

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

GOOD NEWS TO THE PEOPLE.

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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.



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:
6:30-7:00pm*

Saturday:
8:45 – 9:15am
3:00 – 4:00pm

* Or until last Confession is heard

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

Wisdom of the Word Bible Study

Divine Mercy & Eternal Rest

This coming Winter/Spring 2025 WOW Session will feature two studies, Divine Mercy and Eternal Rest. Eternal Rest will follow immediately after Divine Mercy, and you must register for both now as there will not be a separate registration for Eternal Rest. The cost includes two workbooks, one for each study.

Divine Mercy

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

Eternal Rest

The art of dying well is also the art of living well. By understanding who we are and what we are made for, we can order our lives and values according to God's design for our true fulfillment. Knowing we will die someday allows us to live as prudent stewards of the time we're given, and it grants us the ability to joyfully anticipate eternal life.

Study begins January 15, 2025

(Study goes from January 15, 2025 – May 7, 2025)

Choose Your Study

Morning Study:

(Limited to 100 participants)
Wednesdays, 9:00 – 11:30am

Evening Study:

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30pm

Cost & Registration

Cost: \$40 (paid through registration online)

Registration Deadline: December 18, 2024

Registration:

We are using a new registration and payment portal that allows you to both register and make your payment at the same time. Payment can be made by credit card, debit card, a withdrawal from your bank account, or by Google Pay. The parish office will no longer be able to accept cash or checks for WOW registration. Your registration will not be complete until payment has been made.

Registration will open on Saturday, November 23rd.

Visit smoy.org to access link.

Location:

Fr. James Brooks Hall
(Located on the lower level of the church)

Questions:

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Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

For many of us, when we were very young, the season of Advent seemed to drag on and on as we waited for Christmas. As we get older, time moves more and more quickly, and Advent rushes by too fast if we are not paying attention.

We are already celebrating the Third Sunday of Advent, so this is a good time to think about what we have heard in the Sunday readings throughout this season so far: On the First Sunday, we heard about hope in Jesus; on the Second Sunday, we heard about how hope changes the way we approach life.

Now, on this weekend, we learn that hope must be approached with patience, trust and joy. John the Baptist, when asked what should be done to prepare for the Messiah, told the people to follow the laws of God, share with those in need, and trust that Jesus, who will come after him, will bring the Holy Spirit. This absolute confidence in the promise of God and the life-changing presence of Jesus makes Advent not only a time of patient hope, but also a season of true joy.

This is why the Third Sunday of Advent is called, [in Latin] GAUDETE Sunday. "Gaudete" means: "Rejoice!" and the priest even wears a lighter color [rose] to remind us that the light of Christ is coming into our lives. And so, as we continue to prepare for the Lord's coming, let us be hopeful, patient, and joyful. This is a wonderful way to celebrate Advent...and a holy way to live!

Fr. Ed Smith



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Christmas

in our
Family of
Parishes

Christmas Eve

@ St. Margaret

4:30pm & 10:00pm

@ St. Columban

3:00pm, 5:00pm,
& Midnight

Christmas Day

@ St. Margaret

8:30am & 11:00am

@ St. Columban

9:45am & 11:30am

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. Events with a yellow bar are at a third party location.



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River's Edge Brass Band

Sunday, December 15 | 3:00pm | St. Columban

River's Edge Brass Band will perform its Christmas concert here in our church. We've hosted this amazing group of brass players and percussion twice for concerts. If you attended those events you know their Christmas music will be spectacular!



Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (September 2024)

September 01	\$13,170.44
EFT	\$11,113.00
September 08	\$12,807.72
September 15	\$10,491.00
EFT	\$9,753.00
September 22	\$11,272.43
September 29	\$15,758.00

WeShare Offering \$44,196.00

Total for current month to date \$128,561.59

Sunday Offerings (October 2024)

October 06	\$11,794.72
EFT	\$11,113.00
October 13	\$21,042.00
EFT	\$9,753.00
October 20	\$10,419.43
October 27	\$15,740.50

WeShare Offering \$#'s 40,446.00

Total for current month to date \$120,308.65

Sunday Offerings (November 2024)

November 03	\$14,257.72
EFT	\$11,113.00
November 10	\$11,372.00
EFT	\$9,343.00
November 17	\$19,087.50
November 24	\$11,627.43

WeShare Offering \$#'s n/a

Total for current month to date \$76,800.65

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage: \$1,583,272.00 Number of Months left until payoff: 44
Monthly Payment: 33,690

Updated numbers not available at time of printing

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:

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Heart & Soul First Friday Fellowship Gathering

**Friday, January 3, 2025 | After Mass & Rosary | SMOY
Gathering Space**

Join us after First Friday Mass and Rosary for fellowship in
the Gathering Space. Enjoy donuts, breakfast pastries, cof-
fee, tea, and orange juice. Donations are welcome!



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Post-Christmas/Epiphany Dinner

Friday, January 10, 2025 | 6:00pm | deSha's

Celebrate the season with Heart & Soul at a special dinner
event at deSha's. Enjoy a private room to mingle before din-
ner. The cost will range from \$30-40 per person, with a
cash bar available.



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Visit to St. Peter in Chains Cathedral

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025 | Time TBD | Cathedral Basilica
of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, OH**

Join Heart & Soul for a tour of our Cathedral Basilica of St.
Peter in Chains. Details about departure will follow, but we
plan to leave away from the SMOY campus to avoid school
dismissal and return by 6:00pm. Transportation will be
available for those who prefer not to drive downtown.



Attention SMOY Shoppers

Are you hosting Christmas dinner or a holiday party? Have you volunteered to
make / bake / take sides or beverages to a gathering of family and friends? Get a
jump on your shopping and don't forget to stop by the Parish Office to purchase
grocery store gift cards. Current stock of Kroger, Meijer and WalMart gift cards in
denominations of \$100 and \$250 are available while supplies last. Thank you for
your support!

Discovering Our Deepest Desire

Thursdays,
Beginning Jan. 30, 2025

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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More Info:

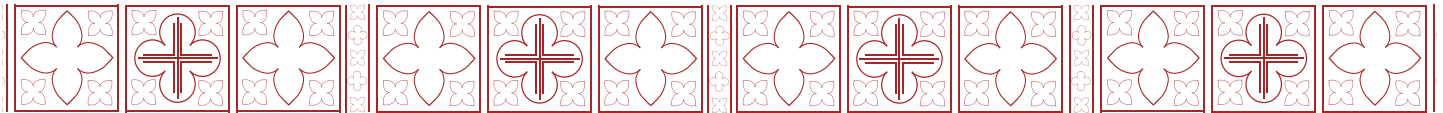
ourdeepestdesire.com



THANK YOU

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank our parishioners for your generous support of the Thanksgiving/Christmas gift card collection. Our neighbors in need were able to purchase food items they enjoyed along with many needed items they could not otherwise afford. Your overwhelming generosity allowed many of our families to enjoy the holidays filled with blessings from SMOY.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Support Summary

Helping Our Neighbors in Need

As a result of your generous donations, we were able to assist our Neighbors in Need this past Fiscal Year (ending Sep 30, 2024) as follows:

# of Home Visits, Walk-Ins, Other	115
# of Family Members Helped	288
Rent/Housing Costs	\$23,853
Duke/Utility Bills	\$4,118
Food – SVDP Pantry	\$2,898
Gift Cards – Food/Gas/Clothing	\$2,375
Other – Insurance, Repairs, etc.	\$2,213
Clothing & Furniture Vouchers	\$395
Thanksgiving Meals (17 families)	\$1,275
Christmas Meals/Gifts (22 families)	\$5,450
Total Help Provided	\$42,577
Hours Spent Serving Neighbors	\$202
Miles Driven on Home Visits	\$1,310

Thanks for your SVDP Support! You make it all possible!



Eucharist Word Search



- HOLY
- BREAD
- WINE
- BODY
- HOST
- THANKSGIVING
- CHALICE
- DIVINITY
- BLOOD
- COMMUNION
- LAST SUPPER
- CHRIST



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33 Days to EUCHARISTIC GLORY

This Christmas, we're excited to give away 700 copies of *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* by Matthew Kelly. This 33-day journey features daily readings about the Eucharist, just 3-4 pages each day, culminating in a Consecration to the Eucharist on the 33rd day.

Consecration means to make holy and involves a personal commitment to God—dedicating oneself to His service and worship. While you can read and consecrate yourself individually, we invite you to join our parish consecration for a richer experience through shared discussions. Here's the plan:

- Register for the parish discussions: <https://forms.office.com/r/EtQ8rEGXAA>
- Pick up your book at Christmas Mass (one book per family, please).
- Start reading on January 1.
- Join discussion groups on January 9, 16, 23, and 30.
- Consecrate to the Eucharist on **February 2, 2025**.

The Eucharist is God, Our Lord Jesus Christ! We look forward to sharing this meaningful journey with you!

Practicing Catholic

Everyday Stewardship

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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Catholic Trivia

Question:
Who does the first and second readings during Mass?

Answer:
The Lector.

The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

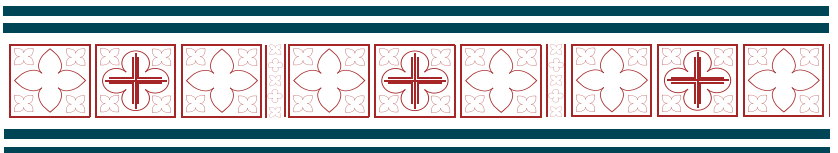
When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Beyond the Parish Doors

Beyond our parish doors, there is a wealth of events and opportunities with other Catholic organizations. See more at <https://smoy.org/beyond-parish-doors>

Relevant Radio

Relevant Radio is a national Catholic radio station promoting the Faith here in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas. Listen on 105.9 FM, on their #1 FREE Catholic app or at relevantradio.com.

Join the Permanent Diaconate

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, pre-requisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

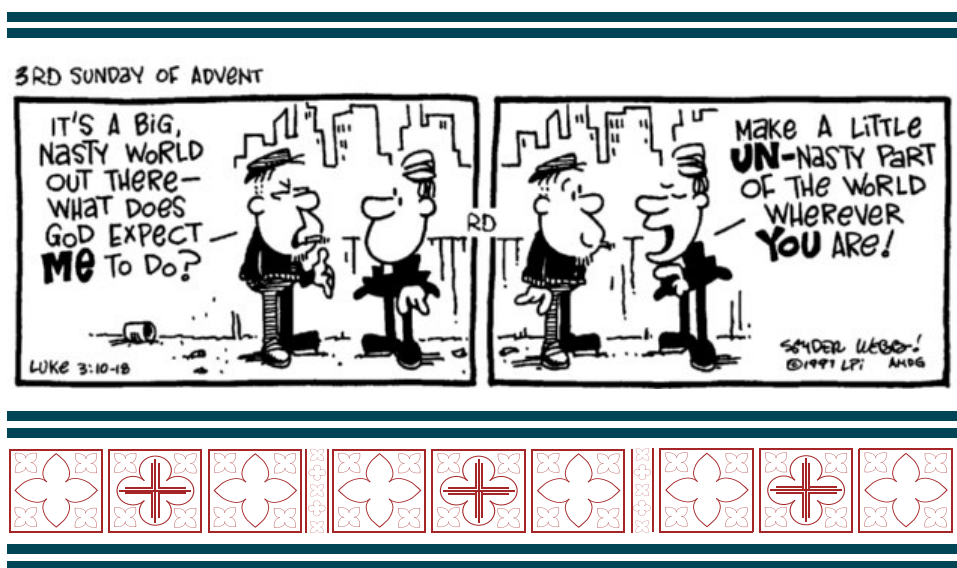
Gate of Heaven - Pre Planning Seminars

Being prepared is essential! Gate of Heaven Cemetery, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is here to help you understand the Church's teachings on end-of-life planning, so you can make these important decisions with peace of mind.

Planning ahead spares loved ones the added stress of making difficult decisions during times of grief. If you'd like to arrange a seminar at your parish, feel free to reach out, and we'll gladly help schedule a session.

For more details, visit:
<https://gateofheaven.org/events/>

To reserve your spot, please RSVP by calling 513.489.0300 or emailing community@gateofheaven.org.



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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 x6206 | creeves@4lpi.com

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Bulletin Sponsors of the Week
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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

6:00PM

+ Christy Von Allmen
by The Whang Family

Tuesday, December 17

8:15AM Mass

+ James Tippet
by Emily Martin

Wednesday, December 18

8:15AM Mass

+ Roseanna Cooley
by Tina Martin

Thursday, December 19

8:15AM Mass

+ Tom Fenning
by Jim and Mary Ireton

Friday, December 20

8:15AM Mass

+ Jerry Driscoll
by Janet Driscoll

Saturday, December 21

8:15AM Mass

+ Leo Depinet
by Mary Depinet
4:30PM Mass
+ Charles Wahl
by Phil and Jan Traeger

Sunday, December 22

8:30AM Mass

+ Sylvia Good
by Tina Martin
11:00AM Mass
+ Irene Reaume
by The Pacitti Family

5:30PM Mass

SMOY Parishioners

Due to frequent last-minute changes, celebrants will not be listed for now.

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Jerry Young
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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RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Jesuit Spiritual Center Retreats

The Jesuit Spiritual Center's Ministry Team is committed to offering transformational Catholic retreat experiences in the Jesuit tradition. More Info: <https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/>

Saint Meinrad Retreat

Saint Meinrad offers a variety of monk-led retreats during the year - on these and other topics at our Guest House and Retreat Center in southern Indiana. More Info: <https://saintmeinrad.org/retreats>

Friends of Jesus

Saturday, January 25, 2025 | 1:00 - 3:00pm | All 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.

“
**IF WE WISH TO
 MAKE ANY PROGRESS
 IN THE SERVICE OF GOD
 WE MUST BEGIN EVERY
 DAY OF OUR LIFE WITH
 NEW EAGERNESS.**
 ”

ARCHBISHOP
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- ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

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