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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 Parish (OLOG)



Corpus Christi Church



Our Lady of Mercy Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., December 14, 2024 *St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
 4:30 p.m. at CC
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., December 15, 2024 *Third Sunday of Advent*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A Peter Shears Jr. +
 Timothy Stewart +
 9:00 a.m. at OLOM
 10:30 a.m. at St. B
 11:00 a.m. at QM Susan Shorter +

Mon., December 16, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

Tues., December 17, 2024
 8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., December 18, 2024
 8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., December 19, 2024
 8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., December 20, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service)*

Sat., December 21, 2024 *St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*
 4:30 p.m. at CC
 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., December 22, 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 8:30 a.m. at St. A Stephanie Tozzi +
 9:00 a.m. at OLOM
 10:30 a.m. at St. B
 11:00 a.m. at QM Mae & Mike Meyring +
 Judi Baker Anniversary

Saturday, December 21, 2024 4:30 p.m. at CC
Presider: Fr. Francis
Lector: Dorothy Mann
Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gill / Detsy Sacksteder
Server:

Saturday, December 21, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B
Note: New time Change
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lectors/Readers:
Petitions: Eucharistic Ministers:
Sunday, December 22, 2024 8:30 a.m. at St. A
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lector: Jeff Bruns
Eucharistic Ministers: Randall Klotz, Susie Stewart ,
 Doug Hoog, Jim Adkins
Server: Barb Maichle

Sunday, December 22, 2024 9:00 a.m. at OLOM
Presider: Fr. Francis
Lectors: Ellen Hopkins
Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Ravestein / Sr. Gerri
Server: Arthur Siwecki

Sunday, December 22, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. B
Presider: Fr. Benoit
Lectors: 1st Reader – Mary O’Basuyi
 2nd Reader – Michelle Sherman
Petitions: Deacon Victor O’Basuyi
Eucharistic Ministers:
 Tracy Henderson, Janice Allen, Sylvia Orr (R);
 Dominique Akpore, Annette Young, Emmett Orr (L)
 Deacon Victor O’Basuyi (C)

Sunday, December 22, 2024 11:00 a.m. at QM
Presider: Fr. Francis
Lector: 1-Tom Carter 2– Cathy Hall
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Zeller / Don Tomczak
Server: Carl Meyer



- **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,
 and Marty Phillips, instructors

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

Music Ministers
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Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes
Chair: Randall Klotz **Vice Chair:** Consuella Wilson

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY December 16, 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
6:30 p.m.	Disciples Radiate Christ Video Series Disciples Serve	QM
TUESDAY December 17, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY December 18, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	QM Church Narthex
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA
6:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	Virtual Sessions See info on right
FRIDAY December 20, 2024		
7:00 p.m.	Music, Prayer, Praise and Worship	QM
December 22, 2024		
10:30 a.m.	Queen of Martyrs Rosary, before Mass	QM Church

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Weekend Collections

ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

Nov 17, 2024

Collection \$951, Art & Environment \$20

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

Saturday and Sunday Mass

Nov 17, 2024

Collection \$4722, St. Benedict School \$35
Maintenance \$10

OUR LADY OF GRACE - OLOM & CC

Saturday and Sunday Mass

Nov 17, 2024

Collection \$1248

QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass

Nov 17, 2024

Collection \$2049, School \$15,
Christmas Flowers \$50, SVDP \$60

PASTORAL STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study Beginning October 2nd we will go to a "Virtual" Bible Study session. We will continue virtual for the fall & winter months. We plan to return to "in person" Bible Study after Daylight Savings begins in March 2025

We will use Google Meet as our virtual meeting tool, below is the link information. Start time remains 6:00pm, Wednesday evenings. Holiday seasonal break from Bible Study begins November 20th through 2nd week January 2025.

Hangouts Meet joining info

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

Or dial: +1 402-921-2290 PIN: 708 666 706#

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at noon

Send bulletin information to:

mphillips@qmdayton.org

PASTOR'S CORNER

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know.

How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice.

This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be "baptized" by these words of God's greatest prophet.

Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" that his reply was not going to be: "Keep doing exactly what you're doing."

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That's a hard thing to do, and I don't do it enough. Too often, I'm afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Our
Savior
will come

DECEMBER 15, 2024

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Augustine Church

6939 Weaver Rd. (Church), Germantown, OH 45327
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

Corpus Christi Church Our Lady of Mercy Church
527 Forest Ave. 533 Odlin Ave.
Dayton, OH 45405 Dayton, OH 45405
Our Lady of Grace Parish Center (Office)
220 W. Siebenthaler 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

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937-277-2092 queenofmartyrsdayton@gmail.com
Website <http://qmdayton.org/>
Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Mary Helen Spanish, Pat Bell,
Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin,
Nancy Green, Mary Dudley,
Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell,
Robert Florence, Loure Hayes,
Renee Raisch, Joyce Merch, Imogene Broyles
Sue & Frank 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, Doncella Parks,
Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikayla Powley, Ken Pendery,
Deloria Harris, Samantha M., Joan Means,
George Noeth, June Phillips, Carla Arnold,
Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo,
Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel,
Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli,
Fred Caudell, Mary Foster
Carl Meyer, Mildred Singleton,
Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol,
LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe, Virgil Scott

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

NURSING HOMES

Laure Hayes—Laurels of Kettering

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.

ENRICH YOUR FAITH

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready. ©LPi

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

Christmas / New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Tuesday December 24

- St. Augustine 4:00 pm Mass
- Corpus Christi 5:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day - Wednesday December 25

- St. Benedict 10:30 am Mass
- Queen of Martyrs 11:00 am Mass

New Years Day - January 1

- Our Lady of Mercy 8:30 am Mass
- St. Benedict 10:00 am Mass

With Sincere Thanks

The family of **Deacon Skip Royer** wishes to thank the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes for the awesome tribute to my husband, Dad, brother, Grandfather and Great Grandfather. Wanda, Polly, Patty, Mark and Michael.

Fr. Benoit, Fr. Francis, members of the Bereavement Committee and the Bereavement Choir, and friends and members of Our Lady of Grace parish.

Thank you for your condolences, support and presence during the time of Ed's death, visitation and funeral. Your many kind words, cards, meals and hugs and care to all of us at the time of Ed's death were greatly appreciated and have provided us much strength and comfort. We have experienced the love of our friends and our faith community during this time of grief and loss, and we want to express how grateful we are for your supportive expressions of sympathy. Blessings to you all during this Advent and Christmas season. With sincerest thanks, the family of **Ed Finn** - Cindy Currell, Caitlin, Molly and Grace Finn and families.



Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa

(1904-1955) was born in Balasar, Portugal. Her father died when she was very young. She and her older sister Deolinda were sent to Póvoa de Varzim to attend primary school. There they were taught literacy skills and catechism, but they were only

able to stay for 18 months.

Alexandrina worked in the fields as a farmhand until she was 12 when a bout of typhoid weakened her. After she recovered, she took up sewing like her sister. When she was 14, several men broke into the house intent on doing harm to the girls. Alexandrina jumped from a window to save herself, falling 13 feet to the ground. The fall severely damaged her spine.

By 1924 she was entirely paralyzed. Although she prayed fervently for a cure, she was instead granted the ability to embrace her suffering with love. She experienced frequent ecstasies during which she saw and spoke with Mary and Jesus. Despite the extreme pain she lived with, outwardly she gave smiles and joy. In October 1938 she began to relive the three-hour passion of Jesus every Friday. Witnesses recorded some 182 occurrences of the passion when Alexandrina's paralysis was overcome, and she moved about the room in the steps of Jesus.

When the passion ecstasies ended in 1942, Alexandrina's broken body was confined again to bed. For the 13 years and seven months until her death, daily Holy Communion was her only food and drink. In 1944, Alexandrina became a member of the "Union of Salesian Cooperators" and offered her suffering for the salvation of souls and for the sanctification of youth. St. John Paul II beatified her on April 25, 2004. Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa, pray for us!

Advent Video Series



Holy Spirit Family of Parishes/NE-8 Disciples Radiate Christ Video Series

Disciples Radiate Christ is an interactive video series consisting of four courses scheduled at different locations within our *Holy Spirit Family of Parishes* thru the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Each session begins at **6:30 pm** and focuses on a different topic each night.

Disciples Radiate Christ
November 25, 2024 (Monday)
Saint Benedict the Moor location/Lynn Mosely
519 Liscum Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45417

Disciples Witness
December 2, 2024 (Monday)
Our Lady of Mercy location/Founder's Hall/Donna O'Neill
533 Odlin Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45405

Disciples Steward
December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)
Saint Augustine location/Marie Klotz
6939 Weaver Rd.
Germantown, Ohio 45327

Disciples Serve
December 16, 2024 (Monday)
Queen of Martyrs location/Sharon Davis
4134 Cedar Ridge Rd.
Dayton, Ohio 45414

← Tomorrow!

All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Event



Please join us for a
Praise and Worship Service

Music, Prayer, Praise and Worship

This Friday, December 20

7:00pm – 8:30pm
at Queen of Martyrs
Church



Hosted by the
Holy Spirit Family
of Parishes
Evangelization Team



Rosary Altar Christmas Party

This Tuesday, December 17, 2024

McAuley Hall Queen of Martyrs

Queen of Martyrs Rosary Altar
cordially invites ALL ladies
of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes
to the annual Christmas Party.

Ham will be provided. Please bring a covered
dish to share and a \$15-\$20 wrapped gift for
the Gift Exchange.

Doors open at 6:00 pm---

Dinner begins at 6:30 pm

For more information or questions:
Contact Jacky Lovegren



All Giving Tree Items Due
This Weekend
at Our Lady of Grace
and Queen of Martyrs



Donations for Christmas Flowers
for St. Benedict's:

The Flower Committee is accepting
donations for Christmas flowers to dec-
orate the church. Please give your don-
ations to Arvilla Crawford or Jacque Glover after Sun-
day Mass or place your donations in the offering (annotate
the memo line of your check with "2024 Christmas flow-
ers" or place your donations in a separate envelope with a
note). Thank you for your support and Have a Merry

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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