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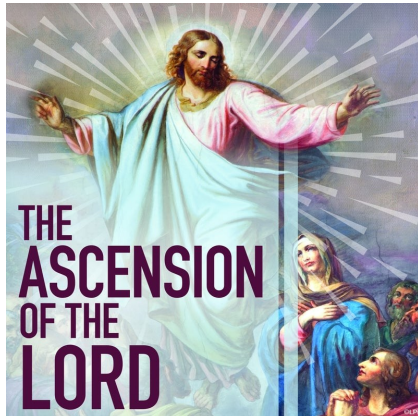
Our Lady of Mercy

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Sat., May 16, 2026

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B



Sun., May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 a.m. at St. A Father Daniel Jasek, New Priest Richard Adkins +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM George Noeth +

Mon., May 18, 2026 (No Mass or Communion Service)

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Tues., May 19, 2026

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., May 20, 2026 St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:30 a.m. OLOM

Thurs., May 21, 2026

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

8:30 a.m. QM Melvin Treon +

Fri., May 22, 2026 (No Mass or Communion Service)

St. Rita Cascia, Religious

Sat., May 23, 2026 No Masses today! All family Mass tomorrow.

Pentecost Weekend

All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Together Mass

Our Lady of Mercy Location 10:00 a.m. SUNDAY

Please note no other Masses this weekend in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Sun., May 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

Our Lady of Mercy Location

All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Together Mass

10:00 a.m.

Please note no other Masses this weekend in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Mass Intentions for Pentecost

Stephanie Tozzi +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 23, 2026

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Pentecost Sunday

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All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Together Mass

10:00 a.m.

Please note no other Masses this weekend in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

NEXT SUNDAY !



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Pastoral Council for Holy Spirit Family

Chair: Randall Klotz Vice Chair: Consuella Wilson

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MONDAY May 18, 2026		
10:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer (Lauds)	QM
TUESDAY May 19, 2026		
9:30 am	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
11:00 am	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In person or Dial-In on Phone Dial-InNumber: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136	SB
4:00—5:00 pm	Neighborhood Meals Ministry We will be serving carryout meals every Tuesday	OLOM Founder's Hall
WEDNESDAY May 20, 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 May 21, 2026		
6:30 pm	OLOG Bible Study	CC Madonna Room
SUNDAY May 24, 2026		
10:00 am	Pentecost Sunday Our Lady of Mercy Location All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Together Mass 10:00 a.m. Please note no other Masses this weekend in our Holy Spirit Family of Parishes	OLOM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Let's Communicate!

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE MONDAY AT NOON
Send bulletin information to Marty:
mphillips@holyspiritdayton.org

Family-wide SUNDAY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS
pertaining to all locations

DEADLINE WEDNESDAY AT 9:00 am
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Marty will then email these to all locations

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Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

April 12, 2026

Collection \$1066, Capital Improvement \$30
Sonshine In A Bag \$50, St. Benedict School \$25

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Saturday and Sunday Mass

April 12, 2026

Collection \$2496, Maintenance \$1775,
St. Benedict School \$25

OUR LADY OF GRACE - OLOM & CC

Saturday and Sunday Mass

April 12, 2026

Collection \$1222, Good Friday Holy Lands \$82

QUEEN OF MARTYRS

Sunday Mass

April 12, 2026

Collection \$1829, Easter \$383, SVDP \$360

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From the Pastor's Desk

Progress and Path Forward for the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes: A Synthesis of Beacons of Light and Family Unity Discernment

The Holy Spirit Family of Parishes, comprising St. Augustine, St. Benedict, Our Lady of Grace, and Queen of Martyrs, stands at a pivotal moment in its journey toward unity and renewal. Guided by the Archdiocese's Beacons of Light (BOL) pastoral planning process, our family has made significant strides in aligning our resources, leadership, and vision to become one canonical parish community committed to discipleship and the mission of the Church.

Year 2: Building Foundations for Unity Since 2021, the BOL initiative has provided a framework for our growth, rooted in six guiding principles: Eucharist, Church, Leadership, Stewardship, Love in Action, and Evangelization. In 2023, steps toward unification accelerated with the establishment of a single Pastoral Council with four representatives from all parishes, who are now consulted on key pastoral matters. Alongside the Leadership Team and commissions for Worship, Evangelization, Love in Action, and Stewardship, these bodies have fostered collaboration and shared vision. Our vision statement, "We, 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", reflects our collective commitment. A notable milestone was the launch of a combined Finance Council, ensuring transparent, equitable financial management. This council, on the advice of Fr. Francis Tandoh and a subcommittee, recommended shifting from equal expense shares to an income-based model for shared costs, aligning with Archdiocesan best practices. Implementation started in January 2026, with operational structures such as a shared account and proportional contributions in development.

Phase Three: Shaping Ecclesial Culture

Entering Phase Three, the Family of Parishes is focused on shaping an Ecclesial Culture centered on Eucharist, Stewardship/Love in Action, and Evangelization. Activities have included participation in the Archdiocese's BOL Pathway workshops at the University of Dayton and a two-day retreat at Maria Stein Retreat Center for further discernment. The Advent 2025 season featured parish-wide discussions on discipleship formation using "Disciples Radiate Christ" materials provided by the vitality office. These efforts aim to unify customs, practices, and beliefs across our parishes, nurturing a culture where faith is lived and shared.

Phase 4: Family Unity Discernment and Reflect Day

A core aspect of our progress is the Family Unity Discernment (FUD) process, supported by the Archdiocese's Center for Parish Vitality. In February 21, 2026, a Reflect session synthesized parishioner feedback from "Conversations in the Spirit," revealing key themes:

- Communication:** Centralized, clear communication is needed, with plans to hire a communications director and launch a parish family website.
- Youth Engagement:** Efforts are underway to empower youth leaders, increase outreach, and utilize diverse platforms.
- Emotional and Spiritual Support:** Programs are being developed to acknowledge grief, provide spiritual guidance, and foster trust during times of change.
- Facilities and Financial Stewardship:** Building assessments are ongoing to inform decisions about consolidations, repurposing, and sustainability; a new equity-based funding model is forthcoming.
- Volunteerism and Leadership:** Initiatives to identify and train leaders, especially among elders and youth, are in progress.
- Community Outreach:** Parish activities, partnerships, and ministries will continue to evolve to strengthen our presence and evangelization efforts.

Consensus and the Road Ahead

A series of consultative meetings, culminating in an all-family discernment day, led to consensus that St. Benedict the Moor will become the parochial parish for the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes, while each site retains its name and identity. To support unity and the process of grief, communal prayer (including a 33-day Eucharistic reflection), pilgrimages, social gatherings, and intentional communication strategies are being implemented. The Family is also prioritizing youth evangelization and expanding outreach programs, with proactive recruitment and engagement of parishioners at every step.

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 resumed on March 26. This session will continue, each Thursday, until June 11 th . We are meeting in the MaDonna Room of Corpus Christi, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.



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 Minelli,
Robert Florence, Loure Hayes, Renee Raisch, Joyce Merch, Imogene Broyles,
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Join in praying the Rosary

St. Benedict Rosary is every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. **Dial-in and in person.** 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
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This isn't just another book.

IT IS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRED JOURNEY—

a Spiritual Pilgrimage



33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

***You can still pick up a book and a reading calendar.**

We will continue this Spiritual Pilgrimage through June 7, 2026: The Feast of Corpus Christi.

Weekly check-in:

Today's reading:

Day 12 St. Thomas Aquinas, There is a Difference pp: 61-65

**** In the bulletin each week through The Feast of Corpus Christi on June 7th; we will have a weekly prayer, personal reflection, and virtue focus as we continue our Spiritual Pilgrimage to a closer connection to Jesus in the eucharist.**

Today, Sunday, May 17, 2026

We Pray... Jesus, open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change so that I can carry out the mission You have imagined for my life. Inspire me to live the Catholic faith in ways that are dynamic and engaging. Show me how best to get involved in the life of my parish. Make our community hungry for best practices and continuous learning, and help us to realize that we each have a role to play in making our community a perfect place for imperfect people trying to walk with You. Amen.

Through these encounters during this Spiritual Pilgrimage, we will enrich our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist

Reflection for the Day

Each time you receive the Eucharist, you become a living tabernacle holding Jesus. What does this mean to you?

How could this one idea change the way you live your faith and your life?

VIRTUE PLAN for the week.

CONSISTENCY, ATTENTIVENESS, SPIRITUAL AWARENESS, SACRIFICE, WISDOM, MERCY or HUMILITY. Pick one virtue you want to grow. Identify three ways, by yourself or with a friend, how you will put this virtue into action this week.



MOTHER- DAUGHTER BANQUET (ALL DAUGHTERS OF GOD WELCOME)

All Holy Spirit Family Ladies are invited!

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

MCAULEY HALL

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30

**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE
MEAT WILL BE PROVIDED**



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.

Full of Grace Ministries sponsors a Food, Fun & Fellowship Bingo and Free Meal on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This fun afternoon is held at Corpus Christi in the Madonna Room with the help of volunteers. They are always in need of prizes to give out to the children and adults.

They could use things like:

Children: Bubbles, card games (such as Go Fish and Uno), small board games, stickers, coloring books, and crayons. Books, especially for younger readers like *Captain Underpants*, *Junie B. Jones*, *Calvin & Hobbes*, *Dogman*, etc.

Adults: \$10-\$20 Gift cards to restaurants (Rally's, Kroger, Gem City Market, Domino's, Grandma's), jewelry, scarves, etc...

New items only please.

If you are able to donate any of these items you can drop them off directly the first or third Wednesday of each month between 4:30 & 5:30 at Corpus Christi or you can bring them to Mass (mark the donation **Full of Grace Ministries**) and we will pick them up.

We are always looking for volunteers too!

We're recruiting additional volunteers for our new 4-5pm Our Lady of Mercy Tuesday Neighborhood Meals

All the volunteers have been so faithful in getting this outreach started this first year. Thanks to Pat, Arlene, Marie and Vera! Now we are seeking a few additional volunteers to join us. We offer hospitality, nutritious meals, prayer, clothing, hygiene needs, and hope to our neighbors in need. Our mission is to live the Corporal works of Mercy radiating Christ's love to all we meet. Contact the Picker's at paul-rosemary1985@att.net. for more info. God bless you!

Novena to the Holy Spirit Beginning Friday, May 15, continuing for 9 days, ending on Saturday, May 23

St. Augustine 7pm

St. Benedict 6pm

Queen of Martyrs 10:00 am

Our Lady of Grace, only
After weekday and weekend
Masses. You will receive a
packet to do the rest at home.



Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus” — echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century.

An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677.

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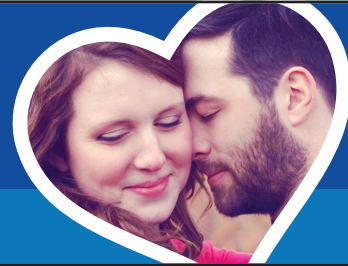
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