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Bucket List

This month's bucket list takes you to the more of the archdiocese's oldest places, and one of the church's most storied public celebrations:

- *The 500-acre Precious Blood motherhouse in Celina*
- *The churches honored with an Ohio Scenic Byway*
- *A Saturday evening Corpus Christi procession*

Go: Visit St. Charles Center in Carthagena

2860 U.S. Rte. 127
 Celina, Ohio 45822
 (419) 925-4516
 St-charles-cpps.org
 Saintcharlesseniorliving.com

Recommended by former Dayton resident Josh Danis, now national director of Alpha USA for Catholics: "It's beautiful!" This former seminary of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (CPPS) has been converted to a senior living community, while still serving as the Congregation's motherhouse. Its Romanesque-style Assumption Chapel was built in 1905 and renovated in 1961. Its altar, gold mosaic and historic Holtkamp organ are popular with visitors, as is the Missionaries' Heritage Room mini museum in the Gothic Revival-style main building, which houses artifacts from the countries where the Missionaries serve. The 500-acre site includes a farm and tree preserve, a cemetery, and two lakes.



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The chapel is open to the public from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., except during special events, and hosts daily Mass. Call to check for a conflict, or to schedule a tour.

 I visited!

Do: Tour "The Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches"

DOT.state.oh.us/OhioByways/



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Recommended by reader Jeanne Schlagetter. Ohio's Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches Byway is a 38.4-mile scenic route through Shelby, Auglaize, and Mercer Counties. Find a map and a photo tour of the many eponymous churches (such as St. Francis in Cranberry Prairie, shown above) at the ODOT website.

Cyclists can enjoy the sixth annual Steeple Chase Bike Tour on June 30, part of the annual St. Henry Community Picnic community festival. It takes participants on their choice of a 15-, 20-, or 30-mile course through the St. Henry area of the region. For information search "St. Henry Community Picnic" on **Facebook.com**.

Hikers can find a downloadable map for an 11.3-mile walking route from St. Henry Church to the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics at the Pilgrimage of Faith hiking route website, **PilgrimageofFaith.org**.

 I did it!

Worship: Corpus Christi at Emmanuel Church

149 Franklin St.
 Dayton, Ohio 45402
 (937) 228-2013
 Emmanuelcatholic.com

Recommended by St. Albert the Great (Kettering) parishioner Gloria Falcao Dodd, at the International Marian Research Institute: "It's a wonderful procession with the street decorated with colored wood chips." Dayton's oldest parish, founded in 1837, celebrates the old-world tradition of making outdoor "carpets" from dyed wood chips. Common in Italy, Spain, and Latin America, this tradition is rare in our region. Parishioners spend all day Saturday setting up geometric and figurative patterns on the street around the church, then gather for an evening Eucharistic procession over the carpeted ground.

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Processions are held in more than a dozen area parishes between Thursday (the calendar date of the feast) and Sunday.

The 17th annual Corpus Christi procession at Emmanuel Church will follow 5:15 Mass on June 2.



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 I went!


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