

MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS FAMILY OF PARISHES

SAINT MARY OF THE WOODS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023



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MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 3, 2023****Saturday, August 26 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Pat & Don Murdock by Kim Bolfig***Sunday, August 27 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Abigail Wendel by Winner Family***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Loretta & Jeff Sweeney by Morissa & Mitch Sweeney***Tuesday, August 29 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Sharienne & Dennis Weidner**by Morissa & Mitch Sweeney***Wednesday, August 30 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Zavier Bruns by Winner Family***Thursday, August 31 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)****(LATIN) 6:45 p.m. Eucharistic****Exposition/Confession***Tom Moore By Helen Moore***Friday, September 1 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)****8:45 a.m. Confession***Living & Deceased Members of**the Stolly/Lantz Family**by Stolly Family***Saturday, September 2 | 3:00 p.m. Confession****(ST. PAT)****4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Antonio J. Scalise by Laura Cacaro***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes***Sunday, September 3 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Joe & Lynn Knapschaefer - 50th Wedding Anniversary**by Bihn Family***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Rose & Frank Sweeney by Morissa & Mitch Sweeney***YOUR TITHE TO GOD**

WEEK OF AUGUST 19/20	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
MASS COUNT:	322	354
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 6,487.50	\$ 5,841.00
ONLINE COLLECTION:	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 285.69
OTHER COLLECTIONS:		
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	\$ 100.00	220.00
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:		216.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:		\$ 10.00
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:		\$
ASSUMPTION:	\$ 1,295.00	\$ 1,090.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS:	\$ 9,207.50	\$ 7,662.69

LITURGICAL MINISTERS**SEPTEMBER 2/3, 2023****ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Orville Winner, Aiden Oldiges,
Lincoln Nielsen**READER:** David Goff**USHERS:** Alan Winner, Jeff True,
Willie Dearwester, Ken Meier**CANTORS:** Winners**SACRISTAN:** Suzi Corwin**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Owen Klinker, Michael Klinker,
Jase Thompson**READER:** Jan Knight**EEM:** Kevin Knight**USHERS:** Ed Fisher, Charles Seimet,
Deb Seimet, Jeff Codora**CANTORS:** Ashley Roberts**SACRISTAN:** Susan Brunner**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. SATURDAY****SERVERS:** Rowen Daring, Sutton Daring,
Olivia Dearwester**READERS:** Sue Brewer, Rose Lyons**EEM:** Mary Smith**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY****SERVERS:** Sennett Stolly, Sloan Stolly,
Spencer Stolly**READERS:** Mindy Baily, Kelsey Conklin**EEM:** Catherine Oder**Welcome**

Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us! If you would like to join one of our Parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.





READINGS FOR THE WEEK

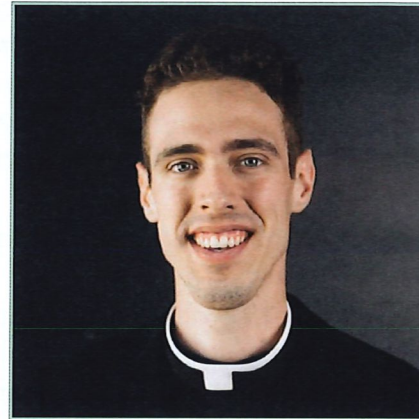
BEGINNING AUGUST 27, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8;
Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10;
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;
Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6;
Mk 6:17-29
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13;
Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13;
Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8;
Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12;
Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9;
Mt 25:14-30
- Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9;
Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



WELCOME, BENJAMIN PACKER

Mary, Queen of Angels Family of Parishes is pleased to welcome Benjamin Packer as our seminarian intern! He will begin on August 28th and spend the 2023-2024 academic year with us in order to gain experience living, teaching, and serving in parish life. The following is a brief introduction from Benjamin.



My name is Benjamin Packer. I will be spending the next year in your parishes as a seminarian intern with Fr. Landenwitch. I have completed six years of seminary – four years in college seminary and two in Theology in Cincinnati. I grew up in a homeschooling family with my five younger brothers and two younger sisters. I entered college seminary at Bishop Simon Bruté in Indianapolis after graduating high school and have continued for two years at Mt. St. Mary's in Cincinnati for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. God willing, I will be ordained in just under three years from now. I enjoy hiking, camping, reading, and occasional casual sports whether it is disc golf or a casual game of ultimate frisbee. Hopefully, I will have the pleasure of meeting many of you in the coming weeks.

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SEPTEMBER
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
FR. STASH DAILEY
WILL LEAD THE REFLECTION

9am Mass at Holy Family Church
Light Breakfast & Reflection at Bridgettine Convent
(we will be walking to the convent after mass)

12pm Blessing

Suggested donation \$30

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MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- Put women at risk. This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- Threaten parental rights. The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy. The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote **NO** on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

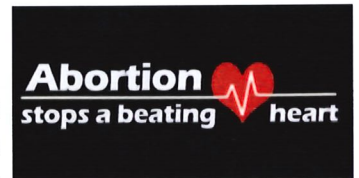
May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend

Dennis M. Schnurr

Archbishop of Cincinnati





54-DAY NOVENA

The Ohio Bishops are encouraging people to pray a 54-day Novena from Sept 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows) until November 7, the election, to defeat the proposed abortion amendment.

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE 54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA

What is a Novena? A Novena is a traditional Catholic practice of praying the Rosary for a specific petition each day, for nine days in a row. The word Novena comes from the Latin word "novem," meaning nine.

Why nine days? This length of prayer is modeled after the apostles and Jesus. After His ascension into heaven, Jesus asked His disciples to pray together, and for nine days, the apostles and Mary prayed in the Upper Room. The ninth day, the apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. What is a 54-day Novena then? A 54-day Novena is simply six Novenas said in a row. Six times nine equals 54.

- 54 days, praying the Holy Rosary each day.
- 6 Novenas: 3 in Petition (27 days), 3 in Thanksgiving (27 days)
- 3 set of mysteries: 1st Joyful, 2nd Sorrowful, 3rd Glorious (and repeat)
- Add extra opening and closing prayers.
- Add ending prayers to each Mystery.

54 days seems pretty long! It might be, but Mary asked us to do it! The 54-day Novena originated in the late 19th century. Its origin is attributed to a young girl, Fortuna Agrelli, from Naples in Italy. She had been suffering from a chronic illness. It was thought to be incurable. Fortuna asked Mary for her help, and Mary appeared to her and promised her healing if she made three Novenas. The girl did so and was miraculously healed.

Three Novenas are only 27 days. In a later apparition, Mary specified that the full 54-day prayer should have three Novenas in petition, and three Novenas in thanksgiving. That structure - 27 days of asking, and 27 days of giving thanks - has been embraced by countless people since as a wonderful way to pray.

Now, more than ever, we need to seek the Lord's help to protect the lives of the unborn and so we pray that all people come to the understanding that each human life comes from God, belongs to God, and is meant to return to God. The Lord Himself said: "For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

MASS INTENTIONS:

Currently, St. Patrick Church is accepting Mass Intentions for the months of **June-September 2024**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Intention: _____

Offered by: _____

Date requested: _____

Mass time requested: _____

of Masses you are paying for: _____

Every attempt will be made to schedule the date and Mass time requested; however, funerals and prior requests may prevent this.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Currently, St. Mary of the Woods Church is accepting Mass Intentions for the months of **January-August 2024**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

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