



ST. MARGARET of YORK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 23, 2025



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”
- Lk 6:38



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.

Celebrating Our Deacons During the Jubilee!

As part of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has designated special jubilees throughout the year, each honoring different vocations, life stages, or themes. The Jubilee this weekend honors Deacons (Feb. 21-23).

Thank You!



Deacon Huffman



Deacon Muse



Deacon Blessing

We thank you for your faithful service and generous hearts. Your prayerful dedication, integrity, and leadership strengthen St. Margaret of York, and your kindness and teamwork inspire us all. May God bless you for the many ways you share the Gospel and serve with love.



Deacon Perkins



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49;

Luke 6:27-38

Periodically, people have asked me where I get the ideas for these little reflections, and I can tell you that much of what ends up here results from being part of this wonderful parish. Living in this vibrant community of faith helps me to communicate whatever small insights I might have about our weekly readings.

So, let's look at our Gospel for this Sunday. Jesus tells his disciples to "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." These heroic acts of faith might seem nearly impossible, but when we remember that Jesus not only gives us an example of how to do this through His own life, but also the gift of His grace which helps us to do this ourselves, His expectation for us takes on new possibilities.

With Jesus as our guide, brother, and Lord, we can accomplish things we would never have dreamt of previously. We are called to go beyond the merely acceptable life of any decent human being, to a life of forgiveness, generosity and love, that brings the image of God to our world more clearly. This is certainly not always easy, but it is what makes us Christians. So, as we continue to reflect on God's Word together each week, it always comes down to listening to Jesus, following his example, asking for His help, and trying to live out His love. Not a bad way to live as a human being!

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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings

(December 2024)

December 1	\$15,135
EFT	\$11,113.00
December 8	\$12,809.20
December 15	\$14,737.93
EFT	\$9,258.00
December 22	\$20,624.00
Christmas	\$26,009.00
December 29	\$22,954.00
Dec WeShare	\$95,821.00

Total for current month to date \$228,461.13
including Christmas

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	
February 16	
February 23	
Feb WeShare	

Total for current month to date \$33,743.50

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.

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Heart & Soul



Monday, March 3 | Tech Talk with Ted

Join us on Monday, March 3 at 7:00 pm in the Father James Room. Bring your computer related questions and Ted will provide answers and updates on technology.

Friday, March 7 | First Friday | Gathering Space

Our next First Friday event will be Friday, March 7th. A Fellowship Gathering immediately after First Friday 8:15 am Mass & Rosary will be held in the Gathering Space. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, April 9 | State Capitol Tour

This VIP Tour of the Ohio Capitol in Columbus includes a viewing a session of the Ohio House, lunch with our local Representatives, and a tour of the Ohio Supreme Court. We will meet offsite at 8:00 am and travel by bus to Columbus. Return is scheduled before 5:00 pm, in time for evening WOW. If you are in morning WOW, arrangements have been made to attend evening WOW on April 9; please note this in your reply to the RSVP. Look for an Evite in the coming weeks to secure your spot. Cost for the bus is \$30/person. Space is limited to 55 so RSVP quickly when you receive your Evite.

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Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5

St. Margaret of York: 8:15 am (School) and 6:00 pm

St. Columban: 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

St. Columban Liturgy of the Word & Ashes: 6:30 am & Noon

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Fathers Team Lenten Series

Begins March 6 & 7

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!

March 6-7 Topic: Different...This...Year! Charge Yourself Up and Inspire Your Family this Lent.

2024 Contribution Statements

2024 Contribution statements will not be automatically mailed. Statements may be requested by contacting the Parish Office via email (parish@smoy.org) or by calling 513.697.3100. Requested statements may then be picked up during normal office hours, emailed, or sent via US Mail. Please allow one business day to complete your request.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE HERE!

Come get your Thin Mints, Carmel deLites, and other favorites! Girl Scout Cookies are Here!

St. Margaret of York Girl Scout Troops will be selling Girl Scout cookies THIS WEEKEND after all Masses. Cookies are \$6 per box. We accept cash, check, Venmo, and credit card.



Cookie sales support our troop activities, community service projects, and earning badges. Thank you so much for your continued support over the years!

Potluck favorites!

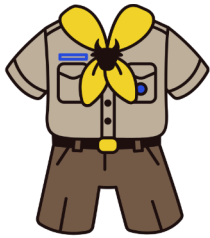
We are collecting noodles, creamed soups, sauerkraut, pork and beans, canned veggies, rice box meals, dry pasta, mac and cheese, instant potatoes, meal and dip mixes (taco, pot roast, ranch etc...), crackers, jarred dips and sauces!



Men Interested in the 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, prerequisites, and the formation cycle.

Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.



Support the SMOY Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts will be collecting
canned food items before and
after all Masses the weekend of
March 1-2 to benefit the
Loveland Food Pantry. Thanks for
your support!



MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions for July 1
through December 31, 2025 are
now available. Note there is an
initial limit of 5 dates per family
through 3/31. Please come to the
Parish Office or call the office to
request your intentions.



FUNDS FOR THE FUTURE
20 25
DONATION DRIVE



Sunday, February 9 11:00AM Mass

HOW TO DONATE:

- Morning carline drop-off
- Backpack in with your child
- Drop at the Parish Office
- Scan QR code to donate online
- Donate via Amazon Wishlist
- Choose an item off the SUG

Website



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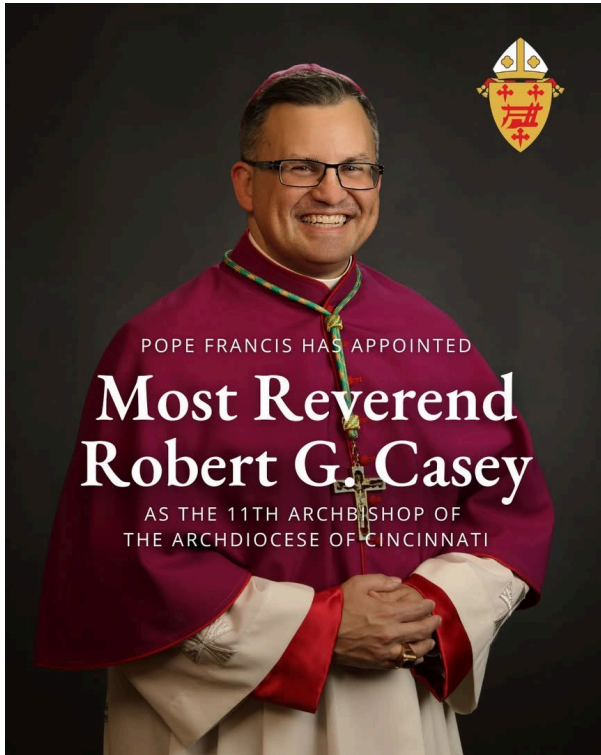


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* We will be accepting donations through March. Thank you for your generosity! *

Welcome Archbishop-Designate Casey



Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr from pastoral governance of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and has appointed **Most Reverend Robert G. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop** of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the 11th archbishop of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Archbishop-designate Casey has been a priest for more than 30 years, having been ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1994. He was ordained a Bishop in 2018 by Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich, Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago.

“Entrusted with proclaiming the joy of the Gospel, I answer the call of Christ to accompany all in the archdiocese on the journey of faith, so that together we may deepen our love for God and neighbor.”

-ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE ROBERT G. CASEY

Question

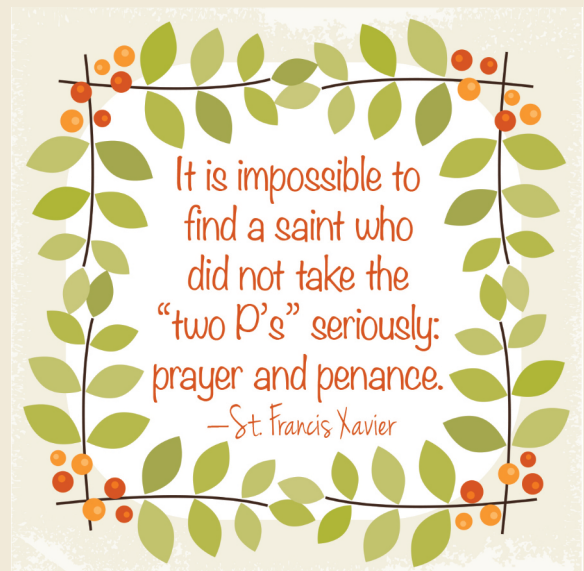
If I go to the **Sacrament of Penance** and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer

There is a popular expression that says, “Be patient. God isn’t finished with me yet!” Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God’s grace, we will succeed.

Lent: A Time to Confess Sins



Family of Parishes Penance Services

St. Columban: March 18, 7:00 pm
St. Margaret of York: March 24, 6:30 pm

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)

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




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Anointing of the Catechumens: A Sacred Rite

The Anointing of the Catechumens is a sacramental rite that prepares catechumens to be baptized, confirmed, and to eventually receive first Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil. After the anointing, the entire RCIA class enjoyed a delicious Italian potluck dinner.

Congratulations on taking this beautiful step in your journey of faith. As you draw closer to baptism and the fullness of the sacraments, know that you are surrounded by the prayers and support of your faith community. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you always!





ASH

Wednesday

God always forgives us

March 5th

St. Columban Masses: 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM
St. Columban Liturgy of the Word and ashes: 6:30 AM and Noon
St. Margaret of York Masses: 8:15 AM (school) and 6:00 PM

Ash Wednesday, March 5 and Good Friday, April 18 are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97, 1252). "Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind." (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110)

Seeking a Videographer!

We're looking for someone to assist in creating short videos about our church ministries. If you have basic video production skills and a willingness to help, please contact **Alisa Fisher** at communications@smoy.org. We welcome high school and college students with media skills to reach out! This would be a great opportunity to build your portfolio. Thank you.



Action!

Please support our bulletin sponsors!

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 Ritter-Hagee Optometry

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24

6:00PM

For Healing of Bryan Spencer Sexton
 by The Schuler Family

Tuesday, February 25

8:15AM Mass

Special intentions of Brett & Wimpy
 by Alice Hoffer

Wednesday, February 26

8:15AM Mass

+ Tarry Mackanos
 by Mary Cantwell

Thursday, February 27

8:15AM Mass

Todd Hoffman
 by Marianne and Marilyn

Friday, February 28

8:15AM Mass

+ Carolyn Sheridan
 by Ken and Sue Ann Klaber

Saturday, March 1

8:15AM Mass

+ Jagdish Tandon
 by Ken and Sue Ann Klaber

4:30PM Mass

SMOY Parishioners

Sunday, March 2

8:30AM Mass

+ Bill Fisher
 by SMOY Knights of Columbus

11:00AM Mass

+ Rose Jean Toth
 by Chris and Stephen Toth

5:30PM Mass

+ Todd Rumpke
 by The Rumpke Family

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

FISH FRY



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Friday's

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5:00 - 7:30 PM

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Fathers Team Lenten Series: If You Build It, He Will Come Men's Spirituality

This Lent, step up to the challenge of becoming the man God created you to be!

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.

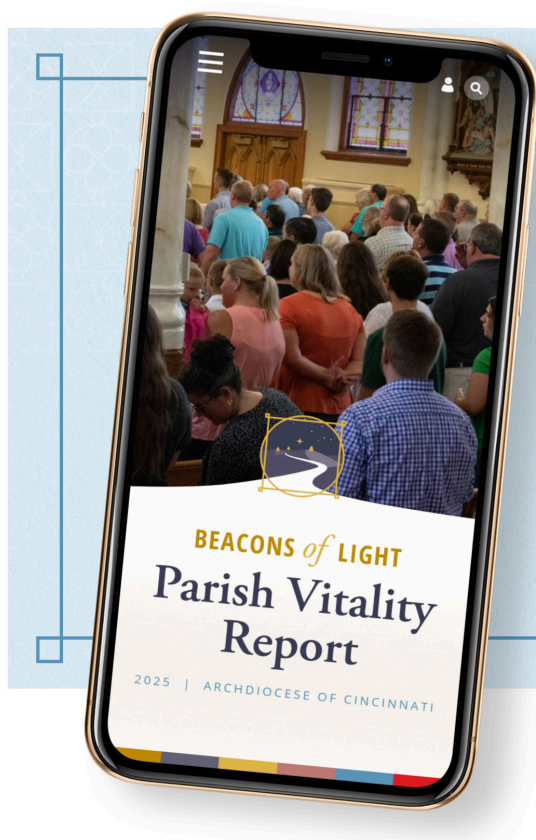
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March 6-7 Topic: Different...This...Year! Charge Yourself Up and Inspire Your Family this Lent.

Use the QR code to view additional topics!



Scan for more details!



BEACONS of LIGHT



Read About Parish Vitality & Tell Us What You Think

Curious about progress toward parish vitality and the goals of Beacons of Light in our 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Schnurr has released the 2025 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up to date. In addition to facts, figures, stories and witness, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which will be used in future planning for our Family of Parishes.

Check it out at :
catholicaoc.org/pvr



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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

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary Conference

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio presents "The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Conference." Join us August 1st and 2nd for inspiring speakers and beautiful music and liturgy. Learn about the love Jesus and Mary pour out to us through their sacred hearts from Bishop Fernandes, Dr. Ray Guarendi, Dr. Ceil Dorger, Nicholas Hardesty, Holly Schapker, and more! Register today at olhsc.org/events.

Retrouvaille - Help for Your Marriage

HOPE for couples going through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of two months. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on **April 4-6, 2025**, call 513-486-6222 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

Healed, Transformed, Saved: A Retreat

This one-day retreat facilitated by Sandra Hartlieb, will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2025 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. The day will include two dramatic monologues, talks that break open the lessons of these biblical stories, and interactive activities. Points made will include the touch of Jesus is powerful and transformative; the touch of Jesus gives healing and hope; the touch of Jesus gives new life, and the touch of Jesus enables us to fulfill our purpose. Fee: \$50 (includes lunch). To register or for additional information please contact the Spirituality Center 513-347-5449 or spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org.



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