

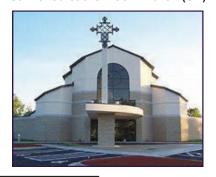
# HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES

# United in Faith, Hope, and Service to the Community

St. Augustine Church (SA)



St. Benedict the Moor Church (SB)



Queen of Martyrs Church (QM)



St. Benedict the Moor Catholic School

138 Gramont Ave. Dayton, OH 45417 937-268-6391

www.stbenedictthemoorcatholicschool.org

Principal: Debra Johnson

#### Our Vision

"We members of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes, will foster discipleship by making the Eucharist the center of our lives as we form, live, and share our faith."

Our Lady of Grace Parish (OLOG)







**Our Lady of Mercy Church** 

#### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., February 17, 2024 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

4:30 p.m. at CC 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. at St. A Kathy Bowers +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM 10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM Mae & Mike Meyring +

Mon., February 19, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service)

Tues., February 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., February 21, 2024 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the

<u>Church</u>

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., February 22, 2024 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., February 23, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) St. Polycarp, Bishop and

Martyr

Sat., February 24, 2024

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. at St. A Allen T. Hess, Sr. +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM 10:30 a.m. at St. B

**PASTORAL STAFF & LEADERSHIP** 

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Religious Education

(SB) Dominique Akpore <u>dakpore@stbenedictdayton.org</u> (QM) Marty Phillips <u>mphillips@qmdayton.org</u> Saturday, February 24, 2024 4:30 p.m at CC

**Presider:** 

**Lector**: Dorothy Mann

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Gill / Detsy Sacksteder

Server:

Saturday, February 24, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B

**Note: New time Change** 

**Presider:** 

Lectors/Readers: tbd

Petitions: tbd Eucharistic Ministers: tbd Sunday, February 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. at St. A

**Presider:** 

Lectors: Tim Pfeiffer
Eucharistic Ministers: tbd

Sunday, February 25, 2024 9:00 a.m. at OLOM

**Presider:** 

**Lectors:** Ellen Hopkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth and Arthur Siwecki

Server:

Sunday, February 25, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. B

**Presider:** 

**Lectors:** Annette Young / Michelle Sherman

Petitions: Deacon Victor O'Basuyi

Eucharistic Ministers: Tracy Henderson, Janice Allen,

Sylvia Orr (R)

Sharon Hairston, Annette Young, Emmett Orr, (L)

Deacon (C)

Sunday, February 25, 2024 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider:

Lector: Don Tomczak

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jim Zeller / Teresa Huntley

**Server:** Carl Meyer

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 p.m. before Mass at SB, or after daily Masses at CC, OLOG, QM or by appointment.

#### **Music Ministers**

(SA) Denise Jasek <u>denisejasek@gmail.com</u>

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#### Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Chair: Randall Klotz Vice Chair: Consuella Wilson

## HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

	MONDAY February 19, 2024	
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
	TUESDAY February 20, 2024	
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
6:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	SB Church
	WEDNESDAY February 21, 2024	
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	Chair Fitness Class	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	Reconciliation	CC Church
6:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	QM Church
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA Church
7:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	In the meeting room
	SUNDAY February 25, 2024	
10:30 a.m.	Rosary	QM Church

- Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick Call office 937-268-6697
- Weddings, RCIA/RCIC: Call office 937-268-6697
- Baptisms:

Call office 937-268-6697 Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi, and Marty Phillips, instructors

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday at noon

Send bulletin information to:

mphillips@qmdayton.org

#### **Weekend Collections**

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass January 21, 2024

To be updated.

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR Saturday and Sunday Mass

January 21, 2024

Collection \$4054.33 Maintenance \$110, School \$5

OUR LADY OF GRACE - OLOM & CC Saturday and Sunday Mass

January 28, 2024 Collection \$2223.50

**QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass** 

January 28, 2024

Collection \$1348, SVDP \$80



Join your church family in praying the Rosary for the community and each other.

**St. Benedict Rosary** is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:** 

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

**St. Augustine Rosary** is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

**Queen of Martyrs Rosary** is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

#### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

#### St. Augustine Church

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Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:30 pm

#### St. Benedict the Moor Church

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Office hours: Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 to 2:00 pm

#### Queen of Martyrs Church

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Website http://gmdayton.org/

Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

#### Our Lady of Grace

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Website <a href="http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/">http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/</a>
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

#### PASTOR'S CORNER

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

#### 1st Sunday of Lent

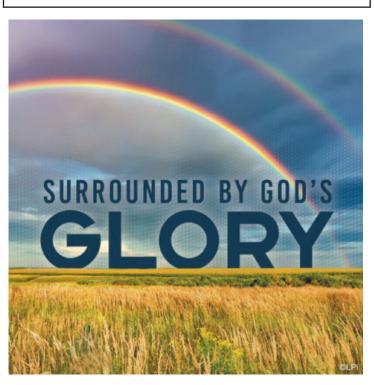
When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it mean?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem The Divine Comedy featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir

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#### **FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

#### **VOCATION VIEW**

In order to hear a call from the Lord, our hearts must be opened to receive His Word.

Lent begins with a call to repent so that all which clouds our ears might be stripped away to hear His voice clearly.

(Mark 1412-15)

(Mark 1:12-15)



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because cliches are essentially true. Lent is the dessert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

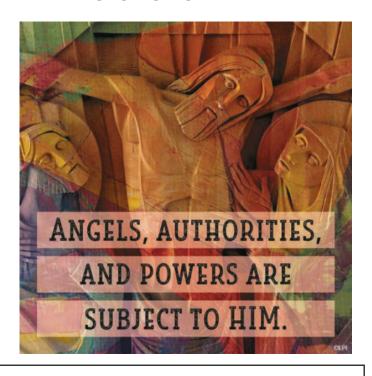
Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit." — 1 Peter 3:18

#### PASTOR'S CORNER



#### **Vestment Colors**

#### **Question:**

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

#### **Answer:**

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- · White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- · Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- · Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- $\cdot$  Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

#### **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility" respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Kenneth Bronston, Mary Helen Spanish, Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Loure Hayes, Renee Raisch, Ray Metzger, Richard Dillion, Joyce Merch, Sue Kozarec, Marie Hodapp, Craig Powell, Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods, Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberger, Fran Rickett, Pat Meyer, Norm Magoto, Kira Prikkel, Dave Hoerner, Pat Chirco, Keith Jones, Teresa Bond, Bev Ossege, Doncella Parks, Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikavla Powley, Ken Pendery, Samantha M., Joan Means, Mike Kessler, George Noeth, June Phillips, Carla Arnold, Ralph McEldowney, Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo, Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel, Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli, Fred Caudell, Mary Foster, Joe Hartenstein, Petronella Chirco, Carl Meyer, Skip Royer, Mildred Singleton, Ann Heaney, Christopher Garvin, Jerome Johnson, Carol, LaVerne Dorsev

PLEASE CALL 937-274-2107 EXT 3001 TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

#### **NURSING HOMES**

Eddie Weaver—Mary Scott Laure Hayes—Laurels of Kettering Deloria Harris—Laurels of Kettering

#### WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Major Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis, Sgt. Matthew Stull, Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius, Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo, Adam Wilhelm, Martha Moreo, Capt. U.S. Space Force EM3 Douglas R. Sortman, Major Darren Ward, Staff Sgt. Jacob Naas, Spc. Jonathan Gladden, AB Makayla Picker, Ssgt. P. J. Picker

#### **DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?**

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.

#### **Enrich Your Faith!**

Prayer of the True Presence

My Lord and my Love —

Bread of Life, nourish me.

Pascal Lamb, restore me.

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,

consume me as I consume you. Amen.

#### The Real Presence

#### **Communion Fasting**

#### **Ouestion:**

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

#### **Answer:**

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

# TIMES ...

6:30 pm St. Benedict Tuesday, February 20 11:30 am Corpus Christi Wednesday, February 21 6:00 pm Queen of Martyrs Wednesday, February 21

## The Assurance of Faith

FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2nd Sunday of Lent

#### The Assurance of Faith



Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (Mark 9:5)

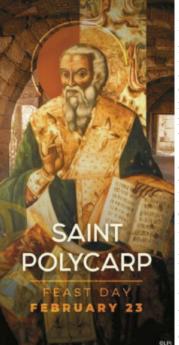
Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 • The Testing of Abraham

Romans 8:31b-34 • God's Love for Humanity

Mark 9:2-10 • Jesus Transfigured

Adults: How deeply do you believe that since God is for you, no one can destroy you?

Kids: What would you like to ask God to do for you and your family?



#### St. Polycarp of Smyrna February 23

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the Letter to the Philippians, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul's authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic

heresy that denied Christ's divinity.

The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr.

# Holy Spirit Family of Parishes-February 18, 2024

# Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Welcome! Taize Prayer Service March 21 7:00 PM

#### Saint Augustine Church

#### **All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes**

Join us for our 5 Week Lenten Bible Study,
"No Greater Love:
A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"

Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* is filmed on location in the Holy Land, and is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. Beginning Wednesdays, February 21 through March 20 for five weeks. 9:30 am—11:00 am Cost of study guide and book \$15. Call Charlotte for more information or to register. 937-238-8146

9:30 am—11:00 am McAuley Hall at Queen of Martyrs

#### Thank You So Much!

A big thank you to Deacon Ken and Deacon Victor for the great retreat at St. Benedict the Moor on February 1-3.

Also, thank you Susie and family for the great meals.

St. Bendict the Moor Catholic Church invites you, your family and your friends to its





\$ 12 dinner includes:

Two (2) pieces of Tilapia or Whiting (or one (1) of each), two sides, bread

Side options (choice of 2):

Baked beans, Coleslaw, French fries

\$ 9 - Sandwich only

Bottled water, desserts and soda will also be available for purchase

Serving dinner, Fridays 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. February 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church 519 Liscum Drive, Dayton, OH 45417 (@ US State Route 35)

Pre-Orders available and encouraged

To order: Call 937-268-6697 and select 6

Looking for Fish Fry Volunteers! Sign up at any of the churches or call St. Benedict Church.

A Lenten Retreat for All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Saturday, March 9, at Queen of Martyrs

Beginning with Mass at 8:30 am
Then proceeding to McAuley Hall
Retreat ending 2:30 pm

Join us for our special Lenten Retreat

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist By Dr. Brant Pitre

How is the Eucharist the New Passover Meal? How is the Eucharist the New Manna from Heaven? What is the "Bread of the Presence" from the Old Testament?

Retreat includes coffee and donuts, and lunch! Registration is required by March 7. Look for retreat flyer in the coming weeks to get registered. Or register by calling the church office.

> QM Office 937-277-2092 Charlotte Minnelli 937-238-8146 Jacky Lovegren 937-276-3095

Retreat is free of charge, but donations are welcome!

#### Soup, Video and Stations at St. Augustine

Join us at St. Augustine Catholic Church each Friday in Lent for soup and bread at 6 pm, during which a 30 minute video will be shown from "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". Stations will follow at 7:00 pm

#### ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

#### ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a part of the St. Augustine Prayer Chain, please contact Marie Klotz at saintapraysingtown@gmail.com

#### ST. AUGUSTINE ONE CALL

To be added to the St. Augustine one-call, please contact Fran Delegato at <a href="mailto:delegatof@outlook.com">delegatof@outlook.com</a>

#### ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR NEWS

There will not be a St. Benedict's Women's Group meeting held in February. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2024 in the Meeting Room. We will be planning the Mother's Day Brunch. God bless you and see you next month.



Janna Starkey, PA-C Sara Fieger, PA-C

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