel. The early Church was influenced directly by Christ and continued to gather in homes to pray and break bread; that instinct to welcome others is part of our DNA.

But let's be honest: hosting isn't always effortless and it doesn't often feel holy. It can feel like a juggling act of grocery runs, vacuuming, and hoping the casserole actually cooks through. The stress is real, and sometimes it overshadows the joy.

Which is why it helps to look to the saints – men and women who lived hospitality in both big and small ways, and who show us that welcoming others doesn't have to be perfect to be holy. Let's take a look:

St. Martha - For when you're feeling frustrated.

We all know Martha. She's the one in the Gospel who's scrambling to set the table while her sister Mary sits peacefully at Jesus' feet. She gets frustrated but who wouldn't? Hosting is work. But Martha also had the courage to proclaim her faith out loud: "Yes, Lord, I believe." When you're tempted to grumble about being the only one wiping down counters, ask St. Martha to help you host with humility.

St. Zita - For the tired homemaker.

Zita was a servant in Italy who did all the behind-the-scenes work without fanfare. She's the patron saint of domestic workers, which makes her a natural companion for anyone running the kitchen like a command center. She didn't complain, didn't demand thanks she just did her work well, with kindness. Ask her for a little of that quiet steadiness when your guests are eating faster than you can refill the breadbasket.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary -For an increase of generosity.

Elizabeth had royal wealth, but what made her unforgettable was the way she used it. She fed the hungry, gave her best to the poor, and turned her castle into a place of refuge. Hosting can sometimes



feel like performance - matching napkins, polished silver - but Elizabeth reminds us that all that is for naught if one isn't giving with real generosity of heart. If your food isn't fancy or your living room isn't picture-perfect, it doesn't matter if you're generous in your love.

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati - For the more casual host.

Not every host is a meticulous planner. Some are more like Pier Giorgio – who loved bringing people together, hiking, and sharing meals. Rather than formal dinner parties or events, St. Pier Giorgio would create spur-of-the-moment gatherings and intimate moments with those who happened to be around him. If you feel pressured to host like Martha Stewart, Pier Giorgio says: relax. Genuine friendship and the intention to share the beatitudes matters far more than a planned tablescape and a 4-course meal. As Catholics, we must remember that hosting isn't about perfection. It's about presence. These saints lived ordinary hospitality with extraordinary love.

Above all, we should look to Our Lady who was a homemaker to the King of Kings. In simple, humble, service, Our Lady sanctified the tedious and mundane housework that is unavoidable in all hosting pursuits.



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!



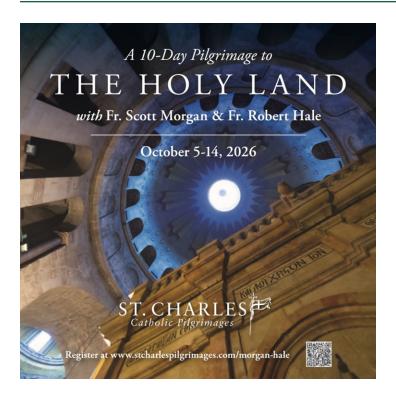
The Faith Formation Leader

Fr. Mike Schmitz is the new host of Catholic Classics, Season 4, where he'll read through The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis in 30 days! It's the same energy and approach he brought to Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year... But now he's reading and unpacking the second most-read Catholic devotional ever written, next to the Bible providing explanations and reflections about what is read each day. The podcast begins on October 22 sign up and get the free reading plan.

The Imitation of Christ has inspired men and women throughout history to give their lives to Christ including many great saints.

Join the Facebook group, sign up for the free plan, or follow along on the podcast and more at: https:// ascensionpress.com/







A note of thanks to Fr. Mike for his continued generosity and support of St. Mary Church. Father purchased a new sound board for the church and had it professionally installed. He has also updated the router for the streaming and radio broadcasting of our Masses. Many thanks to Fr. Mike for his kindness and support of the parish!









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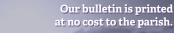
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