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Transfiguration OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

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# SUMMER SCHEDULE



# Mass Times

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\*

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

# Feast of the Assumption Masses in Our Family of Parishes

Monday, August 14: 6:00pm\* at St. Margaret \*Mass will be livestreamed Tuesday, August 15: 8:15am at St. Margaret 9:00am at St. Columban 7:00pm at St. Columban



# **A FAMILY OF FAITH**

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# 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

#### Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

Forgive me for getting personal for a moment. This weekend is special to me. Forty-one years ago on August 6, 1982, the Feast of the Transfiguration, I was ordained a priest in my home parish of St. Andrew in Milford, Ohio, by Archbishop Joseph Bernardin. I well remember what a transforming gift this was for me: eight years spent in the seminary now culminating in my ordination to the priesthood; all the years of studying, reflecting and praying about my vocation came to this; all the times I wondered whether I would ever be able to do the job that the Church needed me to do, and actually be helpful to the people of God. All of this was in my mind. But, as I look back, more than anything else, I was grateful: grateful for a call from God that changed my life; for the possibility of making a difference to others; for the gift of the Eucharist which I would be able to share with the people I would serve; for the gift of unconditional love that God showed me in this world through this holy vocation. If I was that grateful fortyone years ago, imagine the gratitude of the Apostles standing on Mount Tabor with Jesus after they had seen Him transfigured before their very eyes: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." They realized that the gift God had sent to them in Jesus far surpassed all the hopes that had been in the hearts of the chosen people for so many generations. And the God who did this is still at work today, giving us gifts that far surpass anything we can even think to ask for. From life to love, from happiness to hope, from knowledge to faith, from comfort to joy: God is always one step ahead of us, taking us to places we never dreamed existed. So, this weekend when the Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Jesus, let us thank God for His astonishing gifts to us. And, for this humble priest of forty-one years, a thank-you for the gift of a vocation, the years of ministry, and the wonderful people like you whom I have had the privilege to encounter along the way!

Fr. Ed Smith

# Thank You!

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperation Plan to the Sister of Visitation



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#### **Parish Financial Support**

#### Sunday Offerings (July 2023)

July 2	\$14,491
EFT	\$12,591
July 9	\$12,363
EFT	\$10,738
July 16	\$16,615
July 23	\$8,644
July 30	

WeShare Offering \$32,567 Total for current month to date \$108,009

#### Sunday Offerings (YTD)

(July 2022 - June 2023)

YTD Actual: \$108,009

Fiscal Budget: \$1,500,000

Difference: \$ (1,391,991)

Special & Designated Collections (July 2023)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap): \$2,313

Peter's Pence \$290

> SVdP \$852

Total for Current Month: \$3,455

#### Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage: \$1,946,182.12 Number of Months left until payoff: 65 Monthly payment: \$33,689.70

Thanks to the many donors to the "Close the Gap" debt reduction. Our expected pay off date is April 2028. When we first signed the loan our original pay off date was August 2032. This 4 years in savings of interest and principal will save the parish over \$1.7 million dollars. If you are interested in contributing, please use the Green envelopes from your parish envelopes.

Updated numbers not available at time of printing



# Save the Date UPCOMING EVENTS

Events with a green bar under them are at St. Columban. Events with a red bar under them are at St. Margaret.



# 24-Hour Eucharistic Exposition

#### August 19 & 20

Eucharistic Exposition is a Eucharistic practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is adored by the faithful. Our 24-Hour Eucharistic Exposition takes place from 8:45am - 8:00am (reposed 4:00 - 5:30pm for Mass) Benediction at 7:50am. Stop by anytime and come pray with the Lord. Is our Eucharistic Lord calling you to commit to an hour with Him? Become a Eucharistic Guardian. To sign up or get information to be a Eucharistic Guardian please visit smoy.weadorehim.org

# 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.



#### Welcome to our new Domestic Church Corner

Each month you'll find information about the Catholic faith that you can use at home to share with your family. Our content will complement the topics in our new "A Family of Faith" religious education program.

#### What is the Domestic Church?

"The family, is so to speak, the domestic church." This comes to us from Vatican II (Lumen Gentium #11) and means it's in the family that we first learn about who God is and what love is. St John Chrysostom called a family home a "little church" and encouraged parents to "make your home a church in order to put the devil to flight". As we can see, the family has a special role to play in the spiritual development of its members. Lumen Gentium #11 goes on to say: "parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the faith to their children." The Catechism of the Catholic Church No. 1666 also tells us that "The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity."

That's a huge job to take on as a parent, especially when you are already changing diapers, saving for college, walking around sleep-deprived, and carpooling hundreds of miles a week. But all the same, it's what future Catholic parents consent to on the day of their marriage. "Are you prepared to accept children lovingly from God and to bring

them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?" The bride and groom would have responded "I am" on the day of their wedding. (The Order of Celebrating Matrimony #60) You might be throwing your hands up and yelling "HELP, we can't do it on our own!". Take a deep breath and know for certain that you CAN'T do it on your own, but with God all things are possible. There are so many Catholic family resources available these days and we plan to bring you information in the Domestic Church Corner. Just remember the most important thing to do is....PRAY! God loves our children more than we ever could, so ask God, our Father, to show you the way to make your family the Domestic Church. This year, we'll focus on praying as a family. Let's get started with meals.

#### **Prayer Before Meals**

We all eat three times a day (at least), so why not take this opportunity to begin to pray as a family. Giving thanks for our food and asking for God's blessing has its' roots in ancient Judaism. The Jews gave thanks for both the food on their tables and for the land that God gave them. Back in Deuteronomy 8:10, Moses tells the Israelites "But when you have eaten and are satisfied, you must bless the LORD, your God, for the good land he has given you." A family's survival depended upon the bounty of the land for both growing crops and grazing livestock.

We also have the example of Jesus who prayed over the bread and wine of the Last Supper and over the loaves and fish before multiplying them. Jesus modeled thanksgiving for the food we receive and so His Apostles and the early Christians continued to pray over their meals. Tertullian, one of the early Church Fathers, wrote that "it becomes believers not to take food ... before interposing a prayer; for the refreshments and nourishments of the spirit are to be held prior to those of the flesh, and things heavenly prior to things earthly" (On Prayer, Chapter 25).

Our familiar prayer before meals comes to us from back in the eighth century in a liturgical book called the Gelasian Sacramentary:

"Bless us, O Lord, and these, thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy

bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen."

And by the way, it's often called "saying grace" because grace comes from the Latin word gratia, which means thankful. This little prayer is mighty, it asks for God's blessing on all gathered for the meal, it asks for God's blessing on our food, it thanks God for His gift of nourishment and acknowledges that absolutely everything we have comes from God.

Praying together as a family before meals lets parents witness to their dependence on God for everything. An added family meal conversation topic can also be one thing each person at the table is grateful for in their day. This helps children to see that God provides for their needs and builds gratitude in all things.

Lastly, when we go out to eat as families, praying before our meals gives a witness to others in the restaurant that we know who provides for us and that we owe Him our gratitude, always.

## Pray Together:

#### **Prayer Before Meals**

Bless us, 0 Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **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/43JajMO



#### **Evening Study**

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

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



# **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.



# 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

#### Please support our bulletin sponsors

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#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, August 07 6:00PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Terri Shannon req by Barnes Family

#### Tuesday, August 08

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen + William & Nancy Barnes req by Barnes Family

#### Wednesday, August 09

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Jennifer Blessing req by Deacon Paul & Mary Blessing

#### Thursday, August 10

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen + Richard & Rosemarie Dow req by The Barnes Family

#### Friday, August 11

8:15AM Mass Celebrant:Fr. Stephen + Alice Bowers req by Mary Lou Bridge

#### Saturday, August 12

8:15AM Communion Service 4:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed SMOY Parish

#### Sunday, August 13

8:30AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen + Catherine Broerman req by Kathy Kishpaugh 11:00AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen + Charlie & Lottie Byrd 5:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Celebrant's Intention



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## **Pray for the Sick**

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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/

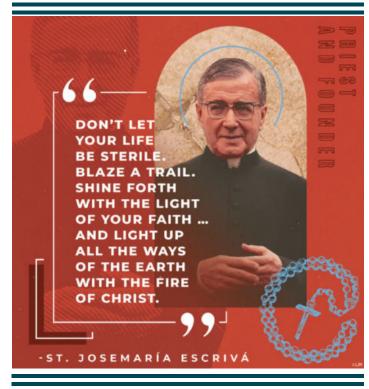
#### **Saint Meinrad Retreat**

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

# **Eucharistic Miracles Conference**

#### August 11th-13th | Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center | Norwood, OH

Join us for a Eucharistic Miracles Conference at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood this August 11th-13th. Learn about the many Eucharistic miracles around the world. Discover what the Church teaches about this precious gift and why it is pivotal to your spiritual journey. Hear speakers Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Ryan Ruiz, Fr. Ethan Moore, Fr. Rob Jack and more. Music by The Vigil Project. Learn, pray, adore, and ignite your faith! Register at www.hostofmiracles.org.



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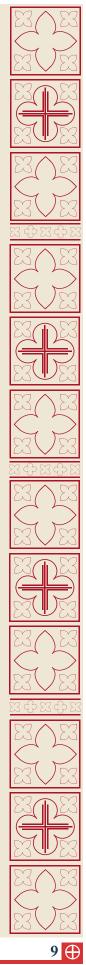




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