

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5: 9a, 10-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Among His many talents, Jesus was a superb storyteller. Over and over, He astonishes His listeners with parables that challenge and engage. Today's parable is one of His best.

Commonly known as "The Prodigal Son" or "The Forgiving Father", it tells the story of a family that is pulled apart because of selfishness and put back together because of love. The story takes us beyond the idea of "fairness" and opens up the world of God's lavish and all-embracing love for His people.

Consider what is accomplished through this parable: It gives us comfort, knowing that God [symbolized by the father] is always ready to forgive us and welcome us back; it also challenges us to be honest about judging others and the danger of keeping them at arm's length [symbolized by the older son's refusal to celebrate his brother's return]; and, of course, it asks us to look bluntly at ourselves, and the times we have walked away from God, choosing our own path, not caring whether our relationship with Him is wounded [symbolized by the younger son].

So, we have much to think about this weekend: God's care for us, our limitations in responding to it, the reality of selfishness and sin, the beauty of forgiveness, and the all-embracing gentleness of a loving Father who patiently waits for our return to Him, and who celebrates when we do. No wonder the Church calls this Sunday "Laetare," which means, "Be joyful!" Think of it this way: God's forgiving love gives us many reasons for joy this day!



Kairos prison ministry needs cookies for its upcoming retreat.

Ziplock bags with instructions are available at the doors the weekend of March 29th/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)

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
Feb1EFT	\$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
March1EFT	\$9,663.00
March 9	\$15,237.53
March 15 EFT	\$8566.00
March 16	\$9,468.00
March 23	
March 30	
March WeShare	
Dec WeShare	

Total for current month to date \$57,367.69

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

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: April 3-4

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 3-4 Topic**: A Community of Men in Faith.

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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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Heart & Soul



First Friday, April 4

Join us for a fellowship gathering immediately after First Friday 8:15 am Mass & Rosary. Meet in the Gathering Space. Refreshments to be provided. Donations accepted. Please reach out to friends and invite them to join us and learn more about our fastgrowing Heart & Soul Ministry.

State Capitol Tour, April 9

We will visit the Ohio Capitol in Columbus and view a session of the Ohio House and take a tour of the Supreme Court. Meet in the parking lot next to Carrabba's, 5152 Merten Road, at 7:45 am and depart promptly at 8 am and travel by bus to Columbus. Please note, if you are a member of morning WOW, arrangements have been made to attend evening WOW on April 9th. Please indicate in your RSVP. Return is scheduled before 5 pm, in time for evening WOW. Arrangements are set for this VIP tour to include meeting our local representatives. To confirm your reservation, return a check (made out to SMOY and note Capitol Tour in the memo line) to the Parish Office. Cost for the bus is \$31/person. Lunch will be provided. Just a few seats available. Final Date to sign up is by Tuesday, April 1.

Save the Date: Reds Baseball Game, *Thursday, May* **15**th 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.



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!)

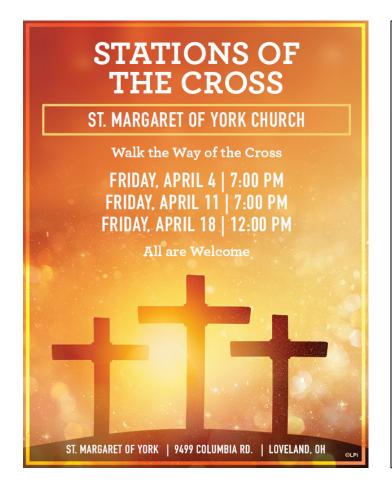
Here's how to get involved to save lives!

- 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>











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 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.



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 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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Second Graders Receive Sacrament of Penance

On March 19, our second graders received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation! The day before, Fr. Ed visited their classroom to help them prepare, guiding them through a mock confession and reviewing the steps to ensure they were ready for this sacred rite.



PENANCE



March 28-30, 2025 Jubilee Celebrating the Missionaries of Mercy

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 Sick and Health Care Workers (April 5-6) and Teenagers (April 25-27). 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.

Missionaries of Mercy are priests—diocesan or religious—who have been commissioned by the Holy Father to give particular emphasis to the duty shared by all priests to "hear confessions and preach on behalf of and promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation." They are to be an intentional, visible expression of the mercy of God, which is at the heart of the priesthood and all of Catholic life.



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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 31 6:00PM Mass

+ Larry Goodwin by Mary Ellen Goodwin

Tuesday, April 1

8:15AM Mass + Jean Cada by Mary Jo Voegele

Wednesday, April 2 8:15AM Mass + Bill Hughes by Melissa Bruns

Thursday, April 3 8:15AM Mass

+ John Carucci by Joan Carucci

Friday, April 4 8:15AM Mass

+ Loretta Cory by Marlene Luffy

Saturday, April 5 8:15AM Mass + Jennifer & Josh Rhoads by Paul and Mary Blessing 4:30PM Mass + Joseph A. Schmitz by Ron and Margie Shaw

Sunday, April 6

8:30AM Mass SMOY Parishioners 11:00AM Mass Mary Frances Wemandy by Melissa Bruns 5:30PM Mass + Dorothy and Wilfred Keegan by Lisa Keegan

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

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St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul reminds parishioners that our quarterly collection for neighbors in need is this weekend, **March 29-30**. Your generous contributions help those within our parish boundaries with food, rent, utilities, and other essential needs. Thank you for your support!

Social Action Commission



The Social Action Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00pm 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 513-600-3821 or jennyc@zoomtown.com



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





WE DID IT!!!

Thank you for another fantastic season of Lenten Fish Fry! A huge shoutout to our amazing patrons, dedicated parish staff, and the DOZENS of incredible volunteers who make it all happen each FRYday! Special appreciation goes to the committee and those hardworking volunteers who served tirelessly for all four weeks! We couldn't do it without you—see you in 2026! -Kami Bachman

We are so grateful to **Kami Bachman**, our dynamic leader, who chaired the Fish Fry again this year! Thank You!!!



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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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St. Vincent de Paul **Car Donation Program**

By donating a car, motorcycle, RV, boat, trailer, or ATV to St. Vincent de Paul, you make a direct impact on the lives of our neighbors. You also can receive a tax credit. We make it easy for you - we'll pick up your vehicle and take care of the paperwork. All you have to do is give us a call at 800.322.8284, or contact us through svdpusacars.com

Moeller Summer Camps

Hosted by Moeller faculty, coaches, and current students, Moeller youth camps offer age-appropriate activities for boys and girls grades K-12 that encourage skill development, teamwork, curiosity, positive attitudes, and a lot of fun - taught the Moeller Way! Our popular camps sell out fast, so be sure to register today at www.MoellerCamps.org! Questions? Please contact Kate George at kgeorge@moeller.org or call (513) 618-9614. Full list of Moeller Camps here: https://issuu.com/moellerhs/ docs/moeller_camps_summer_25

Moeller Camp registration here: www.moellercamps.org



Bishop Fenwick High School is again offering summer camps for students in grades 4-9. Visit https://fenwickfalcons.org/ summer-camps/ for more information.



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