



January 12, 2025

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Holy Spirit descended upon him.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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# HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES

United in Faith, Hope, and Service to the Community

St. Augustine Church (SA)



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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.”

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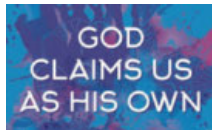


Our Lady of Mercy Church



## HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY January 13, 2025		
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
9:00—noon	Eucharistic Adoration	QM
6:30 p.m.	Movie Night <b><i>The Chosen Season 2</i></b>	QM McAuley Hall
TUESDAY January 14, 2025		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY January 15, 2025		
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, January 17, 2025		
7:00 p.m.	Music, Prayer, Praise and Worship	QM Church
SATURDAY, January 18, 2025		
Noon— 3:30 p.m.	Movie Day—You are invited to stay for Mass, which starts at 4pm.	Multipurpose Room SB
SUNDAY January 19, 2025		
10:30 a.m.	Queen of Martyrs Rosary, before Mass	QM Church



### PASTORAL STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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### Weekend Collections

#### ST. AUGUSTINE Sunday Mass

[Dec. 1, 2024](#)

Collection \$1246, CCHD \$40  
 Sonshine \$10, Capital Improvement \$100

[Dec. 8, 2024](#)

Collection \$1852, Immaculate Conception \$65  
 Retired Religious \$245, Capital Improvement 300

[Dec. 15, 2024](#)

Collection \$932, Cath. Ed \$30, Capital Improvement \$100

[Dec. 22, 2024](#)

Collection \$2239, Catholic Ed \$25  
 Religious Retirement \$20, Immaculate Conception \$45

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

[Dec. 1, 2024](#)

Collection \$5155, Maintenance Collection \$340  
 School \$310

[Dec. 8, 2024](#)

Collection \$4207, Maintenance Collection \$110  
 School \$100, Flowers \$342

[Dec. 15, 2024](#)

Collection \$3621, Maintenance Collection \$20  
 Retired Religious \$497, Flowers \$54

Immaculate Conception \$105

[Dec. 22, 2024](#)

Collection \$3772, Maintenance Collection \$50,  
 School \$10, Flowers \$170

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

[Dec. 1, 2024](#)

Collection \$1982

[Dec. 8, 2024](#)

Collection \$1711

[Dec. 15, 2024](#)

Collection \$2644

[Dec. 22, 2024](#)

Collection \$1094

#### QUEEN OF MARTYRS Sunday Mass

[Dec. 1, 2024](#)

Collection \$1730, SVDP \$120, CCHD \$5,  
 School Support \$3, Christmas Flowers \$150

[Dec. 8, 2024](#)

Collection \$2769, SVDP \$5455, CCHD \$25  
 Immaculate Conception \$161, Christmas Flowers \$250

Retired Religious \$448

[Dec. 15, 2024](#)

Collection \$1998, Immaculate Conception \$60  
 Christmas Flowers \$20

[Dec. 22, 2024](#)

Collection \$1237.50

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### The Baptism of the Lord Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it; I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— Father John Muir

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**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 at 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

### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** It makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. But the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow.

#### **Beneath the Surface**

When I was seventeen, I wasn't sure that I wanted to be confirmed. It was a rough period in my life, and I was having some intense questions and doubts. It upset my mother, understandably. She knew that, at such a pivotal and difficult moment, I needed the grace of the sacrament more than ever. So, she called our priest and asked him to talk to me.

After that meeting, I made the decision to be confirmed.

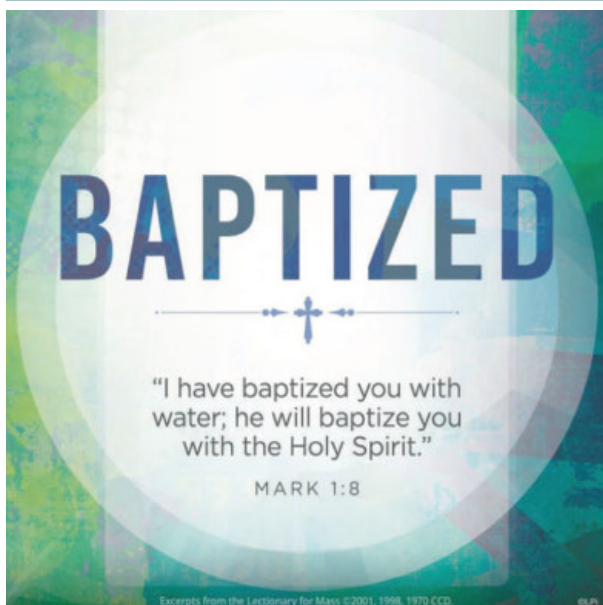
To be honest, I can't remember anything he said to me. All I remember is that he sat with me. He listened to me. He let me talk and talk and talk (and cry). And when he said whatever he said, whatever it is that I cannot remember, it was obvious that he had listened to me.

Reading today's Gospel, it makes perfect sense that everyone thought John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was the guy pouring the water. Of course it seemed natural that he would be "the one." The one they were all waiting for.

But instead, the Messiah was the man who came to be baptized. He was the one who descended into the waters, submerging himself in our experience of death and pain and sorrow — and in doing so, he sanctified it. He made it a means of redemption.

Jesus is our Savior, yes. When we dig ourselves a hole of sin and confusion and we can't climb out, he is the one who brings us back to the surface. But he doesn't pull us out; he lifts us. He jumps down into the pit. He looks around. He offers his hand, gives us a leg up, and by his strength and not our own, we are brought back into the light.

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**JANUARY 12, 2025**

## **CHURCH INFORMATION**

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

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Corpus Christi Church                      Our Lady of Mercy Church  
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Dayton, OH 45405                              Dayton, OH 45405  
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Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>  
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm

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

### **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

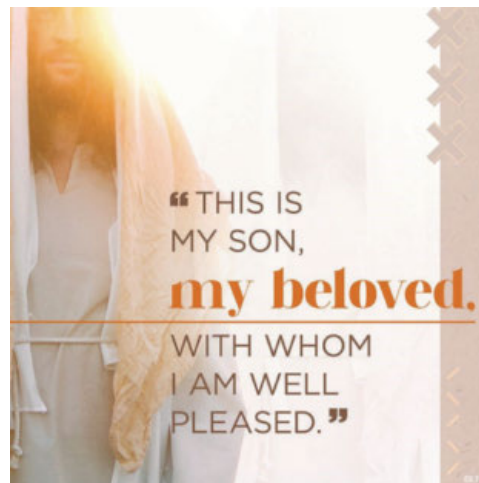
<https://meet.google.com/hpy-pmvp-fvt>

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.

### **VOCATION VIEW**

Like Jesus, you are called God’s beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:**

*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  
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LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe*

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

### **NURSING HOMES**

*Laure Hayes-Laurels of Kettering  
Lucille Wilder-Cypress Pointe  
Rose Mary Schindler-Brooksdale*

### **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  
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AB Makayla Picker, Ssgt. P. J. Picker,  
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### **DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?**

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.

## ENRICH YOUR FAITH

### Everyday Stewardship Baptismal Grace Beckons You

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

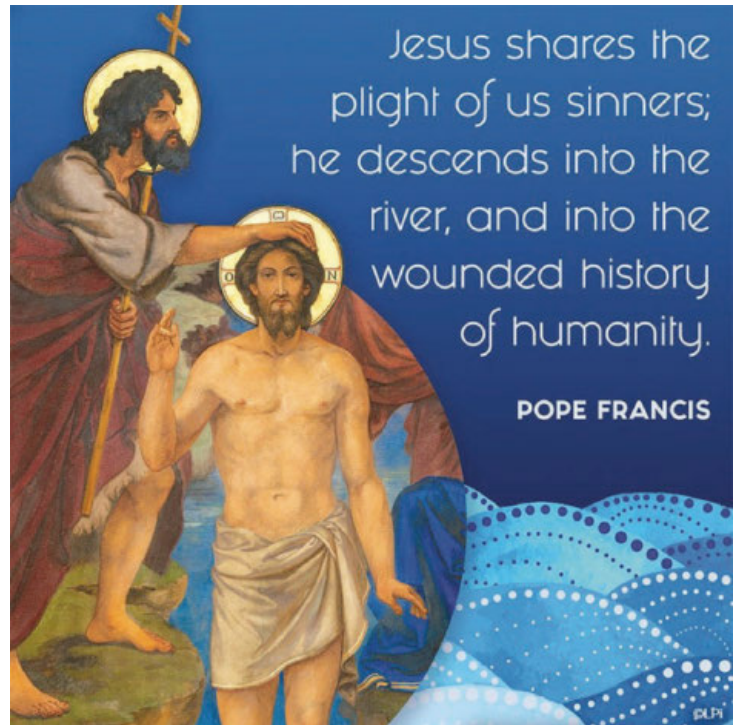
You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended.  
Follow him.



### Baptismal Bib

#### Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

#### Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. ©LPi

### Our Lady of Grace Make & Take Project Series 2025

- **TODAY! Rock Painting January 12**
- Friendship Soup in a Jar February 9
- King Cakes March 2
- Palm Creations April 13
- Lip Balm for Mom May 4

## All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Event



Please join us for a  
Praise and Worship Service

### Music, Prayer, Praise and Worship

Friday, January 17

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

Hosted by the  
Holy Spirit Family  
of Parishes  
Evangelization Team



### Naim is the social & religious organization for widowed Catholics

Join Naim members as we kick off our 2025 calendar of events with a PIZZA PARTY @ \$5.00 per person. Monday, January 13, @ NOON, the festivities begin in Friendship Hall at St. Francis of Assisi, 6245 Wilmington Pike. The regular meeting & cards will follow the social. What is Naim? The social & religious organization for widowed Catholics that celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year! ...& if YOU would like more information about this social & religious group, contact Jim King at 937-901-2849.

### Save the Date!

**Saint Benedict the Moor Location** will be hosting a Movie Day on Saturday January 18, 2025. From 12-3:30pm in the multipurpose room. You are invited to stay for Mass, which starts at 4pm.

### Save the Date!

**Queen of Martyrs Location** will be Hosting a Movie Night TOMORROW, Monday January 13, 2025. 6:30 pm in McAuley Hall. We are currently watching Season Two of *The Chosen*

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

### Eat Move Groove Wellness Workshops “How to Eat, Move, and Groove for optimal wellness and longevity with practical, positive, and accessible nutrition science”

Presented by Susie Kundrat, MS, RDN, LDN, an author, Clinical Professor, University Lecturer, and sought-after speaker in Public Health, Food Science, and Human Nutrition.

Sponsored by St. Albert the Great Church, St. Albert the Great School PTO, Church of the Ascension, those churches' Women's groups, and the Dor-Wood Optimist Club of Kettering.

**Tuesday, January 14, 7-8 pm** at Church of the Ascension Witzman Center – 2025 Woodman Drive in Kettering - a **Wellness Workshop open to all adults**. Book signing and meet/greet begin at 6:30 pm.

**Wednesday, January 15, 12:00-1:30 pm** at Church of the Ascension Witzman Center – 2025 Woodman Drive in Kettering - **Science to Simple Women's Luncheon open to all women** of our Community. Lunch is provided free, but donations are requested.

Susie's book: Eat Move Groove: Unlock the Simple Steps to Lifelong Nutrition, Fitness, and Wellness will be available for purchase at the events. Susie donates a portion of her book sale profits to support local, national, and global nutrition security and wellness initiatives. No registration is required for the evening workshop.

More details about Susie and her program and book can be found at her website: <https://www.eatmovegroove.com/susie-kundrat>

An RSVP is required for the women's luncheon, to Meg Draeger at 937-299-0259 or [megdraeger@aol.com](mailto:megdraeger@aol.com). In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!

### ST. BENEDICT'S WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. There will be a continental breakfast served. We will be discussing the Mother's Day Brunch and future fundraising events. Hope to see you there.

*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*



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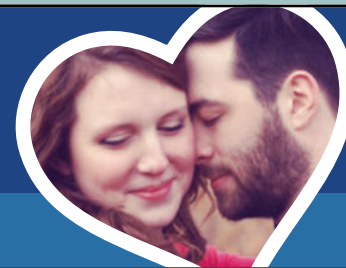
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