ST. MARGARET OF YORK CHURCH

9499 COLUMBIA RD., LOVELAND, OH 45140

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3



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.



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.







Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

The Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12; Matthew 13:1-9

Moses standing before the burning bush is one of the most vivid images in the Book of Exodus. It teaches us that God is here, with us, revealing His presence and His plan. It also calls us to faith: beginning with an awareness of God's nearness to us, His calling of each of us by name [as He does with Moses] and sending us out to proclaim His message.

Sometimes, it is the issue of awareness that can be the most difficult. It can be easy to ignore the reality of God in the world. But our readings remind us that God is here with us, making a difference, and transforming us in His love. He asks us to pay attention to His presence, listen carefully to His words, and respond with a generous heart. Recall that Moses is attentive, realizes that he is on holy ground, and even takes off his shoes to show he understands what is happening. He listens to God's voice, and goes forth to proclaim God's message of comfort, liberty and faith.

What does this have to do with us? Everything. God is here, and if we are not careful, we can miss His burning presence in our world and concern ourselves with the judgment of others, as well as secondary issues that distract us from Him. This reminds me of a poem by Elizabeth Barrett Browning [I am an old English major], in which she wrote:

Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God, but only he who sees takes off his shoes, the rest sit 'round it and pluck blackberries.

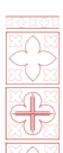
Let us ask God to help us see Him, so that we do not waste our time with unnecessary judgments, wasteful activity, and selfish thoughts, rather than being attentive to His presence, His word, His love for us, and His message of peace.



Kairos prison ministry needs cookies for its upcoming retreat.

Ziplock bags with instructions are available at the doors the weekend of March $29^{th}/30th$.

Please return the cookies the weekend of April 5-6. You may leave the cookies in the bin in the gathering space.



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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings

(January 2025)

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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 March 9 \$15,237.53 March 15 EFT March 16 March 23 March 30 March WeShare

Total for current month to date \$29,670.69

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.



Fathers Team Lenten Series

Next Talk: March 27 & 28

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 27-28 Topic: Adventures in Fatherhood: A New Frontier



Parish Penance Service

St. Margaret of York | Monday, March 24 at 6:30 pm



Praise & Adoration

Thursday, March 27 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Father Stephen and musician Colleen McKenna for a night of Lenten Adoration, praise, and worship. This is a family friendly event and all ages are welcome to attend, especially children!



Heart & Soul



First Friday | April 4, 2025

Our next First Friday event will be Friday, April 4th. A fellowship gathering immediately after First Friday 8:15 am Mass & Rosary will be held in the Gathering Space. Donuts, breakfast pastries, and beverages to be provided. Donations accepted. Please reach out to friends and invite them to join us and learn more about our fast-growing Heart & Soul Ministry.

Save the Date: Reds Baseball Game, Thursday, May 15th at 12:40 pm versus the Chicago White Sox. We will plan to depart from Loveland at 10:30 am and head down to the GABP and return 30 minutes after the game. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 4 and 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.

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March 5 - April 13 400AYS FORLIFE®

HELP SAVE LIVES IN GREATER CINCINNATI!

You can protect mothers and children

by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired **1,000,000** volunteers to help end the injustice of abortion in their local communities.

With God's help, through campaigns held in over 950 cities around the world; 25,224 babies have been saved; 256 abortion workers have converted and 148 abortion centers have closed for good (even in "blue" states!)

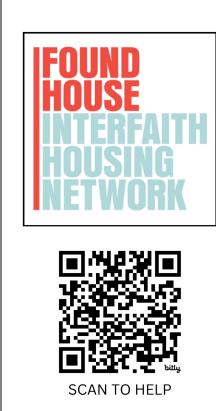
Here's how to get involved to save lives!

- Vigil location: Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, 45219
- Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm (choose an hour)
- St. Margaret of York Church Designated Day of Prayer Friday, April 4, 2025
- For info, contact: Karen Rizzo, <u>smoyrespectlifeministry@gmail.com</u>







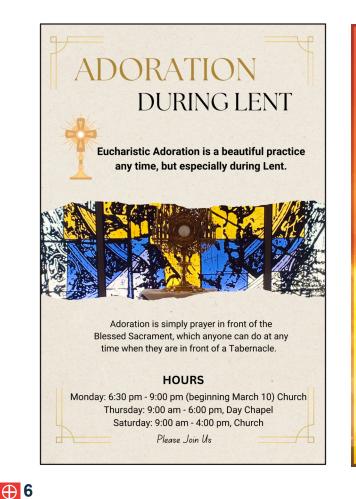


Found House – Interfaith Housing Network helps families overcome homelessness. St. Columban hosts 4 families 3 times a year. It takes many volunteers and donations for this program to be successful!

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

We'll have a box at SMOY to receive donations the week of March 23-29. 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.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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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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SMOY Theater's production of

Disnep · PIXAR

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

> Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson

Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, and David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Click <u>HERE</u> or use the QR code to secure your seat! PERFORMANCE DATES APRIL 5TH & $6^{TH} \rightarrow 2 \text{ PM} & 7 \text{ PM}$

General Admission Available | QUESTIONS? EMAIL THEATER@SMOYSCHOOL.ORG

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Disney's Finding Nemo JR. is presented through special arrangement and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 mtishows.com

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 6:30 - 9:00pm (Benediction @ 9:00pm)

Thursday 9:00am - 9:00pm Starting 3/27 (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

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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The Journey to Becoming Catholic

On March 9th, the RCIA catechumens and candidates celebrated two Rites to begin their final preparation for initiation into the Catholic Church. At SMOY, Father Stephen presided over the Rite of Sending, where the candidates and catechumen's godparents, sponsors, and catechists attested to their preparation and conversion of heart and then recommended that they be sent to the Archbishop for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion.

That same afternoon, all our catechumens and candidates were presented to Father Steve Angi as Vicar General for the Archbishop at St. Peter in Chains Basilica. These rights began the Period of Purification and Enlightenment that begins a period of more intense reflection, prayer, and study of the Sacraments of the Church. We can't wait for the Easter Vigil where they will be baptized, confirmed, and receive their first Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.







March 28, 2025 Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord

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 hon-

oring different vocations, life stages, or themes. Upcoming Jubilees include those for Missionaries of Mercy (March 28-30) and Sick and Health Care Workers (April 5-6). 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.

24 Hours for the Lord

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Mathew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

To see how you can participate in a holy hour at St. Margaret of York, see pg. 8 for our hours of Eucharistic Adoration. We encourage you to try this sacred practice this Lent.

Support Our Sponsors!

Thank You Bulletin Sponsor of the Week Martinez & Martinez Family Den



Monday, March 24 at 6:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 24 6:00PM Mass + Bill Maas by The Wedig Family

Tuesday, March 25 8:15AM Mass + Steve Bruce by The Dressler Family

Wednesday, March 26 8:15AM Mass + Sebastian Schmmel by The Barnes Family

Thursday, March 27 8:15AM Mass The Spera Family by The Barnes Family

Friday, March 28

8:15AM Mass + Peggy Hyland by Jim and Mary Ireton

Saturday, March 29

8:15AM Mass + Bill Hughes by Melissa Bruns 4:30PM Mass SMOY Parishioners

Sunday, March 30

8:30AM Mass In Thanksgiving for All Blessings by The Hoffer Family 11:00AM Mass + George Antolik by Janice Antolik 5:30PM Mass + Dick Price by The Nurre Family

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



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul would like to remind parishioners of our quarterly collection for neighbors in need on **March 29-30**.Collected funds help neighbors within our parish boundaries pay for food, rent, utilities and other needs. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry. Our FISH FRIES have been a great success! Thank you for your support!

CARRYOUT ORDERING UPDATE

Due to an increase in demand, there are now two options for carryout ordering: #1 - Order ahead online and pick up (Encouraged!) #2 - Wait in main food line and use to-go boxes

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we implement these changes to better serve our growing community.



Domestic Church Corner

Family Connection Holy Matrimony

As Archbishop Schnurr's Prayer for Vocations reminds us, faithful husbands and wives are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. Have your children use the below questions to interview a married couple and learn more about this Vocation.

How did you meet?

- How long did you date before you decided to get married?
 - What's the best thing about being married?
- What's the hardest part about being married?
- How is God a part of your marriage?

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Join Your Parish Family for a Jubilee Pilgrimage!

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SMOY Jubilee Pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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*Bus departs SMOY parking lot at 8:00 am *Fr. Ed Celebrates Mass *Tour of the Shrine *Boxed Lunch *Time to Explore the Shrine & Gift Shop *Return to SMOY by 5:00 pm

Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics is home to one of the largest documented holy relic collections in the United States.

*Trip is for ages 18 and older *Rain or shine; no refunds will be given *Cost is \$20 per person; includes bus ride, tour of shrine, and boxed lunch

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Name(s)		
Email:	Phone:	
Today's Date:	_ I want	(indicate #) boxed lunches
*Boxed lunch includes a turkey bacon wrap, strawberry salad, and assortment of cookies; includes drink (water, lemonade, and coffee).		
Number of paying adults: Total payment enclosed: *Cash or check made out to "SMOY." **Please note "Pilgrimage" in memo line.		
Please enclose this completed form with your payment in an envelope and return to the parish office by May 1, 2025. <i>Questions?</i> Contact Alisa Fisher at communications@smoy.org.		

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Pray for the Sick

Tristan LaFord Mary Sue Loftus Nancy Kern Andrea Kittel Kendall Millette Mike O'Brien, Jr. Jacquie Scott Earl Wall Barbara Wilders 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

Caregiver Assistance Network - Become a Volunteer!

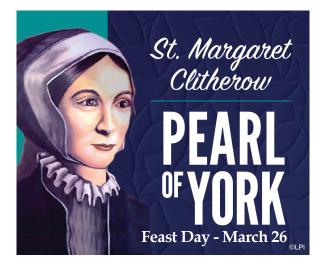
Have you ever cared for a loved one with chronic illness or disability? Do you wish someone would have shared with you all the things you had to learn the hard way from your experience? Did you feel blessed to have a support system that carried you through? You can be there for someone else! Bring hope to those in need by volunteering with our Caregiver Assistance Network programs. Enrich your life as well as the lives of others by mentoring current caregivers, cofacilitating caregiver support groups, co-leading Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, or helping people living with dementia participate in our Creative Connections program. All volunteers will receive training and support. We offer a monthly new volunteer training for Peer Mentors and Support Group Facilitators. We also have a leader training for Powerful Tools for Caregivers scheduled March 13-14, 2025. For more information, please contact Angie Homoelle at 513.672.3834 or email can@ccswoh.org. The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, funded through the Council on Aging.

Learn About the Priesthood

Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology in Cincinnati is hosting a welcome weekend for men ages 18-35 who are interested in learning about discernment and priesthood. The weekend begins the evening of Friday, March 28 and concludes the morning of Sunday, March 30. Attendees will spend the night at the seminary and participate in community liturgies as well as prayer, social time, and talks about discernment and seminary life. Register using this link: https://resources.catholicaoc.org/ event/welcome-weekend.

Ministry to Survivors of Abuse

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati regards child abuse in all its forms as gravely sinful and criminal. Anyone who knows of or suspects child abuse by a legitimate member of the clergy or hierarchy, employee, or volunteer of the archdiocese should first report the abuse to the appropriate secular legal authority and then to Ms. Teresa Maley, Coordinator of Ministry to Survivors of Abuse of the Archdiocese, at 513.263.6623 or 1.800.686.2724 ext. 6623.





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