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WELCOME

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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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MASS

SATURDAY (VIGIL)

4:30 PM

SUNDAY

7:30, 9:00, and 11:30 AM

MONDAY & TUESDAY

5:15 PM

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

12:15 PM

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 3:00 - 4:00pm
Mondays following 5:15 Mass until 7:00pm



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
DESCENDED UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

EXCERPTS FROM THE LECTIONARY FOR MASS ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD, USLP

The Catholic community at St. Mary Parish in Oxford, Ohio welcomes you! Our parish has been gathering in faith since its founding in 1853. Our current church building was dedicated in 1921 and is in the first block of High Street west of the Miami University campus. Join us for prayer and living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

JANUARY 9, 2022

READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10, Weekday (First Week In Ordinary Time)

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

5:15pm Abp. Desmond Tutu (admirer)

Tuesday, January 11, Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

5:15pm our deceased family and friends

Wednesday, January 12, Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

7:00am Gerard Riendeau and family (Bueche family)

Thursday, January 13, Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

12:15pm Edward DeVillez (friends)

Friday, January 14, Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

12:15pm Barbara & Marilyn Serraino (family)

Saturday, January 15, Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

4:30pm Robert & Jeff Schroer (family)

Sunday, January 16, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

7:30am Jerri Miller (friends)

9:00am the people of St. Mary

11:30am our nursing home ministers

PRAYER LIST

PARISHIONERS:

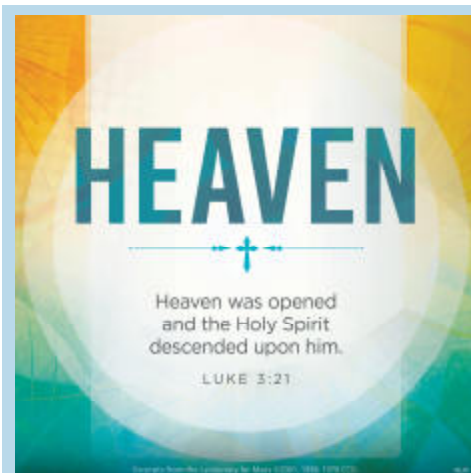
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Mike Johnson
Bonnie Raisch
Emilie Ratterman
Jim & Ruth Smith
Mary Ann Surface
Evelyn Vereker
Harold & Delores Weltzer
Pat Wycislo

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Chris Ardent
Rolf Brunckhorst
Norma Clawson
Mildred Fangman
Nancy Gabalac
Sean Gabalac
Tom Horan
Linda Koenig
Tom Koenig
Kenneth Meister
Isaiah Offenbacher
Paul Pensabene
Tony & Wilma Petry
Richard Raisch
Roy & Donna Rauen

Dennis Sullivan
Yoshi Tomoyasu

The list starts at the beginning of each calendar year. If you wish to add or renew someone, please contact the parish office or use the form on the next page.



Stewardship

Collection:

\$ 7,713.00

Ahead for the week:

\$ 618.00

Behind for the year:

\$ 12,115.00

If you need offering envelopes please call the parish office.

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stmaryoxfordohio.weshareonline.org

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Mary our Mentor prayer group will begin a 6 week program of consecration to St Joseph. Included in The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Donald H. Calloway are prayers, devotions and information on the 10 wonders of St. Joseph. Join us at 10:30am Wednesdays starting January 12th. We welcome young and old alike. Please contact either Lori Verst (513) 827-2942 or Dawna Peterson (513) 330-1342 for further information.

MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS OF ABUSE (REPORTING)

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Malley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.

Ladies Society will NOT meet in Jan/Feb/March. 2022. To Resume Thursday April 14th 2022. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

This Week at St. Mary

SUNDAY:

MONDAY:

2-3:00pm Holy Hour

5:15pm-7:00pm Mass, followed by Adoration with quiet prayer. Confessions available.

TUESDAY:

5:15pm Mass

WEDNESDAY:

10:30-11:30AM Mary Our Mentor Prayer Group

7:00am Mass

THURSDAY & FRIDAY:

12:15pm Mass

SATURDAY:

3:00pm Confessions, **4:30pm** Mass

SUNDAY:

7:30, 9:00 & 11:30am Mass

10:00am Religious Education

From: Fr. Jeff and the Parish Staff

To: Our generous parishioners

Re: Thank You!

Again this year we have been the recipients of many wonderful gifts, goodies, and generous prayers and best wishes.

It is our hope and prayer that God bless you all and keep you healthy and safe throughout 2022!

Prayer List Re-Started in January

How Do I Keep or Put Someone on the Prayer List? Fill out the information below and mail it to the office or drop it in the collection, or call the office.

Why Do I Have to Get Permission to Pray for Someone? Some people prefer privacy. We won't publicize a prayer request without permission. If your person is not able to give permission themselves, it is okay to ask a close family member.

PRAYER LIST FOR BULLETIN

Please pray for:

Check one: _____Parishioners _____Family & Friends

Requested by: _____

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____YES, I have permission to put this person on the prayer list. (Required. Privacy issues prevent publication without permission.)

How long on the list? (up until Dec. 31, 2022)

Optional: Mailing address if you want a card sent:

Remember: list restarts every January 1st.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) TUITION GRANTS

The Catholic Education Foundation of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period runs from now through February 6, 2022. For more information, please go to <http://www.catholicbestchoice.org/>. To apply, please go to <https://factsmgt.com/>.

St. Mary and Beacons of Light

What's happening?

At the beginning of December the archbishop promulgated the final list for the families of parishes. If you have been following the news you are aware that St. Mary is part of a family which includes Visitation in Eaton, St. Mary, Camden and St. John the Evangelist in New Paris. The future is to work toward the day in a few years when the family of parishes will become one parish. The family itself will decide how that union is accomplished and what the new parish will look like. The family will be assigned a pastor and a parochial vicar (associate pastor). Assignments for priests will be announced in the early months of this year and will take effect on July 1, 2022.

What do we need to do at St. Mary?

The guidelines from the archdiocese make it clear that we are not to begin planning for the family's future until after priest assignments are in place, and the formation of committees, planning groups, etc. are to begin in September.

The best preparation that we can do before the new pastor and associate arrive is to strengthen parish involvement. Since I arrived at St. Mary the Parish Pastoral Council has had a membership including anyone willing to participate. I still welcome anyone willing to participate. It will be important for the future to have council persons who will interact with the new pastor and the councils of our other member parishes in the family of parishes. St. Mary council meets the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in getting more involved in the future of the community of believers here in Oxford join us on January 20th at 7:00pm in the BASIC lounge in the rectory basement (enter from the alley behind the church). Bring your questions and your concerns.

What will Fr. Jeff be doing?

The Priest Personnel office has informed me that I will be reassigned as associate for another family of parishes. I am not permitted to say where I will be until the Archbishop completes the assignment for all of the families. I had hoped to complete my ministry at St. Mary when I reach retirement age in 2025, but alas, that is not going to happen. As Geoffrey Chaucer remarks in the prologue to the tale by another Clerk of Oxenford: "Time and tide wait for no man."

When my time at St. Mary ends on 30 June 2022 I will have been associated with the parish for 49 years. My first interaction came as a freshman at Miami University in 1973. Through undergraduate and graduate school this is the parish I chose. During that time it was the people of St. Mary that caused me to consider a vocation to priesthood. Five years after ordination I returned to St. Mary as parochial vicar--associate pastor with Fr. Michael Beatty of blessed memory. After 2 years in hospital ministry and as administrator of a couple of parishes I was named pastor of St. Julie Billiart in Hamilton and dean of the Hamilton Deanery. The position of dean connected me again with St. Mary as the deanery worked through a previous strategic planning program--Ministry 2000. My departure on June 30th will complete my 15th year as your pastor. I count this time as the greatest blessing of my priestly ministry. Thank you.

Hopes and dreams...

When I served here with Fr. Beatty he was fond of noting that St. Mary is blessed with very competent and expert parishioners. Our farmers know their farms. Our university faculty are all experts in their fields. Our townsfolk know their businesses, and even our students are rising talents in their chosen fields.

The coming years will bring great changes to all of the families of parishes in the archdiocese. I am confident that St. Mary will be a real blessing to its own family. You have the skills and talents you will need to face the future. You will also always have my prayers!

--Fr. Jeff

The Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis has called for a synod to discuss how the Church can be more synodal.

This synod will take place in Rome during October, 2023. As a first step, the Holy Father wants to hear Holy Spirit led input from all the people. He has called all the dioceses throughout the world to convene “consultative” meetings, to be completed by April of 2022.

What is a Synod?

Simply put, a synod is a meeting or assembly of church leaders.

In the West, “synod” and “council” are synonymous, and Ecumenical Councils are the most authoritative expressions of formal synodal gatherings, always in communion with and under the authority of the Pope.

In 1965, Pope St. Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops as a permanent institution of the Catholic Church, setting the stage for the renewed understanding of synodality being emphasized and explored today.

What is Synodality?

“Synodality” is best understood as the process by which synods make decisions.

It is a way of helping the Church to achieve its mission by the collaborative input of its members. Not just the Pope or Bishops or priests, but ALL the people of God.

A synodal approach involves hearing from all the baptized in discerning the will of God on how to best accomplish the mission of the Church. This includes all Catholics, regardless of how engaged they are in the faith, as well as non-Catholic Christians, the young, the old, the disabled, the poor, migrants and immigrants, women, religious, the laity and the clergy. Synodality calls us all to journey together, to gather in assembly. All are invited to listen to one another in order to hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

“Synodality represents the main road for the Church, called to renew herself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word. The ability to imagine a different future for the Church and her institutions, in keeping with the mission she has received, depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue, and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute.” (Preparatory Document, 12)

What is the Synod on Synodality?

The Synod on Synodality is a two year process of praying, listening, dialoguing, and discerning which will culminate in the celebration of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. Every diocese in the world will participate.

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” The Synod on Synodality seeks to answer: How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church?

What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

SYNOD TIMELINE



We Want You!!

The Holy Father, in seeking to hear from all the People of God on how to better bring the Mission of the Church to the world, is calling for a synod. To start, he is asking for all dioceses throughout the world to conduct local meetings to discuss this very topic. Who are the People of God? It is all the baptized. That means not only the lay faithful, those in religious orders, and the clergy. It also means those who are poor, disabled, migrants and immigrants, elderly, young adults, those who no longer practice the faith, and women to name a few. In other words, everyone. Did you know that when you were baptized you were called to a priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission to bring the good news of salvation and discipleship to all? This duty then does not lie strictly with the clergy. The Holy Father recognizes that the Holy Spirit dwells within His people. So, coming together to discuss how to better further the mission of the Church is where the Holy Spirit can work powerfully.

The ten themes that will be discussed:

- **Companions:** In our local Church, who are those who “walk together”?
- **Listening:** How is God speaking to us through voices we sometimes ignore?
- **Speaking Out:** What enables or hinders speaking up courageously, candidly, civilly, and responsibly in our local Church and in society?
- **Celebration:** How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
- **Sharing Responsibility:** As missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
- **Dialogue:** To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue?
- **Ecumenism:** What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
- **Participation:** How does our Church community identify the goals to be pursued, the way to reach them, and the steps to be taken?
- **Discerning:** What methods and processes do we use in decision-making?
- **Forming Ourselves:** How does our church community form people to be more capable of “walking together,” listening to one another, participating in mission, and engaging in dialogue?

Please consult the Archdiocesan website (www.catholicaoc.org) and click on the Synod tab to learn more. Want to participate? Please go that same synod tab. There you will find an opportunity to participate in one of our local meetings near you. We hope to see you there! And, if you know someone who has left the faith, ask them to participate too! God Bless!

Don't Have a Computer or Way to Sign Up On Line? Nor Problem. Just Tear off and place in collection basket

I wish to participate. Please sign me up!

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Gender (Optional) _____ Age (Optional) _____

Meeting Location that you would like to attend: _____

Deanery Diocesan Synod Meeting Information

Deanery	Date	Time	Location	Street	City	Zip
Cathedral Deanery	1/29/2022	9-11 AM	St Francis Xavier	611 Sycamore St	Cincinnati	45202
St Andrew Deanery	1/13/2022	7-9 PM	Good Shepherd	8815 Kemper Rd	Cincinnati	45249
St Francis DeSales Deanery	2/10/2022	7-9PM	Bartlett Center	6616 Beechmont Ave	Cincinnati	45230
St Lawrence Deanery	2/5/2022 02/24/2022	9:30-11:30 7-9 PM	St John the Baptist Church, Harrison Our Lady of Victory	10010 Carolina Trace Rd 810 Neeb Rd	Harrison Cincinnati	45030 45233
St Margaret Mary Deanery	1/15/2022	10:00 to Noon	St Ignatius of Loyola	5222 North Bend Rd	Cincinnati	45247
Dayton Deanery North	1/13/2022	7-9 PM	Reis Conference Center at St Peter	6161 Chamberburg Rd	Huber Heights	45424
Dayton Deanery South	2/10/2022	7-9 PM	St Albert	3033 Far Hills Ave	Kettering	45429
Hamilton Deanery	1/22/2022	10:00 to Noon	Queen of Peace	2550 Milville Rd	Hamilton	45013
St Martin Deanery	1/9/22	2-4 PM	St. Bernadette	1479 Locust Lake Rd	Amelia	45102
	1/16/22	2-4 PM	St Michael	220 S. High St.	Mt Orab	45154
	1/23/22	2-4 PM	St Mary	212 South High St	Hillsboro	45133
St Marys Deanery	1/18/2022	7-9 PM	St Charles Ctr	2680 US127	Celina	45822
Sidney Deanery	1/6/2022	6-8 PM	St Michael Hall	33 Elm St	Ft Loramie	45845
Springfield Deanery	1/29/2022	6-8PM	St Theresa Parish Hall	1827 N Limestone St	Springfield	45503
Northern Spanish Archdiocese (Spanish)	2/23/2022	7-9PM	Our Lady of Immaculate Conception	2300 S Smithville Rd	Dayton	45420

How often has a pope asked for your advice?

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