

HAIL, FULL OF GRACE!

LK 1:28



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A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN!

LK 2:11



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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:**

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*

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

Christmas

in our Family of Parishes

Christmas Eve

December 24th

4:30pm & 10:00pm at St. Margaret

3:00pm, 5:30pm & Midnight at St. Columban

Christmas Day

December 25th

8:30am & 11:00am at St. Margaret

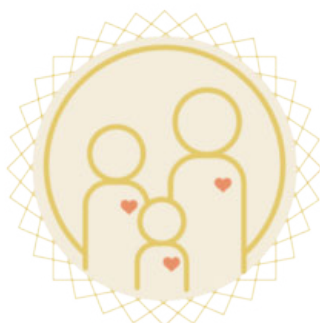
9:45am & 11:30am at St. Columban



St. Vincent de Paul

5th Sunday Collection

Next Weekend



DOMESTIC CHURCH CORNER

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

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

What a weekend! We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Saturday and Sunday, and then immediately on the same afternoon we have our first Vigil Mass for Christmas, followed by another Mass, and then yet another later at night! Following this, we have our Masses on Christmas Day itself. It seems an awful lot to take in for just three days [Saturday, Sunday and Monday]. But, if you think about it, we have been preparing for this weekend for all of December. It's good to know that Advent, if we have used it thoughtfully, has us ready and alert for the great celebrations of this weekend. And our beautiful Gospel reading of the Annunciation speaks to this readiness.

Mary, a young woman who has been brought up in the Jewish faith, is asked by the Angel Gabriel to do something extraordinary [in fact, the most extraordinary thing any human person will ever do]: She is told that God has chosen her to conceive and bear God's Son. Mary understands that God gives her freedom in her decision and that it is up to her to say: 'yes' or 'no'. And what happens? Mary says 'yes', even though she does not *understand* everything that will happen to her; even though she wonders *how* this can happen to her; even though there has never been a precedent of *what* will happen to her. She says 'yes', and the whole world changes forever. What extraordinary faith she must have had! What deep trust she shows in that she was able to say to the angel: "*May it be done to me according to your word*", and nine months later Jesus was born.

No, Mary probably did not understand all the implications of what was going to happen to her...or what the rest of her life was going to be like, or how this child of hers would change the universe. What she did understand is that God is always trustworthy, and that He would be with her throughout her life. And so, we celebrate the fact that Mary said "yes" and brought Jesus into the world to heal, teach, love and save. Our task as Christian disciples is to bring Jesus into the world also. We look to Mary to see how to do this with faith, trust and courage and love. She is truly the example for all Christians: she shows us how to say "yes" to God. And because of that "yes" we can all celebrate Christmas! May you and your families have a truly blessed and wonderful Christmas. God bless you!

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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If you are a Man of SMOY who would like to grow in your faith, give back to the Parish and Community, and be with other men with those same values and goals, consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

We are having a reception for interested men and their families after the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, 1/14, in the Father James Brooks Hall. Please come down to learn more about the Knights.

To join the Knights of Columbus, contact Nick Avondet (nickavondet@icloud.com) or Tom Rogers (smoygrandknight@gmail.com). You may also use the link or QR code below and use the Council number 13429 to join:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html>



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

1

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!

2

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 1/14.

Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (December 2023)

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

WeShare Offering \$

Total for current month to date \$ 41,757.08

Sunday Offerings (YTD)

(July 2023 – June 2024)

Not available at press time

Monthly Average:	YTD Total
\$ -	\$ -

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

Difference:
(\$ -)

Special & Designated Collections (December 2023)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap):
\$ n/a

Special Collections
\$ 2,655.00 ~ Retired Religious

Total for Current Month:
\$ 2,655.00

Mortgage Indebtedness

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)

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

Holy Orders:
vocations@catholicaoc.org

Discovering Our Deepest Desire

Thursdays,
January 18 - Feb. 29, 2024

St. Margaret of York | Day Chapel
6:30 - 8:30pm

Enrich your marriage through a series of fun and informative sessions and renew your understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage. Join us for a 7-night in-person series and "Build a Eucharistic Marriage" with activities, Catechism, and Bible reflections. The series will be presented by author and Director of Marriage Works Ohio, Greg Schutte.

Cost:
\$20 per couple for materials

Space is limited, sign up soon!

Questions / Register
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SMOY THEATER'S
PRODUCTION OF

Disney
FROZEN JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by
Jennifer Lee

Based on the Disney Film written by Jennifer Lee and Directed by
Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

LIVE Auditions: January 15 - 19, 2024
*Open to all 1st - 5th grade SMOY students and parishioners.
Contact the staff @ smoy.school.org with questions

Performance Dates: June 15 & 16, 2024 : 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Click [HERE](#) for audition materials!

Disney's FROZEN JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All copyright performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTITheatre.com

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 | 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 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | 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.

New Day Grief Support

Mondays, January 22-March 18 | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Parish, Montgomery, OH



This program is a structured way for adults to work through the "tasks of grief" when mourning the death of a loved one from any cause. Our program is made up of nine grief support sessions.

Register online at: www.good-shepherd.org/new-day-grief-support-registration
For more information: Kathy Teipen, 513-489-7489 or kteipen@zoomtown.com

Fatima, Lourdes, and Northern Spain pilgrimage

April 15-24, 2024 with Fr. Maria Raju Pasala

Our beloved Fr. Pasala from India, is leading a 10-day pilgrimage through Portugal, Spain and France to the Fatima Shrine, the Lourdes Shrine, and other sacred sites of St. Anthony Padua, St. Elizabeth of Portugal, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Ignatius of Loyola. Fr. Pasala is extending his invitation to his beloved parishioners of SMOY who may be interested in joining him. For more details call 800-715-6670 or online at <https://www.catholicjourneys.com/tour/fatima-lourdes-pilgrimage-2023/>

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: Chris Reeves | 800.477.4574 ext. 6206 creeves@4lpi.com

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25

8:30 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Simon Peter Wankya
+ Michael Madill req. by Sharon Schaefer

11:00 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Mike Hay

+ Domenica Giacobino req. by Ranz & Mary Esbenshade

Tuesday, December 26

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Simon Peter Wankya
+ Rachel Reddy req. by Hacker Family

Wednesday, December 27

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith
+ Martha Greiner req. by Tim & Judy McMahan

Thursday, December 28

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith
+ Adam Seibel req. by Bickford Family

Friday, December 29

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Simon Peter Wankya
+ John Grubb req. by Judy Grubb

Saturday, December 30

8:15 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes
+ Rosa Ferreira req. by Andy & Jenny Grethel

4:30 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith
+ Robert Whang req. by Whang Family

Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Simon Peter Wankya
+ Margaret Jean Venters req. by Kim & Joe Fishback

11:00 AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Hughes
SMOY Parish

5:30 PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed Smith
SMOY Parish

Please note celebrants listed are subject to change without notice.



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Kendall Millette	Michael Zegarski

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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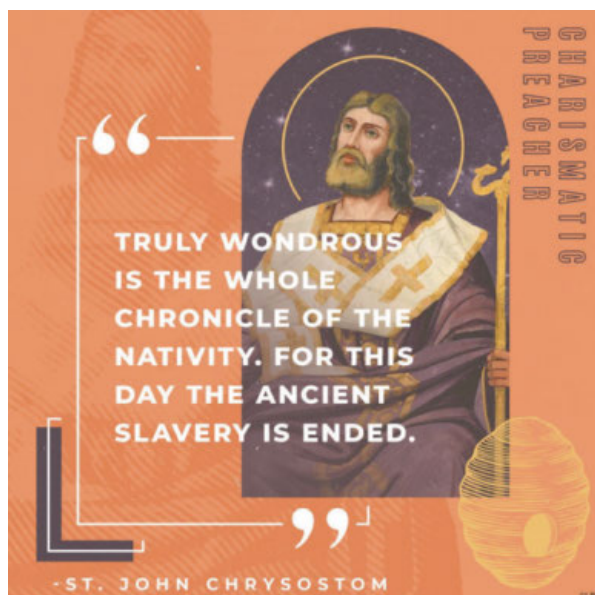
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The SMOY/St. Columban High School Youth Group is looking for interested young adult volunteers to help chaperone youth events and participate in Youth Group activities to include small table discussions. No previous training or ministry experience required except a desire to share your faith with the youth of the parishes! Volunteers must be SafeParish trained and registered before working with students. Please contact Fr Stephen Hughes at shughes@smoy.org or shughes@stcolumban.org.



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