

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.





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

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.

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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:

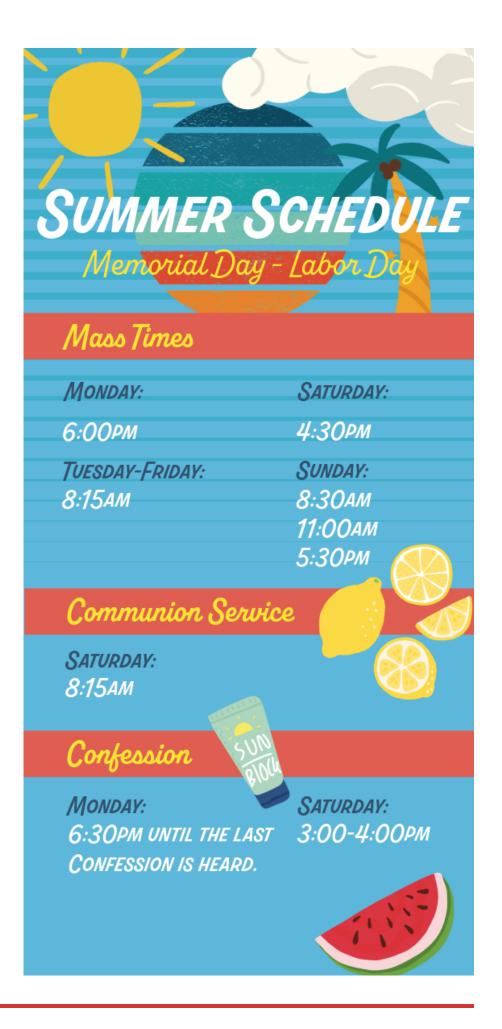
6:30pm-7:00pm*

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.





Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17

Three dramatic scenes are presented to us in this weekend's readings: 1. Peter at the house of the centurion Cornelius [Acts]; 2. John the Evangelist speaking to the early Christians about why God sent His son into the world [1 John]; 3. Jesus teaching His disciples to love one another as He loves us [Gospel]. In each of these scenes it is clear that the movement of our conversion, our growth in love and our ultimate transformation begins with God, not with us.

The reality is that God initiates the best in us, and that He offers a life of meaning that would not be possible without Him in the first place. In fact, God IS the first place. He is the origin of who we are and what we can become. He is intimately involved in our own lives, calling us to live as His faithful children. He is the destiny we hope for: a life united with Him forever in heaven.

When we reflect, therefore, on the most basic questions of life, it is only our faith that provides answers that make sense. If we ask: "Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going?" It is our faith [outlined in today's readings] that responds: "I am a child of God. I was created out of God's love. I am called to eternal happiness with God in Paradise." There is nothing more dramatic than this. God is our origin, our history, and our goal. This is the basis of all life. And Christian believers are the lucky ones who realize it!

Fr. Ed Smith



House Blessings! Help Fr. Stephen's Ordination Class Win!

Fr. Stephen along with his ordination class is having a competition with the 2022 ordination class to bless the most homes during the Easter season. House blessings are especially great if you have just moved into your home or are preparing for the baptism of a new child. If you would like to have your home blessed, please reach out to Fr. Stephen at shughes@smoy.org



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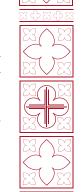
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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings

(February 2024)

February 04 \$13,769.06

EFT \$11,698.00

February 11 \$23,847.02

EFT \$9,993.00

February 18 \$18,243.20

February 25 \$28,752.90

WeShare Offering \$ -

Total for current month to date \$106,303.18

Sunday Offerings

(March 2024)

March 03 \$21,630.63

EFT \$11,113.00

March 10 \$11,779.19

EFT \$13,302.00

March 17 \$9,993.00

March 24 \$11,195.00

March 31 \$???

WeShare Offering \$???

Total for current month to date \$79,012.82

Sunday Offerings

(April 2024)

April 07 \$12,014.53

EFT \$11,113.00

April 14 \$17,052.90

EFT \$9,993.00

April 21 \$17,390.80

April 28 \$-

WeShare Offering \$ -

Total for current month to date \$67,564.23

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:

\$1,697,887.38

Number of Months left until payoff:

51

Monthly Payment:

33,690

Final ALL. IN. Phase Begins

Thanks to the generosity of this parish we are now beginning the final phase of the All In Campaign's original building plans. It includes a complete safety remodel of the school's front entrance. The project is slated to run from May - November and will bring much needed improvements to the school building. If you did not have an opportunity to give to the All In Campaign, you may still make a contribution at anytime to this project and we thank you in advance for your continued generosity.









See the walk through video of the project visit: https://bit.ly/4aygyaw or scan the QR code.





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.



Heart & Soul Computer Tech Talk



Tuesday, May 14 | 6:30pm

A Heart & Soul sponsored Computer Tech Talk by Ted Hacker exploring the latest trends and tips to enhance one's digital skills. This will be held in the Father James Brooks Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Questions: heartandsoul@smoy.org

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday

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

Saturday

9:00am - 4:00pm (Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3:00pm) (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:

Kathy McGaughy

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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



Sunday, May 19 | 5:15-7:30pm

Mark your calendars for our 40th Anniversary Mass and Celebration! The celebration will begin with a mini concert before Mass at 5:30pm. After Mass we will have the ground breaking for our new school entrance, and refreshments.



Heart & Soul Reds/Cardinals Game Outing



Wednesday, May 29 | 11:00am

A Heart & Soul Excursion to the Reds/Cardinals Baseball game. This event includes transportation to and from the Great American Ball Park and a Reserved Club Seat at this afternoon game.

The Bus will leave SMOY Parking Lot at 11:30 am for the Great American Ballpark and return to SMOY after the game. Questions: heartandsoul@smoy.org

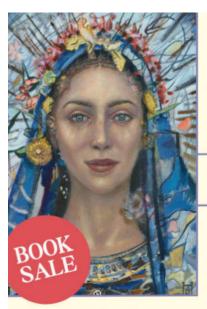
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New Parishioner Gathering

Sunday, June 2 | 7:00pm | Rectory

Come join our priests in their home for a fun and casual evening of hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments at the rectory. Other members of the parish and ministry teams will be present. Please plan to attend and become part of the SMOY family! Please RSVP the names of the adults attending to: welcome@smoy.org or call 513.697.3100 Can't make it? No worries! We offer several parties throughout the year and you are welcome to attend one that fits your schedule.





UNIVERSAL MOTHER

A Journal For Finding Yourself in Mary

BOOK LAUNCH & ART EXHIBIT

Enjoy the twenty original Marian paintings featured in the book on display in the Sacred Art Gallery of the St. Xavier Church Parish Center.



St. Xavier Church 611 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, OH 45202



Saturday, May 11 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Following the 4 p.m. Mass

Brief remarks from the authors, Holly Schapker and Cecelia Dorger, at 5:15 p.m., followed by a book signing.

This Holy and Living Sacrifice: Formation for New and Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese is once again hosting "This Holy And Living Sacrifice" formation for both new and current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). If you're interested in serving as an EMHC at St. Margaret of York (SMOY), you can attend one of the Archdiocesan sessions. Afterwards, simply reach out to Ken and Sue Anne Klaber to discuss the distribution logistics at SMOY. We look forward to welcoming you to this important ministry!

Register:

https://bit.ly/3KrWWc4

Info Needed for Registration Form: Family of Parishes:

SE-4

Person responsible for coordinating EMHCs:

Ken and Sue Anne Klaber

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Pastoral Care in Action: Supporting Our Sick and Homebound Parishioners

In an effort to ensure that the parish is adequately serving the needs of our sick and homebound parishioners, please contact Fr Stephen Hughes if you have a relative who is unable to attend Sunday Mass due to an ongoing illness, injury/surgery, or age. Arrangements can be made to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion bring them the Blessed Sacrament after Sunday Masses. At this time only Eucharistic ministers approved by the parish can take holy communion to the sick and homebound. Confessions and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick can also be arranged. If you have questions please contact Fr. Stephen Hughes at shughes@smoy.org

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

WISDOM OF THE WORD

Summer Book Club

Our WOW Summer Book Club we will be reading, Lift Up Your Heart by Fr. John Burns. Based on Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales, Lift Up Your Heart is an essential guide to holiness and loving God adapted for our time. This practical book goes right to the heart of helping you kick the habit of floating along on your spiritual journey to start actively pursuing holiness and devotion to God. The book is written to be read as a 10-day retreat, but we will be reading it over 10 weeks focusing deeply on one meditation per week.

BOOK CLUB BEGINS -

Wed., May 8th 9:15am - 11:00am

When: Wednesday mornings 9:15am - 11:00am

Where: Hospitality Room Begins: May 08, 2024

Cost: \$10 (Cash or check payable to SMOY

due at the first session on May 8th)

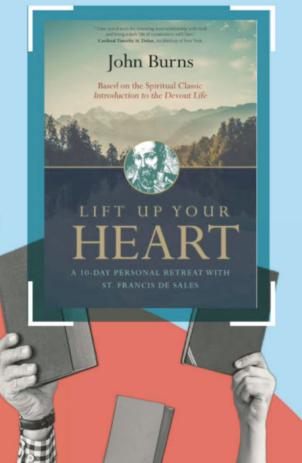
Coffee and continental breakfast will be available.

Register at the link below by May 2nd at 4:00pm.

https://bit.ly/3xJyDUt

Once registered online, you may pick your book up in the Parish Office. You will also receive a small journal to record your meditation prayer time.







Creeds Unveiled: Tracing the Origins and Differences Between the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds

At every Sunday Mass, we recite the Nicene Creed. Since the Nicene Creed was formulated during two ecumenical church councils, the council of Nicaea in 325 AD and the Council Constantinople in 381 AD, we have much documentation on how and why it came to be. But, what about the Apostles' Creed...where did it come from? Why is it different? Did the Apostles' sit down together and knock it out over lunch one day? Let's see.

Like a tall tale or the story of how that big fish got away, the legend that the twelve Apostles wrote the Apostles' Creed started being told after the Apostles themselves were long gone. The legend says that since the Apostles' Creed has twelve articles or statements, each Apostle wrote a portion of the creed, except, by then Judas had already betrayed Jesus, so there were only eleven Apostles left. Hmmmm?

We see the earliest form of the Apostles' Creed in 215 AD, written by Hippolytus of Rome, a renowned theologian in the early Church. It wasn't written to be recited at Mass, but to be used as part of the rite of Baptism in the early Church. The one to be baptized either recited the entire Apostles' Creed or was asked the beliefs in the Creed in the form of a question, as we often hear during the Easter Season. For instance,

"Do you believe in God the Father, almighty, creator of heaven and earth?" Answer: "I do".

The early church was for the most part illiterate, so Christians couldn't read theological writings or the catechism the way we can now. Having an easily memorized way to profess their faith provided both a way to learn the basic tenets of the faith and to express them. The Apostles Creed united Christians around the world by summarizing true and essential elements of the faith and helping to fight against heresies. In fact, it was in response to the Arian Heresy, that the Church gathered at the Council of Nicaea to further define what the Catholic Church believed, especially regarding Jesus' divinity.

The word creed comes from the Latin "credo", which means "I Believe". Do we believe more than the statements or articles contained in the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed? Of course, we do.... like we believe everyone has a Guardian Angel, that the Pope is the head of the Church, and that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Those aren't in the creed. A creed is not a comprehensive statement of everything we believe, but rather an essential summary rooted in the Holy Trinity. Imagine reciting the entire Catechism at Mass rather than the Nicene Creed. That would take a while.

The Apostles Creed does have two articles that are not included in the Nicene Creed. The phrase descended into Hell" and "I believe in ... the Communion of Saints". Hell, here is of course not the place of the eternally damned, which comes from the Hebrew word Gehenna, but rather Hades, which is the place where those who were righteous, and died before Christ, waited to be redeemed. The Communion of Saints refers to our belief that the Church is one united body, those on earth (Church Militant), those in purgatory (Church Suffering) and those in Heaven (Church Triumphant). The brevity of the Apostles Creed is what most likely helped attach it to devotions like the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The next time someone asks you what you believe, you can honestly say:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Amen.

Written by: Birgitt Hacker



Everyday Stewardship

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes—unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc

Practicing Catholic

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." — John 15:12 © Liturgical Publications Inc



Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every
day as we seek to live and move
and grow in You. Prune the
spaces in our lives that distract
us from You! Plant Your word
more deeply within us!
Amen.

Catholic Trivia

Question:

Praying for the interests of others is referred to by what name?

Answer: Intercession.

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.

Wedding Anniversary Certificate

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years—Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati webpage at https://bit.ly/3GiJiE8 Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage and Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org

Celebrating a 50th Wedding Anniversary?

You're invited to attend a Golden Anniversary Mass:

- Saturday, September 7, 4 pm at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City
- Sunday, September 8, 11 am at St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati

Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form at the website listed above. Questions? Contact cne@catholicaoc.org

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6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





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Mass Intentions

Monday, May 06

6:00PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Frank Martin reg by

Tina Martin

Tuesday, May 07

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed

+ Sam Mitchell, Sr. Req by The Hacker Family

Wednesday, May 08

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed

+ Chip Killius req by The Hacker Family

Thursday, May 09

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Ed

+ Jody Grebnec req by Marilyn Thomas

Friday, May 10

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen

+ Don Parks req by The Park Family

Saturday, May 11

8:15AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen

+ Don Parks req by The Park Family

4:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen

+ Ted W. Riehemann req by Ann and Ray Rytel

Sunday, May 12

8:30AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Dan Hess Intentions of all participants Parish Day of Prayer for Life req by Deacon Paul and Mary Blessing

11:00AM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jeff Kemper Parishioners of SMOY

5:30PM Mass Celebrant: Fr. Stephen

+ Gail Nurre req by Amy Nurre

Celebrants are subject to change without notice.

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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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Mary in Catholic Education

Now - June 28, 2024 | 8:30am-4:30pm, Mon-Wed & Fri | University of Dayton, Roesch Library, Dayton, OH

The Blessed Virgin Mary is an integral component of Catholic educational culture as both a subject of teaching and an exemplar for educators. In this exhibit, teacher education students at the University of Dayton use materials from the Marian Library's collections to explore how Catholic ideals have been shared with different audiences through various media.

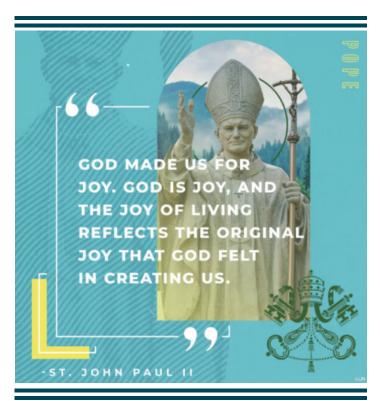
- Dates: Open now through June 28, 2024
- Cost: Free and open to the public
- Location: University of Dayton Roesch Library (first-floor gallery and the Marian Library, seventh floor)
- Parking, directions and other information: go.udayton.edu/ mary-in-catholic-ed
- Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Ember Days

Friday, June 7 | Mt. St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology, Cincinnati, OH

Saturday, June 8 | Sacred Heart, McCartyville, OH

Ember Days are run by seminarians for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This event is for high school boys to learn about prayer, discernment, seminary, and the priesthood. More information will soon be available at www.cincinnativocations.org.



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