



April 14, 2024

4TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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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)



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Our Lady of Mercy Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat., April 20, 2024

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., April 21, 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. at St. A David Emrick +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM Joseph Kolakowski +

Mon., April 22, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

Tues., April 23, 2024 *St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., April 24, 2024 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., April 25, 2024 *St. Mark, Evangelist*

8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., April 26, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

Sat., April 27, 2024

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., April 28, 2024 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Lawrence Kratzenberg +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, April 27, 2024 4:30 p.m. at CC

Presider:

Lector: Dorothy Mann

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gill/Detsy Sacksteder

Server:

Saturday, April 27, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change

Presider:

Lectors/Readers:

Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider:

Lectors: Joanne Vincent

Eucharistic Ministers:

Server: Marie Klotz

Sunday, April 28, 2024 9:00 a.m. at OLOM

Presider:

Lectors: Ellen Hopkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth & Arthur Siwecki

Server: Consuella Wilson

Sunday, April 28, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. B

Presider:

Lectors: Mary O'Basuyi / Michelle Sherman

Petitions: Deacon Victor O'Basuyi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tracy Henderson, Janice Allen, Sylvia Orr (R)

Sharon Hairston, Annette Young, Emmett Orr (L)

Deacon Victor O'Basuyi (C)

Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider:

Lector: 1-Becky Phillips / 2- Don Tomczak

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Schwieterman/

Charlotte Minelli

Server: Carl Meyer

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(SA) Denise Jasek denisejasek@gmail.com

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Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Chair: Randall Klotz

Vice Chair: Consuella Wilson

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays before the 4 p.m. Mass at SB,

or after daily Masses at CC, OLOM, QM

or by appointment.

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY April 15, 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 April 16, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY April 17, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	No Bible Study Class until May 1	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	No Chair Fitness Class during April	QM McAuley Hall
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA Church
6:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	In the meeting room
THURSDAY April 18, 2024		
6:30 p.m.	OLOG Bible Study	CC Madonna Room

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

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study every Wednesday Evenings 6:00 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, Spring/Summer Session, every Thurs-

- **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,

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at noon
Send bulletin information to:
mphillips@qmdayton.org

APRIL 21, 2024

Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

March 31, 2024

Collection \$1772, Capital Improvement \$320
Holy Thursday \$114, Good Friday \$170
Catholic Ed \$25

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR Saturday and Sunday Mass

March 31, 2024

Collection \$3687, Flower Fund \$40

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

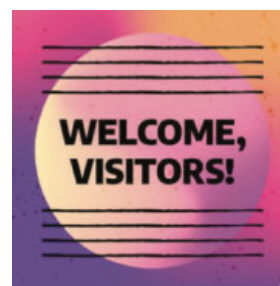
March 31, 2024

Collection \$1217

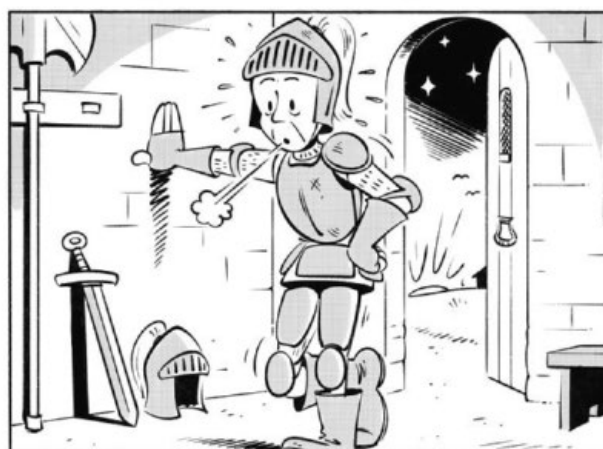
QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass

March 31, 2024

Collection \$1706.05, SVDP \$5,
Capital Campaign \$650



"Why was St. George tired?"



"He worked the knight shift."



St. George is the patron saint of England, he was a soldier and officer in the Roman army who was martyred for his faith in Jesus.

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(GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs — real or imagined — that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation — not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:11

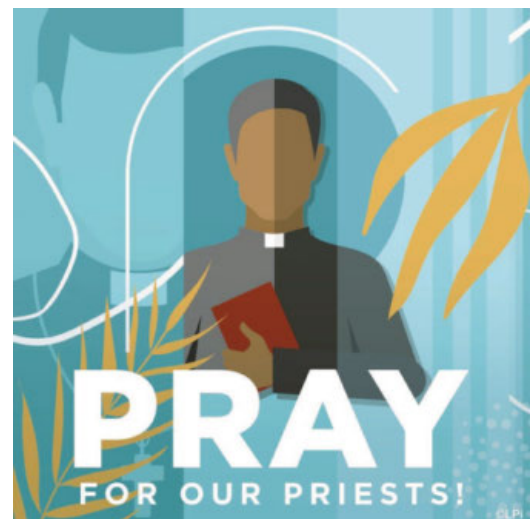
For APRIL 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter
Strengthening Your Faith



[The vine grower] removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. (John 15:2)

- Acts 9:26-31 • Saul Visits Jerusalem
- 1 John 3:18-24 • The Actions of Believers
- John 15:1-8 • The Vine and the Branches
- Adults: When have you been "pruned" by your experiences in a way that led to greater abundance?
- Kids: When have you felt stronger or better because you did something hard to help another person?



PASTOR'S CORNER

CHURCH INFORMATION

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St. Benedict the Moor Church

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Our Lady of Grace

Corpus Christi Church	Our Lady of Mercy Church
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Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Queen of Martyrs Church

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Website <http://qmdayton.org/>
Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

VOCATION VIEW

Good Shepherd Sunday;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
The priest is called, in imitation of Christ, to lay down his life for his people. Pray that our priests and seminarians might be courageous in following the example of Christ. (John 10:11-18)

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus the Good Shepherd knows that real love is an action, not an idea. His sacrifice is the proof of his love for his flock. Let us remember to love one another as the Good Shepherd loves us: not just in words but in actions, in choices, in deeds.



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, Mikayla 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

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

NURSING HOMES

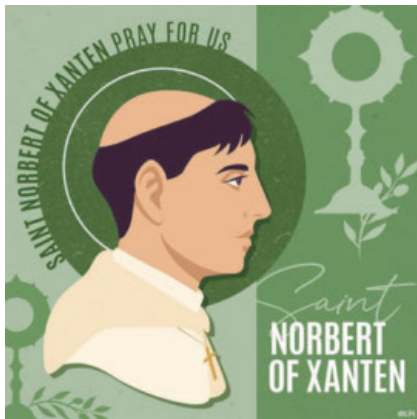
*Eddie Weaver—Mary Scott
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WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

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, Angelica Tomlinson, USN

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

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



Born to nobility, **St. Norbert of Xanten** (c. 1075-1134), was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he

preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament, this earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament". He and those of his orders had a great love of and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, with a devout faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died. St. Norbert of Xanten, pray for us!

St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134) after a violent conversion experience, was ordained and became an itinerant preacher who founded the Norbertine order. He preached against heresies denying the Blessed Sacrament, which earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament."



Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.



Earth Day
EVERY DAY

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes- April 21, 2024



ST. BENEDICT NEWS

Saint Benedict the Moor 2024 Graduates

Please begin to post Saint Benedict the Moor 2024 Graduates on the Board in the gathering space. Post Name, institute, and, grade/degree. We welcome any other information that you may want announced.

St. Benedict Choir

Saint the Benedict the Moor is seeking to grow our choir. Please join the choir. Practice last about an hour on Saturdays at 11am. You may email Gabe Lawson at gabe.lawson.1609@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
“Every Suicide is Tragic” usccb.org/every-suicide-tragic

Next Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Combined Family Mass

May 5, 2024,
10:30 am at St. Augustine
Archbishop Dennis Schnurr
is coming for Confirmation

ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

Quarterly “Sonshine in a Bag” Report

January 1, 2024, until March 31, 2024

From January 1st until March 31st. There were 56 large cans of green beans or corn donated in the box at the foot of the stairs. There were monetary donations given on Sundays that let us purchase 36 small pop top cans at \$.85 each, and 768 large cans of corn and green beans for “Sonshine” at approximately \$.57 a can. Since the small pop-top cans are more expensive and harder to find, after speaking with Julie, we have only been providing the bigger cans. Two Church members also donated 32 Complete Dinners for the students who have Dairy allergies. A thank-you from Sonshine was read and posted on the Church bulletin board. We will continue providing weekend food for the free and reduced lunch students until school is out in June.

St. Benedict the Moor – Mother’s Day Jazz Brunch

519 Liscum Drive, Dayton 45417 – Multipurpose Room

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Featuring: *Emmie’s Place Catering Affairs*

Breakfast Foods + Other Meats + Vegetables + Mixed Green Salad
Fresh Fruits + Rolls and Desserts + Beverages

Live Jazz from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$35.00/Per Person

Contact: Annette Young – 937.439.4623
Susan Smith – 937.263.6713
or St. Benedict The Moor Church – 937.268.6697





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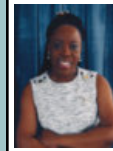
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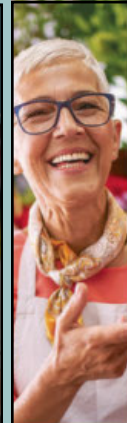
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