

April 6, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7



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.

Welcome
TO ST. MARGARET OF YORK

STRAIGHT BOURBON
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RAFFLE
\$20 A TICKET

SALES BENEFIT SMOY FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE 2025

FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
ST. MARGARET OF YORK

ST. MARGARET OF YORK
TUITION RAFFLE

\$3000 TUITION VOUCHER!

Tickets may be purchased online.
\$50 Per Ticket

Drawing will take place on April 12.
(YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!)

WINNER WILL RECEIVE TUITION/FEE CREDIT FOR \$3000 FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR AT ST. MARGARET OF YORK SCHOOL OR A HIGH SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOOSING. THE CREDIT MAY BE USED FOR ONE STUDENT OR SPLIT AMONG STUDENTS RESIDING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. A MINIMUM OF 125 TICKETS MUST BE SOLD FOR THE RAFFLE TO TAKE PLACE. IF MINIMUM SALES ARE NOT REACHED, THE DRAWING WILL BECOME A SPLIT THE POT, WITH THE WINNER RECEIVING 50% OF THE TICKET SALE EARNINGS.



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8:1-11

We are told every day that there is something "new" to think about: a new product to buy, a new person to meet, a new situation to deal with...so many things, in fact, that it is difficult to attend to them all. But when the Prophet Isaiah gives us the very word of God and says: "I am doing something new!" we had better pay attention.

This weekend, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are taught that God is not bound to the past, and to rules that we have put in place without His consent. Instead, the amazing love of God bursts through old stereotypes, expectations, and fears. We do not have to be afraid to look at the future, because if our faith teaches us anything, it's that the future is never a threat. God is with us, and is showing us the way, even during confusing and difficult times. In the end, it is God's love and forgiveness, which Jesus shows us perfectly, that enables us to go forward in our lives with confidence and trust.

In our Gospel, the woman caught in adultery should, by law, be put to death. Jesus steps in and shows that this law is not the last word. LOVE is the final word. This is new for the people who witness this encounter. It gives them, and us, a new understanding of God's desire to forgive, while still dealing with the sin that has been committed [Jesus tells the woman: "Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."]. Let us pray that we will be attentive to the all the new things that God puts before us, knowing that He is always ready to give, to forgive, and to do great things for us!



Thank you for returning your Cookies for Kairos this weekend. You may leave them in the bin outside the Hospitality Suite in the Gathering Space.

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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings

(January 2025)

January 1	\$9,940.00
Jan 1 EFT	\$10,338.00
January 5	\$10,500.50
January 12	\$17,738.24
Jan 15 EFT	\$9,071.00
January 19	\$12,292.00
January 26	\$21,636.68
Jan WeShare	\$44,493.50

Total for current month to date \$126,069.92

Sunday Offerings

(February 2025)

February 2	\$13,189.00
Feb 1 EFT	\$10,338.00
February 9	\$10,216.50
Feb 15 EFT	\$8,656.00
February 16	\$14,342.00
February 23	\$10,121.00
Feb WeShare	\$29,954.50

Total for current month to date \$96,817.000

Sunday Offerings

(March 2025)

March 2	\$14,433.16
March 1 EFT	\$9,663.00
March 9	\$15,237.53
March 15 EFT	\$8566.00
March 16	\$9,468.00
March 23	\$9,592.19
March 30	
March WeShare	
Dec WeShare	

Total for current month to date \$66,959.88

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:	\$1,326,262.54
Number of Months left until payoff:	40
Monthly Payment:	33,690

Current numbers available at time of printing

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.

1

Fathers Team Lenten Series

Next Talk: April 10-11

Join the Fathers Team for a powerful series designed to help men grow as husbands, fathers, and followers of Christ. Through honest conversations and practical insights, we'll explore what it means to live our vocations with purpose, strength, and integrity. We meet on Thursdays at 7:03 pm and Fridays at 6:03 am. Join us for one talk or attend them all! **April 10-11 Topic:** What is a Seder Meal and How Does it Relate to the Eucharist?

2

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

Join Fr. Stephen and walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross. All are welcome. You may also use the booklets on the cart near the first station to pray the Stations of the Cross independently. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will take place at 12:00 pm.

3

Heart & Soul



First Friday Gathering, May 2

Our next First Friday event will be Friday, May 2nd. A Fellowship Gathering immediately after First Friday 8:15 am Mass & Rosary will be held in the Gathering Space. Donuts, breakfast pastries, coffee, tea and orange juice to be provided. Donation accepted. Please reach out to friends and invite them to join us and learn more about our fast-growing Heart & Soul Ministry.

Reds Baseball Game, May 15

PLAY BALL!!! Please join us for the Reds Baseball Game, Thursday, May 15th at 12:40 pm versus the Chicago White Sox. We will depart from parking lot near Carrabba's (Mason Montgomery Rd.) at 10 am and return approximately 30 minutes after the game around 3 pm. The cost is \$50/person which include a field box seat and transportation to and from the game, avoiding the cost of parking at GABP. Look for the evite to follow. To secure your ticket/bus seat, make a check out to St. Margaret of York and note Reds Game in the memo line of your check and return or mail to the Parish Office before April 18th with your completed waiver.

The Social Action Commission will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm** in the SMOY Hospitality Room. Please join us as we welcome new members and discuss our plans for the coming year. For more information, contact **Jenny Collado** at 513-600-3821 or jennyc@zoomtown.com.

**Divine Mercy Novena
Begins Good Friday**
Novena & Chaplet Pamphlets in Church



**Parish Family Celebration of
Divine Mercy Sunday
St. Margaret of York Church**

**April 27th, 2025
2:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Adoration, Mercy Messages, Confessions,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary**

All Are Welcome

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. MARGARET OF YORK CHURCH

Walk the Way of the Cross

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 | 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 | 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 18 | 12:00 PM

All are Welcome



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MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions for July 1 through December 31, 2025 are now available and the initial limit of 5 dates per family is lifted. Please come to the Parish Office or call the office to request your intentions.

FOUND HOUSE INTERFAITH HOUSING NETWORK



SCAN TO HELP

Found House – Interfaith Housing Network helps families overcome homelessness. St. Columban hosts 4 families 3 times a year. It takes many volunteers and donations for this program to be successful!

The Social Action Commission is interested in recruiting new members. The Found House program houses homeless families in the former St. Columban convent.

Our current host period is 3/30-4/9.

Please use the **QR code** to see how you can volunteer, read a refresher on volunteer duties, and contribute food donations and supplies.

The other host weeks will be **August 10** and **November 9**. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Jenny Collado** 513-600-3821 or jennyc@zoomtown.com.

Thank you.



Holy Orders

Domestic Church Corner

The Sacrament of Holy Orders

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is the Sacrament through which a man is ordained to become a member of the clergy. The Catechism tells us that it is “the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time.”

Description of Holy Orders

Holy Orders ordains a man into one of the three degrees of the clerical state: deacon, priest, or bishop. Each level of ordination has specific roles and responsibilities. The Sacrament is a response to God's call to serve the Church and His people, and it is grounded in the apostolic tradition handed down through Jesus and the apostles.

Deacon: The first degree of Holy Orders is the diaconate. Deacons assist priests in their pastoral duties. They are ordained to serve in liturgical roles, preach, baptize, witness marriages, and assist in the administration of sacraments. The transitional diaconate is a step toward the priesthood while the permanent diaconate is for men who are called to remain deacons perhaps because they are married or are not called to the priesthood.

Priest: The second degree of Holy Orders is the priesthood. Priests are the ministers of the Sacrament of the Eucharist. They have the authority to celebrate Mass, forgive sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, anoint the sick, witness marriages, and perform many other liturgical functions. Priests are responsible for pastoral care, preaching the word of God, and shepherding their congregations.

Bishop: The third degree of Holy Orders is the episcopate. Bishops are the successors of the apostles and hold the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. They are responsible for overseeing a diocese, teaching the faith, administering sacraments (particularly the Sacrament of Confirmation), governing their diocese, and ensuring that the faith is handed down.

In the Catholic Church, only baptized, celibate men can be ordained priests and bishops, as this follows the example of Christ, who chose only men to be his apostles. Permanent Deacons may be married if they received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony prior to Holy Orders.

Effects of the Sacrament of Holy Orders

The effects of Holy Orders are both sacramental and spiritual. The Sacrament imparts grace and confers a particular responsibility to serve God's people.

Indelible Mark: Holy Orders confer an indelible mark on the

soul, which is permanent and cannot be undone, even if the man were to leave priestly ministry or be laicized. This sacred character signifies that the individual is set apart for a life of service to God and the Church.

Grace for Ministry: Holy Orders bestows special grace, empowering the ordained to perform the sacred duties entrusted to him. For example, a priest receives the grace necessary to administer the Sacraments validly and to serve the faithful with authority and love. The grace also enables the ordained to live a life of holiness and integrity while fulfilling his responsibilities.

Authority: Through ordination, the Catechism says “The grace of the Holy Spirit proper to this sacrament is configuration to Christ as Priest, Teacher, and Pastor, of whom the ordained is made a minister.”

Spiritual Transformation: Holy Orders transforms the person spiritually, imbuing them with a deeper relationship to Christ and to the Church. The ordained minister is not only a servant of God's people but also a witness of Christ's love and mercy.

Matter and Form of Holy Orders

Like all seven Sacraments, Holy Orders has both matter and form.

Matter: The matter of Holy Orders is the laying on of hands by the bishop. This gesture, which has biblical roots, symbolizes the transmission of spiritual authority and the imparting of the Holy Spirit. The laying on of hands is accompanied by the prayer of consecration.

Form: The form of the sacrament is the specific prayer said by the bishop during the ordination. This prayer varies depending on the rank of the ordination. For example, during the ordination of a deacon, the bishop prays, “Send your Holy Spirit upon this servant of yours, who will be ordained to the diaconate.” In the case of priests and bishops, the prayer includes requests for the grace and strength to carry out their sacred responsibilities.

Conclusion

The Sacrament of Holy Orders is an essential part of the Catholic Church, providing the ministers needed to carry out the mission of Christ in the world. It ensures that the Church's teachings, Sacraments, and pastoral care continue through the centuries. Empowered by the grace of the Holy Spirit, men are consecrated for a life of service to God and the Church. This Sacrament not only affects the individual who is ordained but also benefits the entire Church, as it strengthens and nurtures the faith of the People of God.

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Monday

6:30 – 9:00pm
(Benediction @ 9:00pm)

Thursday

9:00am – 9:00pm
(Benediction @ 9:00pm)

Saturday

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

Eucharistic Guardian

To sign up or get information to be a Eucharistic Guardian:
smoy.weadorehim.org

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



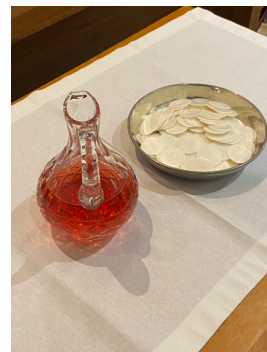
Spotlight on Liturgical Ministers: Ushers

Ushers warmly welcome all who come to worship, offering hospitality and assistance. They help guests find seating, facilitate the offertory collection, and assist in the preparation of the gifts and the communion procession, ensuring a smooth and reverent worship experience. We thank them for all the ways they assist in making Mass a more welcoming and comfortable experience.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Sean Hayes at 513-304-7462.



Andy, Scott, and Denny are full of smiles as they welcome parishioners to Sunday Mass.





**April 5-6, 2025
Jubilee Celebrating
Sick and Health Care Workers**

Pope Francis opened the 2025 Jubilee Year under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," emphasizing a renewed trust in God, the Church, and society.

As part of the celebration, Pope Francis has designated special jubilees throughout the year, each honoring different vocations, life stages, or themes. Upcoming Jubilees include those for Teenagers (April 25-27) and People with Disabilities (April 28-29). These events offer moments of prayer, reflection, and celebration, recognizing holiness in various aspects of life and encouraging the faithful to support one another in their spiritual journeys.

If you are a nurse, physician, physician assistant, physical therapist, imaging technician, home health aid, social worker, therapist, or a caregiver of any type, please know that we honor you and pray for you this weekend!



An Update on the Parish Pilgrimage

We are almost at full capacity for the parish pilgrimage. If you would still like to attend, please return your registration form and payment as soon as possible. In the event that we fill the bus, we will add your name to our waiting list. Thanks for your interest in this event; we look forward to an inspiring and meaningful journey together during this Jubilee year.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 7

6:00PM Mass
+ Ron Krass
by WOW

Tuesday, April 8

8:15AM Mass
+ Christy Von Allmen
by the Etzkorn Family

Wednesday, April 9

8:15AM Mass
+ Tom Lampke
by Sharon Schaefer

Thursday, April 10

8:15AM Mass
+ Tom Huster
by Sharon Schaefer

Friday, April 11

8:15AM Mass
+ Glenn Engelkamp
by Matt & Alisa Fisher

Saturday, April 12

8:15AM Mass
+ Katherina Kopp
by The Hacker Family
4:30PM Mass
+ Anna Nagel
by PCM/CG

Sunday, April 13

8:30AM Mass
+ Ron and Loretta Cory
By The Barnes Family
11:00AM Mass
+ Todd Rumpke
by The Rumpke Family
5:30PM Mass
SMOY Parishioners

Support Our Sponsors!

Thank You Bulletin Sponsor of the Week
Sharon Nursery

A Note About Adoration

On Thursday, April 10, Adoration will end at 6:00 pm due to Confirmation.

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

The Kreidler Family Educational Gift

The Kreidler Family Educational Gift is an annual award that recognizes an active St. Margaret of York youth parishioner who lovingly reaches out to others in the name of Christ. This youth is a current or incoming high school student who demonstrates a willingness to serve others at SMOY and the community at large. Additional characteristics taken into consideration are participation in our parish activities and sound academic standing.

Each year, SMOY's Pastoral Council will accept applications for this educational gift. The amount of the gift is \$1000 and, when awarded, shall be applied directly towards tuition expenses for a Catholic high school. The gift does not automatically renew, but may be awarded to the same St. Margaret of York youth parishioner a maximum of four times. SMOY's Pastoral Council will determine the recipient, taking into account the characteristics described above. The parish office will be responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of the gift. The recipient will be recognized in May and the award money will be sent directly to the youth's Catholic school of choice.

This year, the application and nomination forms are in an electronic format. Applications and supporting nomination forms can be obtained at <https://smoy.org/kreidler-family-educational-gift>. Completed applications along with nomination forms should be submitted to the parish office no later than **April 27, 2025**.



HOLY WEEK & Easter

JOIN US

April 13 - Palm Sunday

Mass at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 5:30 PM

April 17 - Holy Thursday

Mass at 6:00 PM

April 18 - Good Friday


Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
The Passion of the Lord at 3:00 PM

April 19 - Easter Vigil

Mass at 8:30 PM

April 20 - Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM



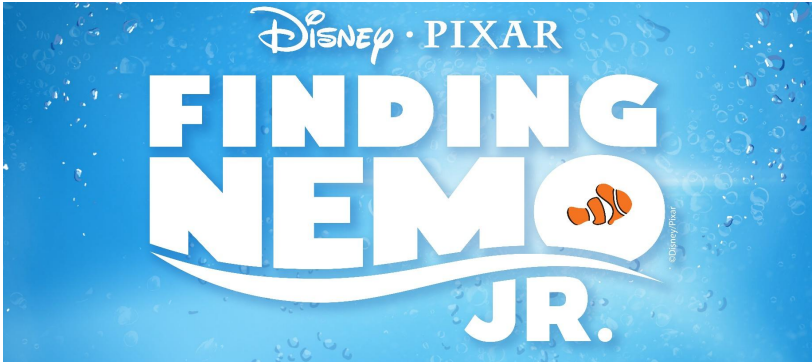
"They called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith."

-Acts 14:27



SPRING CLEANING

ALL HOME CLEANING
SUPPLIES AND TOOLS



You're Invited to see SMOY Theater's production! April 5 & 6 at 2:00 and 7:00 pm!
Use the QR code to purchase tickets!
Questions? Email theater@smoyschool.org.

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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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Beyond Our Parish Doors

Joshua, Servant of Moses Lecture

Date: April 7, 2025

The Adult Spirituality Institute's last series starts tomorrow, April 7th! It's not too late to register. The sessions run the four Mondays in April from 10 am to noon held at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary. Father Tim Schehr will speak on "Joshua, servant of Moses." Father Schehr is a bible scholar and a favorite of our attendees. This is one you won't want to miss! For more info and to register, go to: www.spirituality-institute.com.

Discipleship, Redemptive Suffering, and Mary Retreat

Date: April 11-13, 2025

In this retreat we take a deep and thorough examination of the whole idea of discipleship and how to live it today in this culture of death. We also look at its companion, redemptive suffering. What is it and how to use it in our battle against evil in the world. Finally, we look to Mary, the Model Disciple, and entrust ourselves to her care and guidance. Go to our website www.presentationministries.com. Scroll down to Retreats, click on retreat and click on "to register" or Email: retreats@presentationministries.com. Phone: (513) 373-2397
Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center
5701 Lawshe Rd., Peebles Ohio 45660
Cost is a donation (Includes meals and lodging)

Tenebrae Service at Maria Stein Shrine

Date: April 16, 2025

The Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics will be hosting a Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, April 16th in the Adoration Chapel at 7:30 pm. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. John's Rd. in Maria Stein. For more event information, visit www.mariasteinshrine.org. The word 'Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to meditate deeply on the Passion story. Christ's betrayal, abandonment, and agony are felt deeply in this prayer. However, we are left remembering that the story is not over, and that Christ will fulfill his mission in three days' time. Fr. John Tonkin will lead us as we reflect on scripture passages and hymns sung by the Quo Vadis Choir.

Gate of Heaven Cemetary Planning Seminar

Date: April 22, 2025

Being prepared is everything! Learning, planning and being prepared is a part of life. Gate of Heaven Cemetery, owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, is here to help you understand Church teachings, so that planning end of life decisions can be made with peace of mind. Preplanning is truly a gift to your loved ones. Attend a Complimentary Pre-Planning Seminar on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at any of these times offered: 11 am, 2 pm or 6 pm. Please RSVP to 513-489-0300 or community@gateofheaven.org



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