

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021



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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16



## Mass Times

**Monday:**  
6:00pm

**Tuesday - Friday:**  
8:15am

**Saturday:**  
8:15 am | 4:30 pm

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

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\*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube:  
[bit.ly/SM0Y-Youtube](https://bit.ly/SM0Y-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.*

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## Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Giving Tuesday yesterday! We raised just over \$16,000 towards updating and replacing our campus HVAC systems. If you missed out on Giving Tuesday but still want to give we will have additional opportunities to give to this project. Thank you again for your generous support!

## Pope Francis Wants to Hear From You!

The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February, 2022, to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one the 12 scheduled meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit [www.catholicaoc.org/synod](http://www.catholicaoc.org/synod).



## Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others— educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Bedel

Beloved in Christ,

As you make plans for your family for Christmas, please take into account my annual plea to please consider participating at Mass on Christmas Day rather than the 4:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. The 4:30 is guaranteed to be super crowded. Both the 8:30 and 11:00 AM Masses on Christmas Day will have plenty of room for a prayerful Christmas experience. (We will also celebrate the Mass at Night on Christmas Eve at 10:00 PM.) Because Saturday is Christmas Day, we will not have the 4:30 PM vigil for the Feast of the Holy Family.

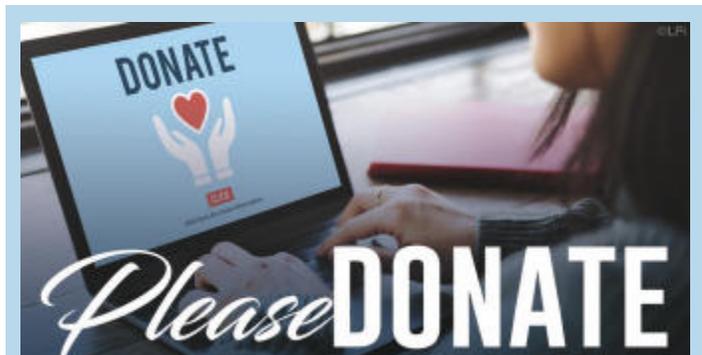
Until then, we observe the Advent Season of anticipation. We notice that the readings at Mass until December 16th draw our attention to the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of the world and the General Judgment of Christ over all humanity. By connection, the General Judgment reminds us that we will have our own particular judgment at the time of death. So, Advent provides us the opportunity to ask ourselves how we can better live the Gospel as we prepare to meet Jesus face to face.

From December 17th to the 24th, the readings at Mass draw our attention to the anticipation and events leading up to the first coming of Jesus as in infant in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. Recalling and observing this anticipation leads us into the joyous celebration of our Savior's birth at Christmas.

Please stay close to the developments at beaconsaoc.org as they unfold for the latest information on our "Family of Parishes." How can St. Margaret of York be an even more vibrant parish in the future?

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

Blessed Advent,  
Fr. Bedel



<https://stmargaretofyork.weshareonline.org/>

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## Parish Financial Support

### Sunday Offerings (November 2021)

November 7	\$16,971
EFT	\$14,533
November 14	\$9,852
EFT	\$14,593
November 21	\$9,720
November 28	\$112,651

WeShare Offering \$27,485

Total for current month to date \$205,805

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

YTD Actual:  
\$637,503

Fiscal Budget:  
\$ 1,400,000

Difference:  
(\$762,497)

### Special & Designated Collections (November 2021)

Debt Reduction (Close the Gap):  
\$2,448

St. Vincent de Paul  
\$1,050

World Mission Sunday  
\$500

Campaign for Human Development  
\$1,435

Christmas Flowers  
\$1,979

Total for Current Month:  
\$7,412

### 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

### Christmas Masses

#### Holy Day of Obligation

December 24th  
4:30pm | 10:00pm\*

December 25th  
8:30am | 11:00am

### Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

#### Holy Day of Obligation

December 31st  
4:30pm

January 1st  
8:30am | 11:00am

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### Wisdom of the Word Bible Studies

#### Study Begins January 12, 2022

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.

**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:

Birgitt Hacker | bhacker@smoy.org

#### Evening Study

7:00 - 8:30pm

#### Registration:

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

#### Questions:

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### Starts January 18, 2022

No more money fights! With Financial Peace University, you and your spouse will learn how to create (and stick to) a budget, save for emergencies, and make a plan for the future. Doesn't that sound peaceful? I'm offering FPU at St Margaret of York just for you starting Tuesday, January 18, 2022. If you're interested in learning more, send me a message! You can sign up and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at [fpu.com/1144157](http://fpu.com/1144157).

## 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.

## 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



## Reconciliation

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

Fr. Bedel | 513.697.3101  
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

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## 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](mailto:baptism@smoy.org)  
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**Holy Orders:**  
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## What's Happening at St. Margaret of York School

Our 8th Grade Biology Class Learning about mitosis with Oreos and sprinkles!

### Interested in St. Margaret of York School?

Please contact Amy Eisele at [aeisele@smoyschool.org](mailto:aeisele@smoyschool.org) with any questions!



## Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) Tuition Grants

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is now accepting K-8 tuition assistance grant applications for the 2022-2023 school year. The application period will run from now through February 6th, 2022. Please go to [www.catholicbestchoice.org](http://www.catholicbestchoice.org) for more information and/or apply at <https://factsmgt.com/>.

# The Temperament God Gave You



CANA FAMILY INSTITUTE  
Strong Catholic Marriages & Families

**Join our Mothers of Young Children group today!**  
*Meet awesome moms just like you.*

Small Groups are now forming to begin the Temperament study in January 2022

Interested in joining St. Margaret of York's Temperament Group?

Register at <https://canafamilyinstitute.com/find>

Questions? Contact April Rongo, [a.rongo@icloud.com](mailto:a.rongo@icloud.com)

[www.canafamilyinstitute.com](http://www.canafamilyinstitute.com)

# *Discovering Our Deepest Desire*



Enrich your marriage through a series of fun and informative sessions and renew your understanding of what it means to have a Sacramental Marriage. Join us for a 7-night in-person series and “Build a Eucharistic Marriage” with activities, Catechism, and Bible reflections. The series will be presented by author and Director of Marriage Works Ohio, Greg Schutte.

**Thursdays, January 6 - February 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm.**  
at St. Margaret of York

## **Cost:**

\$20 per couple for materials

**Space is limited, sign up soon!**

## **Questions / Register:**

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## **More Info:**

[ourdeepestdesire.com](http://ourdeepestdesire.com)

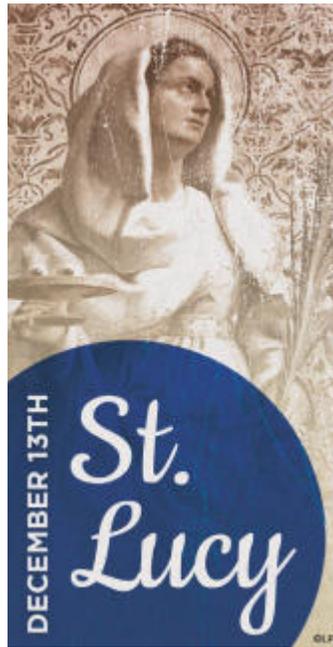


## St. Lucy | Feast Day December 13

A name that means “light,” St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the “bearer” of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

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## Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

### The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. “Rejoice always,” he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you’re really feeling this vibe. But if you’ve got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. “Rejoice always? Always? When I’m tired? Cranky? When I’m sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I’ll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow’s morning commute.”

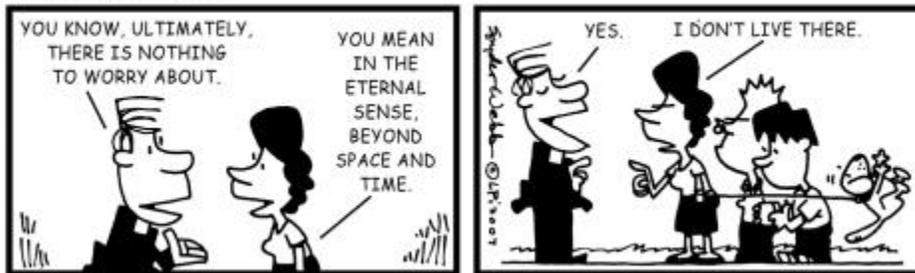
When we feel this way, we know it’s time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water – living water, water that moves. God’s strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It’s water you can keep coming back to. It’s water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to ‘rejoice always.’ To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It’s a sign of His commitment – so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Catechetical Corner

### Q&A

#### Christmas

#### Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

#### Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God’s grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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# Meet Michelle Manczyk

*Communications Coordinator*

## Can You explain a bit about what you do at SMOY?

Many of you probably know I assemble the bulletin each week. Additionally, I put together the Wednesday parish e-news and seasonal Saturday emails. I am the webmaster for smoy.org, manage parish social media accounts, assist with the creation of the Mass announcement slide reel and develop graphics and promotional materials for large parish events all while trying to maintain a cohesive visual parish brand.

I'm constantly evaluating our communication efforts and researching current best practices so that our parishioners have access to the information they need for parish activities as well as how we might reach out to the unchurched within our parish bounds. Truthfully there is a lot of experimentation to see what works well for our community. It can be very challenging at times but I have found it gets easier with each year as I know when to expect the busy seasons and when I have time to plan and get ahead.

## Had you always planned on doing ministry?

I envisioned getting involved in the life of my parish but I never seriously considered working for one. Roles like mine simply didn't exist ten years ago. I imagined working for a fancy design agency downtown on a team of designers. As a student at university, I recognized that organizations that value design thrive and it positions them to deliver more effective messaging. Art is interwoven with culture and the church deserves to have beautiful visuals accompanying its' message of hope.

## What's your background?

I grew up at a large parish about an hour north from here and my family was deeply involved. We were a church family through and through. Even theology was no stranger of discussion around the dinner table and at holiday gatherings with extended family many of who also worked for Catholic or Methodist churches. I think this mix is why my brother and I were permitted, even encouraged to challenge and question our Catholic faith. Having gone through their own periods of questioning and wandering my parents knew the importance for us to really understand the ins and outs of what we were taught to believe and choose it for ourselves.



## Describe Your Family?

My husband, Stephen, our dachshund Whiskey, and I make up our little household. We met through and we were heavily involved in our uni-

versity's Newman Center, which is the Catholic student ministry.

## Can You explain what SMOY has meant to you personally?

My husband and I were parishioners for our first two years of marriage when we lived in an apartment nearby. A co-worker of my husband discovered that he was a new parishioner here and invited him to join the evening WOW Bible study. He said yes and dragged me along and we participated for a few seasons until we bought a house and moved to another area of the region. I don't know

that we would have gotten involved at all had it not been for that invitation as we really didn't know where to even start. Never underestimate the power of a personal invitation. SMOY will always hold a special place simply because it was the first parish we belonged to as a new family.

## Do you have a favorite prayer?

The Jesus Prayer is my favorite. It is a simple but powerful prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ Son of God have mercy on me a sinner." It's a shared prayer tradition from the Eastern Catholic Churches who are all in communion with us and the Orthodox Christians. For me it has been a gateway into discovering a whole new side of the church and one of my goals is to experience a Mass usually called a Divine Liturgy in the East in each tradition the Catholic Church has to offer.

## What do you like to do for fun?

I spend my free time with family and friends or working on some ambitious goal of mine. Currently, I've been in the process of learning how to and creating my own serif typeface. I've always enjoyed learning, trying new things, and visiting far-off places. I also like to challenge myself in ways different than what I do throughout the week such as casually learning Japanese on my own or writing a novel.

## E6 Catholic Men's Conference

**Saturday, February 26, 2022 | All Day | East Central High School, St. Leon, IN**

"As iron sharpens iron. So does one man sharpen another." - Proverbs 27:17 The E6 Catholic Men's Conference is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to good resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ. This year's speakers include Matthew Kelly, Gis Lloyd, and Fr. Jonathan Meyer.

**Register/More Info:** <https://www.e6catholicmensconference.com/>

## Cincinnati Mens Conference

**Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 6:30am - 2:00pm | Fifth Third Arena, University of Cincinnati Campus**

"Evil Prevails When Good Men Do Nothing." The 2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference (CMC) will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, 2022 at Fifth Third Arena, University of Cincinnati Campus. Headline speakers include Jim Caviezel and Raymond Arroyo. Group Ticket Orders Over 20: email [info@CatholicSpeakers.com](mailto:info@CatholicSpeakers.com).

**Register Now:** <https://catholicsspeakers.com/cincinnati-mens-conference>

## 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](mailto:kteipenzoomtown.com)

## Beyond the Parish Doors

Beyond our parish doors, there is a wealth of events and opportunities with external Catholic organizations. Visit <https://smoy.org/beyond-parish-doors> to see more events and volunteer opportunities in the greater Catholic community.

## Become a Bulletin Sponsor

Did you know, our weekly bulletin is paid through our bulletin sponsors and actually provides extra funds to the parish? Becoming a bulletin sponsor is a great way to support the parish and get your business in front of your fellow parishioners. Interested? Contact: Nancy Macmillan | 859.443.2073 | [nmacmillan@4lpi.com](mailto:nmacmillan@4lpi.com)

Please support our bulletin sponsors

**Bulletin Sponsors of the Week**

Jean Stewart - Insurance Agency, Inc  
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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 13**

**6:00PM Mass**

+ Bill Braun req by  
Dan & Kerry Braun

**Tuesday, December 14**

**8:15AM Mass**

+ Mary H. Blessing req by  
Deacon Paul & Mary Blessing

**Wednesday, December 15**

**8:15AM Mass**

+ Fran Bruns req by  
Friday Friends

**Thursday, December 16**

**8:15AM Mass**

+ Matt Case req by  
Bill & Jane Morand

**Friday, December 17**

**8:15AM Mass**

Eric Klaber req by  
Melissa Capella

**Saturday, December 18**

**8:15AM Mass**

+ Gerald Johnson req by  
Bill & Jane Morand

**4:30PM Mass**

Catholic Social Workers req by  
Kathleen Neher

**Sunday, December 19**

**8:30AM Mass**

+ Janet Caldas req by  
Richard Caldas

**11:00AM Mass**

+ The deceased of the Kroger &  
Medeweller families req by  
Mary Kroger

**5:30PM Mass**

SMOY Parish

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Mary Sue Loftus	Michael Zegarski
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.

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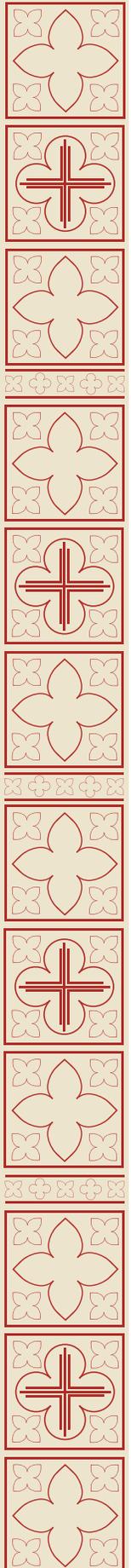


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