

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021



 **THE PEARL of YORK**
ST. MARGARET of YORK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” - Lk 21:27-28



Mass Times

Monday:
6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday:
8:15am

Saturday:
8:15 am | 4:30 pm

Sunday:
8:30am* | 11:00am | 5:30pm

*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube:
bit.ly/SMOY-Youtube

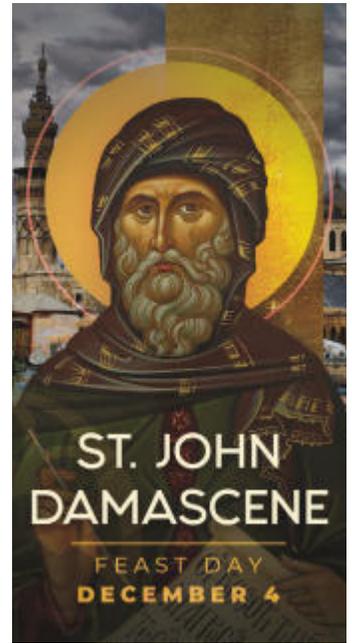
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In order to offer Mass online, we will be live streaming during the 10:00am (8:30 after September 1st) Sunday Mass. This means there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.

St. John Damascene | Feast Day December 4

St. John Damascene (676 -749) was the son of the chief of the revenue department in the city of Damascus. Through his father, he received a classical and theological education and attempted to follow in his footsteps by serving in a government position. However, the Lord was calling him to a different life, and a few years later he resigned from his position and went to the Monastery of St. Sabas, where he wrote books and composed hymns along with his adopted brother, Cosmas.

St. John Damascene is best known for his writings against the iconoclasts, who opposed the veneration of images; his treatise, Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, a summary of the Greek Fathers; and his work as a poet, one of the two greatest of the Eastern Church. His devotion to the Blessed Mother and his sermons on her feasts are well known.

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Catechetical Corner

Q&A

Advent Wreath

Question:

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

Answer:

Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.

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Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate – do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season – the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way – that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point – Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God – and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season – “advent” – encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget – our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (November 2021)

November 7	\$16,971
EFT	\$14,533
November 14	\$9,852
EFT	\$ -
November 21	\$ -
November 28	\$ -

WeShare Offering \$15,583

Total for current month to date \$56,939

Sunday Offerings (YTD) (July 2021 - June 2022)

YTD Actual:
\$488,638

Fiscal Budget:
\$ 1,400,000

Difference:
(\$911,362)

Special & Designated Collections (November 2021)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap):	\$1,098
St. Vincent de Paul	\$370
World Mission Sunday	\$500

Total for Current Month:
\$1,968

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:	\$2,613,372.14
Number of Months left until payoff:	83
Amount of last payment:	\$33,689.70

Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS

1 Giving Tuesday



This Giving Tuesday, St. Margaret of York is asking your help in raising funds to update and replace our campus HVAC systems, including the school building's boiler and chiller. The systems are old and will need to be replaced in the near future and with an estimated cost of \$300,000.

Our goal is to raise the needed funds over the next 3 years and update and replace our campus HVAC systems by the end of 2024.

Our goal for this one day of giving is \$75,000 which if achieved will get us about 1/4 of the way to collecting the needed funds. Help St. Margaret of York to continue to be a beacon of light in our local community by helping replace our old HVAC systems.

Thank you for your generous support!

Early giving began on November 15th!

Give through Give Central:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/1284/event/31234>

SEVEN SAINTS

Relics of the Holy Spirit Center @ St. Margaret of York

December 3rd, 2021

1:00 - 8:00pm



St. Padre Pio



*St. Theresa
of Lisieux*



*St. Catherine
Labouré*



*St. Josephine
Bakhita*



*St. Maria
Goretti*



*St. John
Vianney*



*St. Faustina
Kowalska*

St. Margaret of York

9499 Columbia Rd.
Loveland, OH 45140



Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at our scheduled time or by appointment.

Fr. Pasala | 513.697.3102

Scheduled Confession Times

Monday:

6:30pm-7:00pm*

Saturday:

8:45am - 9:15am*

3:00pm - 4:00pm

* Or until last Confession is heard

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

Marriage: marriage@smoy.org

Holy Orders:

vocations@catholicaoc.org



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8th

8:15am | 12:00pm | 6:00pm

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Confession-a-thon

December 09 | 2:00-8:00pm

Stop by the parish and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Thursday, December 9th from 2:00 - 8:00pm we will have 2 confessors available to hear confessions.

3

Lessons & Carols

December 12 | 2:00pm

We remember and recall the story of our salvation history, so that it may prepare us to receive more fervently, more prayerfully, and more joyfully the Christ-child: from Adam's great condemn, we seek the shoot from Jesse's stem, to under the star in Bethlehem let us rejoice! Come, listen with new ears, and revitalize your soul this Advent season; come, let us sing songs to prepare the way of the Lord; come, to St. Margaret of York's Service of Lessons and Carols.



SAVE THE DATE
PARISH MISSION 2022

March 13-16

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

Wisdom of the Word Bible Study

THE WILD GOOSE

Come Holy Spirit. At this very moment, stop and ask the Holy Spirit to come to you. If you allow him, the Wild Goose, the name the ancient Celts called the Holy Spirit, will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Wild Goose series will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power, this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

Study begins **January 12, 2022**

Registration Deadline:

December 21, 2021 at 5:00pm

Cost:

\$15 cash or check payable to SMOY.
Drop off to parish office or mail to 9499
Columbia Rd, Loveland, Ohio 45140

Location:

Holy Hallway
(outside the Day Chapel)

Morning Study

9:30 – 11:30am

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/tcPLUbRcuq>

Questions:

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Evening Study

7:00 – 8:30pm

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ChJ7rYvBV2>

Questions:

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Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Adoration

Saturday
9:00am - 4:00pm
(Benediction @ 4:00pm)

24hrs Adoration

3rd Saturday into Sunday
8:45am - 7:00am
(reposed 4:00 - 5:30pm for Mass)
Benediction at 6:50am

Church

The Church is open whenever Mass isn't in progress for adoration. For access to building after hours, please contact:

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Morning Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours

Daily
7:15am

Rosary

Tuesday - Saturday
8:45am

Monday
6:30pm

What's Happening at Seven Saints?

The short answer is that you will be able to venerate the relics of seven different Saints right here at SMOY. Veneration of these Saints will take place in the Church and will be open to everyone from 1-8pm on Dec. 3rd. The school children will be venerating them after the morning Mass.

The word veneration means great respect or reverence.

The relics can be venerated anywhere in the Church, such as by kneeling in the pews, but you are encouraged to offer your prayer in the closest proximity of the relics that is possible. You are invited to approach the relics and spend time with each Saint asking for his or her intercession for your intentions.

Relics are housed within a sacred vessel called a reliquary which can come in many shapes and sizes.

We invite you to bring devotional or religious items such as rosaries, prayer

cards or scapulars and touch them to the reliquaries. We ask that you not pick up the reliquaries or kiss them. There will be Relic Guardians to help you venerate the saints and answer questions.

To venerate a relic, just spend a few moments in quite devotion, standing or kneeling, honoring the relic. We don't genuflect in front of relics, that posture is reserved for Jesus. You can ask the Saints for their intercession for any intention(s) that you carry in your heart.

You can stay as long as you want or as short as you want. Let the Holy Spirit lead you in that.

Bring your prayer intentions because we will have sheets to write them down and all your intentions will be offered at the 7:15pm Mass on Friday, Dec. 10th at the Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center.

There will be collection baskets for a free will offering to help support Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center and to help with bringing the relics to SMOY.

Food Pantry Ministry

Winter Break Kid Meals

Winter vacation finds kids away from school-based breakfast and lunch, so the pantries assist by providing them the following: **Breakfast:** Poptarts, granola bars, cereal **Lunch:** Microwaveable mac and cheese cups, canned pasta **Dinner:** Canned meat (chicken, tuna, SPAM, beef, salmon) These and all non-perishable food and baby items can be left in the wooden box opposite the Parish Office. Top Ten Requests lists are also available next to the box.

The Temperment God Gave You

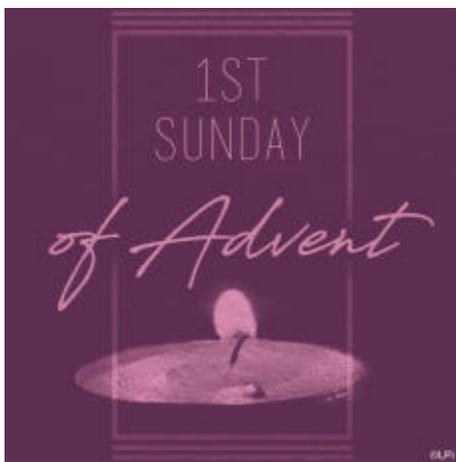
You are invited to The Temperament God Gave You Group. Do you sometimes think that your husband's and children's behavior make no sense? You're not alone! When you join our Temperament God Gave You group, you will be able to resolve problems more easily with your family and friends and you will have peace as you love each other better. Register online at www.canafamilyinstitute.com Questions? Contact April Rongo a.rongo@icloud.com

Thank You!

Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank our parishioners for your generous support for the Thanksgiving food basket collection. Because of your generosity many families will enjoy a Thanksgiving filled with blessings from SMOY

Baptism Prep Classes

All sacraments require preparation. Baptism Prep Class is for expectant parents who want to have their child baptized. (If your child is already here, congrats. We will still help you prepare for their Baptism with this class.) Once you have completed the paperwork from the class, you will be able to set the date for your child's Baptism. Baptism prep is required for additional children if it's been 4 or more years since your last class or there is a change in pastor. Contact: baptism@smoy.org to sign up for a class. Please provide your phone number when signing up. You can register for the class anytime during your pregnancy.



Coping with the Holidays After a Loss

Our next peer support group meeting for the PLUS Ministry will be on Wed. Dec. 1, 2021, at 7:30 PM in the Fr. Obermeyer room at church. PLUS stands for "Prayerful Loving Understanding and Support for Grieving Parents." We welcome any parents or grandparents who have experienced a loss due to miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death. Since this is a difficult time of year especially for grieving parents, we will focus our discussion on suggestions to get through the holiday season after such a loss. All are welcome, no reservations are required. If you have questions, please contact Mary Kuenzig at 513.300.1537, or send an email to mepk1009@cinci.rr.com.



Advent Books

Advent books are a great way to ground yourself and your family in this Holy season. This year we are offering an Advent reflection book for families "Together We Wait" in addition to the general reflection book entitled "Waiting in Wondrous Expectation." Finally we have limited copies of "the Word Among Us" Advent reflection books.



Classes at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary and School of Theology

Take a deeper dive into the faith through classes at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. Earn a certificate or masters degree! Classes are offered online and in-person and start on January 10th. Register for the spring semester today: <https://athenaeum.edu/admissions/school-of-theology-application/>

Pray for the Sick

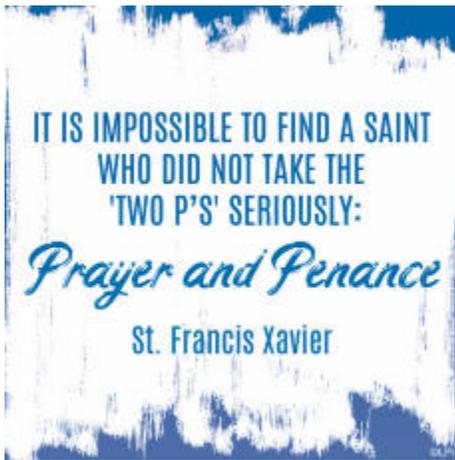
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Nancy Kern	

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.

Prayer Chain

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Plenary Indulgence year of St. Joseph

For the year of St. Joseph, Archbishop Schnurr has designated St. Joseph at North Bend, in Dayton, and in Wapakoneta as temporary shrines. Make a visit to one of these 3 parishes during the year for an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence.

How to receive the indulgence:

1. Visit one of the designated Churches
2. Recite an Our Father and the Creed
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
4. Make a Sacramental Confession
5. Receive Holy Communion

Please visit the church websites for visiting hours and devotional activities:
St. Joseph - North Bend
stjosephnorthbend.com
St. Joseph - Dayton
stjosephdayton.org
St. Joseph - Wapakoneta
petersburgparishes.org



Why Relics?

And so Elisha died and was buried. At that time of year, bands of Moabites used to raid the land. Once some people were burying a man, when suddenly they saw such a raiding band. So they cast the man into the grave of Elisha, and everyone went off. But when the man came in contact with the bones of Elisha, he came back to life and got to his feet. 2Kings 13:20-21

A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured." Jesus turned around and saw her, and said, "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you." And from that hour the woman was cured. Matthew 9:20-22

So extraordinary were the mighty deeds God accomplished at the hands of Paul that when face cloths or aprons that touched his skin were applied to the sick, their diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. Acts 19:11-12

Scripture presents the basis for relics. Bones/Body parts as well as clothes worn or handled by the saint in question are first and second class relics. Items which have been touched to first or second class relics are third class relics, and items touched to said relics are considered to be third class relics as well.

In the twenty-first century we may scoff at the idea of relics having the power to do anything, and we wouldn't be wrong. Relics are not magical items. Relics have no inherent power. Rather, they are a means to connect in an intimate way with a saint, someone who is in the physical and spiritual presence of the Lord in heaven. The Lord does not need relics to work, but He uses them because we are physical beings in a physical world.

The idea of having physical reminders of those who have passed on is not as strange an idea as we might initially think. We have tombstones and grave markers, to visit the remains of loved ones. We hold onto family heirlooms to feel closer to those who have passed. We make pillows or teddy bears from the shirts of those no longer with us, so we can hug them even though they're gone. Relics not only serve as a means for us to connect with heaven, they keep the saints, those who can show us the way to heaven and inspire us to holiness, close to us. The saints are our brothers and sisters in Christ. We keep them and their belongings around as family heirlooms, grave markers, and items of comfort just like with the family members we've spent time with in-person.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Marriages

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space for couples who have been living with difficulties in their marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, and the hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled, and to move into a better future believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriage can be healed. The next program is January 7-9, 2022. For more information about the Retrouvaille programs call 513.456.5413, or to register visit the website, helpourmarriage.org.

New Day Grief Support

New Day Grief Support at the Community of the Good Shepherd is a structured way for adults to work through the "tasks of grief" when mourning the death of a loved one from any cause. The program consists of nine grief support sessions and is offered at different times during the year. There is no fee, but donations to The Community of the Good Shepherd will be gratefully accepted.

• **Program:** 9 Mondays | January 31 - March 28, 2022 | 1:00-3:00pm

Register Online: <https://good-shepherd.org/new-day-grief-support-registration>

More Info/Questions: Kathy Teipen | 513.489.7489 | kteipenzoomtown.com

Mentor Refugee Youth

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio is recruiting volunteers to serve as mentors to refugee youth ages 15-24. Work with refugee youth to promote social and civic engagement and support academic and vocational advancement. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit two hours a week. No foreign language skills required. Contact Muna Bhandari at 513.672.3824 or mbhandari@ccswoh.org for more information.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, November 29

6:00PM Mass

+ Eileen Braun req by
Dan & Kerry Braun

Tuesday, November 30

8:15AM Mass

Lordstown Motors req by
Mike & Maureen Schwarz

Wednesday, December 01

8:15AM Mass

+ Ron Keller req by
Bill & Jane Morand

Thursday, December 02

9:00AM Mass

+ Theodore Catino req by
Bob & Barb Becker

Friday, December 03

8:15AM Mass

+ Hank Wordeman req by
Bill & Jane Morand

Saturday, December 04

8:15AM Mass

Mark Voegele

4:30PM Mass

+ Nancy Huneke req by
Mark & Jan Huneke

Sunday, December 05

8:30AM Mass

SMOY Parish

11:00AM Mass

Carolyn & Nick Timkovich req by
Deacon Paul & Mary Blessing

5:30PM Mass

+ Denysa Kaiser req by
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Food For All

Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located to serve local families. Due to Covid-19, our pantries are now drive-thru. We could use your help! If you are interested in serving or donating, please contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at ahoak@ccswoh.org or 513.672.3720. Learn more at <https://www.ccswoh.org/programs/food-for-all/>.

Food Rescue

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Fatima a Message of Hope

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- History of Fatima apparitions
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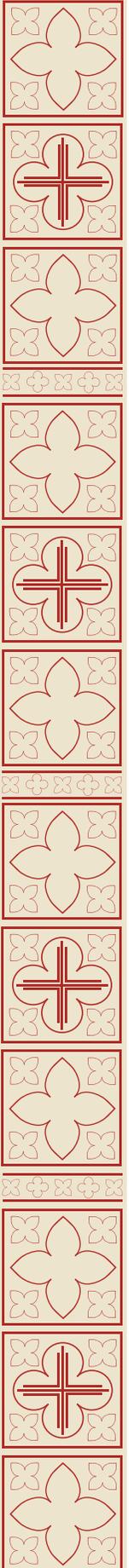


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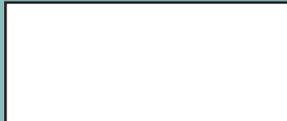
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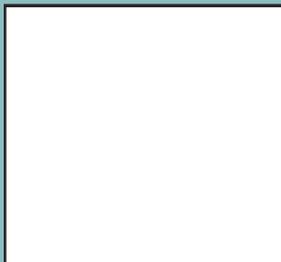
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