

April 26, 2026

**HOLY SPIRIT
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Holy Spirit Family—
United in
Faith, Hope, and
Service
to the Community



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly.” - Jn 10:9-10

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St. Augustine (SA)



St. Benedict the Moor (SB)



Queen of Martyrs (QM)



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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

Sat., April 25, 2026 St. Mark, Evangelist
4:30 p.m. at CC
4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m. at St. A
9:00 a.m. at OLOM
10:30 a.m. at St. B
11:00 a.m. at QM Melvin & Eva Myers +

Mon., April 27, 2026 (No Mass or Communion Service)

Tues., April 28, 2026 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., April 29, 2026

St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. OLOM

Thurs., April 30, 2026 St. Pius V, Pope

8:30 a.m. QM

Fri., May 1, 2026 (No Mass or Communion Service)

St. Joseph the Worker, First Friday

Sat., May 2, 2026 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30 p.m. at OLOM

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. at St. A

9:00 a.m. at CC

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM Lonnie & Lorraine Nelson +



Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 2, 2026 4:30 p.m. at OLOM

Presider:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Server:

Saturday, May 2, 2026 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change

Presider:

Lectors/Readers:

Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday, May 3, 2026 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider:

Lector: Jeff Bruns

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie Klotz, Joan Cameron
Susie Stewart, Mary Hickle

Server: Randy Klotz

Sunday, May 3, 2026 9:00 a.m. at CC

Presider:

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Server:

Sunday, May 3, 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, May 3, 2026 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider:

Lector: 1-LouAnn Geel 2-Becky Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Tomczak/ Cathy Hall

Server: Larry Schwieterman



Pastoral Council for Holy Spirit Family
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| MONDAY April 27, 2026 | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| 10:00 am | Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer (Lauds) | QM |
| TUESDAY April 28, 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 29, 2026 | | |
| 9:30 am | QM Bible Study | McAuley Hall QM |
| 6:30 pm | St. Augustine Rosary and Liturgy of the Hours-Evening Prayer | SA |
| 6:00 pm | St. Benedict In-person Bible Study | Meeting Room SB |
| THURSDAY April 30 2026 | | |
| 6:30 pm | OLOG Bible Study | CC Madonna Room |
| SUNDAY May 3, 2026 | | |
| 10:00 am | St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In church before Mass | SB |
| 10:30 am | Queen of Martyrs Rosary In church before Mass | QM |

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pertaining to all locations

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Marty will then email these to all locations

SUNDAY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
pertaining to just your location

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Mar. 22, 2026

Collection \$2428, Capital Improvement \$40
Sunshine In A Bag \$20

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Saturday and Sunday Mass

Mar. 22, 2026

Collection \$3232, Maintenance \$155
Easter Flowers \$125, St. Benedict School \$120

OUR LADY OF GRACE - OLOM & CC

Saturday and Sunday Mass

Mar. 22, 2026

Collection \$1858

QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Sunday Mass

Mar. 22, 2026

Collection \$1408, SVDP \$5
St. Benedict School \$105

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From the Pastor's Desk

World Day of Prayer for Vocations



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:1-10

“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

My most boring job was working at an insurance company as a college student. My main task? Filing. Now imagine if I had told my supervisor, “I just want you to know, I’m willing to die for these files.” She would have called a psychiatrist — or at least security.

There is something absurd in Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel: “I am the good shepherd... I lay down my life for the sheep.” (John 10:11) It sounds noble, until you think about it. No one dies for sheep. Not a hired hand. Not even a good shepherd. Sheep are important, sure, but not worth a human life.

And yet, Jesus insists: I will die for them. The crowd understandably responds: “He is out of his mind.”

C.S. Lewis once said that Jesus does not leave us the option of calling him merely a good teacher. If someone speaks like him, he is either lying, crazy, or telling the truth. John’s Gospel won’t let us stay sentimental. Jesus means it. He reveals a love that surpasses logic — a love that measures worth not by strength or success, but by the willingness to suffer unto death.

The Good Shepherd’s madness is mercy. His cross makes no earthly sense and yet it makes divine sense. He lays down his life not for kings or saints but for sheep — for the ordinary, the unworthy, for you and me.

Think of someone who may feel unworthy of love. Do something simple and generous for them, not because they deserve it, but because Jesus did the same for you.
— Father John Muir ©LPi

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Exaltation of the Cross

Question:

What is the history behind the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine’s mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus’ life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -



1st Reading

The crowds believed Peter’s proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

2nd Reading

Peter speaks of Jesus’ wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life?



Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study: We will resume IN PERSON Bible Study at St. Benedict beginning on Wednesday April 8, 2026. Start time will remain at 6:00pm.

We will meet in the meeting room @St. Benedict. Parishioners are asked to park on the meeting room side of the church.

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, 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, Pat Meyer, Kira Prikkel, Terry Richey, Larry Phillips, Pat Chirco, Keith Jonvires, Teresa Bond, Doncella Parks, Donna Campbell, Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikayla Powley, Ken Pendery, Samantha M., Joan Means, Paul & Kiersten Sacksteder, Carla Arnold, Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo, Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel, Karen Kuritar, Mary Foster, Charlotte Badders, Leah Moore, Carl Meyer, Phylis Hayes, Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe, Steve Koob

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TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

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- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**
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- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Baptisms:**
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Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi,
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Our Lady of Grace

Our Lady of Mercy Church

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Corpus Christi Church

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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

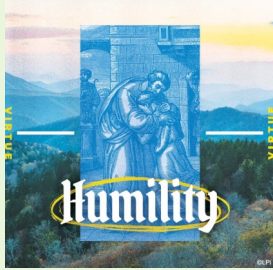
St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

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,
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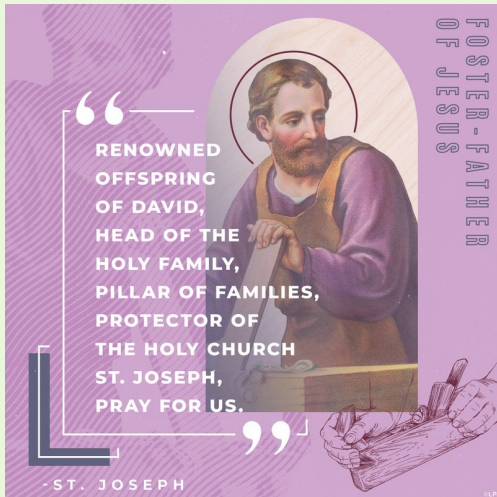
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Humility

True humility does not require us to ignore, underestimate, or hide our gifts — it merely demands that we use these gifts rightly, with the knowledge that they are from our Creator and meant for His glory, not our own.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Devil's Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations. She just wants to be happy.

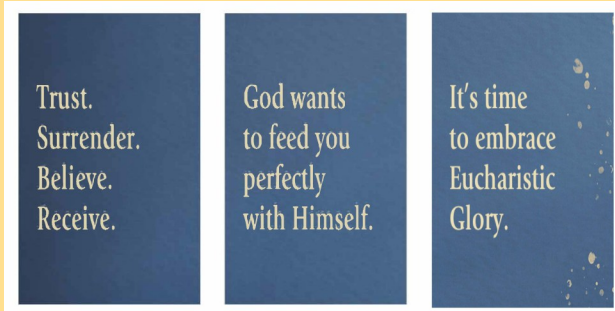
And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something is right because it feels right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead? ©LPi



Please join us for a Eucharistic Consecration.

For the past few weeks, you have been reading in the bulletin about a Spiritual Pilgrimage that the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes will partake in. Using this resource, ***33 Days to Eucharistic Glory***, we will be able to "foster discipleship by making the Eucharist the center of our lives," as stated in our Vision Statement. We are inviting all family members to participate in this sacred journey as we "form, live and share our faith." If you do not already have a copy of this resource, more will be available next weekend. At that time, we will share with you the additional opportunity to discuss the book, in small groups, after mass each weekend, for 4 weeks. The Spiritual Pilgrimage begins on Wednesday, May 6 and ends on the Feast of Corpus Christi. You are invited to stay after Mass, next weekend, for additional information.

"While we are searching far and wide in this world for something to satisfy our hunger, God is waiting to feed us the one thing that truly satisfies, Himself."



**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.

The Naim KENTUCKY DERBY party is Saturday, May 2, before the next regular meeting. This FUN event is for widowed Catholics & will feature a catered dinner & all the Derby favorites. The regular meeting on Monday May 11, at 1 PM is at St. Francis 6245 Wilmington Pike followed by cards. To make a Derby Party reservation or find out more information about Naim contact Jim King at 937-901-2849 or J_L_King@hotmail.com.

Blessing of the Good Shepherd

Dear Jesus,
Be the Good Shepherd in my life.
Help me to know your voice and to respond.
Help me to find your fold and the paths on
which you lead.
Bless me with verdant pastures and restful
waters.
Refresh my soul.
Amen.

**Holy Spirit Family Core Values—
Eucharist—Relationship
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Mother's Day
JAZZY BRUNCH

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

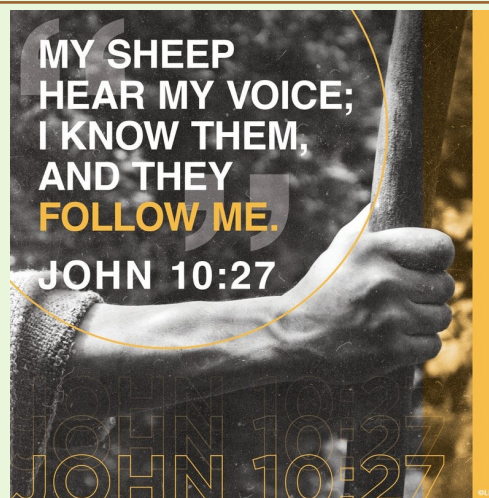
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Annette Young

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LIVE THE LITURGY

“The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice,” Jesus says. Do we know the voice of Jesus when he speaks to us? Have we spent time in conversation with him? This week, listen for the voice of Jesus in your life, and follow where it leads.



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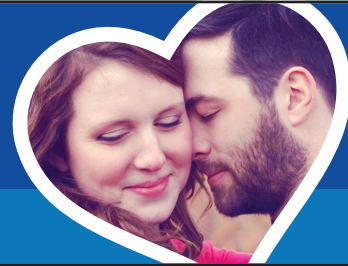
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