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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

E-mail Address: stmargaretcol@yahoo.com

Parish Office: Phone: 614-279-1690; Fax: 614-279-2386
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday: Closed
Deadline for bulletin updates: Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, JANUARY 5 – ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP**

9:00 am Jim Filichia by Peg Kuhns

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 – ST. ANDRE' BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 – ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, PRIEST**

9:00 am NO MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

9:00 am John Czulinski by Cindy & Roman Welyczkowsky

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

9:00 am Jim Filichia by M/M Richard Capuano

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

4:00 pm Louis D'Amico by Elaine Prochak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:30 am Sandy Menduni (Anniversary) by Bill & Mary Shaffer

ST. ZITA MINISTRY: January 5, 2026: Steve and Mary Strawser**PARISH NEWS:****FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: THIS Sunday, January 4th, is The Feast of the Epiphany; Masses follow the regular weekend times. Incense will be used at all Masses on January 3rd and 4th.****COFFEE & DONUTS:** Come join us for Coffee & Donuts in Kulp Hall **THIS Sunday, January 4th, after the 8:30 & 10:30 am Masses.** Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. **Everyone is invited.****THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – NEXT Sunday, January 11th,** Masses follow the regular weekend times. This feast marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON:** The Young at Heart members are invited to join us for lunch on **Monday, January 5, 2026 at Houlihan's in Kingsdale Shopping Center.** Young at Heart members are anyone age 55 and older who would enjoy the company of other 55+ members of the parish for lunch on the first Monday of the Month.**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** There will be a Parish Council Meeting on **Monday, January 5TH, 6:30 pm, in Kulp Hall.****SVDP SOCIETY** will hold its monthly meeting **Monday January 12, 2026, 6:30 in Kulp Hall.** New members are always welcome.**THE CATHOLIC TIMES:** In February, 2026, we will continue the annual tradition of promoting Catholic Times subscriptions and renewals. Beginning January 1, 2026, all subscriptions will be managed online. That being said, we will provide recourse for parishioners who are unable to use the internet to do so. We do not want anyone to miss out on this excellent local Catholic content.**LAST CHANCE - PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PARISH SURVEY****Our Parish Survey, known as the Disciple Maker Index, will be open until January 6, 2026. That is this coming Tuesday, so if you have not already done, so PLEASE take the Survey. You can do so:**

- By typing this link into your browser: bit.ly/margaretdmi
- By 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.

The Survey will be open until **January 6, 2026.** 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 when 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 10-15 minutes and is totally anonymous.

The results will be helpful to me as your pastor and to our staff and volunteers as we seek to support you on your journey of missionary discipleship.

Please go to the link and fill out the Survey today! I thank you in advance.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Jeff

January 10-11	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, January 10 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gerken Emma Gerken	Donald Kelly Ermagene Kelly		Barbara Fink
Sunday, January 11 8:30 am	Siena Boyd	Andrea Boyd	Mark Nolan	Christine Santiago
Sunday, January 11 10:30 am	Josie Forster Joseph Michael	Darwin McVey Jeffrey Metzger		Brian Brown

YEAR-END REMINDER-OFFERTORY STATEMENTS: We will not be sending out offertory contribution records for 2025. If you would like to have your contribution record, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to send you your offertory statement. You can email a request for your offertory statement by sending a request to stmargaretcol@yahoo.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: January 5-11

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch, Houlihan's, Kingsdale
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council, Kulp Hall
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 am	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY – GOD'S SPECIAL TIME

Hello. My name is Mike. I am the bookkeeper 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 to 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**

SCHOOL NEWS

TURN YOUR OHIO TAXES INTO A CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP

There is no method more effective for supporting Catholic families than a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, because **those who contribute will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio income tax!** You will be credited your full gift amount at tax time and a family attending Catholic schools will receive the gift in the fall. The limit for the matching credit is \$750.00 for individuals and \$1,500.00 for couples filing jointly. You can designate your choice of Catholic school in the diocese as the grantor of the scholarship! Learn more and confirm eligibility at emmausroadscholarship.org.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: DECEMBER 28, 2025

Christmas Collection	\$ 18,546.56
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,311.38
Total Offertory Collection	\$25,857.94
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+ \$16,857.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

BISHOP READY HIGH SCHOOL EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA: Bishop Ready High School invites you to our Annual **Euchre Extravaganza on Friday, February 6th**, at Bishop Ready High School – A favorite community tradition benefiting boys and girls basketball. Gather your friends for an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m., play begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.** The Cost is **\$30 per person (includes food, fun, and 11 games of Euchre)**. Food included and cash bar available. **Participants must be 21 or older.** Preregistration is required and space is limited. Register online at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/euchreextravaganza2025/event/euchreextravaganza2025/> For questions or additional information, please contact **Athletic Director David Oddi, doddi2@cdededucation.org**. We hope you'll join us for a great evening supporting Bishop Ready Athletics!

AROUND US

A GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE: Give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend providing you and your spouse the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage! "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, February 6-8, 2026**. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: **Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH.** Other weekend dates are available on our website. Apply at WWME.org or scan QR code. Early registration is recommended.

ST. BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR IS NOW HIRING a Pastoral Associate — responsible for planning, coordinating, and administering to the care needs of their sizable parish and its grieving families. Read the full job description here bit.ly/jobssstb and contact **Fr. Dooley (frdooley@stbrendans.net)** with your interest in the role.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR. The CMLC is accepting nominations for the 2026 CMOY. To submit a nomination, please use the form located online at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year>. **(The online form is required—no exceptions!)** Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal testimony during an award ceremony with the Bishop at the CMLC luncheon meeting on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, St. Patrick Parish in downtown Columbus. Please carefully read the instructions located on the website to make certain the nomination submission is in compliance with CMLC's requirements. The Selection Committee will not consider a noncompliant nomination submission. **Nominations MUST be completed and submitted by Midnight on January 15, 2026.**

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, email it to cwelycz@breezelineohio.net, or call 614 562 8570.

All prayer requests are confidential.

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