"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

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Monday: 6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8:15am

> Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30am* | 11:00am | 5:30pm

*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube: bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube

Notice of Filming and Photography

In order to offer Mass online, we will be live streaming during the 8:30 Sunday Mass. This means there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.

Communion Service

Saturday: 8:15am



Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at our scheduled time or by appointment.

> Fr. Ed | 513.697.3169 Fr. Stephen | 513.697.3102

Scheduled Confession Times Monday: 6:30pm-7:00pm*

Saturday: 3:00pm - 4:00pm * Or until last Confession is heard

Donut Sunday This Weekend



A FAMILY OF FAITH

Our Parish Religion Program Reimagined

- A modernized approach to religious education
- Flexible, once-a-month family sessions equip families to learn and embrace the faith together
- Interactive, easy to use curriculum designed by Sophia Institute
- Forms community and connection
- Open to ALL families!

TUITION: \$100/FAMILY

Includes: Parent Guide, Student Activity Books for each child, Catechism, Bible, & Family Scrapbook

VISIT OUR FAQ PAGE







Informational Session

August 21, 2023 @ 6:30pm via Zoom*



*Register here to receive the Zoom link

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Passing on the faith to our youth is one of our greatest callings as a Church. We have many opportunities to get involved. Contact Jacilyn Jackson to see how your talents could best be used.

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Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7; Romans 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

"Are you listening to me, God?" "No matter how hard I pray I never get an answer!" "I told God everything He should do, and He doesn't seem to be paying attention." Sound familiar? How many of us have prayed for something and felt that God was silent in His response? But does silence mean inattentiveness? Think about the Gospel for today: A Canaanite woman cries out to Jesus that her daughter is "tormented by a demon." And Jesus, who is usually so quick to respond to those who are suffering, does not say a word in answer to her. So, she persists in her request that He help her. Jesus' response is then uncharacteristically harsh sounding to this non-Israelite woman: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel...It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." It seems so dismissive. But what is happening is actually guite wonderful: Jesus is teaching the pagan woman to reach down to the depths of her soul and see Him through the eyes of real faith. At the outset, she sees him only as a healer of physical problems who can do her a favor. But by the time Jesus is through with her she is changed: she has become a person of faith. But that is not all. Jesus is also teaching His disciples who witness this event a great lesson. He shows that He responds to the needs of **all** God's children, not just the people of Israel. Jesus, though at first seemingly silent, even harsh, loves this woman enough to offer her more than she ever asked for: a life of faith that she never knew was possible. The lesson for us in all this? Maybe the next time we pray for something and feel that all we get from God is silence, we might remember this remarkable woman, whose persistence, humility and faith opened her up to accepting Jesus as He is, and receiving His gift of healing, and realizing that, yes, God is listening, and ready to give us more than we ever asked or imagined!

Fr. Ed Smith



Pray Together:

Prayer Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (August 2023)

August 6 \$10,978 EFT \$15,378 August 13 EFT August 20 August 27

WeShare Offering \$14,613 Total for current month to date \$40,969

> Sunday Offerings (YTD) (July 2022 - June 2023)

> > YTD Actual: \$169,581

Fiscal Budget: \$1,500,000

Difference: \$ (1,330,419)

Special & Designated Collections (August 2023)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap): \$610

> Peter's Pence \$290

> > SVdP \$2,551

Total for Current Month: \$3,451

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage: \$1,918,190.48 Number of Months left until payoff: 64 Monthly payment: \$33,689.70

Updated numbers not available at time of printing

Anxious About A Decision?

Come Get the Grace smo

smoy.org/grace

Save the Date UPCOMING EVENTS



Directory and Anniversary In Person Photo Sign Up

This weekend following Masses - More Dates Added!

In 2024, our beloved parish will commemorate an incredible milestone – our 40th Anniversary! As part of this joyous occasion, we are excited to announce the creation of a Photo Church Directory and Anniversary Book, in collaboration with Universal Church Directories. This weekend following Mass we will have our first opportunity to sign up for photos following Mass. More opportunities for in person sign up will occur in the upcoming weeks.

Alternatively, you can sign up online during the week visit: https://ucdir.com/schedule/login.php to sign up instantly:

Enter the following details: (Online sign ups Mondays -Fridays)

Church Code: oh2681 Password: photos

Please note if you have 5+ members in your group it is recommended to schedule two time slots. Need help booking or changing an appointment? Please contact Janet Driscoll at 513.706.5774



Knights of Columbus Reception

Saturday, August 26 | Following 4:30pm Mass

The Knights are having a reception for Knights and men who are interested in becoming Knights in the Fr. James Brooks Hall (located on the lower level of the church building) after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, 8/26. We will have light appetizers, beverages, and College Football to watch.

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Cana Family Institute's Called to Motherhood: A Small Group for Moms

Do you sometimes wonder about who you are as a woman, wife and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms just like you? Grow closer to God while meeting with other moms who want the same things as you – to raise great kids and have a strong and fulfilling marriage.

Join Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood: A Catholic Small Group for Mothers of Young Children.

This Year 1 Group will meet twice a month between September and May (dates TBD). Cost is \$85. Register at https://www.canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group

Contact Jessi Lima Bollin at smoycana@gmail.com for more information.

Everyday Stewardship

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for his glory, he uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

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Question & Answers

What Are "Special" Masses?

Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

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Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday 9:00am - 6:30pm (Benediction @ 6:30pm)

Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm (Benediction @ 4:00pm)

24hrs Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Saturday into Sunday 8:45am - 8:00am (reposed 4:00 - 5:30pm for Mass) Benediction at 7:50am

Eucharistic Guardian

To sign up or get information to be a Eucharistic Guardian: smoy.weadorehim.org

The Church is open whenever Mass isn't in progress for adoration. For access to building after hours, please contact:

> Jacilyn Jackson jjackson@smoy.org

Rosary

This beautiful devotional practice is prayed immediately following every weekday Mass.

Tuesday - Saturday 8:45am

> Monday 6:30pm

Sacraments

Please note all sacraments require formational preparation prior to the reception of the sacrament. Please contact the following for more information and to schedule:

Baptism: baptism@smoy.org (For Baptism please include your phone number when emailing)

Marriage: marriage@smoy.org (For marriage prep please contact at least 6 months before anticipated wedding date.)

> Holy Orders: vocations@catholicaoc.org

The Rescue Project: Fall Bible Study

The Word of God is for all of us, beginner and veteran scripture scholar alike. God longs to talk to us through His Word. WOW (Wisdom of the Word) is for those eager to learn more about scripture and the Catholic faith through weekly meetings, small group conversations and yes, even great food.

WOW will be offering two studies this fall, one on Wednesday mornings and one on Wednesday evenings.

Have you ever asked any of these questions?

- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so obviously messed up?
- What if anything has God done about it?
- How should I respond?
- Then The Rescue Project is for you!

Study begins September 13, 2023

(Study goes from September 13 - December 6)

Registration Deadline:

August 31, 2023 at 4:00pm

Cost:

\$25 cash or check payable to SMOY. Drop off to parish office or bring to the first session.

Location:

Fr. James Brooks Hall (Located on the lower level of the church)

Questions: Birgitt Hacker|bhacker@smoy.org

Morning Study (Limited to 100 participants) Wednesdays, 9:30 – 11:30am

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/43JajM0

Evening Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

Sign Up: https://bit.ly/3Ki6jfv



Food Pantry Ministry: Item of the Month

Item of the Month: Household and Hygiene Products

Household and hygiene products are always needed. In August, let's think bubbles!

- Household: dish soap, laundry detergent
- Hygiene: bar soap, body wash, toothpaste, shampoo

Non-perishables: Donations can be left in the box opposite the Parish Office and will be distributed among the SMOY SVdP, Kings, and Loveland LIFE pantries.

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Beyond the Parish Doors

Beyond our parish doors, there is a wealth of events and opportunities with external Catholic organizations. Visit https://smoy.org/beyond-parish-doors to see more events and volunteer opportunities in the greater Catholic community.

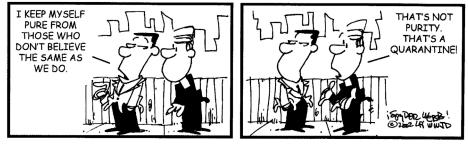
Mt. St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology Educator and Alumni Development Discount

Mt. St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (MTSM) is offering a 25% tuition discount for educators, lay ecclesial ministers, and MTSM alumni (including permanent deacons). Educators must be at a recognized Archdiocese of Cincinnati or Diocese of Covington school. Ministers include directors of religious education, coordinators of religious education, catechists, pastoral staff, etc. Remove financial barriers to further theological education and reinvigorate your ministry! This offer begins Fall 2023. Please contact us with questions regarding eligibility: call 513.233.6116 or email athatcher@mtsm.org.

Ruah Woods Psychological Services is Welcoming New Patients

Ruah Woods Psychological Services (RWPS) is pleased to announce the addition of two Catholic mental health professionals to their team: Dr. Emily Dowdell, Psy.D. and Rod Dunlap, M.A., IMFT. With this additional staffing, RWPS is welcoming new patients who are seeking support for their mental health and desiring to grow in their vocation to love. More information can be found at RWpsych.org or by calling 513.407.8878. Please share this good news with your parishioners.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Become a Bulletin Sponsor

Did you know, our weekly bulletin is paid through our bulletin sponsors and actually provides extra funds to the parish? Becoming a bulletin sponsor is a great way to support the parish and get your business in front of your fellow parishioners. Interested? Contact: Sara Ramic | 216.299.7685 | sramic@4lpi.com

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Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21 6:00PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Carole Borellis req by The Noyes Family

Tuesday, August 22

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Alice Bowers req by Ann & Ray Rytel

Wednesday, August 23

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Liam Carroll req by The Bickford Family

Thursday, August 24

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen + Ed & Marie Dux req by Judy Grubb

Friday, August 25

8:15AM Mass Celebrant:Fr. Stephen + Tom Goertemiller req by Chris & Barb Hoffman

Saturday, August 26

8:15AM Communion Service

4:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Jeannie Brotherton req by Terry Brotherton

Sunday, August 27

8:30AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen
+ Catherine Gronefeld req by
Members of SVdP
11:00AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen
SMOY Parish
5:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed
+ Celebrant's Intention

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Prayer Request

The St. Margaret Prayer Chain Ministry prays for those experiencing a special need or emergency situation. They are a great comfort to anyone who feels alone when facing a time of crisis. You are welcome to be included in this special ministry, or if you have prayer intentions or requests, our prayers can be offered for you.

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RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit Spiritual Center Retreats

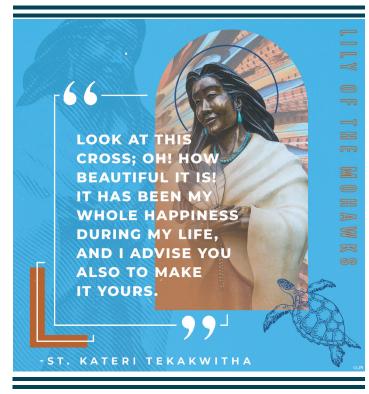
The Jesuit Spiritual Center's Ministry Team is committed to offering transformational Catholic retreat experiences in the Jesuit tradition. More Info: https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/

Saint Meinrad Retreat

Saint Meinrad offers a variety of monk-led retreats during the year – on these and other topics at our Guest House and Retreat Center in southern Indiana. More Info: https://saintmeinrad.org/retreats

Check Out Archbishop Schnurr's Study of the Mass

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, The Mass will be available free of charge for all of 2023! Visit catholicaoc.org/ theMass to find every episode of this excellent video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries along with Archbishop Schnurr's own brief insights. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes long. This is a great way to deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Please also prayerfully consider sharing this resource with family and friends.



We apologize for any errors or omissions in this publication.





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