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Mass Times

Monday:

6:00pm

Tuesday-Friday:

8:15am

Saturday:

8:15am | 4:30pm

Sunday:

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

*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube:

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Notice of Filming and Photography

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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

Anyone in need of assistance at Communion please notify an Usher before Mass Begins





Let us pray:

Hail, Mary, full of grace,

the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

As we all know, most people do not love to wait, whether it is on the phone or in a doctor's office. However, the entire season of Advent is about waiting, but today we hear that our waiting is not without joy. And each of the three readings gives us something to think about concerning this: The prophet Isaiah is waiting for the great jubilee year; St. Paul is waiting for the second coming; and St. John's Gospel tells us that the One whom we are waiting for is already among us. This is a lot of waiting! And at the same time, we are given reasons to be joyful.

That is why the Third Sunday of Advent is called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is not a word that people see very often these days. There are at least two reasons for this: One is because it is Latin, and not too many people go around speaking Latin anymore; but another reason might be that the word means "rejoice", and many people today don't see much to rejoice about. To be sure, there are great difficulties in our world: poverty, terrorism, issues with the economy, a crisis of faith, a loss of a sense of family and much more. And the thought of adding the concept of "waiting" to this list only seems to make matters worse.

But today, on this Third Sunday of Advent, the Church calls us all to "rejoice". This is because the Messiah... whom Isaiah so desperately hoped for, whom John the Baptist prepared for, and whom St. Paul preached with such energy...this same Messiah is here with us now. He is healing, consoling and changing lives.

So, what are we waiting for if He is already here? Liturgically, we await the coming of Christmas when we remember the coming of Christ in Bethlehem. As a Church, we await the coming of Christ at the end of time to bring all things into His kingdom. As individuals, we await the coming of Jesus into our hearts and souls every day through the sacraments, the scriptures, and the people around us. Waiting, therefore, can be exciting and fulfilling. And, as this Sunday's readings remind us, it can also be joyful. Gaudete! Rejoice!



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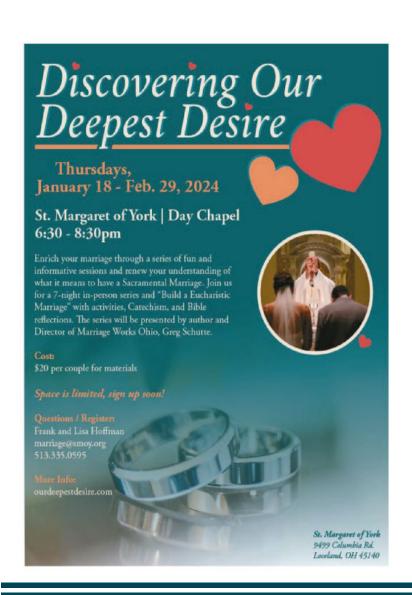
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Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Parish Photo Directory Update

December 28 | 2:00-8:00 p.m. | Gathering Space

Our last and FINAL photo session to have your picture included in the Photo Directory and Anniversary Book is Thursday, December 28th. Additional time slots were recently added to accommodate those parishioners who were unable to participate in previous sessions. Appointment times are filling up. Don't miss out! Fr. Ed, Fr. Stephen and Fr. Simon Peter are looking forward to having a directory that includes so many of their flock. Such a great gift to them in being able to put a face with a name. Visit www.ucdir.com; church code: oh2681 password: photos to book you appointment. You will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait as well as a copy of the parish directory just for participating!

Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (December 2023)

December 3 \$ 11,563.18 EFT \$ 12,341.34 December 10 \$ 17,852.56

EFT

WeShare Offering \$38,162.00 **Total for current month to date \$**

Sunday Offerings (YTD)

(July 2023 - June 2024) Not available at press time

Monthly Average: YTD Total \$ -

Monthly Annual
Fiscal Budget: Fiscal Budget:
\$ - \$ -

Difference: (\$-)

Special & Designated Collections (December 2023)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap):

Special Collections \$ 2,655.00 ~ Retired Religious

Total for Current Month: \$ 2,655.00

Mortgage Indebtedness-not available at press time

Principal balance on mortgage: \$1,833,547.41 Number of Months left until payoff: 54 Amount of last payment: \$-Additional Payment xx/xx/xxxx \$-

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday

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

Saturday

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

24hr Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Saturday into Sunday

8:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. (reposed 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for Mass) Benediction at 7:50 a.m.

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:

Josette Hudek

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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 (For Baptism please include your phone number when emailing)

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Holy Orders:

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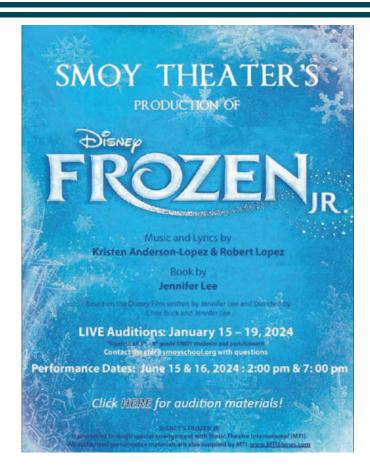
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Quilting for a Cause

January 14 | 1:00-5:00 p.m. | Parish Hall

Quilting for a Cause meets once a month in the St. Columban Parish Hall. Over their 10 years, they have donated hundreds of quilts to many organizations in the Greater Cincinnati area, including Loveland Health Care Center and the Ronald McDonald House. They have collected bins of all kinds of fabric, thread and batting and are always looking for more hands to turn these materials into wonderful hand-crafted items for those in need. No sewing or quilting skills are required – they will help you learn. If you prefer to knit or crochet, they will gladly accept those items as well.

All St. Margaret of York parishioners are welcome to join! The next gathering is January 14th.



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 to sign up for a class. Please provide your phone number when signing up. You can register for the class anytime during your pregnancy.

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.

Help for Strengthening Troubled Marriages

January 5-7, 2024 | Cincinnati, OH

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 5-7, 2024, please visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

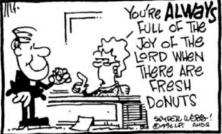
Friends of Jesus

Saturday, January 20, 2024 | 1:00 - 3:00pm | All Saint Saints, Montgomery, OH

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older). This group's focus is primarily for support, prayer and socializing. We come together in prayer, do some craft-making and enjoy refreshments. New members are always welcome but must RSVP first prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at 513.793.3546. Anyone bringing snacks for the group to share is asked to wrap the snacks individually.

3º SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 18

6:00 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith + Dorothy Rytel reg. by Ann & Ray Rytel

Tuesday, December 19

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

+ Thomas Goertemiller req. by Peggy Quinlivan

Wednesday, December 20

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

+ Domenica Giacobino req. by Ranz & Mary Esbenshade

Thursday, December 21

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

+ Ken McMahan req. by Tim & Judy McMahan

Friday, December 22

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

+ Melissa Hoffman req. by Judy Grubb & Family

Saturday, December 23

8;15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

Donald Neyer req. by Whang Family

4:30 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith + Deceased of the Kroger & Medeweller Families req. by

Sunday, December 24

Mary Kroger

10:00 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes SMOY Parish

4:30 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes

+ Terri Shannon req. by Clyde & Mary Dial

10:00 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith + Deceased of the Kopp & Hacker Families reg. by Ted & Birgitt Hacker

Please note celebrants listed are subject to change without notice.

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prays for those experiencing a special need

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facing a time of crisis. You are welcome to

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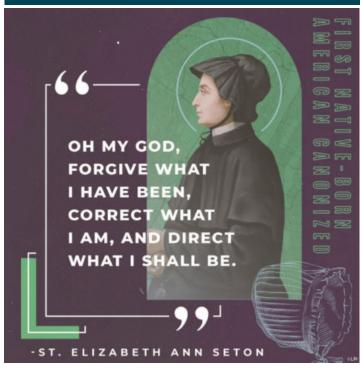
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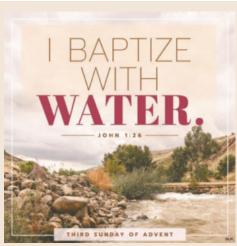
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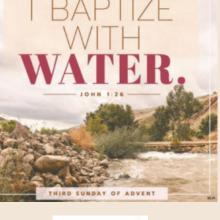
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