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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9:00 a.m. Nancy & Bud Manes by Becky Saggio

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 – ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Jessanna Delewese by the Funeral Ministry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 – OUR LADY OF LORETO

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 – ST. DAMASUS I, POPE

9:00 a.m. Leonard & Pearl Conley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 – OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 a.m. Patricia Wickham by the Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 – ST. LUCY, VIRGIN/MARTYR

4:00 p.m. Doris Flick by Becky Saggio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Jim Filichia by JoMarie & JB Wilson

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, December 8: Mike & Sandy Wilcox**PARISH NEWS:**

COFFEE AND DONUTS: The Welcoming Committee will be serving Coffee and Donuts after the **8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses THIS Sunday, December 7th.** Please join us for this informal parish gathering, ALL are welcome!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, December 8: Even though this Solemnity of Mary falls on Monday this year, **IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.** Masses here are on **Monday, December 8th, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

POINSETTIA PICK-UP: Anyone who ordered poinsettias from the "Back to the Garden Ministry," may pick up your Poinsettias after all Masses this weekend **December 6 & 7** in Kulp Hall. Thank You for your support.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will hold its **regular second-Monday-of-the-month meeting at 6:30 p.m. THIS Monday, December 8,** in Kulp Hall. New members are always welcome.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, NEXT Sunday, December 14th from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. This is a great family event and breakfast sponsored by our **Knights of Columbus.** Santa Claus will be there for photos with your family! The completed entries for the Art Poster contest must be submitted no later than **10:00 a.m. THIS Sunday, December 7th,** to the PSR office in the Borrelli Center. **Cash prizes for the Keep Christ in Christmas Art contest,** will be awarded to the **top three entries at Noon, NEXT Sunday December 14th,** during **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA.** All entries will be awarded certificates.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you wish to contribute toward Christmas flowers in memory of a deceased relative or friend, you may do so by placing your donation with your name in an envelope and mark on it "Christmas Flowers." Or you may use the envelope enclosed in your monthly envelope packet. We will have a special remembrance of the deceased at the Christmas Mass.

THE GIVING TREE: The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to participate in the **Giving Tree this holiday season.** We are requesting monetary donations for each of the charities we are supporting. **All money collected will be divided equally among the Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Club, Central Ohio Behavioral Healthcare (formerly Twin Valley), and Catholic Social Services.** Donations will be accepted the weekends of **December 6 & 7 and December 12 & 13.** Please place donations in the designated baskets in the church. **Make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona with "Giving Tree" on the memo line.** You may also mail your donation directly to the church office at 1600 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. **Deadline to receive all money is Monday, December 15th. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated!**

PARISH SURVEY IS AVAILABLE! Over the past couple of months at Mass I have spoken about the opportunity each of us will have to take our parish survey. The survey, known as the **Disciple Maker Index,** helps us assess our greatest strengths and opportunities by inviting you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Margaret of Cortona. Specifically, the Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

1. Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
2. Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
3. Help parishioners grow in their faith.

You are invited to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey for St. Margaret of Cortona Church, which will be available online this **Tuesday until January 6, 2026,** to assess your discipleship journey and provide feedback on the parish's growth initiatives.

Starting **November 25,** that opportunity is upon us. Come Tuesday, **I invite you to PLEASE take the survey.** You can do so: By scanning the **QR code just below, typing this link into your browser:** bit.ly/margaretdmi or **going to the St. Margaret website,** www.stmargaretcolumbus.org, and clicking the link to the survey which is near the top of our homepage. You can find the link to the survey at the **St. Margaret of Cortona Facebook** page or in **your most recent Flocknote.**



Finally, you can scan the QR code which will be posted at each entrance to the Church and will also be posted in the office and at Kulp Hall and in the Borelli Center. This will open the link to the survey on your phone. Just click the link and complete the survey. We will also have a few paper versions available for those who do not have internet access. You can get a paper version if you come to the office or if you ask Fr. Jeff after Mass while you are at church. Simply return the paper version to the box in the front vestibule of the church that is designated for survey responses.

I am hoping that EVERY parishioner, 12 years of age and older (yes, we very much want to hear from our younger parishioners), will fill out the survey for themselves **individually** (each member of your family should complete a survey. Do not give a family response). Completing the survey will take only 15 minutes and is totally anonymous. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about our community as a whole. As I have explained many times, together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith. **Thank you in advance for helping with this important project.**

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jeff

THE SVDP SOCIETY will make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen after the **8:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 21.**

December 13-14	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, December 13 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth & Emma Gerken	Christine Dietsch Pat Fehribach		Peg Kuhns
Sunday, December 14 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd	Daniel Bosieh Rose Tri	Mark Nolan	Joe Wickham
Sunday, December 14 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina & Leo Racanelli	Theresa Bickerdt Michael Racanelli		Gabriella Racanelli

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA 2026 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS will be in the back of church this weekend. **Many Thanks to Maeder Quint Tiberi Funeral Home, 1068 South High Street, for providing us every year with our Beautiful Catholic appointment Calendars.** The calendars are free to any parishioner.

CHRISTMAS 2025 SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS, Every Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m. On Saturday, **December 20th**, Confessions will be heard from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Our Communal Family Advent Parish Service will be **MONDAY, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.** with extra Priests available. Confessions will also be heard on **Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.** on **December 11th and 18th.** The **FINAL** opportunity for this Sacrament before Christmas is on **Saturday, December 20th, from 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

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CHRISTMAS EVE – A Holy Day of Obligation for today OR tomorrow. Masses on **Wednesday, December 24th** are: **4:00 p.m.**, which is our Children's Mass and we welcome all children for a special homily at **10:00 p.m.**, which is preceded by Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS DAY – A Holy Day of Obligation for today OR yesterday. Mass on **Thursday, December 25** is at **10:30 a.m., ONLY.**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 28th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. This **IS** a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for all Catholics to attend Mass. Masses are on **Wednesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m. OR on Thursday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 4th. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas, we will have our **Parish Advent Penance Service here on MONDAY, December 15th, 7:00 p.m.** All are invited. We will have extra priests here.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction on the Thursdays of Advent, **December 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.** There are **NO VESPERS** on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

PARKING TRAFFIC PATTERN: Just a reminder!! Traffic on the lane right in front of the church is still one way going from South to North. Then when you come to the parking lot and driveway on the north side, you may **ONLY TURN LEFT.** Please do not attempt to turn right at that intersection. All the traffic around the church continues to be one way traffic. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: NOVEMBER 30, 2025

E-Catholic November (additional)	\$ 5,643.00
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 7,537.60
Total Weekly	\$ 13,180.60
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 4,180.60

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY – GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Hello. My name is Mike. I am the book keeper for St. Margaret of Cortona. I've been blessed

to be very involved with **Kairos Prison Ministry** for the last eight years. I've learned that the Lord is wanting and willing to meet any of us on a mountaintop, in the muck at the bottom or anywhere in between. I've had experiences witnessing and being part of God's most precious miracles through this unique and powerful ministry. These men and women are loved and forgiven by our Lord – just like all of us. But they need to be reminded – because it's easy to lose hope in prison. They are thrilled to hear that they are not forgotten – by us or the Lord.

Here are a couple of testimonials from our November 6-9 weekend:

"I was so lost. This weekend gave me courage and inspiration."

"This was a life-changing event and I give thanks to God."

Kairos needs you, so prayerfully consider allowing it to become a ministry you get involved with. I can be your point of contact for any questions or discussions.

**God bless,
Mike Myers (614-582-8204)**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: DECEMBER 8-14

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Borrelli Center
	7:00 p.m.	Mass, Immaculate Conception of Mary
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
WEDNESDAY	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting, Borrelli Center Lower Level
	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
	7:00 p.m.	Sung Vespers, Benediction, Church
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa, Kulp Hall
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa, Kulp Hall

DECEMBER – A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING

The month of December is an excellent time to give generously to the parish offertory or Bishop's Annual Appeal. As this is the season of giving gifts, why not give a generous gift to your parish in the form of cash, securities, or business gifts with your employer's company? We are all called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us, may we share generously with our parish family during this season. Thank you for your continued generosity. May God bless you!

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

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