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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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., March 9, 2024 St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

Sun., March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. at St. A Helen Rau +

Loretta Stewart +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM Barbara Siwecki +

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at OM Johnny Lee Shilt + Frances Rowley +

Mon., March 11, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) St. Casmir

Tues., March 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., March 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., March 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. at OM

Fri., March 15, 2024 (No Mass or Communion Service) St. John of God

Sat., March 16, 2024 St. Frances of Rome, Religious

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

Sun., March 17, 2024 FifthSunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. at St. A Helen Rau +

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

11:00 a.m. at OM James C. Rowley III +

Mae & Mike Meyring +

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Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:30 p.m at CC

Presider: Fr. Francis **Lector**: Vince Sacksteder

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gill/Detsy Sacksteder

Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change Presider: Fr. Benoit Lectors/Readers: tbd

Petitions: tbd **Eucharistic Ministers:** tbd Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider: Fr. Benoit **Lectors:** Randy Klotz Eucharistic Ministers: tbd

Sunday, March 17, 2024 9:00 a.m. at OLOM

Presider: Fr. Francis Lectors: Beth Siwecki

Eucharistic Ministers: Carl Brun / Karla Brun

Server:

Sunday, March 17, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. B

Presider: Fr. Benoit

Lectors: Judy Baker / Rita Ellicott **Petitions:** Deacon Victor O'Basuyi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Janice Allen, Sharon Hairston, Carolyn Day, (R) Susan Smith, Robin Craft-Bell, Emmett Orr, (L)

Deacon Victor O'Basuvi (C)

Sunday, March 17, 2024 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider: Fr. Francis

Lector: 1-Becky Phillips / 2– Don Tomczak

Eucharistic Ministers: Teresa Huntley / Cathy Hall

Server: Carl Meyer

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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 March 11, 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 March 12, 2024	
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
	WEDNESDAY March 13, 2024	
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	Chair Fitness Class	QM McAuley Hall
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA Church
7:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	In the meeting room
	THURSDAY March 14, 2024	
7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	OLOM Church
	SUNDAY March 17, 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

<u>BULLETIN DEADLINE</u> Monday at noon Send bulletin information to: mphillips@gmdayton.org

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Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

February 4, 2024

Collection \$1149

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

Saturday and Sunday Mass

Ash Wednesday

Collection \$360

February 18, 2024

Collection \$2613

Maintenance \$10, School \$100

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

February 18, 2024

Collection \$1050.50

QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass

Ash Wednesday

Collection \$201

February 18, 2024

Collection \$1124, SVDP \$78

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

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A LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

March 4, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.



There is no doubt we live in polarized times. Virtually every topic seems to be fodder for political division. In such times, our Catholic faith can be tested even more intensely than usual, especially when our faith runs up against public policy. Of course, Catholic teaching is not just for the United States in the 21st century; it is universal and enduring. When we strive to live our Catholic faith and pursue the common good, our work can alternatively be praised or attacked ... and sometimes both at the same time.

We experience this dynamic regularly in our advocacy for the unborn and pregnant mothers in need, for example. Now, we are facing vitriolic backlash online and even in some mainstream media for our care for our migrant brothers and sisters who, like everyone else in our communities, are children of God.

Our nation has a broken immigration system. Our nation's migration and border policies fail us. For decades, the U.S. Catholic bishops have urged Congress and administrations of both parties to revamp immigration law and processes in a way that restores order and promotes human dignity. To be clear, this does **not** mean that we condone unlawful immigration or advocate for open borders. However, in the midst of a broken system and broken world, we **do** always advocate for every person's God-given dignity.

As faithful Catholics, we have a responsibility to carefully discern between provocative narratives and the truth of the Church's work with migrants and refugees in need. The objectification of any human being or set of human beings is not in keeping with the commandment to love one another.

Through our parishes, schools, and social services agencies in which migrants find themselves, the Church provides an opportunity for us to leave behind political agendas and offer the goodness of basic human interactions inspired by the faith and charity which come from God. Any of the thousands of volunteers and supporters who help make our humanitarian work possible can attest to the great gift this has provided for their own faith journeys and our communities. Working with migrants and refugees is a wonderful way to put our Catholic faith into action, just as is serving any other person in need.

The types of services for which migrants are eligible varies greatly depending on their immigration status. In providing support for migrants and refugees, it is important to clarify what the Church does and does not do, especially through our local charitable agencies, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

We provide humanitarian assistance to **anyone** who comes through our doors should we have a service for them. This may involve food assistance, case management and mental health counseling, all supported through private philanthropy.

We do not aide or assist in any unauthorized entry into the United States.

We provide legal refugee resettlement. This federal program, which has existed for over 40 years, partners with local agencies to resettle those who have been identified by the United Nations and thoroughly vetted by the U.S. government. "Refugee" is a formal designation given to a minority of U.S. migrants who have demonstrated a well-founded fear of persecution for their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. When a refugee is qualified for permanent resettlement, it is established through multiple federal agencies that they cannot return to their country of origin and that they pose no threat to our national security. Our agencies transparently receive federal and local funds to assist in this work.

We provide case management services to unaccompanied minors to ensure that they are safe and free from exploitation and human trafficking. Those children that receive these services are placed by the federal government in our area, and we have no role in directing them here. Our Catholic Charities is assigned their cases and receives federal funds to assist in this work as well.

If you have a concern about immigration law or practice, please address it with your government representatives. But always remember your deepest calling as Christians: "whatever you did for one of these least brothers [and sisters] of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

Sincerely yours in Christ, A Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

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P. S. If you would like to learn more about this topic, please consult the following resources:

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio's <u>"Frequently Asked Questions on Catholic Charities and Migrants"</u>
Catholic Charities USA's <u>"FAQ's on Our Service to Immigrants"</u>
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' <u>Justice for Immigrants Campaign</u>

PASTOR'S CORNER

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Differences Between Priest & Brothers

Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions, titles, and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories:

- A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service.
- B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualties.

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study every Wednesday Evenings 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings 9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

Our Lady of Grace Bible Study Thursday Evenings beginning April 4. Dates for Spring/Summer Bible Study are as follows: April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20 (extra day for emergency cancellation). We meet at the Corpus Christi Campus in the MaDonna Room at 6:30pm. Our study will cover "The Eucharist in Scripture," by Little Rock Scripture Study.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Out of love for us, God sent His son into the world, to illuminate the truth that brings salvation. But light can be blinding to eyes that have only seen darkness. Pray that God will teach us to walk bravely in the light.



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, Petronella Chirco, Carl Meyer, Skip Royer, Mildred Singleton, Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol, LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe

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DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

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

Enrich Your Faith!



The Real Presence

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) was born Margaret Alacoque in a small village in France. After her father died when she was eight years old, she was sent to a convent school run by the Poor Clares where she became bedridden with rheumatic fever. For four years she was confined to her bed until she made a vow to Mary, Mother of God, to consecrate herself to religious life. Following this vow, her health was restored. Throughout her childhood and early adulthood, Margaret continued to have religious visions of Jesus.

In 1671, at age 24, Margaret entered the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary and took the name Mary when she professed her vows. During her time in the convent, she had series of mystical experiences — most notably, her encounters with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to her accounts, Jesus appeared to her and revealed his Sa-

cred Heart, burning with love for humanity and instructed her to devote herself to adoration of the Eucharist every Thursday night during a holy hour which she immediately incorporated into her routine. He also instructed her to celebrate a new feast, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Margaret Mary dedicated herself to promoting the feast and adoration of the Eucharist. Her visions and messages were met with skepticism initially, but she trusted God's guidance. In 1688, just two years before she died, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was celebrated for the first time in the Church's liturgical calendar. Eventually, her holy hour of adoration also became a popular tradition among Catholics worldwide. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, pray for us!

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a French nun who had visions of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. She devoted her life to promoting Eucharistic adoration and the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Her Thursday night holy hours are still a common practice among modern Catholics!



FOR MARCH 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

Life Everlasting

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25–26)

- Ezekiel 37:12-14 Prophecy of restoration Romans 8:8-11 • The flesh and the Spirit
- John 11:1-45 The raising of Lazarus
- Adults: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?
- Kids: How does Jesus help you do what is good

and avoid what is not?

VOCATION VIEW

To be cut off from the treasures of the Church is to be cast away from life itself. As the Israelites longed to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem, so must we long to continue to build up the Church today. (Psalm 137)



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if they are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

Father John Muir

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Holy Spirit Family of Parishes-March 10, 2024

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

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. 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

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Looking for Fish Fry Volunteers! Call St. Benedict Church.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife"

(The Gospel of Life 28).

Lenten, Holy Week, Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross: March 15 and 22

8:30am Corpus Christi, March 15 8:30am Our Lady of Mercy, March 22 9:30 am St. Benedict School, March 15 and 22 11:30 am Queen of Martyrs, March 15 and 22 3:00 pm St. Benedict March 15 and 22 7:00 pm St. Augustine March 15 and 22



Holy Thursday

6:00 pm Corpus Christi Church March 28, 2024 7:00 pm St. Augustine Church March 28, 2024

Good Friday Stations March 29, 2024

11:00 am Queen of Martyrs ChurchNoon St. Augustine Church1:00 pm Our Lady of Mercy Church3:00 pm St. Benedict Church

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service March 29, 2024

5:00 pm Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm St. Augustine Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil March 30, 2024 8:30 pm St. Benedict Church

(Combined Mass for All Holy Spirit Family)

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

8:30 am St. Augustine Church 9:00 am Our Lady of Mercy Church 10:30 am St. Benedict Church 11:00 am Queen of Martyrs Church



ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR NEWS

Next St. Benedict's Women's Group meeting to be held March 16, 2024 in the Meeting Room. We will be planning the Mother's Day Brunch. God bless you and see you next month.

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 delegatof@outlook.com



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