

NWV Family of Parishes



– Strong Families, Strong Parishes – Strong Parishes, Strong Families –

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Pastor

Father Ned Brown

Parochial Vicars

Father James Reutter

Father Matt Feist

Father Andrew Reckers

Deacons

Deacon Mike Meyer

Deacon Tom Graber

St. Denis – 937-526-4945

14 E. Wood Street, Versailles, Ohio

Holy Family – 937-526-4945

11255 OH-185, Versailles, Ohio

Immaculate Conception –

937-526-4945

200 Clay Street, Bradford, Ohio

St. Louis – 419-582-2531

15 E. Star Road, North Star, Ohio

St. Mary – 937-548-1616

233 W. 3rd Street, Greenville, Ohio

St. Nicholas – 419-582-2531

128 Church Street, Osgood, Ohio

St. Remy – 937-526-3437

108 E. Main Street, Russia, Ohio



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– NWV Family of Parishes Announcements –



Holy Thursday – April 2, 2026

St. Denis

- 7:00 p.m. – Mass
- 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Adoration & Confession
In the undercroft

St. Louis

- 7:30 p.m. – Mass
- 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. – Adoration
- 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. – Confession

St. Mary

- 7:00 p.m. – Mass
- 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. – Adoration
- 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. – Confession

St. Remy

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Confession
- 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Confession
- 7:30 p.m. – Mass
- 9:00 p.m. (Thursday) to 7:45 a.m. (Friday) – Adoration
 - o Confession offered from 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 3, 2026

St. Denis

- 12:30 p.m. – The Passion and Veneration of the Cross
- 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Confession
- 3:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena, and Rosary
- 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. – Confession

St. Louis

- 1:00 p.m. – Good Friday Service

St. Mary

- 12:00 to 1:45 p.m. – Confession
- 12:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 2:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Word

St. Nicholas

- 6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. – Confession

St. Remy

- 8:15 p.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. – Confession
- 1:45 p.m. – Rosary
- 2:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Passion
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Confession
- 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Confession

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2026

St. Denis

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Confession
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Confession
- 9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

St. Mary

- 9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

St. Nicholas

- 9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

St. Remy

- 8:15 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. – Confession
- 9:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026

St. Denis

- 9:00 a.m. – Mass
- 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. – Confession
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass

Holy Family

- 7:00 a.m. – Mass

St. Louis

- 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. – Confession
- 8:30 a.m. – Mass

St. Mary

- 8:30 a.m. – Mass
- 10:30 a.m. – Mass

St. Nicholas

- 10:30 a.m. – Mass

St. Remy

- 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. – Confession
- 9:00 a.m. – Mass
- 11:00 a.m. – Mass

Respect Life Prayer Hour

PRAY TO END ABORTION

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH
AFTER 8:15 AM MASS AT ST. DENIS**

– NWV Family of Parishes Announcements –

OUR HAITI MISSION GROUP is promoting a Lenten fund drive for the people from our sister parish in Balan, Haiti. Father Ned has decided to make this a mission project for all the parishes in our family. Lent is a great time for all of us to reflect on our personal lives, both spiritually and physically. As we challenge ourselves to become better Christians through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Haiti Mission Group asks that we offer prayers for our sister parish, as well as our monetary support, as the needs of these people are so great. The mission of the group is and always will be to support the people of Haiti through helping to provide them with education, food, and improvements for their quality of life. With your support and the "boots on the ground" from the Food for the Poor organization, we have been able to provide clean drinking water, bathrooms, and a kitchen at the school. We have also been able to provide food for the school children so that they are assured of receiving at least one meal per day. Father Leon, the new pastor at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Balan, has been very active with parish and school improvements. He would like to install solar panels to enable the parish and the school to have a constant source of electricity, which would be a great improvement over the generator that they are currently using. He would also like to protect the school yard from erosion that is a result of the heavy rains they often receive. The Haiti Mission Group would like to continue our support for the parish and the school. Won't you please participate in their mission? Envelopes for this purpose can be found at the entrances to the church. The group thanks you in advance for your generosity.

– NWV Family of Parishes Directory –

**St. Denis / Holy Family /
Immaculate Conception**

Phone: 937-526-4945

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Closed

Friday – 8:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Mary

Phone: 937-548-1616

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

St. Louis & St. Nicholas

Phone: 419-582-2531

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Remy

Phone: 937-526-3437

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



For a complete list of our staff,
please consult our family of
parishes website: nwv.church

BAPTISMS: Baptism and instruction are offered at each parish. To make arrangements, please call the Parish Office. Classes must be attended prior to the Baptism of first child, preferably before the child is born.



PARISH MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Medical emergency numbers are

St. Denis, 937-709-4146

St. Louis/St. Nicholas, 937-709-4147

St. Mary, 937-709-4145

St. Remy, 937-526-3437

Call parish office for homebound request.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: We offer opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration. Please see the Activities of the Week section for Adoration times.



MARRIAGES: Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

PRAYER INTENTIONS: If you would like to pray our intentions along with your fellow parishioners, or submit a request, please contact the Parish Office.



For more information on ministries,
visit our family of parishes website.



YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: The parish conducts weekly events and gatherings for Junior High students and High School teens. The parish also provides Confirmation preparation each year.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: If you would like to submit items to the bulletin, please submit them 10 days prior to the bulletin in which they will appear. All bulletin submissions should be submitted to communications@bfvcatholic.org.

– A Message from Father Andrew Reckers –

SINS OF GOSSIP: WHAT THEY ARE, AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

I recently received a request from a parishioner to clarify the Church's teachings on the sin of gossip because it was noted how common gossip is and how much damage it can do in a community. While I can't cover everything I would like to in this one short article, I hope to summarize a few points that may be helpful.

A good place to start is to prayerfully meditate on some relevant teachings from Sacred Scripture:

"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear . . . Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians 4:29, 31–32)."

This is one of several places in the Bible where sins of speech are addressed and where we are taught how our speech should instead be used. Of course, the main point is that our speech should be used to build people up rather than tear them down, so that love rather than hatred is fostered in our relationships.

So, how is gossip sinful? Paragraphs 2475 through 2487 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church summarize some of the Church's teachings on sins against speech. Three in particular are often entailed in gossip: rash judgment, detraction, and calumny (see CCC 2477). First, rash judgment means assuming as true the fault of someone else without good reason or evidence. Second, detraction means telling someone the faults of another person (even if they are true) without a good reason to do so. Third, calumny means harming someone's reputation by telling others what is untrue about that person. If the damage to someone's reputation is grave enough, and the sin is committed deliberately and knowingly to cause serious harm to that person's reputation, then the sin of gossip could be mortal.

How can we avoid these sins and instead use our speech virtuously? A good starting principle is to interpret another person's words and actions in the most charitable way possible, unless there is good evidence to the contrary. To do this, we should always be slow to believe the faults we hear about another person, and even slower to repeat those faults to others. The exception, of course, is when we have a duty to report harm that we reasonably suspect a person may be inflicting, in order to protect potential victims. However, this exception is not gossip.

Finally, one technique that can help stop gossip in a conversation is to respond by offering to pray for the victim of the gossip. Doing so can turn an opportunity for sin into an opportunity for prayerful charity. So, let's all pray for greater charity in all our speech about others.

– NWV Family of Parish Announcements –

LAST GREENVILLE K OF C 1796 FISH FRY FOR LENT are March 27, 2026 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Hall. Dinners will be fish, fries, green beans, and apple sauce for \$12.00 as carryout or EAT-IN. Buffet dinner will be \$15.00 for those who desire. Hope to see you then.

SPRING ANDREW DINNERS:

- Tuesday, April 21, St. Mary Parish, Urbana
- Wednesday, May 6, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Centerville
- Tuesday, May 12, St. Gertrude Parish, Madeira

Andrew Dinners are meant for high school and college-age men. These events provide an opportunity for young men to learn about the priesthood and seminary, speak with Archbishop Emeritus Dennis Schnurr and vocation director Fr. Michael Willig, and share a meal. Register here: <http://catholicaoc.org/andrew-dinners>.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP: We have seven spots for the Catholic Heart Workcamp this year for the Fort Wayne, Indiana, location. The dates are June 14-20. This will be a great opportunity for service-based spiritual formation. Students from all parishes are welcome. Contact Deacon Mike at mikem@bfvcatholic.org for questions and registration.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST: The Frenchtown Community would like to invite you to our annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 29, 2026. We will be accepting donations for the renovations to update the hall! The breakfast will run from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. Make sure to come to the Frenchtown Hall and let us do the cooking! We would love for everyone to see the newly renovated kitchen! We will have sausage, the famous pancakes, eggs, hash browns, yogurt, and orange juice. We hope to see you there!

OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION): This year, we have people coming into the Church at five of the seven parishes of Northwest-V. St. Mary's has five Catechumens and three Candidates, St. Denis has two Candidates, St. Louis has one Catechumen, St. Nicholas has one Candidate, and St. Remy has one Candidate. Catechumens need all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion. Candidates are already Baptized Christians and need the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. They will all be coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil. I invite everyone to join together in praying for these Catechumens and Candidates during this very important time of conversion in their lives.

– Saint Denis, Holy Family, Immaculate Conception –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of March 22, 2026

Saturday, March 21

- 9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:30 a.m.)
- 3:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Mass (SD) Our Family of Parishes

Sunday, March 22

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (HF) Stephen Monnin
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Living & Deceased Members of Joe Schmitmeyer Family
- 10:00 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Jonathan Gehret
- 6:00 p.m. (SD) Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. (SD) Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. (SD) Benediction

Monday, March 23

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Joe Marshal

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (HF) Dale Petitjean
- 9:00 a.m. (HF) Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Stan Schlater
- 9:00 a.m. (SD) Exposition
- 9:00 a.m. (SD) Respect Life Holy Hour
- 9:00 a.m. (SD) Adoration (Benediction at 6:05 p.m.)
- 5:00 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 6:30 p.m.)
- 6:05 p.m. Benediction
- 6:00 p.m. (IC) Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 p.m. (HF) Rosary

Thursday, March 26

- 11:30 a.m. Mass (SD) Helen Schoenlein, Mary Barga, Cyril Pottkotter, Patricia Pottkotter, and Jerry May
- 9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 9:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 27

- 6:30 a.m. Mass (SD) Bill Pohlman
- 6:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:30 a.m.)
- 3:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
- 4:30 p.m. Mass (SD) Ron Bohman

Sunday, March 29

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (HF) John & Dorothy Mangen
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Our Family of Parishes
- 10:00 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Stan Schlater
- 6:00 p.m. (SD) Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. (SD) Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. (SD) Benediction

All Masses at St. Denis are ad orientem except Friday morning and Saturday Vigil Masses. Posture subject to change. All Masses at Holy Family are versus populum, except Mass in Latin on 1st Friday.

– Events/News –

YOUTH MINISTRY SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST: The Youth Ministry will hold its annual Spring Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pancakes, sausage, eggs, yogurt, juice, and coffee are on the menu. Bring your families. All proceeds will benefit the youth ministry.

MASS AND BREAKFAST WITH THE LORD DURING LENT: The next one will be this Friday, March 27.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: The next Middle School youth ministry session will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Ministry Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: The next High School Youth Ministry Session will be on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:45 p.m. in the St. Denis Undercroft.

POULTRY DAYS FANCY STAND: We are looking for volunteers to co-chair the fancy stand and volunteer with toy sorting, set up, etc. Please call the office if interested at 526-4945.

ST. ANNE LADIES SODALITY BAKE SALE: Join us for the St. Anne Ladies Sodality Bake Sale on March 29, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Frenchtown Hall. Browse a delightful selection of homemade pies, cookies, and other baked delights, perfect for family gatherings, Sunday desserts, or a special treat just for you. Support our Sodality and take home something delicious!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES: Baptism classes for new parents at St. Denis/Holy Family will now be offered every other month. Classes for 2026 (all Sundays at 12:15 p.m.): June 14, August 9, October 11 and December 13. Please call the office at 526-4945, to schedule your class.

ST. ANNE LADIES SODALITY MEETING: Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Frenchtown Hall! Come for the fellowship, stay for the friendship – we'd love to see familiar faces and welcome new members who are interested in faith, service, and community!

In Memoriam:

Shirley Yvonne Richard
a member of Immaculate
Conception Parish
whose date of death was
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

John Simon
a member of Immaculate
Conception Parish
whose date of death was
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord



– Ministry Schedule –

Available for viewing on our website nww.church or scan the QR code

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– Saint Louis & Saint Nicholas –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of March 22, 2026

Monday, March 23

No Mass

Tuesday, March 24

4:45-5:45 p.m. Confessions (SL)

6:15 p.m. Mass (SL) Katrina George &
Mary Jean Wehrkamp

Wednesday, March 25

8:15 a.m. Mass (SN) Elmer & Leona Tuenté &
Marilyn Grieshop

4:15-4:45 p.m. Confessions (SN)

Thursday, March 26

8:15 a.m. Mass (SL) Patricia Simmons

5:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SN)
(ending at 9:00 p.m.)

7:30-8:30 p.m. Confessions (SN)

8:45 p.m. Benediction (SN)

Friday, March 27

11:30 a.m. Mass (SN) David & Paula Ann Pullins

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (SN)

Saturday, March 28

3:00-3:45 p.m. Confessions (SN)

4:00 p.m. Mass (SN) Knapke & Schmitmeyer
Family

Sunday, March 29

7:30-8:15 a.m. Confessions (SL)

8:30 a.m. Mass (SL) JoAnn & Jack Hale & Albert
& Ruth Hemmelgarn

10:30 a.m. Mass (SN) Joe Gehret &
Bob Poeppelman and Heitkamp &
Poeppelman Family

7:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers (SL)

*Weekday Masses and the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass will
be ad orientem (a.o.), Sunday Vigil and the 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Masses will be versus populum (v.p.).*

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE: Receiving the chalice to display in their homes the week of March 15-29: Alvin & Kelly Mueller and Paul & Kayla Borchers. To sign up, go to www.nww.church. Click on "About," "Parishes," click on your parish name, and navigate to the button that reads "Vocations Chalice Registration."

EASTER VIGIL MASS will be on Saturday, April 4 at 9:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31: There will be no Confessions or 6:15 p.m. Mass at St. Louis Church due to the Chrism Mass.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: There will be no 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Church.

– Events/News –

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church.

ADORATION ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, at St. Louis Church following 7:30 p.m. Mass until 11:30 p.m. An altar of repose will be set up. Please consider signing up for a Holy Hour. At least two people are needed for each hour. Sign-up sheets can be found at the entrances of both churches.

BAPTISM & BEYOND CLASS will be held on Monday, June 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Church basement. All couples are to attend before Baptism. Call 419-582-2531 to register.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: For anyone wishing to donate an Easter flower in memory of a loved one or in your family's name may do so by putting \$13.00 in an envelope and dropping it in the collection or mailing it to the parish office by March 23.

MASS PLUS WITH FR. RECKERS: Join us on Tuesday, March 24, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Louis Church. This will be the last session.

SPRING CLEANUP AT ST. MARTIN CEMETERY is set for April 1. All items not attached to the footer stone will be disposed of. Also, we have flowers that blew off with the high winds. Contact Rick at 419-582-2163 if you are missing any. In the future, please put the deceased one's name on the flowers so we can put them back. Thank you.

In Memoriam:

William Berger
a member of St. Nicholas Parish
whose mass of Christian Burial was
Friday, March 13, 2026

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC!

BAPTIZED AT ST. LOUIS CHURCH
ON MARCH 22, 2026

Samuel David

SON OF ANDREW & SHAWNTEL BARLAGE



ST. LOUIS

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ST. NICHOLAS

– Saint Mary –

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Saturday, March 21

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 22

8:00-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45-10:15 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 a.m. No Coffee and Donuts

Monday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Mass – Don Rieman
6:30 p.m. Adult Study

Tuesday, March 24

Office Closed – No Mass

9:30 a.m. Adult Study

Wednesday, March 25 – St. Mary's Feast Day

8:00 a.m. **No Mass**
8:30 a.m. **No Confessions**
8:30 a.m. Exposition/Adoration
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer/Benediction
5:30 p.m. Mass – For the people of St. Mary Parish

6:30 p.m. Religious Ed

7:00 p.m. **No Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 26

10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Fatima Rosary

Friday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. Confessions

Saturday, March 28

3:30-4:15 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass – Mary McEldowney

Sunday, March 29

8:00-8:15 a.m. Confessions
8:30 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members
of the Hartnagle Family
9:45-10:15 a.m. Confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass

**Ad Orientem Masses are Fridays and Sundays*

REGULAR AND ONLINE GIVING: The online giving link is <http://giving.parishsoft.com/stmary>. You can establish a user account for one-time or scheduled giving. If you do not have an assigned envelope number and would like envelopes, please call the office. The office has extra envelopes. You can put donations in the collection basket, mail them or use the BillPay.

– Events/News –

ANNUNCIATION, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, is the patronal Feast day of St. Mary's. Join us for a potluck dinner after Mass at 5:30 p.m.

TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE: Pray for vocations by signing up to take the chalice case home for two weeks. Visit nwv.church, click on St. Mary's Parish, then scroll down to the Vocations Chalice button and click on that. Then, enter your name and phone number for the two-week period that you'd like to have it.

MASS INTENTIONS: Families at St. Mary's can schedule Mass Intentions for living or deceased family or friends. Each family can have six Mass Intentions per year, with two of those being on a weekend. The cost is \$5.00 per Mass. Call or stop by the office with your requests.

THE GATHERING: Join us every 2nd Sunday of the month for some lunch and a gathering after Mass. Bring a dish to share and a drink. Bring food to the school basement before 9:45 a.m. and plug in, if needed. Gathering people together for good food and good conversations.

ADORATION: Please consider committing to an hour of Adoration with Jesus each Wednesday after Mass, from 8:00 a.m. until 6:45 p.m. We need to have at least two people each hour. If you can help, please call the office at 937-548-1616 and speak with Barb. It is suggested that Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion take an hour each week.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR EASTER: Help is needed to get the church ready for Easter! Two days for cleaning. We will provide cleaning solutions. You just bring a bucket and some rags – Saturday, March 28, 9:30-11:30 a.m., and Monday, March 30, at 8:30 a.m.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Rick Macias, Angie Ayyette, Jim Grilliot, Ed Swisher, Mary Ann Simon, Jamey Simon, Rick Evans, Gloria Evans, Brenda Smith, Nicole Asher, Richard Winemiller, Darlene Grubb, Regina Schieltz, Alicia Crandall, Melissa Dunker, Traci Smith, Brenda McCoy, Ray Beyke, Steve Brandt, Lester McCullough, Diana Knick, Lena Stammen, Elijah Moore, Tyler Roberts, Craig Beck, Nanette Keiser, Brenda Sloane, Ken Pence, Sheri Hanes, Sue Bauer, Ed Trittschuh, Stephanie Ward, Marie Tegtmeier, Tom Gibbons, Steve Warren, Linda Stachler, Jim Koontz, Tom & Rita McEldowney. Please call the office to add or remove a loved one's name.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: This is for new parents who have not had a child baptized. This class will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Parish Center at 2:30 p.m. Facilitators are Steven and Chelsea Jones. Call the office at 937-548-1616 to schedule.

– Ministry Schedule –

Schedule available on our website at nwv.church or scan the QR code

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– Saint Mary School –

RETREAT IN JULY: Be a part of the St. Meinrad Retreat, July 10, 11 and 12, 2026. Join Deacon Tom and Julie Graber for a retreat at St. Meinrad in Indiana. Cost is \$350.00 for single and \$550.00 per couple, which includes food and lodging. For more information, contact Deacon Tom at 937-621-5332.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING! Kindergarten screening for St. Mary's School is FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH! If your child is registered for the 2026-2027 school year, PLEASE call the school to reserve your spot for their screening at 548-2345!

WE ARE NOW REGISTERING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR! We are currently registering students for the upcoming school year for PRESCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE! You can contact the office at 548-2345, email us at info@smsgvl.com or scan the QR code! We look forward to meeting you!



GIVING BACK! Did you know that you could also give back to the school (at NO COST to you!) by linking your KROGER card? Just follow the steps below and then each time you shop at Kroger, a portion of what you spend goes to the school! Thank you for your support!

Go to Kroger's account online, Select "My Account," Select "Community Rewards," Search for "St. Mary's Parish School" or "#TT245," Select "ENROLL."

SGO! (SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION) Do you pay Ohio Income Tax? Would you like to direct your tax money to Catholic education? There is a program called Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) where you can donate through the archdiocese and select St. Mary's School (Greenville) (CO1885) as your designated school. By donating this way, you can receive an Ohio tax credit of up to \$750.00 individual or \$1,500.00 joint filing. To donate, visit catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/. When you make your donation, **REMEMBER TO DESIGNATE ST. MARY'S SCHOOL (GREENVILLE) (CO1885).** Scan the QR code for more information.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL ANNUAL AUCTION will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2026. Dinner will be served between 5:00-6:30 p.m. with the auction starting shortly after. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 each. Contact St. Mary's school or ask a student for tickets. We will be serving Winner's marinated pork chop sandwiches, a side (from Montage Cafe), applesauce, and drink. Children's hot dog meals are available for purchase at the event. The auction is free to attend. The event will be located at The Olde Factory Warehouse (formally Neff Co.) 645 Pine Street, Greenville, OH. We will have over 100 items from local business and supporters. If you would like to donate items, you can drop them off at the school. All proceeds go to St. Mary's School. Follow the school on Facebook to see the auction items @smsgvl. Thank you for your support!

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THE ANNUAL SHELBY CO. RTL GARAGE SALE: The sale will be held Thursday-Saturday, March 26-28, at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Hours will be 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Saturday.

- Donations for the sale are greatly appreciated and are so generous year after year. As a friendly reminder, we ask that you continue to donate only clean and salable items. Clothes that are damaged do not sell. It would be helpful if clothes were sorted by size and bagged/boxed accordingly. To donate, drop items off at St. Remy Hall on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Donations will not be accepted after Tuesday. We are unable to provide assistance in unloading large furniture.
- There is a bake sale held in conjunction with the garage sale. Baked items may be brought to the garage sale on Wednesday, March 25, from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Additional baked goods will be accepted throughout the sale.
- Volunteers are needed to help work at the sale, Tuesday-Saturday. A phone call to Maria Hoehne at 937-638-3165, would be greatly appreciated!

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE: We have extra spots, so you can still register by contacting your youth minister or by emailing Deacon Mike at mikem@bfvcatholic.org.

RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAM is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships. The next program will be held April 10-12, 2026 in Beaver Creek. For more information, visit <https://helpourmarriage.org>.

Solemn Vespers for the Lenten Season

Join us and pray the evening prayer of the Church!

Each Sunday of Lent at St. Louis (North Star), starting at 7pm.

First Sunday of Lent: February 22nd
Second Sunday of Lent: March 1st
Third Sunday of Lent: March 8th
Fourth Sunday of Lent: March 15th
Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 22nd
Palm Sunday: March 29th
Easter Sunday: April 5th



– Saint Remy –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of March 22, 2026

Saturday, March 21

3:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Sister Eileen Monnin

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:45 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. Roger, Rose, & Dan Koverman
11:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Robert, Delores, & Jerry Peltier

Thursday, March 26

7:00 a.m. Vocations
8:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)
3:10 p.m. Children's Eucharistic Adoration
(ending at 4:15 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 8:20 p.m.)
8:30 p.m. Benediction

Friday, March 27

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Sam
& Irene Doseck Family

Saturday, March 28

3:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:15 p.m.)
4:30 p.m. Lavern & Rosetta Francis, Becky Ranly,
Carol Rindler, Christopher Francis, &
Valerie Magoto

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 8:30 a.m.)
9:00 a.m. Fr. Ned Brown, Fr. James Reutter,
Fr. Matt Feist, & Fr. Andrew Reckers
11:00 a.m. The Robert & Helen Monnin Family
12:15 p.m. Confession (ending at 12:45 p.m.)

RECEIVING THE TRAVELING VOCATIONS CHALICE in their home from March 22-April 4 is the Jake and Heather Borchers Family.

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Breakfast will be served to all junior high and high school students on Fridays during Lent (except Good Friday). Junior high students will eat in the parish office basement, while high school students will eat at the St. Joseph Village Centre.
- Stella Maria for high school ladies and Brotherhood of Virtue for high school gentlemen on Wednesday, March 25, from 8:00-9:30.

THE ANNUAL SHELBY CO. RTL GARAGE SALE: Please see the NWV Announcements on page 7 for information regarding the Shelby County Right to Life Garage Sale, March 26-28.

– Events/News –

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RENT THE CWV HALL is asked to contact Gerry Drees at 937-638-4064.

OUR HAITI MISSION GROUP is promoting a Lenten fund drive for the people from our sister parish in Balan, Haiti. Donation envelopes can be found at the entrances to the church and in the pews. Please see the article on the NWV family of parishes page for further information.

THE NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre. This class is required before the Baptism of your first child. The next class will be held in July. To register or receive more information, please contact Regina Schulze at 937-638-3642.

THE DROP-OFF DATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN OUR CASSEROLE CRUSADE is this Sunday, March 22, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at St. Remy Hall. If you are unable to drop your casseroles off at that time, please contact one of the following committee members: Hollie Prenger (937-418-4990), Heather (Jake) Borchers (937-418-8279), Rachel Borchers (937-935-1549), and Kayla Borchers (937-479-5045). Thank you for your generosity in helping to feed the hungry!

ST. REMY CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help water the outdoor flowers in front of the church, by the rectory, and by the parish center. The flowers need to be watered about three times per week, and this requires about two hours per day. With enough volunteers, we are hoping that this would be a one-week commitment per month, June through September. If you are interested, please contact Maria Hoehne at the parish office at 937-526-3437 or at stremy@roadrunner.com.

THE LIFE LIBRARY IN THE BACK OF CHURCH is happy to supply you with some excellent DVDs for the Lenten season. New titles include: *The Missionary of St. Joseph – The Life of Blessed Petra of St. Joseph*; *The Maid – The Life of St. Vicenta Maria Lopez*; *The Eucharist – In Communion with Me*; and *A Plea to Humanity*. Also available is the book titled *Habits for a Healthy Marriage*. Check out these and many other inspiring, family-friendly titles on the back wall of the vestibule in church.

DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, all weekday Masses will begin at 7:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST CATHOLIC!

BAPTIZED AT ST. REMY CHURCH
ON MARCH 8, 2026

Linus Quinten

SON OF KURTIS & BRIDGET (BULCHER)
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– Ministry Schedule –

Available for viewing on our website nww.church or scan the QR code

nww.church

– Saint Louis & Saint Nicholas –

CCD NEWS

Kindergarten Classes will be held on Wednesdays, April 8, 15 and 22 at both parishes. Please call or email the office to register your child who is in Kindergarten at the present time.

SOLEMN VESPERS IN THE LENTEN SEASON: St. Louis will be having Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) every Sunday of Lent at 7:00 p.m. Each Sunday, we will need a reader, server, and someone to provide refreshments for the fellowship afterwards. Please join us for this evening prayer. If you would like to help out, contact Katelyn Warner at (937) 417-6267 or use this link to sign up to help: <https://tinyurl.com/LentSolemnVespers26>.

TO SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE NOTIFICATIONS:

St. Louis: www.flocknote.com/stlouisnorthstar

St. Nicholas: www.flocknote.com/stnicholaschurch45351

THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND: Get thousands of movies, programs, audio and books. To register, go to nsoregion.formed.org and sign up.

KNOTTERS AND SEWERS will meet during Lent on Thursday, March 26 at St. Louis Church basement from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All are welcome to help make blankets for the needy. Bring a sack lunch.

OSGOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SOUP SUNDAY will be held on Sunday, March 29, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Osgood Community Veterans Center.

MEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for setting up before funeral luncheons and tearing down after at Osgood Community Veterans Center. If able to help, please call or text Mitch Bohman at 937-623-6474. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have someone to put on the prayer chain, call the office or call Marianne Brunswick at 937-467-9639.



SAINT NICHOLAS OWEN

Saint of the Day: March 22

Saint Nicholas Owen, familiarly known as "Little John," was small in stature but big in the esteem of his fellow Jesuits.

Born at Oxford, this humble artisan saved the lives of many priests and laypersons in England during the penal times (1559-1829), when a series of statutes punished Catholics for the practice of their faith. Over a period of about 20 years, Nicholas used his skills to build secret hiding places for priests throughout the country.

His work, which he did completely by himself as both architect and builder, was so good that time and time again priests in hiding were undetected by raiding parties. Nicholas was a genius at finding and creating places of safety: subterranean passages, small spaces between walls, impenetrable recesses.

At one point he was even able to mastermind the escape of two Jesuits from the Tower of London. Whenever Saint Nicholas Owen set out to design such hiding places, he began by receiving the holy Eucharist, and he would turn to God in prayer throughout the long, dangerous construction process.

After many years at his unusual task, Nicholas entered the Society of Jesus and served as a lay brother, although – for very good reasons – his connection with the Jesuits was kept secret.

After a number of narrow escapes, he himself was finally caught in 1594. Despite protracted torture, Nicholas refused to disclose the names of other Catholics. After being released following the payment of a ransom, "Little John" went back to his work. He was arrested again in 1606. This time he was subjected to horrible tortures, suffering an agonizing death. The jailers tried suggesting that he had confessed and committed suicide, but his heroism and sufferings soon were widely known.

Nicholas Owen was canonized in 1970 as one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.

Read the full article: "Saint Louise De Marillac" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-nicholas-owen/>

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 22, 2026

5th Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Monday, March 23, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 8:51-59

Friday, March 27, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Lenten Weekday
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
John 11:45-56

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