

SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *newsletter* FALL 2011

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It is with great excitement that we are publishing the first volume of the St. Margaret Mary newsletter. This new format allows us the opportunity to share more of the news and activities taking place in the parish and the formation of our new Pastoral Region provides us with an excellent opportunity to kick off this first issue. We welcome any feedback as we work to create a publication that celebrates the activities and traditions of our parish. — Fr. Jerry Gardner



WELCOME FR. TOM SNODGRASS!

With the formation of the Pastoral Region taking effect July 2011, Fr. Tom Snodgrass has been appointed as Parochial Vicar assisting Fr. Jerry Gardner with the

celebration of sacraments, including Sunday and Holy Day Masses, and weekday Masses while continuing to work part time at the Chancery Office of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Snodgrass has a strong connection to the area, graduating from Assumption, LaSalle ('68), Xavier University ('71) and Mt. St. Mary's Seminary ('75). He was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1976 and the next day, Pentecost Sunday, he celebrated his first Mass at Assumption. In 1981, he left Cincinnati for advanced studies and received a degree in canon law from The Catholic University of America, eventually returning to pastor several area parishes.

Favorite activities include gardening and decorating. "I probably hold the record for decorating more churches than any other priest in the archdiocese." Dining with friends, old and new, is also a favorite pastime, but he ads, "If we share a meal, please don't report intake to my cardiologist. At restaurants I usually close the window shade just in case he is checking up on me."

2011-12 R.C.I.A. IS FORMING NOW

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation) is a process for adults, unbaptized or baptized in another church, who are interested in Catholic teachings. The inquiry meetings will begin in September on a date to be announced. Contact Wilma McGlasson, Faith Formation Director for information, 729-0222.



Herm Koehling reads to young attendees.

Sixty children enjoyed VBS 2010.

SonSurf BEACH BASH WAS A BLAST!

SonSurf Beach Bash was the theme for our 5th Annual Summer Vacation Bible School. Done in conjunction with St. Ann, Assumption and Little Flower parishes who have joined us for the past three years, SonSurf focused on stories and the life of Jesus. Sixty children participated in the four day program with as many adults, teens and young adults of all ages participating and leading the groups through the program. It was enjoyed by all!

BINGO SEEKS YOUR HELP!

We would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped make our bingo the success it is today. With your help, we are able to help support our parish and parish students at Our Lady of Grace School in the amount of over \$100,000.00 per year!

To keep up the success of our biggest fundraiser we are in dire need of more help. Any member of the parish who is 18 years of age or older can volunteer. Many hands make light work! Please join us today! Contact the parish office for details.



Jackie Hilleary enjoys Friday Night Bingo at St. Margaret Mary.



ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH
1830 W. Galbraith Road
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MONTE CARLO & Festival St. Margaret Mary Labor Day Weekend
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Parish Calendar

AUGUST

OLG First Day of School
Monday, Aug. 22nd

Back-to-School Student Blessing Mass
Sunday, Aug. 28th, 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER

Labor Day Weekend Monte Carlo & Festival
Fri., Sat., Sun. Sept. 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Catechetical Sunday C.L.O.W. Resumes
Sunday, Sept. 18th

R.C.I.A. Begins
Date to be announced

OCTOBER

Feast of St. Margaret Mary Celebrate St.MM Parish Dinner (Sat) & Ministry Fair
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 15th & 16th

OCTOBER

PYO Canned Food Drive
Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 29th & 30th

5th Saturday Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
Saturday, Oct. 29th
Follows 8:30 AM Mass with 1:00 PM Benediction

Remembrance Mass
Sunday, Oct. 30th, 10:30 AM

NOVEMBER

PYO Turkey Dinner
Sat., Nov. 5th, 6:00 PM, Cafeteria

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, Nov. 24th, 9:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent New Roman Missal Implemented
Sunday, Nov. 27th
Visit www.usccb.org/romanmissal for more information.

spotlight

Heavenly Fingers Crafters

The Heavenly Fingers Crafters are a small group of ladies (although men are welcome too!) who meet on Wednesdays from 9-11:00 AM in Room 14 in the PAC. During their crafting sessions they pray together, and plan for and create wonderful handcrafted items which are sold along with homemade baked goods at their annual Fall/Christmas Sale and Raffle.

All sales profits are donated to the Adopt-A-Student Fund, which provides tuition assistance to families of students attending Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

Stop in any Wednesday morning to see what they're working on. Extra hands are always welcome and they'll happily find something that YOUR heavenly fingers can do!

2011 Fall/Christmas Sale & Raffle
Saturday & Sunday, November 12/13,
Holy Family Room

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