

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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nass 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.



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.



"I ground my faith in Jesus Christ, and by Him I steadfastly believe to be saved."

-St. Margaret Clitherow of York

Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic Parish grounded in faith, united in Eucharistic, inspired through education, dedicated to loving service, and embracing all to Christian community.



Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

The First Sunday of Lent

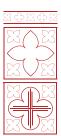
Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

On Ash Wednesday we began our forty days of Lent. Our Gospel this weekend tells us that Jesus fasted for forty days in the desert. This connection reminds us how holy this season of Lent is, and how important it is for us to embrace its possibilities for growth and conversion.

It seems, however, to begin on a negative note: "Jesus was tempted." These three words might seem surprising to many believers. Some might think that the temptation scene in the Gospel between the devil and Jesus is just a myth...others might think that Jesus was never really tempted in the way we are, and therefore did not have to struggle with it the way we do. Both of these views are wrong. Remember that Jesus is both divine and human, and the reality of his tempting shows that He went through everything we experience [except sin] and suffered the way we do.

But He did not give in to the temptation. He shows us that it is possible to move from slavery to sin to the freedom of the children of God. This involves daily decisions that flow from our faith which enable us to confront temptations over and over [recall that Jesus was tempted three times, each time more strongly]. And this is not easy.

However, we not only have God to help us, but we also have one another. This weekend the Church celebrates the continuing Jubilee year by remembering the many VOLUNTEERS of our parish that make it possible to do the work of Jesus every day. As a result, we do much more than survive in life...we prevail! And we do so with the presence of God, the example of Jesus, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the hours and hours of work that our volunteers put in so that every member of our parish community can be strong, loving and wise as people of HOPE, the watchword of this Jubilee Year!



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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
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	

Total for current month to date \$66,862.50

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

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 13 & 14

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 13-14 Topic**: What it Means to Be a Man of God

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Parish Family Penance Services

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

Heart & Soul



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.



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.



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!)

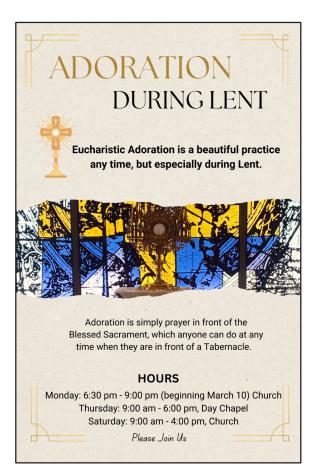
Here's how to get involved to save lives!

- 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. 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.



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!

Members of the SMOY Social Action Commission and St. Columban Found House Ministry will be in the Narthex after Mass on **March 8-9** to discuss our programs. 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 stop by to see how you can help.

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.



Description of the Sacrament

"Oh God, in creating the human race, you willed that husband and wife should be one. We ask you to join in a bond of inseparable love your servants who are to be united in the covenant of marriage."

This is from the opening prayer for a Catholic wedding. It reminds us of the importance of God's plan for people, of the unity of husband and wife, and of the beauty of love, which gives our lives meaning.

The catechism tells us that "The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament." "God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator."

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony requires the following. (Note that marriages outside these requirements are not considered as the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony by the Church):

- The couple marrying must be one male and one female
- The man and woman must be baptized Christians
- The couple must be free of any impediment that would prevent marriage
- The couple must give their consent to be married by an act of their will
- They must be married according to the laws of the Church
- If one of them is not a baptized Christian, the Church celebrates a natural, covenantal bond, which has the force of a sacramental marriage

The Effects of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

The primary effect of the Sacrament of Matrimony is the indissoluble bond it creates between husband and wife.

The grace that arises from this bond, perfects the love of husband and wife so that it ever more images the love of Christ for His Church. It binds the couple together in fidelity to God and to one another and helps them welcome and care for children.

How Does the Sacrament Happen?



Unlike any of the other Sacraments, the couples administer the Sacrament to one another. They declare their consent to marry and make vows . A priest or deacon must witness the vows on behalf of the Church and bless the marriage. The couple gives consent to the marriage before the priest or deacon, the congregation, and God. The **form** of the Sacrament is the consent of the couple and the vows made. The **matter** of the Sacrament is the couple themselves, one man and one woman who are free to contract the marital union.

If a couple was married outside the Church, say on a beach or at a wedding venue, without an annulment, or one was divorced civilly, that marriage is considered a civil marriage and not a sacramental marriage.

If you find yourself in one of the above-mentioned situations and desire to receive the graces of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony for your marriage, it is possible to do that, even after years of being married. You can learn more about a marriage convalidation by contacting one of our priests.

> -Birgitt Hacker, Pastoral Associate

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 6:30 - 9:00pm (Benediction @ 9:00pm) *Beginning March 10

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



THE PEARL of YORK

Celebrating Volunteers 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 Volunteers (March 8-9). Our parish would not be the amazing place it is without our many volunteers! Thank you for all you do to enrich our church and school!



sonal benefit, but out of pure love of their neighbor."





The 2/28 edition of **Parish E-News** was all about Lent. If you would like to sign up to receive our weekly emails, please send a message to **communications@smoy.org**.

Support Our Sponsors!

Thank You Bulletin Sponsor of the Week Joe Rohlfs Painting

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10 6:00PM Mass + Judith Donnellon by Kim and Joe Fishback

Tuesday, March 11 8:15AM Mass + Charlie & Lottie Byrd by The Hoffer Family

Wednesday, March 12 8:15AM Mass + Charles Smerglia by Cindy Oplinger

Thursday, March 13 8:15AM Mass + Rob Kimble by the Hacker Family

Friday, March 14 8:15AM Mass + Steve Krznarich by Jim and Mary Ireton

Saturday, March 15 8:15AM Mass + Tom Leen by Jim and Mary Ireton 4:30PM Mass + Annie Stark by Ron and Margie Shaw

Sunday, March 16 8:30AM Mass + Pat Jarosz by Mary Ellen and Kurt Bonner 11:00AM Mass SMOY Parishioners 5:30PM Mass + Anthony DiLallo by The Weisgerber Family

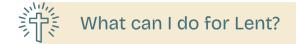
Due to frequent last-minute changes, celebrants will not be listed for now.

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Guide to Lent

"Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and prepares Catholics to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter."

– United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



- **Pick up** a Little Black Book in the Narthex and spend some quiet time with the Lord each day.
- **Confess** your sins at the Parish Reconciliation Service at St. Columban on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 pm or SMOY on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 pm.
- Attend Eucharistic Adoration and spend some quiet time in the presence of Christ. Adoration Hours:
- Thursdays 9:00 am-6:00 pm
- Saturdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm
- Monday 6:30-9:00 pm (starting March 10)
- **Donate** canned goods to the SMOY Food Pantry. Leave your donation on the table near the Parish Office entrance.
- **Pray** the Stations of the Cross. Find booklets in the back of church and use them to guide you through the Stations.
- Attend our Lenten Fish Fries to enjoy a meatless meal. Every Friday in March from 5:00-7:30 pm. Dine in or carry out. Visit our website for all the details, including the volunteer sign up and menu.
- Say a Prayer for someone you know who is struggling.

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Stations of the Cross with Fr. Stephen

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Walk with Jesus on the Way of the Cross

Friday, April 4 Friday, April 11 7:00 PM All are welcome

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:		-
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

Friends of Jesus

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. Join us on the following Saturdays in 2025: March 22 2025, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (celebrating the life of St. Patrick in music), at All Saints Parish Center, 8939 Montgomery Road, We have also scheduled May 31, 2025 for the year-end picnic.

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.





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