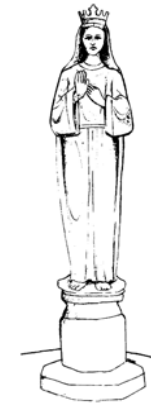


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Ministry Directory

**QUEEN OF HEAVEN
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



Located in the City of Green Ohio

1800 Steese Road
Uniontown, Ohio
330-896-2345

www.queenofheavenparish.org

Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter is an enriching and revitalizing experience to help make good marriages even better. Information is available by emailing WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Natural Family Planning is a natural method in which a couple shares equally in the responsibility of avoiding or achieving a pregnancy. Classes are held to assist both married and engaged couples who want to follow the Church's teaching on contraception. This natural, reliable and relationship building method is taught in the PLC. Information is available by emailing nfpteacher@hotmail.com

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Support Group

A support group for individuals diagnosed with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) gather on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Bride's Room.

Facilities for Rent at Queen of Heaven Parish

Contact the parish office (330.896.2345)
for rental rates and scheduling

Parish Life Center

Classrooms that seat 30, 60 or 90 people comfortably

Roberts' Hall

Comfortably accommodates up to 500 people for parties and wedding receptions. Caterer available.

Pavilion

Out door picnic pavilion

Church Basement

Comfortably accommodates up to 120 people with full kitchen facilities.

This **Ministry Directory** is designed to assist you in locating ministries and services at Queen of Heaven Parish.
Learn how you can serve or be served.

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Additional Programs Held at Queen of Heaven Facilities

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. Meetings are held on Monday evenings in the PAC.

Legionaries of Christ

- ***Conquest Boys***

Conquest is a national network of over 330 leadership clubs and camps for boys and young men 5-16 years of age. The mission of Conquest is to form boys into self-disciplined and confident Catholic leaders who possess moral integrity and eagerly seek to place themselves at the service of Christ and His Church. The means to achieve this is through offering participants challenging physical, intellectual and spiritual activities within an atmosphere of adventure. Contact Jim Demboski at 330.245.036. Meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the PLC.

- ***Challenge Girls***

Challenge is a national network of leadership for girls ages 10-16. It supports the development of the whole girl, her spiritual, social, intellectual and apostolic talents. This formation is carried out through talks, group dynamics, workshops, retreats and other exciting activities. Contact Diana Pratt at 330.896.0735. Meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm in Church Basement.

- ***Familia***

Familia is dedicated to fostering the development of religious, moral psychological and social values in the family. This is accomplished through a study of the Bible, Catechism, and the writings of John Paul II on Marriage and Family. A mother's group meets every other week from September through May on Tuesday evenings.

- ***Kids for Jesus (Catholic Kids Net)***

K4J is a series of programs that motivates children to live virtue and love Christ through their Catholic faith. K4J is designed for girls ages 5-9. Contact Stephanie VanDevere at 330.644.3961 for more information. The club meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the PAC.

Social Committee

The parish family that prays, works, eats, plays and socializes together, stays together. This committee emphasizes the latter of these qualities. Our mission is to include everyone, from oldest to youngest. This committee promotes fellowship of the parish family, the lighter side of the parish. The committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of month at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Young at Heart Seniors (age 55+)

This dynamic group is open to all parishioners age 55+. They will meet monthly for fellowship and joyous times. Activities can include speakers, group tours, daytrips, bingo, cards, food, and retreats.

Youth Ministry***God Squad (Jr. High Youth Ministry Program)***

This youth group provides Jr. High students with the opportunity to be involved with spiritual, social, and service projects. A board of students help form a calendar of events and activities including: Easter Egg Hunt; Happy Birthday Jesus Party; All Saints Party; Marian devotions, Stations of the Cross. Social events include Laser Quest; basketball; cards; and Kennywood Amusement Park.

Life Teen (High School Youth Ministry Program)

This High School youth group provides Teens with the opportunity to gather to form community. This youth group is part of the Life Teen Ministry of the Parish which seeks to lead Teens closer to Christ.

FELLOWSHIP***FUNFest Committee***

The Queen of Heaven Fun Fest is an annual event filled with activities for the entire community. Held each August, the Fun Fest provides everyone the opportunity to share time and talents for the good and enjoyment of all. This weekend event includes game booths for all ages, food and drinks, rides and live entertainment. Volunteer opportunities include serving as a chair or as a worker for one of the booths, baking, setting up and tearing down booths, soliciting donated prizes and many others. This is the parish's annual fundraising event, and has enjoyed success due to the commitment, hard work and support of our parish family.

Sunday Pancake Breakfast

On the first Sunday of each month, a community all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast is served by the Holy Name Society in the Parish Life Center.

Dear Newly Registered Parishioners,

Welcome to our parish!

I hope you immediately feel at home here. We are so happy to have you as a member of our parish faith community. I hope you consider our parish an extension of your family.

Our primary goal, as a Catholic faith community, is to provide an opportunity for you individually or for you and your family to share your gifts and grow in your faith. In this booklet, you will find a description of each of the ministries and organizations that are active in our parish. As you read through it, ask the Lord to open your heart to His call. Make a commitment to become active in the vibrant faith life of your parish. Allow yourself to grow in your relationship with the Lord and, in turn, assist others to likewise deepen their faith.

This booklet provides basic information about the ministries, programs and organizations. Specific meeting times are always available in the Sunday bulletin, announced at the weekend Masses and on the parish website.

Again, I welcome you to Queen of Heaven Parish. It is my pleasure and honor to be your pastor.

Together, with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may we journey to the Kingdom as faithful disciples and good stewards of God's many gifts.

God Bless You,

Father David R. Durkee
Pastor

Meet the Pastoral Staff

Father Dave Durkee was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He is the youngest of five children-four older sisters. Father attended Saint Vincent grade school, Walsh Jesuit High School and Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminaries in Cleveland. He was ordained on June 7, 1980. Father Dave was named as Pastor of Queen of Heaven Parish in July 1999. Prior to his installation as Pastor, Father served at these parishes:

- Annunciation in Akron
- St. Charles in Parma
- St Peter in N. Ridgeville
- St Matthew in Akron
- St. Mary in Chardon

His hobbies include biking, camping, hiking, kayaking and woodworking. He has a faithful companion, Max, the dog.

Father Thom Kowatch, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, is the Parochial Vicar who assists the Pastor in ministering and caring for the parish. Ordained in January of 1985, Fr. Thom has had numerous parish and hospital assignments prior to being assigned to Queen of Heaven Parish in August 2007.

Deacon Bob Bender was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He and his wife, Martie have been married since 1975 and have two children. He has an Undergraduate Degree from the University of Akron and a Master's Degree in Social Sciences Administration from Case Western Reserve University. He is employed as the Associate Director of Child Guidance & Family Solutions. Bob has been a member of Queen of Heaven since 1993 and ordained a Permanent Deacon in May 2002.

Men's Group

Men's group mission is to support the men of our parish in being men of God and men of integrity, committed to spiritual, moral and ethical purity. We encourage the men of our parish to embrace Gospel values and bring those values into their homes, workplaces and community. Men of all ages are welcome. Join us for prayer, study, fellowship, donuts and coffee at 7:00 am on Saturday mornings in the Parish Life Center.

Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee is dedicated to producing *Heavenly News* the parish newsletter every three months. Our goal is to serve the parish by providing insight into our parish groups, activities, and people as well as insight into the Catholic faith. The newsletter hopes to always remind people that we are called to use our time, talent, and treasure as part of our parish. We also hope to get people excited about the various activities and events happening in the parish. Members use their creativity to write, edit, interview, and take photos.

Ladies Guild

In honor of Our Blessed Mother, the Ladies Guild builds vibrant, lasting Christian relationships through spiritual fellowship, service and social works. Members serve the parish family through the support of current activities and ministries, while also offering unique spiritual, social and fundraising opportunities. Families are included in activities so as to build relationships between church families. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in the PLC. As part of their spiritual fellowship, the Ladies Guild sponsors the *Women of Grace* study series by Living His Life Abundantly Apostolate.

Rosary Makers

Rosary Makers was started in Dec 2002 for the purpose of making military rosaries for the soldiers in the war in Iraq as well as for missions and the sick. This ministry has been nationally recognized by President Bush during his National Day of Prayer speech on May 1, 2003. This ministry is funded by private donations. Rosaries are made each Tuesday morning at Church after the 8:30 am Mass or you can take the supplies and assist from your home. Children are welcome to join in this special ministry.

St. Vincent DePaul Society:

The purpose of St. Vincent DePaul Society is to help meet the needs of the poor and suffering of the parish and local community. In addition to direct aid, it also helps stimulate an awareness of poverty, illness, loneliness and of many other human deprivations worldwide. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Life Center.

Organizations

Bereavement Dinner Committee

Members offer support and meet the special needs of fellow parishioners who have experienced a personal loss. Upon request of a family member, funeral dinners are served in the Parish Life Center. Committee members make phone calls, organize /set up/clean up dinners and/or provide a dish or dessert item.

Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts of America provides a support system for boys. Boys benefit by developing and maintaining a strong sense of self-confidence, by having a safe place to test ideas, developing goals and values, and by learning to make well-educated decisions. New scouts are welcome. Meetings are held each Sunday evening in the PAC.

CYO

CYO and Community Services is a partnership of youths, adults and parishes rooted in Catholic values, committed to fostering a culture of community service, and dedicated to serving the young, disabled, elderly and poor in our community. The parish hosts CYO athletic programs and events.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society promotes the honor and glory of our Divine God and the personal sanctification of its members by acts of love and devotion to the most Holy Name of Jesus. Members promote the spiritual functions of our parish, support parish activities, evangelize to the non-active Catholics and support the goals of the Pastor. All adult males are welcome to join. Meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Life Center.

Interfaith Caregivers

The caregiver group at Queen of Heaven is a volunteer group that provides some of the following services to our homebound parishioners: Provide a friendly visit, provide light housekeeping and provide transportation to medical appointments. They also may visit area nursing homes twice a month and provide entertainment. This is the third and fourth Tuesday of every month from 10-11 a.m. For more information, please call Susan Ciccolini at 330-896-2845.

Meals for Moms

Meals for Moms is dedicated to serving moms who just had babies by preparing and bringing them meals. Members may also do light chores or errands for the new mom.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Community of Queen of Heaven, are centered in the celebration of the Eucharist and follow the teachings and actions of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are a community of people with diverse needs and gifts, of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

We seek to:

- Worship God
- Develop fully our Christian beliefs and Catholic culture throughout our Parish family
- Foster a sense of community
- Share our talents and resources for the betterment of all

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday 9:00-4:30 p.m.
Office Number 330-896-2345
Parish Fax 330-896-8882
Parish E-Mail bulletin @queenofheavenparish.org
Parish Website www.queenofheavenparish.org

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
& 5:30p.m. (LIFE TEEN Mass)

Weekday Masses:

Monday —Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days:

Vigil: 7:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted in bulletin)

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration —continuous 24/7

Rosary: Recited 20 minutes before daily Masses Monday—Friday
Saturday 9 a.m. with Benediction

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Friday: 9:00 — 9:30 a.m.

Saturday: 3:15 — 4:15 p.m.

Baptism:

2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays or by special arrangement.

Parents are to attend a instructional class prior to baptism.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made with a priest or deacon at least 6 months before the date selected to allow for the necessary preparation.

Anointing of the Sick:

Sacrament of Healing offered as requested.

FACILITIES:

Gathering Space: located in vestibule of church

Church Basement Hall: located in basement of the church

PAC Room: located in basement of the Rectory

Adoration Chapel: located south of parking lot

Reconciliation Room: located in the rear west side of church

Pavilion: Picnic shelter located behind church

Parish Office: located on west side of the church

Religious Education Office: located next to the church office

Rectory: brick building behind the church

Parish Life Center: located on the east end of property/ parking lot.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adorers commit to an hour a week of prayerful adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Adoration is continuous day and night.

Divine Mercy Cenacle

A small faith-sharing group (Cenacle), studying the message of Mercy through st. Faustina's Diary, Sacred Scripture, and the Catechism of the Church. The message emphasizes and promotes that the concept of the Divine Mercy is more than a devotion. The Cenacle meets every Wednesday at 7 pm. in the Parish Life Center.

Little Way Charismatic Prayer Group

This Charismatic Prayer Group meets twice a month to praise and worship God in song and prayer. There is a time of sharing, teaching, and Bible reading. General intercessory prayers are offered as well. This prayer group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday every month at 7 pm. in the bride's room.

Medjugorie Prayer & Discussion Group

Rosary and intercessory prayers. Open to all parishioners. This group meets the first and third Mondays each month at 7:00 pm. in the cry room.

Prayer Chain

Queen of Heaven prayer chain promotes our love of God through prayer for the needs and intentions of others. The prayer chain consists of a phone chain. Volunteers offer their individual prayers and daily sacrifices for the intention of each request. Please call the parish office 896-2345 with prayer requests.

Catholics Returning Home

This six week program assists non-practicing Catholics to reconnect with the Church. Lay members of the Church facilitate support group format meetings. Sharing of stories and an update of the Catholic faith are offered. Call the parish office for program dates.

Additional Religious Formation Opportunities

Sacramental Preparation

Baptismal Instructional Class for Parents: Prior to the baptism of a child, parents are required to attend an instructional period. Preparation sessions are held on the first Thursday of the month, six times a year (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)

Confirmation: Students entering at least the 9th grade wishing to receive this sacrament are required to participate in a educational and formational program in addition to regular religious education classes. Adult volunteers are needed to help assist in small group discussions and Day of Recollection.

Adults who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to participate in the *Spirit Alive!* Program.

Marriage: Engaged Couple Sponsor Program This ministry is for married couples who wish to serve as sponsors for engaged couples preparing to be married at Queen of Heaven. Couples receive special training and meeting times are flexible and are at the married couple's convenience. If you have been married for at least three years and are living the sacrament of matrimony in a genuine way, please consider serving in this ministry.

Heroes Camp (Vacation Bible School)

Heroes Camp is a Catholic-based Vacation Bible School serving children of the parish age 4 through grade 5. The goals of Heroes Camp are to Teach, Evangelize and to Love as we act, sing, play, eat, create and study different heroes of the Bible/Church. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help plan and run this wonderful week. Planning meetings begin in April and camp is the second full week of July.

Little Rock Bible Study

Using the Little Rock Bible Study Program, a book of the bible is studied every Thursday 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Center .

Book Study

Six week study of a selected spiritual reading book is held on Monday evenings.

Spirit Alive!

A program of adult religious education held during the winter and spring seasons to provide the opportunities for adults to grow in their faith and understanding of the teachings of the Church. Catholic adults who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are encourage to also attend this program.

COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is a group of 12-15 individuals who represent the whole community, investigate and prayerfully reflect on pastoral matters, seek consensus, propose practical recommendations, and give counsel to the pastor. An individual well suited for this council would be prayerful, a good listener, open-minded have a sense of mission, and be willing to become involved in parish life. New members are added by the process of discernment each Spring and serve a three -year term. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, except in the summer months.

Finance Council

The finance council is a consultative body whose mission is to assist , counsel and advise the Pastor in the overall fiscal operations of the parish; to plan and monitor the annual budget, communicate financial information to the parish and encourage the stewardship way of life. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Spiritual Life Commission

The Spiritual Life Commission plans and organizes religious experiences in the area of spiritual growth and development. The commission is open to parishioners who are knowledgeable or willing to gain knowledge in the different ways people approach and experience God. Monthly meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of the month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Altar Server Ministry

Altar servers assist the priest during the liturgy. Any member of the Queen of Heaven Community (4th grade and up) who wishes to assist the priest at one of the Sunday or Holy Day liturgies is welcome. Training classes are scheduled to provide the skills needed and to assume greater responsibilities as the server matures and grows.

Bereavement Liturgy Planning

This ministry works with the families to plan the liturgy for a funeral mass and prepare the funeral bulletin.

Communion To The Sick

This ministry is commissioned to bring the Eucharist to the homebound, sick and hospitalized of our community. This ministry is open to commissioned Eucharist Ministers.

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers are entrusted to assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion, either at Mass or in homes/nursing homes. This ministry is open to fully initiated Catholics who have a deep love for the Eucharist.

Hospitality Ministry (Ushers & Greeters)

These ministers assist in welcoming the assembly at weekend and Holy Day Masses, and assist in collecting offerings, coordinating the presentation of gifts and distributing materials as needed. Open to all interested teens and adults.

Housekeeping Ministry

Keeps the worship area in the best possible condition. All parishioners are welcome to help in routine cleaning chores (dusting, vacuuming, etc) one Saturday morning a month.

Lector Ministry

The lector is commissioned to proclaim the word in our liturgical worship. This ministry is open to fully initiated Catholics who have a deep love for the Holy Scripture and for the listening assembly.

Linen Care Ministry

The washing and caring of our Eucharistic linens is a prayerful meditation. Washing/starching/pressing linens are done in the home.

Music Ministry

Music is an essential component of good liturgy. Members bring their talents to lead the community in prayer.

Adult Choir: Provides music for Sunday Masses and other parish services. Practices are held each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Sent Forth Choir: Provides contemporary music for Sunday Life Teen Mass at 5:30 p.m. Practices are held each Sunday at 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the church.

Offertory Gifts

All families of Queen of Heaven are invited to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by volunteering to take up offertory gifts. Families contact any usher prior to the beginning of Mass to volunteer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Religious Instruction for Children***Parish School of Religion (PSR)***

Pre-School —Grade 5 Sunday 9:20—10:35 a.m.

Junior Hi

3gh Grades 6—8 Sunday 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Programs are available for 4 and 5 year old children, elementary school students, middle school and junior high students. Classes are offered at a variety of times.

Catechists help children grow in their faith and help them develop the attitudes and behaviors of a Catholic Christian. The time commitment of a catechist is about 3 hours a week for planning and class time from September through May. Catechists are asked to attend training meetings and workshops.

Religious Instruction for Teens***LIFE TEEN (High School Religious Education & Youth Program)***

The purpose of the LIFE TEEN program is to create an environment which leads high school teenagers into a relationship with God through spiritual, educational, emotional and social experiences. The LIFE TEEN Mass, Sunday night at 5:30 pm, is centered on the Eucharist, with spirit-filled music, and is lead by teens for teens. Following Mass, LIFE Night sessions provide teens the opportunity to grow in their faith and form community.

A variety of volunteering opportunities exist for adults to assist with the religious education and formation of our Teens through Life Teen. Adults are needed as Catechists and Mentors. Also numerous supportive, behind the scene, volunteer opportunities exist to minister to Teens.

Religious Instruction and Formation for Adults

RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) RCIA is an ongoing process for those who want to join our Catholic Faith community. The RCIA team supports and shares in the faith formation process of individuals desiring to enter the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Sessions are held on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm from Sep-