

March 29, 2026

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Our Vision

"We, the 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 (OLOG)



Corpus Christi



Our Lady of Mercy

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., March 28, 2026

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

Sun., March 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 a.m. at St. A Jacquelyn Bowman +
9:00 a.m. at OLOM
10:30 a.m. at St. B
11:00 a.m. at QM George Noeth +

Mon., March 30, 2026 (No Mass or Communion Service)

Monday Holy Week

Tues., March 31, 2026 Tuesday Holy Week

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., April 1, 2026 Wednesday Holy Week

8:30 a.m. OLOM



April 2, 2026 Holy Thursday

St. Benedict 6:30 pm
Queen of Martyrs 7:00 pm

April 3, 2026 Friday of the Passion of the Lord,

Good Friday

St. Augustine Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon
St. Benedict Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm
Corpus Christi Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon
Our Lady of Mercy Good Friday Service 6:30 pm
St. Augustine Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

April 4, 2026 Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

St. Benedict 8:30 pm
(this is the only Mass scheduled for the day)

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 am at St. A David Emrick +
9:00 am at OLOM
10:30 am at St. B
11:00 am at QM Deacon Skip Royer +
Yuan Yuan Oleckniche +



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

St. Benedict 8:30 pm

(this is the only Mass scheduled for the day)

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2026 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider:

Lectors: Randy Klotz

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hickle, Marie Klotz,
Patrick Barnett, Joan Cameron

Server: Barb Maichle

Sunday, April 5, 2026 9:00 a.m. at OLOM

Presider:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Server:

Sunday, April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m. at St. B

Presider:

1st Reader – YOUTH/Camille Brown

2nd Reader – YOUTH/Dominique Akpore

Petitions – Deacon Victor O’Basuyi

Extraordinary Ministers –

Carolyn Day, Rita Ellicott, Janice Allen (R)

Emmett Orr, Susan Smith, Derek Arnold (L)

Deacon Victor O’Basuyi (C)

Sunday, April 5, 2026 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider:

Lector: 1-Cathy Hall 2-Tom Carter

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Zeller / Don Tomczak

Server: Carl Meyer



Pastoral Council for Holy Spirit Family

Chair: Randall Klotz **Vice Chair:** Consuella Wilson

- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**
Call office 937-268-6697
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and Marty Phillips, instructors

HSFP Coordinator of Religious Education

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MONDAY March 30, 2026		
10:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer (Lauds)	QM
TUESDAY March 31, 2026		
9:30 am	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
11:00 am	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary Dial-In on Phone only	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
4:00—5:00 pm	Neighborhood Meals Ministry We will be serving carryout meals every Tuesday	OLOM Founder's Hall
WEDNESDAY April 1, 2026		
9:30 am—11:00 am	Lenten Video Series entitled <i>Our Father's Plan</i> by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins All are welcome! No cost	McAuley Hall QM
6:30 pm	St. Augustine Rosary and Liturgy of the Hours-Evening Prayer	SA
6:00 pm	St. Benedict Bible Study- Virtual beginning October 15	https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday		
<u>See Holy Week and Easter schedule on page 2 to the left</u>		

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Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

Mar. 8, 2026

Collection \$2174, Sonshine In A Bag \$10,
Capital Improvement \$400

**ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
Saturday and Sunday Mass**

Mar. 8, 2026

To be updated

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

Mar. 8, 2026

Collection \$2705

QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Sunday Mass

Mar. 8, 2026

Collection \$2838, SVDP \$155,
Easter Flowers \$5



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Let's Communicate!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE MONDAY AT NOON

Send bulletin information to Marty:

mphillips@holyspiritdayton.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS***

pertaining to all locations

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 am

**Send family-wide pulpit announcements to
Marty:**

mphillips@holyspiritdayton.org

Marty will then email these to all locations

SUNDAY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

pertaining to just your location

***These should go to your location announce-
ment writer to be read at Mass***

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(SB) Gabe Lawson gabe.lawson.1609@gmail.com

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study: Virtual study began on October 15, 2025 and remain in place until Daylight Saving begins again in the Spring of 2026.

As in the past we will use Google Meet as the application for our virtual sessions. Parishioners can participate using their computer, tablet or smartphone. The link to join the virtual sessions is provided below: Hangouts Meet joining info

<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study

Wednesday Mornings

9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

Our Lady of Grace's Bible Study will resume on Thursday, March 26 for an overview and book distribution. We will not meet on Holy Thursday, but will continue on April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, and June 4th. We will meet in The Madonna Room at Corpus Christi Church from 6:30 -8:00 pm. We will use the resource, "Pilgrim People," from Little Rock Scripture Study, which includes study questions and a DVD presentation at the completion of each lesson. This study explores what it means today, to be part of a people whose very identity is rooted in the belief that they belong to God and their lives are a pilgrimage of faith. Old and New Testament stories will be explored. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Leona Marmolejo by March 23rd, at 937-274-4476.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

*Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Michael Colvin,
Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley,
Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley,
Juanita Newell, Dorianne Minnelli,
Robert Florence, Loure Hayes,
Renee Raisch, Joyce Merch, Imogene Broyles,
Frank Kozarec, Marie Hodapp,
Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods,
Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberger, Fran Rickett,
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Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo,
Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling,
Andrea Kittel, Karen Kuritar,
Mary Foster, Charlotte Badders,
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LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe, Steve Koob*

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*Laure Hayes-Laurels of Kettering
Lucille Wilder-Cypress Pointe*

From the Pastor's Desk



Reflect Summary

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Family Unity Discernment Reflect Day

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes has been engaged in the Family Unity Discernment (FUD) process with support from the archdiocese Center for Parish Vitality (CPV) team. This culminated in a Reflect session on February 21 where CPV presented findings from the Family Unity Discernment review and then led the participants through Conversations in the Spirit to begin discernment on how best to use the Family's resources in the future to best support the mission of sharing the gospel within the Family territory.

Note takers captured comments from parishioners during these Conversations in the Spirit which are summarized below by theme in response to the following question:

What changes would you prayerfully suggest to Family resource (buildings, people, financial) usage to meet the mission of the church in this age?

1. Communication Is the #1 Concern

- Desire for consistent, clear, centralized communication
- Need for staff support (communications director)
- Information not reaching the right people

2. Youth Engagement Is Urgent

- Recruit and welcome young adults
- Hire or empower youth leaders
- Use varied platforms to reach them

3. Emotional & Spiritual Support Through Change

- Acknowledge grief, attachment, and fear
- Provide Scripture-rooted spiritual guidance
- Normalize emotions and build trust

4. Discernment of Buildings & Facilities

- Determine which buildings are truly needed
- Consider consolidations and closures
- Repurpose buildings for outreach
- Debate between community presence vs. financial responsibility



Reflect Summary

5. Strengthening Volunteerism & Leadership

- Identify skills and gifts within parish membership
- Offer training, workshops, fairs
- Encourage elders to mentor new leaders
- Reduce reliance on paid staff where appropriate

6. Community Outreach & Evangelization

- Make church a social center for the community
- Partnerships with other churches
- Food-based ministries and cultural events
- Storytelling and neighborhood engagement
- Programs like VBS, open houses, phone-tree outreach

7. Financial Sustainability

- Promote bequests
- Bring in more revenue via events and rentals
- Track meaningful metrics beyond Mass attendance
- Address financially struggling parishes honestly

8. Center Everything on Jesus & Mission

- Emphasis on Eucharist and gratitude
- Renew focus on mission, leadership, and strategy
- Shared prayer as foundation for unity

Holy Spirit Family Core Values — Eucharist — Relationship — Prayer — Holy Spirit — Trust





Reflect Summary

Recommendations

We have also summarized the recommendations captured in answer to these questions into two categories of Cost and Mission.

Reducing Costs

These recommendations aim to lower expenses, consolidate resources, or use assets more efficiently.

Building-related cost reductions

- Consider **closing one or two churches** if nearby parishes can still serve their communities, due to several churches operating “in the red.”
- **Close the St. Augustine rectory** because it is not being used.
- Discussed hypothetical: **closing all churches and building one new one** (reflects openness to consolidation).
- Evaluate which buildings are **actually needed** and whether all should remain open.
- **Renting unused buildings**, such as the St. Augustine rectory, to generate income.

Operational cost reductions

- **Increase volunteerism** to reduce reliance on paid staff roles.
- Create a **volunteer skills inventory** to match parish needs and avoid hiring for tasks volunteers can do.
- Hold **volunteer workshops** instead of paid training.
- **Consolidate communications systems** to eliminate duplicated labor.
- Establish **one central office** for calls and administration instead of multiple sites.
- **Share ministries** across parishes to reduce duplicated programs.

Revenue-aligned cost relief

- Promote **bequests** to strengthen long-term finances.
- Improve tracking of who is served so resources are allocated more efficiently—not just based on Mass attendance.



Reflect Summary

Increasing Mission-Related Activities

These recommendations strengthen evangelization, community outreach, parish vitality, and spiritual renewal.

Outreach & evangelization

- Make the church a **social center of the community**, using buildings for events and outreach.
- Host **international food fairs**, meals, and community events to welcome neighbors.
- “Tell me your story” initiatives to honor **culture and diversity**.
- Expand **neighborhood ministry**, food programs, and SVDP collaboration.
- Create **open houses** to invite non-parishioners.
- Increase partnerships with **other churches**.

Youth & leadership engagement

- Recruit and welcome **young people**; hire a youth director.
- Ask **new people to take leadership roles**, and train successors from among long-time members.

Spiritual renewal

- Focus on **Lectio/Scripture** and “Follow me” spirituality as grounding for change.
- Increase **holy hours**, prayer, and gratitude practices.
- Keep **Jesus and the Eucharist at the center** of parish life.

Community-building activities

- More **shared services** and unity Sundays across parishes.
- Use buildings for **VBS, programs, gatherings**, and celebrations of volunteers and marriages.
- Create more opportunities for **storytelling and personal connection**.

Improved communication (as mission support)

- Strengthen **communication** to reach parishioners and the broader community more effectively.
- Use multiple methods and possibly hire a **communications director**.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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6891 Weaver Rd. (Rectory)
937-855-2289

Email csaintaugustine@woh.rr.com
Website catholicsmart.com

St. Benedict the Moor Church

519 Liscum Dr., Dayton, OH 45417

937-268-6697

Email admin@unitedinhope.org

Website unitedinhope.org

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

Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Mercy Church

533 Odlin Ave.

Dayton, OH 45405

Corpus Christi Church

527 Forest Ave.

Dayton, OH 45405

937-274-2107

info@ourladyofgracedayton.org

Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>

Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Queen of Martyrs Church

4134 Cedar Ridge Rd. (Church), Dayton, OH
45414

4144 Cedar Ridge Rd. (Office)

937-277-2092

queenofmartyrsdayton@gmail.com

Website <http://qmdayton.org/>

Office hours: Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Join in praying the Rosary

St. Benedict Rosary is every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. **Dial-In Only:** New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

Sunday Rosary at St. Benedict is in person every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., just before the 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

*Lt. Col. Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis,
Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius,*

*Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo,
Adam Wilhelm, Sgt. Matthew Stull,
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,
Army Specialist Devon Chaney*

More from the Pastor's Desk

The Archbishop Most Rev Robert Casey will pay the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes his Canonical visit on **Saturday April 11, 2026**. In view of this all are invited to attend in our full numbers. He will confirm 9 people. The Saturday Mass at Corpus Christi is cancelled. The only Saturday Mass for April 11, will be at St. Benedict, 519 Liscum Drive, Dayton Ohio, at 4pm.

We are glad to have you there.

Subject: Temporary Staffing and Contact Updates

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to let you know that Elizabeth Godala (Liz) is no longer with our team. During this transition period, we have put temporary measures in place as we search for her replacement.

For envelopes (collection contributions) and newsletters, please contact Ms. Wanda Hollinger. She is available once a week via your parish number at Extension 3001.

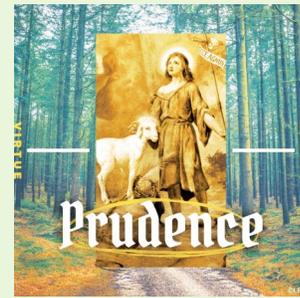
To arrange hall reservations or for scheduling matters, please contact Cecille Ingabile, our Outreach Coordinator, through the parish office.

For any other concerns, call the parish office secretary line, and your call will be directed appropriately.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Rest assured, we are committed to ensuring the continued smooth operation of our parish services during this transition period.

Have a good day. Fr. Francis

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Prudence

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. Prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good.

Chastisement vs. Punishment

Question: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer: The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -



1st Reading Question

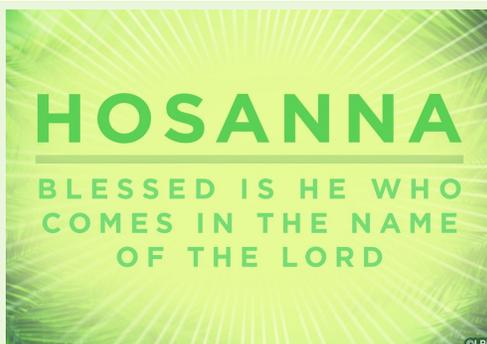
Isaiah speaks of his obedient response to God's call despite his suffering. Have you ever suffered for your faith?

2nd Reading Question

Paul recounts how Jesus' life was characterized by humility and obedience. In what ways do you live by these virtues?

Gospel Question

There are numerous unique features to Matthew's account of the passion of the Lord, including the details of Judas' suicide. What parts of the passion narrative do you find most engaging?





**The Liturgy of the Hours
Locations and Times
for Morning/Evening Prayers**

Saint Augustine: Adoration
with Evening Prayers
First Thursday 7 PM.

Rosary and Evening Prayers every Wednesday
6:30 PM.

Saint Benedict: Adoration with Evening Prayers
First Thursday 6 PM.

Corpus Christi: Adoration
with Morning Prayers
Second Thursday of month 10 AM

Queen of Martyrs: Adoration
with Morning Prayers
9AM to Noon First Monday.
(Morning Prayers begins 11:40 AM).
Morning Prayers every Monday at 10 AM.

Easter Flowers for St. Benedict's

The Flower Committee is accepting donations for Easter flowers to decorate the church. Please give your donations to Arvilla Crawford or Jackie Glover after Sunday Mass or place your donations in the offering (annotate the memo line of your check with "2026 Easter flowers" or place your donations in a separate envelope with a note). Thank you for your support!

Mother's Day
JAZZY BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 10, 2026
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM**
Jazz Performance starts at 1 PM

St. Benedict the Moor
Catholic Church
Multi-purpose Room
519 Liscum Drive, at US 35
Dayton, OH 45417

Tickets: \$40 For tickets contact:
Annette Young 937-416-2459

Palm Sunday March 29, 2026:
Regular Regional Weekend Mass Schedule

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Queen of Martyrs 11:00 am

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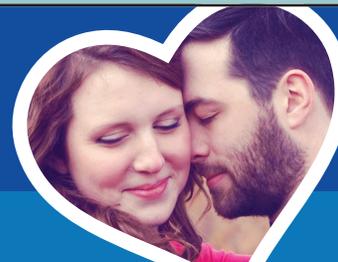
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