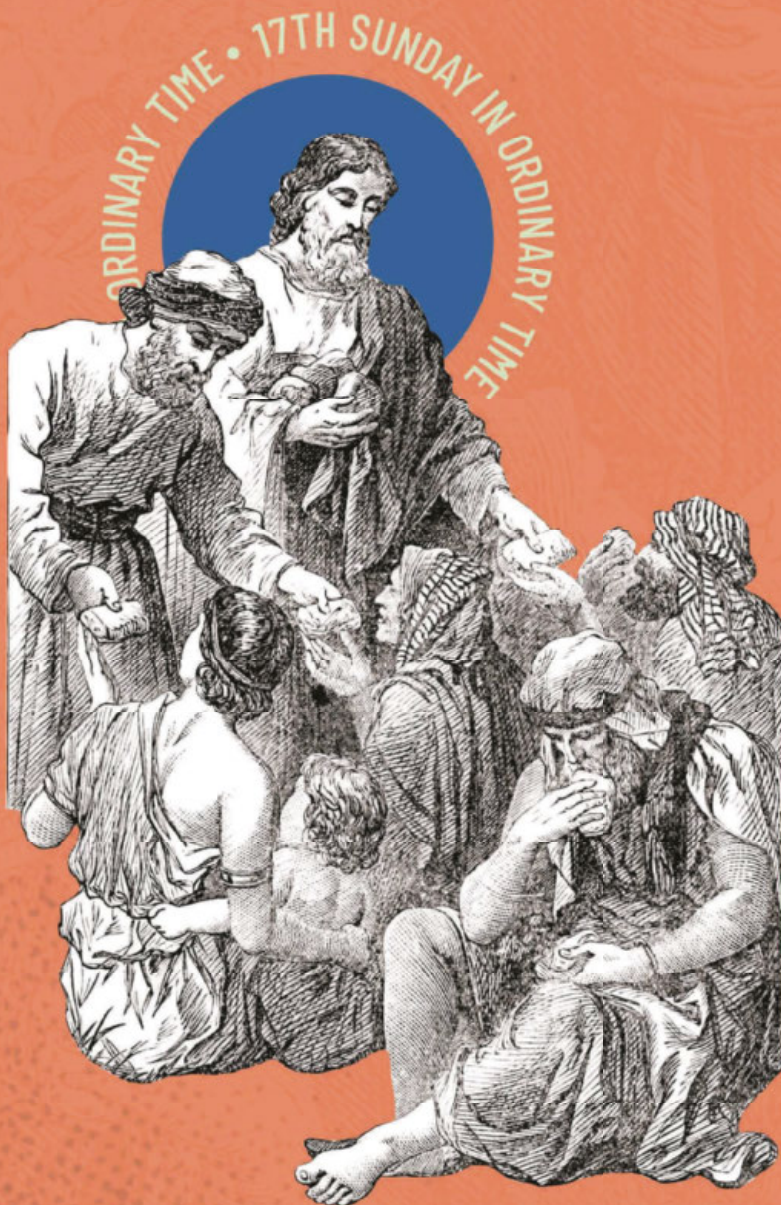


SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

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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*

Saturday:
3:00pm - 4:00pm

*Or until last Confession is heard

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

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. Baptism prep will not be held in January and July.



Columbia Road at Davis Rd Construction Begins Soon

Columbia Road and Davis Road/Myrtle Ave. intersection will be closed for the construction of a roundabout beginning Monday, July 22, 2024, for sixteen (16) weeks, weather permitting. Columbia Road closure location is between addresses 9311 and 9228. All addresses along Davis Road will only have access from the east. During Phase I of the road closure, Myrtle Ave. will have access from the north until traffic is switched, then during Phase II - access will be from the south.

The detour for Columbia Road closure will utilize Fields-Ertel Road and US22/SR3. The detour for Davis Road closure will utilize Rich Road, Fields-Ertel Road, and US22/SR3. Myrtle Ave. will have access from Columbia Road.

Please note, that Columbia Rd will be open beginning at 4:30 pm on Friday, July 26 - 6:00am on Monday, July 29 in order to accommodate our Festival. A big thank you goes out to Warren County for negotiating with us and their contractor to allow for this opening.



Building Blessings - School Renovation Update



June 19, 2024 - Crew prepares to remove metal frame.



And...it's gone!



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

Welcome to our festival weekend!

Some people have remarked that it is almost a miracle that, in so short a time, our parish grounds can be transformed into a wonderful place for all of us to have a great time, and that so many activities can be accommodated on our parish property! These little 'miracles' are nice to think about as we reflect on the true miracles in our readings this Sunday. It's probably true that many people wish there were miracles in today's world and fear that we will never see any. But if Jesus is really present in this world through the Eucharist, the Word of God, the Sacraments, and the community of the Church, perhaps miracles are not so far away from us. Maybe all we must do is look for them a little more closely.

And two of our readings for this weekend teach us something about this. Think of it: In the Gospel, a little boy gives away his lunch of *five barley loaves and two fish* to Jesus, and a miracle occurs. In our first reading from the Second Book of Kings, a man brings *20 loaves of bread* to the Prophet Elisha, and a miracle occurs. And today, as we gather for the Eucharist, we present bread and wine to God, and a miracle occurs. God takes the basic things of life and makes them miraculous. In all cases the gifts are small [a boy's lunch, some loaves of barley bread, and the bread and wine for Mass], but what gift is not small compared to God? It is the offering of the gift, the willingness to share, and the trust in God's power to transform even the most insignificant thing into something wonderful that is important.

And what does God do with the items that are offered? He feeds people, not only in the physical sense, but more importantly, He feeds the soul. This takes on an even greater meaning when we realize that Jesus calls Himself the *Bread of Life*, and that the nourishment He gives us in the Eucharist is His very Self.

And so, the Church wants us to reflect on miracles this weekend, and particularly the miracle of the Eucharist. When received in faith, the Eucharist nourishes us in countless ways, so much so that all of us who share in the Eucharist can experience [along with those lucky people across the Sea of Galilee 2,000 years ago] a gift that feeds, fills, and even overflows all our hopes and desires. This is the Eucharist. This is Jesus. And He is always ready to share His miraculous love with us! It's a reason to celebrate. Whether it is a festival weekend, or simply any day of the year!

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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings

(May 2024)

May 05	\$12,855.99
EFT	\$11,113.00
May 12	\$13,004.10
EFT	\$9,993.00
May 19	\$18,479.28
May 26	\$17,416.94

WeShare Offering \$40,817.26

Total for current month to date \$124,679.57

Sunday Offerings

(June 2024)

June 02	\$13,416.02
EFT	\$11,113.00
June 09	\$13,368.82
EFT	\$9,793.00
June 16	\$13,277.50
June 23	\$10,376.93
June 30	\$???

WeShare Offering \$???

Total for current month to date \$71,345.27

Sunday Offerings

(July 2024)

July 07	\$11,980.07
EFT	\$11,113.00
July 14	\$14,399.75
EFT	\$9,793.00
July 21	\$ -
July 28	\$ -

WeShare Offering \$???

Total for current month to date \$47,285.82

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:
\$1,607,497.00 Number of Months left
until payoff:
47
Monthly Payment:
33,690

Updated mortgage indebtedness numbers not available at time of printing

St. Vincent de Paul - Blue Collection Boxes

We have two blue St. Vincent de Paul (SvdP) collection boxes on our property which are to be used to drop off donations to help our neighbors in need. These are intended mainly for clothes and other smaller non-fragile items which can easily fit into the unit.

Recently we have noticed quite a bit of other trashy items sitting alongside the bin. Keep in mind that for furniture and other bigger items that will not fit into the container, please call 513.421.CARE and SvdP will come out to your house with a truck for a **FREE** pickup.

Thank You for your continued support of helping our needy neighbors via SvdP.

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

PLUS for Grieving Parents

July Meeting Rescheduled

Rescheduled Date: Wednesday, July 31 | 7:30pm | Fr. Obermeyer Room

Due to the festival set-up, our PLUS for Grieving Parents peer support group will not be able to meet on Wednesday, July 24th, as originally scheduled. Instead, we have rescheduled the meeting to Wednesday, July 31st, at 7:30 PM. The meeting will still take place in the Fr. Obermeyer room.

2

Choral Anthem Reading
August 6 | 6:30pm

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- Support to develop your home into the Domestic Church
- Flexible schedule to meet your family's needs
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- Open to ALL families!

LEARN MORE



**This year's focus :
THE SACRAMENTS**

www.smoy.org/learn/family-faith



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Our Religious Education Program Needs:

- ✓ Catechists
- ✓ Classroom Aides
- ✓ Special Education Aides
- ✓ Sacramental Prep Aides

Contact: Jacilyn Jackson
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*Materials and training
are provided
*Time commitments vary

2024/2025 PRP & Sacrament Registration

Parish children in grades 1-8 are expected to be receiving religious education either through a parish religion program (PRP) or a parish school. In lieu of traditional PRP methods, SMOY utilizes our broader Family Faith ministry to satisfy these requirements. Registration for Family Faith is available online.

If your child should be receiving their First Communion or Confirmation in 2025 please register online. If you have any questions about parish religious education or sacramental prep reach out to Jacilyn Jackson at jjackson@smoy.org.

First Communion:

<https://smoy.org/first-communion-and-reconciliation-registration>

Confirmation:

<https://smoy.org/confirmation-registration>

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

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



August Events

Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Friday, August 2 | Following 8:15am Mass | Gathering Space

A Fellowship Gathering after the First Friday Mass & Rosary in the Gathering Space from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Morning Breakfast Pastries, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice to be provided. Donation accepted.

Wine Tasting at O'Bryan's

Wednesday, August 7 | 6:30pm | O'Bryan's

Wine Tasting at O'Bryan's. Enjoy this August evening from 6:30pm to 8pm and sample some of their wine and/or beer selections. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with SMOY parishioners. Cost for this event is \$15 to sample five types of wine. Payment can be made the evening of the event.

Computer Tech Talk

Wednesday, August 14 | 7:00pm | Fr. James Brooks Hall

The next Computer Tech Talk will be presented by Ted Hacker from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Father James Brooks Room. These sessions have been very informative and well attended.

Basilica Bus Trip & Lunch

Friday, August 16 | 9:00am | Meet at SMOY

Join us on a Bus trip to Covington for guided tours of both the historical Mother of God Church (1871) and the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption (1901) and a German lunch at the Hofbräuhaus in Newport. The Bus will depart from SMOY's Parking Lot at 9:15 am and return at 2:15 pm. Cost for this event is \$40/person. Lunch at Hofbräuhaus is a separate charge. Checks ONLY made out to SMOY can be dropped off at the Parish Office to secure your position.

Cana Family Institute's Called to Motherhood: A Small Group for Moms

Do you want to grow in who you are as a woman, wife and mother? Do you desire strong friendships with other moms? Embrace the gift of being a daughter of God while meeting with other moms who want the same things as you – to have a strong and fulfilling marriage and great kids. Join Created to Believe: Called to Motherhood: A Catholic Small Group for Mothers of Young Children. This Year 1 Group will meet twice a month between September and May (dates TBD). Cost is \$85. Contact Jessi Lima Bollin at smoycana@gmail.com for more information.

Register/Join a Group:

<https://canafamilyinstitute.com/join-group>

Everyday Stewardship

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship – thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Catholic Trivia

Question:

What does the word "Messiah" mean in English?

Answer:
The Anointed One.



Practicing Catholic

Take More

It doesn't matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, "Coraggio — take more." (She's Italian, in case you couldn't tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, he does not produce just enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within his power. And he shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for him to do that. But instead, he deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

I think it's for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It's a gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some left over — is a sign that you don't care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are ready to give recklessly. You are ready to give them not just all they need but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of oft-repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy. Hope you haven't run out.

He hasn't yet. He never will. "Coraggio," he whispers deep in my heart, "take more."

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'" — John 6:14
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Question & Answer

Daily Faith

Question:

What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living.

Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people.

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BEACONS OF LIGHT UPDATE

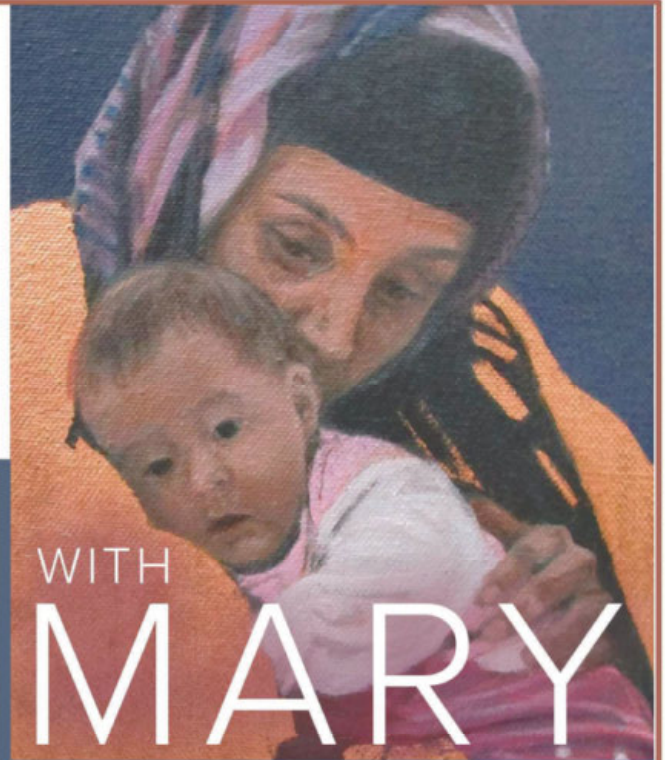
The St. Columban/St. Margaret of York Pathways team consists of Fr. Ed, two staff members from each parish and two parishioners from each parish. The group has met twice this year to discuss thoughts on being in a family together when both parishes and schools are so large... and growing. We have been focusing on moving forward by sharing best practices, knowing we are **NOT** combining schools, Parish Councils, Finance Councils, etc. We have already been sharing events together like inviting SMOY parishioners to St. Columban's quilting group, combining the High School Youth Groups into one larger group, and creating a Knights of Columbus Assembly that connects 4th Degree Knights from the Knight Councils at both parishes.

Our next meeting will focus on what ministries each parish could invite the other to be part of as well as more work on best practices between the two parishes, enhancing parish life by using the Beacons of Light as a tool to work towards our shared goals and mission as Catholic faith communities. If you have any questions or would like to send us insights, hopes, opportunities for collaboration that would be beneficial, etc. please email Cathy Nagy at cnagy@stcolumban.org or Kathy McGaughy at kmcgaughy@smoy.org.

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.

International women artists' intimate portraits of the Virgin Mother, on loan from collector John A. Kohan's Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection



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July 15 – November 1

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Festival of Faith

Sunday, August 25 | 12:00-5:00pm | Xavier University, Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH

Join us on Sunday, August 25, for the 7th annual Cincinnati Festival of Faiths at the Cintas Center on Xavier University's campus from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Hosted by EquaSion, a leading interfaith organization in Cincinnati, this event is the city's largest interfaith celebration. Experience the diversity of 34 faith traditions and 13 world religions from the Greater Cincinnati area. Enjoy great food, entertainment, and free admission. For more information, check out <https://equasion.org/about-the-festival-2/>.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Mass Intentions

Monday, July 29

6:00PM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Donald Mauch*
by Julie Waddell

Tuesday, July 30

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen Tina Martin*
by Maribeth Wuensch

Wednesday, July 31

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed + Pat Jarosz*
by Mary Ellen and Kurt Bonner

Thursday, August 01

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
+ George Dushensky III
by Monday Book Club Ladies

Friday, August 02

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
Deacon Paul and Mary Blessing
by Deacon Paul and Mary Blessing

Saturday, August 03

8:15AM Communion Service
4:30PM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
Jeannie Laverne Molvig
by Mick Beede

Sunday, August 04

8:30AM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
+ Richard Alverson
by Lynne and Tom Alverson
11:00AM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
+ Rose Marie Roberts
by David and Amy Nurre
5:30PM Mass *Celebrant: TBD*
Parishioners of SMOY

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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