

NWV Family of Parishes



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

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 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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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
- 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
- 1:45 p.m. – Rosary
- 2:15 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
- 3:00 p.m. – Celebration of the Passion
- 7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 4, 2026

St. Denis

- 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. – Confession
- 3:00 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
- 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

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Good Friday, April 3, is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED: Mass in Latin, the All Night Vigil, and First Saturday Mass will not happen this week on First Friday, April 3, and First Saturday, April 4, because it falls on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, which encompasses the Easter Triduum. It will resume on the First Friday of May, which is May 1.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Leo has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including those in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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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: nvw.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 Ned Brown

ENTERING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY: PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

As we gather on Palm Sunday, the Church invites us into the heart of our faith: the Paschal Mystery of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The readings capture the drama in vivid contrast. The Procession Gospel (Matthew 21:1-11) shows Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem amid waving palms and cries of "Hosanna!" Yet the Passion Narrative (Matthew 26:14-27:66) swiftly turns to betrayal, suffering, and the cross. The First Reading from Isaiah 50:4-7 presents the Suffering Servant who does not turn away from insult and spitting. Psalm 22 echoes the anguish: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" The Philippians hymn (2:6-11) reveals the depth of Christ's kenosis – emptying Himself in obedience unto death – so that every knee might bend in glory.

Last Sunday's Gospel of the raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) prepared us perfectly for this moment. Jesus loved Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, yet deliberately stayed two days longer, allowing his friend to die and decompose for four days. Why? "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God" (Jn 11:4 from the Gospel of the 5th Sunday of Lent). Martha rushed to meet Him with active faith; Mary sat in contemplative sorrow. When Jesus wept at the tomb, He showed the full humanity of His love. Yet with a loud cry – "Lazarus, come out!" – He conquered death itself. The miracle was no mere cure of disease; it was victory over the grave, foreshadowing His own Resurrection.

The same Lord who raised Lazarus now enters Jerusalem knowing the cross awaits. Just as He allowed the suffering of His beloved friends for a greater glory, He embraces the Passion for us. St. John Chrysostom reminds us that those especially dear to God often endure great trials, drawn into the mystery of the cross. Jesus weeps with us in our pain, yet He does not leave us there. He is "the resurrection and the life" (Jn 11:25).

Holy Week is not a series of optional services; it is our annual journey through death to life. On **Holy Thursday**, we celebrate the Lord's Supper, the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, and the washing of feet – an urgent call to serve as Christ served. **Good Friday** brings solemn silence and the veneration of the Cross by which we are redeemed. **The Easter Vigil** explodes with light, the history of salvation (including Ezekiel's dry bones coming to life), Baptisms, and the first Alleluia of Easter. Each liturgy immerses us in the saving events we proclaim.

By participating fully, we do more than remember – we enter the mystery. The Spirit who raised Christ (and given to us at our Baptism) will give life to our mortal bodies (Rom 8:11). Our own resurrection hope is no distant dream; Lazarus teaches us that even decay and the tomb are no barrier to Christ's friendship and power. This Holy Week, hear Jesus' voice: "Come out!" – for we hope that the same command will be heard again one day in the future and summon us from our graves.

Clear your calendars. Bring your family. Invite a neighbor. Let this Holy Week transform your heart so that Easter's joy may be full and lasting. The Lord who raised Lazarus and triumphed on the cross is calling you – come and see the glory of God!

– NWV Family of Parish Announcements –

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE FOR DAY OF RENEWAL: May 18th will be the 9th Day of Renewal. It will be held at St. Denis this year. Our presenter will be Schoenstatt Sister Virginia. She will speak on attaining everyday sanctity through the teaching of Father Kentenich. More details will be coming soon. Hope you will be able to attend! If you have questions, please contact Ginny Metzcar at 937-417-1305.

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. We 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 29, 2026

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 a.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
- 10:15 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

Monday, March 30

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Lewis & Betty Kremer

Tuesday, March 31

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

Wednesday, April 1

- 8:15 a.m. Mass (SD) Helen Frantz
- 9:00 a.m. (SD) Exposition
- 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, April 2 – Holy Thursday

- 7:00 p.m. Mass (SD) Dan Kissinger & Owen Kissinger
- 8:00 p.m. (SD Undercroft) Adoration at the Altar of
Repose until midnight
- 8:00 p.m. (SD undercroft) Confessions until midnight

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 12:30 p.m. Liturgy of Passion & Veneration of the
Cross
- 2:00 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 3:00 p.m.)
- 3:30 p.m. (SD) Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy
Chaplet, & Rosary
- 6:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 7:30 p.m.)

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 9:30 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:30 a.m.)
- 3:30 p.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 4:30 p.m.)
- 9:00 p.m. Mass (SD) Leona Monnin

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (HF) Arthur & Regina Fischer
- 10:15 a.m. (SD) Confessions (ending at 10:45 a.m.)
- 9:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Wesley Breeze
- 11:00 a.m. Mass (SD) Our Family of Parishes

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: There will not be Breakfast with the Lord in April because the First Friday in April is Good Friday. Therefore, the next Breakfast with the Lord will be on First Friday, May 1, which will be the last Breakfast with the Lord before summer break, and we will again continue on First Friday, September 4.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: The next Middle School youth ministry session will be on Wednesday, April 1, 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, April 1, 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, setup, etc. Please call the office at 526-4945, if interested.

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.

LETTERS OF LOVE: Do you know anyone who would love to receive a joyful handwritten card, drawing or letter from a CCD student this Easter? Please email Diana at ccd@bfvcatholic.org or call 937-582-3957 with the name and address of any individuals you'd like to add to our Letters of Love mailing list this Easter!

EXPECTING MOTHER'S BLESSING after all Masses at St. Denis on March 28th and March 29th. Please meet near the baptismal font to receive this blessing from Fr. Ned.



– Ministry Schedule –

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

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– Saint Louis & Saint Nicholas –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of March 29, 2026

Monday, March 30

No Mass

Tuesday, March 31

4:45-5:45 p.m. **No Confessions (SL)**

6:15 p.m. **No Mass (SL)**

Wednesday, April 1

8:15 a.m. Mass (SN) Dan Lyons &
Mary Ann Quinter

9:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SN)
(ending at 4:45 p.m.)

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

4:45 p.m. Benediction (SN)

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Mass (SL) Gene & Eileen Mescher,
Xavier Miller, Nancy Leonard

8:30-10:00 p.m. Confessions (SL)

8:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (SL)
(ending at 11:30 p.m.)

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (SL)

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (SN)

6:30-8:00 p.m. Confessions (SN)

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. Mass (SN) Julie Springmyer

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

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

8:30 a.m. Mass (SL) Ron & Eva Ruchty

10:30 a.m. Mass (SN) Ivo Knapke, Lydia Schoen,
Janet & Richard Braun &
Barbara Siegrist

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 29-April 12: Jake & Alyssa DeMange and Mark & Steph Pohlman. To sign up, go to www.nwv.church. Click on "About," "Parishes," click on your parish name and navigate to the button that reads "Vocations Chalice Registration."

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31: There will not be Confessions or 6:15 p.m. Mass at St. Louis Church due to the Chrism Mass.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2: There will not be 8:15 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Church.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed on Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Church.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION on Wednesday, April 1 at St. Nicholas Church from 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Benediction at 4:45 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE on Wednesday, April 1 at St. Nicholas from 4:15-4:45 p.m., Thursday, April 2 at St. Louis from 8:30-10:00 p.m., Friday, April 3 at St. Nicholas from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 5 at St. Louis from 7:30-8:15 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ANNIE BUBECK AND CHLOEE SHARROCK, who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Nicholas Church next weekend. There will be a reception following Mass in the St. Nicholas Church basement. **Everyone is welcome!**

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.

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.

THERE ARE LISTS OF HOMEBOUND, those in the service and religious at the entrance of the churches if you would like to send Easter greetings.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH, Father Reckers, for the beautiful Funeral Mass, and the St. Louis Parish for providing the music and organizing the luncheon. Thank you, Osgood Legion Post #588, for providing the military honors at the cemetery. Dad loved the community of North Star and Osgood, and thank you all for the love and support over the years.

–The Urban Arling Family

NEW SCHEDULES for April-June for servers, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at the main entrance of the church. Only those who are on the current roster are permitted to serve as substitutes.



ST. LOUIS

– Ministry Schedule –

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

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ST. NICHOLAS

– Saint Mary –

Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule for the Week of March 29, 2026

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

Monday, March 30

- 4:45-5:15 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. Mass – Sheri Hanes
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Study

Tuesday, March 31

Office Closed – No Mass

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Study

Wednesday, April 1

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions
- 8:30 a.m. Exposition/Adoration
- 6:00 p.m. Confessions
- 6:30 p.m. Religious Ed
- 6:45 p.m. Benediction
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

- 12:00 p.m. Fatima Rosary
- 7:00 p.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members
of the VandenBosch Family

- 8:00 p.m. Confessions

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

Office Closed

- 12:00 p.m. Community Stations of the Cross
- 12:00-1:45 p.m. Confessions
- 2:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. Vigil Practice
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Roberta George
- 11:30 p.m. Reception for New Catholics in the
school basement

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Mass – The People of St. Mary's
Parish
- 10:30 a.m. Mass – Si & Mary Barga

**Ad Orientem Masses are Fridays and Sundays*

THE GATHERING: Join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for 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. April: Potluck

– Events/News –

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.

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.

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

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.

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, 937-621-5332.

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– Saint Mary School –

ST. MARY'S EASTER EGG HUNT The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children up through third grade, Easter Sunday, April 5, after the 10:30 Mass on the St. Mary's church campus. We'll plan on two group zones again this year, Kindergarten through 3rd grade and those Preschool and below. There will be door prizes for the children.

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 businesses 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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- 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 29, 2026

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

Tuesday, March 31

- 3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 8:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, April 1

- 7:00 a.m. J.O. & Mary Grillot
3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)
6:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 7:00 p.m.)

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

- 8:15 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer)
8:30 a.m. Confession (ending at 9:30 a.m.)
3:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 4:00 p.m.)
3:10 p.m. Children's Prayer Service
(ending at 4:15 p.m.)
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper – For Vocations
9:00 p.m. Confession (ending at 10:00 p.m.)

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday

- 8:15 a.m. Lauds (Morning Prayer)
11:00 a.m. Confession (ending at 12:00 a.m.)
1:45 p.m. Rosary
2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
4:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 5:30 p.m.)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Confession (ending at 8:30 p.m.)

Saturday, April 4 – Holy Saturday

- 8:15 a.m. Lauds & Devotion to the Sorrowful Mother
8:45 a.m. Confession (ending at 9:45 a.m.)
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil – Our Family of Parishes

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. **No Confession**
9:00 a.m. Randy Marchal
11:00 a.m. Tom Gariety

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Little Handmaids for girls in grades 1-3 on Monday, March 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Village Centre
- Knights of St. Michael for boys in grades 1-3 on Monday, March 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at school

– Events/News –

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 NWW family of parishes page for further information.

CEMETERY NOTICE: Due to the recent high winds, many cemetery floral arrangements and decorations have blown away. If you had any decorations on the graves of your loved ones, please check throughout the cemetery for them, as mowing season is about to begin. We will make our best effort to put displaced arrangements and decorations near the cemetery building for you to claim. Any arrangements not claimed by April 15th will be discarded.

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.

THANK YOU: The Serra Club of Cincinnati Northwest Deanery would like to thank all who came out to support our annual spaghetti dinner for vocations. We had a record amount of donations given this year at around \$6,300.00! Wow! Thank you all for your generosity. We are very blessed to live in an area in which many are so supportive of the seminarians and vocations! Also, a big shout-out to all who donated delicious desserts or volunteered a helping hand at prepping and serving the food. We couldn't do it without you! Thanks again and God bless!

ST. REMY CHURCH IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS to help water the outdoor flowers in front of church, by the rectory, and by the parish center. The flowers need to be watered about three times per week, and this requires about 2 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 HOLIEST WEEK OF THE YEAR:

The night before His death, when His betrayer was already at work, Jesus lifted a simple chalice in a world covered in darkness. Elevating it, He sealed for all eternity a new covenant between God and man, imparting to us the gift of His Body and Blood. Holy Thursday was more than Christ's last meal with His disciples – it was the night of nights that changed the world. Like an ocean of mercy, the grace of that night rippled through the centuries and washes over us like a wave every time the Eucharist is consecrated. As we begin Holy Week and build up to the Triduum, let's contemplate what this week is all about. Let's take the time to immerse ourselves in all the blessedness of this holy time and be bathed in the sweetness of God's grace.



– Ministry Schedule –

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

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– 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's 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>.

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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.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalms 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Monday, March 30, 2026

Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7

Psalms 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14

John 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Tuesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-6

Psalms 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17

John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34

Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Holy Thursday

Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

Psalms 89:21-22, 25 and 27

Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalms 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Holy Saturday

Genesis 1:1—2:2

Psalms 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalms 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Exodus 14:15—15:1

Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18

Isaiah 54:5-14

Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Psalms 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4

Romans 6:3-11

Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Matthew 28:1-10

Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

– NWV Family of Parishes Announcements –



SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

Saint of the Day: April 4

Patron Saint of the Internet

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths). Saint Isidore of Seville reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena, Saint Isidore of Seville was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain.

Saint Isidore of Seville continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.

Read the full article: "Saint Isidore of Seville" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-isidore-of-seville/> (Accessed March 13, 2026).

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