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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4, 2024

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE
BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Fr. Mike (Our Lady of The Hills Family)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEFORE 10 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Sally Frydryk (Kelli Cole)

Noon St. Benignus Lawrence & Janet Sowders (Debbie & Susie Kennedy)

TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary Rose Swisshelm (Mary Lou Swisshelm Starr)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus Kathy Dye (Bob Dye)

3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY AT ST. MARY CHURCH

6:00 p.m. Exposition at St. Mary

6:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary

6:50 p.m. Benediction at St. Mary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Joel Griggs (Coleen Bolton)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

Noon St. Benignus Alan Sanchez & Joy Woo (Bob Dye)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays)

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Tom Moran (Leah Salyer)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Chief Rudy Thomsen (Lydia Breckel)

Celebrant Fr. Mike Paraniuk for all Masses

ST. MARY COLLECTION - JULY 28, 2024

Weekly Need\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection\$	4,915.00
Variance\$	-1,585.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	26,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	19,409.00
VARIANCE\$	-6,591.00
ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - JULY 28, 2024	
Weekly Need\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection\$	1,900.00 1,675.00
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Weekly Collection\$	1,675.00

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"You are rewarded not according to your work or your time but according to the measure of your love."

— St. Catherine of Siena

PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep *Archbishop Schnurr* in your prayers. His overall health is well but can use the support and prayers of the faithful.



DATES TO REMEMBER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

6:30 p.m. Ladies Aux. Meeting – Religious Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, Fr. Lay Hall – St. Benignus
1:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting-Religious Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

3:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills Adams County Picnic at St. Mary Queen of Heaven Church 205 Wendell Avenue, Peebles, Ohio 45660 (Everyone is welcome to attend)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

1:00 p.m. Our Lady of the Hills Highland County Picnic –

Mitchell Park, 753 S. 7th Street, Greenfield, OH 45123

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024

6:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Religious Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m. PSR – St. Mary

PSR Open House - St. Benignus

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS FAMILY

ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH E-MAIL CHAIN

Parishioner Prayer Chain / Parishioner Passing Notifications

Please print your name & e-mail on the paper located in the back of the church if you would like to be included in a prayer chain for those most in need of prayers, as well as parishioner passing service details within the family.

FAMILY WEBSITE COMING SOON!!

Please note: It is **not** live yet, but will be soon! **http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com.**

HELP NEEDED

A parishioner is requesting someone to assist in watching over an elderly family member. For further information, please call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

Would you like to work with the older youth in our parish? We are looking for a Youth Group Leader at St.Benignus Church. Students are 6th through 12th grade. They typically meet once per month. Please call/text Chyane at 740-572-2101, if you're interested!

PSR

St. Benignus Church PSR Open House will take place on Sunday, September 15. All youth and their families should plan to attend. More details to follow.



ST. MARY CHURCH, HILLSBORO - CONFIRMATION MASS

October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Bernie Weldishofer, our Dean from St. Columbkille, will be the celebrant.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus St. Benignus in Father Lay Hall –

Grand Knight: Bruce Bennett, Sr. **Contact:** 740-463-3406



Congratulations & Blessings on your 60th Wedding Anniversary, Andy & Barb Piekutowski!

Our Lady of the Hills Family, please submit your photos from your County/ State Fair to justleahatstmary@gmail.com or text to 937-205-3038.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Archbishop Schnurr, Jeff Thoroman, Judy Hagerty, Matt Scheeler, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Ron Speakman, Linda Strahler, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Jean Barnes, Emily Konerman, Jonda Davidson, Kaleb Fraizer

** To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932 St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church Office, 937-981-2785) **

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. in writing or e-mail justleahatstmary@gmail. com or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.

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ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

**Bingo teams are short a few people. We really need the help. Even if you can only work before bingo starts (5:30-7:00 p.m.) that would be great. Contact the church number if interested at 937-840-9932.

Bingo Team 1 (September 6, 2024)

Michelle Salyer, Jane Horne, Ann Lerch, Barb Rayburn, Taryn Hastings, Josh Pohlman

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

August 4 – Brogen Priest

August 5 - Carol Chambers,

Michael Gunderman

August 6 – Dan Cook

August 8 – Loretta Dean, Sevrin Florek

August 9 – Kathleen Moran, Jean Rabe,

Annie Rusch, Bob Williams, Alister York

August 10 - John Mayer

August 11 – Avery Elliott

August 14 – Mathew Frump,

Peggy Strahler

August 15 – Barbara Piekutowski

August 17 – Ed Bloom, Josie Requit

August 19 – Todd Barrett, Henry Haubner, Emily Pohlman

August 20 – Ray Bullis, Sue Lehn

August 21 - Joe Novotny,

Rosemarie Moenster

August 22 – Colin Brown,

Charles Davidson, Cathy Fox August 24 – Marian Markland

August 25 – Diane Jolitz

ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH







'Our Lady of the Hills has access to FORMED, a website that provides Catholic resources, movies, daily reflections, family friendly children's programming and so much more! It is sponsored by the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press. To start enjoying this wonderful resource, follow the instructions below.

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
- 2. Select your parish by entering name, city and/or zip code (enter 45133)
- 3. Enter your name and email address
- 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED

iVoteCatholic

John 6:24-35 Bread of Life, work of God Call to Family, Community, & Participation, Solidarity

Week 1: Family, Community and Participation. The person is not only sacred but also social. Family must be supported, and people have a right & duty to participate in society for social problems are best addressed by community networks. The family forms people in love and remains open to the community, moved by a sense of justice and concern for others.

- St. John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, no.64

iVoteCatholic: During this first week, we focus on the call to Family, Community and Participation. Our God is Trinity, three persons, one God. These three persons are in constant relationship with each other. Being created in the image of God, we, too, need to be in relationships. Each human person is not only sacred but also social. We must recognize and cherish the gift of belonging to our immediate family and wider family, the Church and society. The Church teaches that to fully belong to a family and community, participation is essential. We encourage you to ensure you and your family are registered to vote. Get informed and educated about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Our community calls us to participate not just for our own needs but for the larger whole of society. Voting is an actionable way to love and a tool to cultivate community.

iVoteCatholic: We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This provoking question requires much prayer and discernment from each of us. We acknowledge the difficulty of this question and the perceived alignment or misalignment of the candidates and issues with our Catholic faith. Our Church teaches a consistent ethic of life, so we are called to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that each related issue is morally equivalent. This is not the case. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that one related issue could excuse indifference to the rest: this is not the case either. We have challenging work ahead of us! During this election season, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be offering prayers, scripture, quotes, family activities and discerning questions through the lens of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to aid the discerning vote. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org

Questions/Requests: Call Kristy Bockrath at 937-361-6590 or email krbockr@icloud.com. If you cannot attend as scheduled, please find a substitute.

ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH	SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH - 3:30 P.M. MASS	SUNDAY, AUGUT 11TH - NOON MASS
SACRISTANS	Needed	Needed
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	Anita O'Connor	Amy Baldwin
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Dan Cook Jackie Soards Volunteer Needed	Jim Block Susan Stuckey Volunteer Needed
SERVERS	Volunteer Needed	Iryna Reeves
COUNTERS		Jim T./Larry S.

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you." – St. Augustine

RCIA

The RCIA team is looking for volunteers to help. If you feel the call to this ministry or would like more information, contact Michelle Salyer at 937-840-8655 or Joyce Combs at 937-403-6708



SERMON ON IOHN 6:24-35

od put into every human a need to belong. When you belong you find someone who accepts you, who loves you. This need is so strong I have witnessed children who still cling to a parent who abused them. A mother with children once told me, "I don't know what it's like to be in the bathroom alone." Even animals need to belong. My cat Oscar sleeps by my side. Every morning when awake, he jumps in my lap, pulls my face to his with his paws, and rubs his cheeks against mine. Then I have to whisper into his ear, "Oscar, I love you. You are magnificent. You are marvelous. You are munificent. You are the best of all the kitties in the world." His purrs are so loud he sounds like a boat motoring.

I believe God created us to belong for a very special reason. God wants you to belong to Him. God wants you to need Him. John 6:28-29 says, "Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires? Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Faith is believing Jesus wants you. He desires you. Jesus gave up everything to possess you. He gave up Heaven. He gave up the glory of His Divinity. He gave up His life. God has worked so hard to win you back. Now you must work to accept His love.

The story of Jesus is a story of unrequited love. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing." (Luke 13:34)

A very important question must be answered. We know Jesus wants you. Do you want Him? How do you accept Jesus into your life?

I believe accepting Jesus and falling in love are very similar. Remember what it was like when you first fell in love. Here are some of the things you experienced:

- 1. Preoccupation: The person you love is constantly in your thoughts. Prayer puts Jesus in your thoughts. I think a lot about what Jesús wants me to do throughout my day.
- 2. The Delight Stage: Everything your loved one does is adorable. When you accept Jesus, you begin to admire what Jesus did. He showed love, mercy and compassion. You cherish them so much you work to live like Jesus.
- 3. Intimacy: As lovers get closer, they drop the masks and show themselves who they really are. There is great joy when someone loves me for who I am. Spiritual joy comes when you can go to Jesus, dump the guilt and believe He wants you as you really are, warts and all. Even my sins cannot lessen His desire for me.
- 4. Possession: I don't want to do anything to lose the one I love. When I accept Jesus, I don't want to do anything that would break my relationship with Him.
- 5. Union: Two lovers think and act as one. I so enjoy watching older couples communicate. They know each other so well one starts a sentence and other finishes it. I remember my mom and day during one of their conversations. Dad: "You know Julie..." Mom: "I thoroughly agree." One who loves Jesus will think like Him. God said in Romans 12:2 "Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God--what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect."

Catholics believe that when we gather around God's table for Mass, that little piece of bread and small cup of wine become a visible sign of His enormous Love. When we consume the Body and Blood of Jesus, then Jesus consumes us. That's how you fall in love with Jesus.

Blessings, Fr. Mike

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