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Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday: Closed  
Deadline for bulletin updates: Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

#### HOLY DAYS:

9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** Thursday: 9:30 a.m.;  
Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.; or by appointment if you call the Parish Office.

**BAPTISMS:** Following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS:** Third Monday of the month: January, March, May, July, September and November, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.  
If attending, you must call 614-279-1690 to register.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

#### New Parishioners and Parishioners Moving Out:

Please call the Parish Office to register or to change status.

**Web Address:** [www.stmargaretcolumbus.org](http://www.stmargaretcolumbus.org)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

9:00 a.m. Kerma Dallas by Valerie Scheel

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Betty Reinhard by Peggy Basel

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Anthony Maiberger by Barb &amp; Mike

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Audrey &amp; Donald Mertz by Bill &amp; Mary Shaffer

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 – ST. HILARY, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

1:30 p.m. Wedding, Jennifer Lee and Colton Coy

4:00 p.m. Nancy Buoni (Special Intention) by Dustin Buoni

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Loretta Caruso by Paul &amp; Laura Landry

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, January 8, 2024: Charlotte &amp; Tom Lombardi

January 13-14	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday, January 13 4:00 p.m.	Anna Gerken Elizabeth Gerken	James Duckros Arlene Quoyale	Barbara Fink
Sunday, January 14 8:30 a.m.	Walter Duckro	Donald Kelly Ermagene Kelly	Sandy Siers
Sunday, January 14 10:30 a.m.	Josie Forster Jacoby Gorham	Alicia Iannitto Jeffrey Metzger	Nick Iannitto

## PARISH NEWS:

**INCENSE WITH MASSES:** Incense will be used at all of the Epiphany Masses on January 6th and 7th.

**"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS; I WILL COME TO YOU."** John 14:18. Jesus accompanies us always, whether we are at a summit in our faith or walking along the precipice of an abyss. **Come THIS Sunday, January 7 to begin a contemplative series and discussion with both those on the summit and those on the ledge to follow more closely the miracle of "Jesus and the Eucharist" as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The group will meet at 7:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** There will be childcare for our young parents, a student table led by young adults for young adults, and a bilingual presentation for our Spanish speaking families. **Light refreshments will be provided. + Peace, Deacon Tom Rowlands**

**BANNS OF MATRIMONY** are announced for **Jennifer Lee** of this parish and **Colton Coy**. They will be married at St. Margaret next **Saturday, January 13th**. May the Lord bless them with much happiness.

**THE SVDP WOULD LIKE TO THANK** everyone for donating to the 5th Sunday collection. *Your generosity makes it possible to help those in need.*

**SVDP SOCIETY** will hold its monthly meeting **Monday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.** in Kulp Hall. New members are always welcome.

**THE SVDP SOCIETY** will make sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven on Sunday, January 14, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Kulp Hall. Please bring all your reusable plastic bags and place them in the bins located at each door. They are used to pack the meals for the homeless.

**JOIN US FOR A WINTER PRESENTATION ON FALL INJURY PREVENTION!** Let's start the New Year on a safe note. Winter season is here and we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. With this in mind, we are excited to invite you to **"Winter is Here: Fall Injury Prevention"** presentation. Saturday, January 20th, 2:30-3:30 p.m., in Kulp Hall. Winter brings its own set of challenges, and preventing falls at home becomes especially crucial during this time. Bluefield Group's expert speaker, Maria Blauvelt, will share valuable insights and practical tips on how to create a safe environment within your home to reduce the risk of falls.

This presentation is suitable for all age groups, and **we encourage you** to bring your family and friends along. Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter season for everyone. For more information please contact **Maria Blauvelt at 614-515-6426** or [hi@bluefield-group.com](mailto:hi@bluefield-group.com). We look forward to your presence at this informative event and appreciate your commitment to creating a safer community.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024! IT'S FINALLY FISH FRY TIME!** St. Margaret of Cortona Parish will have our famous Lenten Fish Fry again this year! The 26th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry will be held on the **six Fridays of Lent from February 16th thru March 22nd, 2024**. The New Year brings new opportunities to give your time and talents to St. Margaret Parish! **All NEW and past Fish Fry Volunteers and Crew Leaders are requested to attend the ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 5:00 p.m. IN KULP HALL.** Bring your suggestions to help make the St. Margaret Fish Fry successful! Volunteering at the parish Fish Fry can be your Lenten sacrifice, although it is more fun than a sacrifice. We need a lot of new volunteers this year to cover for those dedicated volunteers who have retired or passed away. We **NEED YOU!!!** This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and have some fun serving your parish. Please come to the meeting and give your input and sign up to help your parish at this important parish social event and fundraiser. **To volunteer, please RSVP to Larry Pishitelli at 614-214-8568 (text) or email: [Larrypish@columbus.rr.com](mailto:Larrypish@columbus.rr.com). Please come and help make 2024 the best Fish Fry ever!**

## A REQUEST FROM OUR BISHOP

Our Bishop, **Bishop Earl Fernandes**, wrote a letter on **December 7, 2023** to all Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus concerning respect for life – especially for the unborn – after the passing Issue #1 which enshrined abortion rights into Ohio's state constitution. He invites all of us to intensify our prayers and practices to protect innocent life at all stages of development by calling for deeper conversion of heart to build a true culture of life here in Ohio.

He invites all of us to a deeper life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to accomplish this goal. He invites all of us to join in a Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every week. As you know, here in our parish, we have this opportunity every Thursday with Exposition of the Eucharist from the 9:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. Also on the third Thursday of each month, we have another Holy Hour from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please join us.

Also, he invites us to a deeper sense of fasting and abstinence for this cause. He asks each of us to return to the traditional practice of not eating meat on all Fridays throughout the year; and to offer this penitential practice every Friday for the intention of a greater respect for all human life – especially the unborn. Abstinence can be a powerful prayer before the Lord.

Along with this practice, he is encouraging almsgiving to an organization that supports the true culture of life, such as Women's Care Center, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Birthright, or Bottoms Up. I also invite you as parishioners here at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish to strongly consider these invitations from our Bishop as the means for a deeper conversion for all of us here in the State of Ohio on this essential issue. Sincerely in Christ, **Fr. Jeff**



**PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON:** The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the privilege of a plenary indulgence for all the faithful to **celebrate the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, Italy.** The indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, **from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ.** In order to gain the plenary indulgence, in addition to the conditions, one must visit a church run by the Franciscan families throughout the world and stop in prayer in front of the nativity scene set up there. Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can equally benefit from the gift of plenary indulgence by offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety. In the Diocese of Columbus, Christ the King Parish and St. Thomas parish are run by Franciscans. Please check for the Franciscan-run parishes in your travels to other dioceses.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: January 8-14, 2024

<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Rosary, Church
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A., Rectory Lower Level
	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Borrelli Center
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council, Kulp Hall
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
	7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting, Borrelli Center Lower Level
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
	12:00-8:00 p.m.	Adoration with the Eucharist in the Tabernacle
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 a.m.	Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	1:30 p.m.	Wedding
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Fish Fry Organizational Meeting, Kulp Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	9:00 a.m.	SVDP makes Sandwiches, Kulp Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

### THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION:

**GIVE SMARTER – SUPPORT ST. MARGARET AND LOWER YOUR TAXES:** You can use funds in your retirement account to support St. Margaret. The Charitable IRA Rollover allows donors who are 70½ years or older to transfer up to \$100,000.00 from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity like **The Catholic Foundation, which manages the St. Margaret Parish Endowment Fund.** An endowment fund is a longer-term, sustained investment designed to provide a perpetual source of income to our parish.

Regardless of your age, you can support St. Margaret while still qualifying for a tax deduction. Contributions to the **St. Margaret Parish Endowment Fund** can also be made in the form of cash, appreciated stocks, and other assets.

For more information on how you can make a real-world impact on the future of St. Margaret and the Catholic faith, please contact **Jim Hahn at 614-443-8893, ext. 112 or [jhahn@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:jhahn@catholic-foundation.org).**

### YOUR TITHE TO GOD: December 31, 2023

E-Catholic Online December	\$ 4,780.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,357.00
Total Offertory Collection	\$ 10,137.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
<b>DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK</b>	<b>+ \$ 1,137.00</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### AROUND US

**CHANGE A LIFE, INSPIRE YOUR OWN...BECOME A TUTOR!** The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, greatly needs volunteer tutors for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact **Annette Cohn at (614) 444-7330, ext. 11104 or [Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org](mailto:Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org)** for more information on this rewarding opportunity or to **register for our next training on Saturday, January 27th. Visit <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>.** Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.

**HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN** is hosting its annual **Martin Luther King Day celebration on Monday, January 15, from Noon-1:30 p.m.,** at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus. Dr. Andre Brown will be the speaker. Vernon Hairston will be directing the Gospel choir. Go to [hrschurch.org/mlkday](https://hrschurch.org/mlkday), for more information.

**DELAWARE ST. MARY PARISH** invites you to join them on an **11 day pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles, September 17-27, 2024.** The theme of this pilgrimage is "in the Footsteps of Saint Paul". Estimated cost is \$4,699.00 per person (double occupancy) leaving from Columbus Ohio. The trip is coordinated through NAWAS International Travel. For more information and detailed brochure, please contact Parishioner Jeanne Frentsos at [2frentsos@gmail.com](mailto:2frentsos@gmail.com). or 740-971-3685. Space is limited so if interested, please contact Jeanne soon.

**ODU TO HOST ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LECTURE** on January 25. Ohio Dominican University will host its annual **St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25 as theologian and scholar Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, Ph.D. presents "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World."** The free lecture will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. Fr. Brophy currently serves as an assistant professor of political science at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. **More information is available at [ohiodominican.edu](http://ohiodominican.edu).**

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: February 17, 2024,** at the **Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.** Price for a Regular Ticket is \$50.00, Students \$35.00. Religious are always free. Scholarship tickets are available. For more information or to register go to **[ColumbusCatholicWomen.com](http://ColumbusCatholicWomen.com).**

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: We Are Called to Be Saints. The 27th Annual Catholic Men's Conference returns to Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on February 24, 2024.** For more information or to register, go to: **[CatholicMensMinistry.com](http://CatholicMensMinistry.com).**

**START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!** Give the gift of time to each other next year. **Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! **The next weekend is February 9-11 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [WWMEcolumbus.org](http://WWMEcolumbus.org).** Early registration is highly recommended.

### ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, e-mail it to **[cwelycz@breezelineohio.net](mailto:cwelycz@breezelineohio.net)**, or call 614-562-8570.  
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