

# 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday

## IN ORDINARY TIME



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt 21:32



## Mass Times

**Monday:**

6:00pm

**Tuesday – Friday:**

8:15am

**Saturday:**

8:15am | 4:30 pm

**Sunday:**

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

\*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube:  
[bit.ly/SMOY-YouTube](http://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.



## 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:**

8:45 – 9:15am

3:00pm – 4:00pm

\* Or until last Confession is heard

# 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.

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### St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

**September 30 & October 1**

Mark your calendars for Bundle Sunday! Gather up your unwanted items, coats, hats, clothing, furniture, appliances, and more! The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here to collect the items

2

### Fall Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, October 1 | 9:30am – 12:30pm | Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)**

Enjoy fellowship and pancakes, in the SMOY MPR on Sunday, October 1 after Mass at the annual Fall Pancake Breakfast provided by SMOY Knights of Columbus and BSA Troop 817. \$5 per person (\$20 max per family) Proceeds benefit the SMOY Boy Scout Troop 817.

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### Ohio March for Life

**Friday, October 6, 2023 | 11:00am | State House, Columbus OH**

The Ohio March for Life's aim is to be the biggest pro-life advocacy event that our state's capital has ever seen. The message is one of love for the unborn children and their mothers and for every member of the legislature to hear that message.

Some of our St. Margaret parishioners will be attending the March and hope more parishioners will join them carpooling from SMOY following Mass and the Rosary on Friday, October 6th.

#### SMOY Group Schedule:

8:15am – Mass SMOY

8:45am – Rosary SMOY

Approximately 9:15am – Depart SMOY Parking lot(cars/carpools) for Columbus

Approximately 10:45am – Arrive at Ohio State House

11:00am – Rally – Ohio State House

12:00pm March – Ohio State House

Approximately 1:00pm – Depart for home

Interested in going with the group? Please contact and RSVP to either: Frank and Lisa Hoffman [marriage@smoy.org](mailto:marriage@smoy.org) or Denny and Kathy Baker [kathybaker1215@yahoo.com](mailto:kathybaker1215@yahoo.com)

Sign up for additional details and updates at:  
[oh.marchforlife.org](http://oh.marchforlife.org)





## Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

*Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32*

Jesus knows how to work a crowd better than anyone. As soon as Jesus asks: "What is your opinion?" to the chief priests and the elders of the people, we know we are in for something interesting, and that Jesus will expect a response - from them and from us. Today's story concerns the problem that occurs when what we say differs from what we do. The parable for this weekend teaches a profound lesson about honesty and commitment. After being told by their father to go and work in the vineyard, one son said, "Yes, I will go," but never showed up. Not only did he disobey his father's wishes but lied to him in the bargain. Now, the other son responded "No, I will not go," but thought better of it, changed his mind and went into the vineyard after all. What is going on here? Perhaps Jesus is letting us know that it is part of human nature to grow and to change, and that the important this is to think about what we say and do, so that we can become what God made us to be: workers in His vineyard of the world. This takes humility and an openness to God's word, which can penetrate our hearts, illuminate our lives, and even change our minds! Jesus continues to work crowd in this day and age, and we are part of this great crowd. As He did so long ago, He asks questions, waits for our response, and wants us to see that we can change, and that in following the will of our Father in heaven, we are blessed with lives of hope, meaning and peace. So, we never have to be afraid of being asked a question from Jesus. He does it for our own good!

Fr. Ed Smith

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## Parish Financial Support

### Sunday Offerings (September 2023)

September 03	\$12,746
EFT	\$12,471
September 10	\$12,072
EFT	\$10,308
September 17	\$11,647
September 24	\$14,883

WeShare Offering \$32,087

Total for current month to date \$106,215

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

Monthly Average:	YTD Total:
\$115,993.30	\$347,980

Monthly Fiscal Budget:	Annual Fiscal Budget:
\$125,000	\$1,500,000

Difference:  
\$ (9,006.70)

### Special & Designated Collections (September 2023)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap):  
\$3,195

SVDP  
\$1,200

Total for Current Month:  
\$4,395

### Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:  
\$1,890,110.15  
Number of Months left until payoff:  
63  
Monthly payment:  
\$33,689.70

## 5

### Pet Blessing

#### Saturday, October 7 | 9:00am | Portico

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day, the patron Saint of animals, we invite you to join us for the annual pet blessing! Bring your fuzzy, furry, or scaly friends to the outside cross for a blessing! This year we will be under the portico.

## 6

### Rosary Coast to Coast

#### Saturday, October 7 | 2:00-3:30pm | Church

This year in 2023, the October 7th Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on a Saturday which is also the First Saturday of the month. Please join our Family of Parishes as we pray with our nation during Rosary Coast to Coast at SMOY on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 2-3:30pm before the Blessed Sacrament! Prayer intentions will be for life, marriage and family, religious liberty, and the return of our nation to God and to holiness. Bring your rosary but we will have extra here too. If you can only stop in for a few decades, that is OK. See you there! For more information about the Rosary Coast to Coast, follow this link: <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com/#home>

## 7

### Olive Wood Carving Sales

#### October 7 & 8 | Following Masses

Christian woodcarvers from the Holy Land rely on tourism to support their families. These Christians make their livelihood through the selling of their hand-carved Olive Wood religious items. These olive wood carvers travel from parish to parish promoting and selling the handcrafted olive wood carvings. Items include various unique religious and devotional items such as beautiful carvings of Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, and pictures of the Last Supper. Please look over these carvings after Mass in the Narthex and help support this self-help project that enables the Christians, present in the Holy Land, to stay in their homes

## 9

### Women in Service for Community (WISC)

Women in Service for Community (WISC) is our newest ministry which welcomes all women interested in building community through volunteer service activities. Women will grow in fellowship and faith through their communal efforts to serve the SMOY parish and surrounding community. Organizational Meetings are held periodically, and members choose the service activities in which they'd like to participate. Specific activity details will become available as events are planned. If you would like more information about WISC and our upcoming activities, please fill out the form at <https://bit.ly/3EJpmvX> or scanning the QR code with your phone!





## Is This A Person?



Let's begin at the beginning. The first question in the old Baltimore Catechism was: "Who made you?" And the answer was: "God made me!" Think about it: All of us have been created by God to know, love and serve Him in this life, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven. Therefore, each of us has eternal value from the moment of our conception; from the moment "God made me". And consider this even in physical terms: at conception we already have a genetic completeness which has begun its growth toward adulthood. This is a fact. For some to argue that human life does not begin at conception is to be left with the question: "If not at conception, then when?" There is no real answer to this. Life begins at conception. Any other attempt at an answer makes no physical, logical or moral sense.

The "Right to Reproductive Freedom" amendment in Ohio uses the term "fetal viability". By this they mean that human life can only be acknowledged when the fetus can survive 'on its own'. But this statement seems both clumsy and arbitrary. After all, the moment of "viability" does not mean the arrival of anything new that is essentially human that was not already present in the genetic make-up of the fetus beforehand. And it does not account for the fact that medical science is already amazingly capable of caring for a fetus long before it can survive 'on its own', and often does so.

The amendment promotes the "right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions": meaning that a person has rights over their own body. True, but this does not change the fact that within that body exists another body with an inalienable right to life that is absolute.

Some people also argue that when the Church works for laws that prohibit abortion, it is an attempt to legislate morality and religion. This is false. Law exists to protect the life of the people. However, in allowing abortion, the state is deciding that one category of life is not worthy of its protection. Thus, in civil terms, abortion is a form of discrimination. The Church is called to fight this evil.

Finally, in response to the argument that "many people in the United States favor abortion", remember that the very highest function of the law is to uphold a principle in the face of dissenting popular opinion. Our nation must be better than taking the easy way out to keep some people satisfied [think of the slavery laws in the past]. The Church must hold our country accountable. So, let us pray for all those whose lives are at risk. Remember: "God made me...and everyone else!"

## 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](mailto:smoy.weadorehim.org)

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

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

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

**Holy Orders:**  
[vocations@catholicaoc.org](mailto:vocations@catholicaoc.org)



## Creating Sacred Spaces: The Role of the Home Altar in Family Prayer

Family prayer is at the heart of growing a fruitful and healthy domestic Church. But it can often be difficult to prioritize or even to pray as a family. When you do, where is the best place? This is an important decision. First it is helpful to consider the nature of space and how it helps us to pray. For example the bedroom is situated away from the bustle of daily life to promote uninterrupted rest. On the other hand the family room is the most accessible with plenty of furniture to accommodate all the members of the family and with space to participate in activities. Each room is placed in relation to the others and is designed to help serve a certain purpose.

When considering a good prayer space we must remember that God created us to be both spiritual beings and bodily beings. Material spaces help us to pray and to direct our senses to God rather than becoming distracted. In the home there is a long history of the home altar. Home altars come from an ancient practice. Abraham erected altars as he lived in the Promised Land to offer worship and thanksgiving to God (Gen 12:7). While the Church was persecuted in its earliest years the faithful would gather in homes to celebrate the Mass. As early as the second century families would place a cross on the eastern wall of their house. It was from the east that the Gospels indicated the Son of Man would reappear (Matt 24:30). This would become the center of family prayer.

Today the family altar serves a similar purpose. It is modeled after the altar in the

sanctuary of the Church. This is because the altar is where the highest form of prayer occurs, the Mass. At the same time altars are places where devotional practices are often centered. Many older Churches had multiple altars, often dedicated to various saints and patrons where the faithful could come and pray for their intercession. This is especially true of the altars traditionally dedicated to Mary and Joseph, typically situated on either side of the sanctuary. The movement from public devotional spaces within the Church structure to a private prayer space is a simple next step.

But why call it a home altar since nothing is being sacrificed on it, such as animals as in the time of Abraham, or the sacrifice of the Eucharist at Mass? Home altars don't try to replicate those aspects of sacrifice. But as the Psalmist says "my sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn. (Ps 51:17)." So any prayer, praise or contrition, joy or sorrow, involves sacrifice, which is embodied by an altar. When you pray you are putting into practice your baptismal graces as a member of the common priesthood to give God a sacrificial offering of your spirit. The home altar brings this reality to the forefront of your prayer and connects the private prayer and sacrifice of the family with the public prayer and sacrifice of the Church.

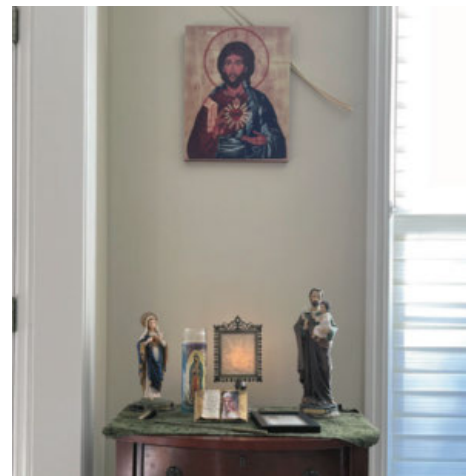
What makes up a home altar? A home altar can be a table or shelf, decorated with a white cloth and crucifix. As your own personal prayer space endeavor to make it unique to your family devotions. Involve your children so that they have an investment in the space and can make it their own. Include candles, a bible, images of patron saints, images of Mary, Jesus and Joseph. Prayer cards and rosaries. Anything that will help the family pray.

These spaces also serve as place of catechesis where parents can teach their children by example. The home altar itself teaches because it is a space that is dedicated to God and that is shown respect by parents. This shows children that God is important. Seeing an altar at home that is treated with reverence and respect will help them to understand the importance of the altar and what occurs on it during

Mass. Parents can use different Images of saints and devotionals throughout the year to instruct children. You can customize the altar during Advent and Christmas to teach about the birth of Jesus, and during Lent and Easter to teach about the death of Jesus and His resurrection. Each month can be dedicated to a different lesson or prayer that can form the focus of catechesis.

As you go about your day a well-placed and appointed home altar is a constant reminder of the reality of the family as a domestic church. It is a call to pray and to center all things in Christ. This is crucial for cementing a proper understanding of Catholic prayer and teaching in the lives of children, and it promotes faith and harmony within the family. Inviting God into our homes prepares the family for the busy world. The home can be a place to rest and spiritual renewal each day and a place for all the members of your family. Eventually your spiritual horizon will grow and embrace the wider Christian community of the parish where the family can put into practice the command to love your neighbor.

Written by: Fr. Stephen Hughes



Example Prayer Space

## Pray Together:

### An Act of Faith, Hope, and Love

Jesus, I believe in you.

Jesus, I hope in you.

Jesus, I love you.



# radical solidarity

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.”<sup>1</sup> As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”<sup>2</sup>

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and

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John 13:34

persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”<sup>3</sup>

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new *opportunities* and new *responsibilities* to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: “*In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance,*



in these cases, *is that of radical solidarity with the woman*. It is not right to leave her alone.”<sup>4</sup>

Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.”<sup>5</sup> Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their

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preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.”<sup>6</sup> A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.”<sup>7</sup> We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.”<sup>8</sup> May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

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To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit [respectlife.org/radical-solidarity](https://respectlife.org/radical-solidarity).

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1 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 274.

2 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 7.

3 Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (*On Social Concern*), no. 38.

4 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

5 Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.

6 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 188.

7 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 24.

8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 269.



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# Welcome.

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## Women's Retreat

November 4 & 5



## Men's Retreat

November 11 & 12



### To Register Visit:

<https://smoy.org> Click on Welcome, and then click on the button to register for the Women's or the Men's Retreat.

### If you have any questions please contact:

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## Fathers Team - A Ministry for Dads

**Thursdays | 7:03pm | Fr. Jan Schmidt Conference Room**

**Fridays | 6:03am | Gathering Space**

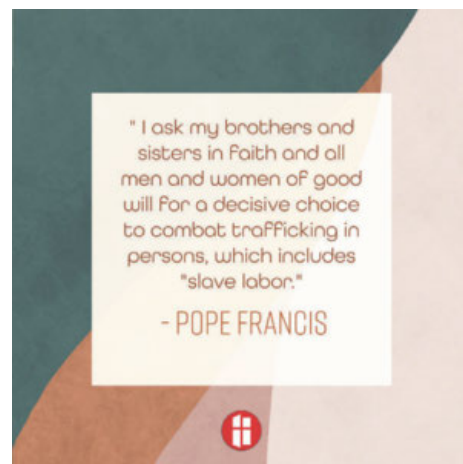
We invite fathers of all ages to join us at Fathers Team for fellowship and a deepening relationship with our Lord. We meet at 7:03PM Thursdays in the Father Jan Schmidt Room (right off the new entrance) and at 6:03AM Friday morning in the Gathering Space.

### Upcoming topics:

October 5/6: Teaching Your Children the Importance of God, Family and Friends

October 12/13: Breaking Open the Parables of Jesus

For more information, please e-mail  
[fathers.team.smoy@gmail.com](mailto:fathers.team.smoy@gmail.com)



## Food Pantry Ministry: Item of the Month

### Item of the Month: Ensure/Boost, denture adhesives and cleaner

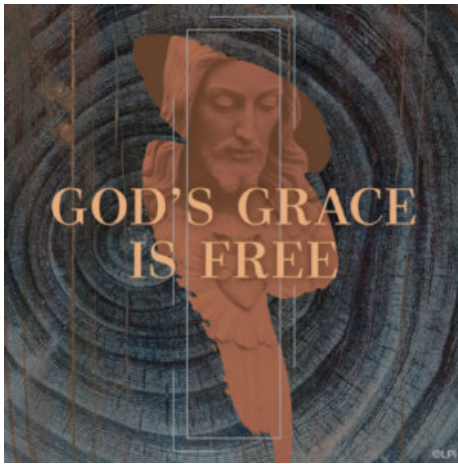
These and all non-perishable donations can be left in the box opposite the Parish Office and will be delivered to the SMOY St. Vincent de Paul, Kings and Loveland LIFE pantries.

## Safe Environment Reminder

Before being approved to work with youth in our parish or school all adults (18+) must complete the SafeParish™ training and complete an online background check. **More Info:** [smoy.org/safe-environment](https://smoy.org/safe-environment)

## Baptism Prep Classes

All sacraments require preparation. Baptism Prep Class is for expectant parents who want to have their child baptized. (If your child is already here, congrats. We will still help you prepare for their Baptism with this class.) Once you have completed the paperwork from the class, you will be able to set the date for your child's Baptism. Baptism prep is required for additional children if it's been 4 or more years since your last class or there is a change in pastor. Contact: [baptism@smoy.org](mailto:baptism@smoy.org) to sign up for a class. Please provide your phone number when signing up. You can register for the class anytime during your pregnancy. Baptisms prep will not be held in January and July.



## Question & Answers

### Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles

#### Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

#### Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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## Directory and Anniversary In Person Photo Sign Up

Our second photo sessions start this week. If you have not, please sign up for a photo session 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

Participants will receive a free photo and a free directory. 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. Photo sessions will be take place in the Gathering Space.

## 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.

## Special Needs Moms Support Group

**October 17, 2023 | 7:00pm | St. Gertrude Parish, Parish Center - St. Joseph Room | Madeira, OH**

Do you have a child with special health care needs? God has given you a wonderful gift and we want to help you care for your gift. We invite you to join our mom's group, a small group of mothers who have young or adult children with special healthcare needs and who offer each other a listening ear, prayer, support, and help throughout the year. For more information, please visit <https://www.stgertrude.org/momsofspecialneeds.html>, or contact Laura Nanista at 513.301.6317.

## Funeral Pre-Planning and End of Life Medical Decision Making Workshop

**Wednesday, November 8 | 7:00-8:30pm | Online**

Are you interested in learning more about Catholic teaching on end-of-life medical issues or pre-planning your Catholic funeral? Now and At the Hour of Our Death is an online workshop just for you, offered by the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Learn More / Sign Up:

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## 1st Annual Cana Banquet

**Friday, November 17 | Manor House, Mason, OH**

Calling All Cana and Familia Graduates and Participants! Cana Family Institute, formerly known as Familia, is hosting its 1st Annual Cana Banquet on Friday, November 17, at the Manor House in Mason. The evening will be a time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones while celebrating Strong Catholic Marriages and Families. Please join us to support Cana Family's vision and meet the local and national staff. For more information and to register, visit the event page at [canafamilyinstitute.com/cincinnatiabanquet](http://canafamilyinstitute.com/cincinnatiabanquet).

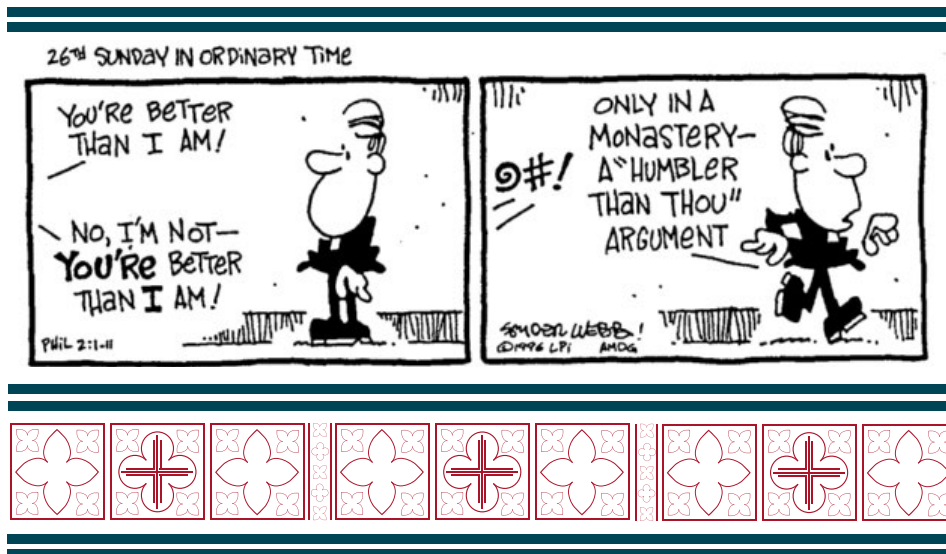
## Caregiver Mass at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains

**Sunday, November 19 | 11:00am | The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, OH**

This year's Caregiver Mass is scheduled for November 19, 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr will preside at the Mass this year. Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver – from nurses and physicians, to dietary staff and lab workers, from those who care for a sick or elderly friend or relative, to those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities or parishes. These Masses aren't just for Catholics. People from all faiths are welcome. You can nominate an individual for this year's Mass and Reception here: <https://forms.office.com/r/J5Vt18tc2z>. All nominations are due by September 22, 2023.

## Project Rachel Ministry

Since 1994, Project Rachel has ministered to women who have lost a child through abortion. We now know that this experience can cause guilt and shame after making the difficult decision to have an abortion. Women and men often suffer in silence and need the opportunity to honor the child and to heal while grieving and mourning their loss. Project Rachel offers several components for hope and healing. For more information, call/text the Project Rachel Helpline at: 513.784.0531, or email us at: [hopeandhealingcinci@gmail.com](mailto:hopeandhealingcinci@gmail.com), or visit our website at: <https://projectrachelohio.org/>.



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**Monday, October 02**

**6:00PM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Jeff Kempers  
+ Madelyn Schimmoeller req by Barb Bonifas

**Tuesday, October 03**

**8:15AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ Charlene Wilson req by Judy Grubb

**Wednesday, October 04**

**8:15AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ Ronald Cory req by The Barnes Family

**Thursday, October 05**

**8:15AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ Roy Scalia req by Judy Grubb

**Friday, October 06**

**8:15AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ Sally Alig req by The Klaber Family

**Saturday, October 07**

**8:15AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Unknown  
+ Celebrant's Intention  
**4:30PM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
Intentions of our Rosary Leaders  
req by Deacon Paul & Mary Blessing

**Sunday, October 08**

**8:30AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ G. Paul DeRosa req by The Mauch Family  
**11:00AM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
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**5:30PM Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Stephen  
+ Celebrant's Intention



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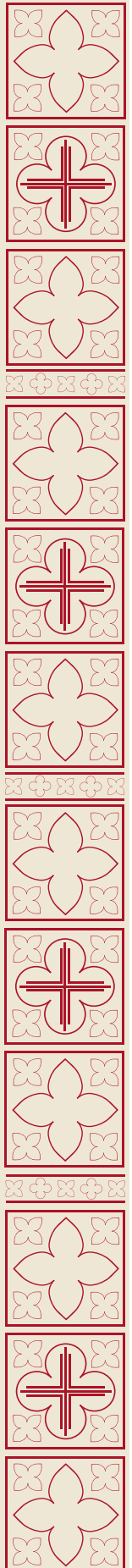


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