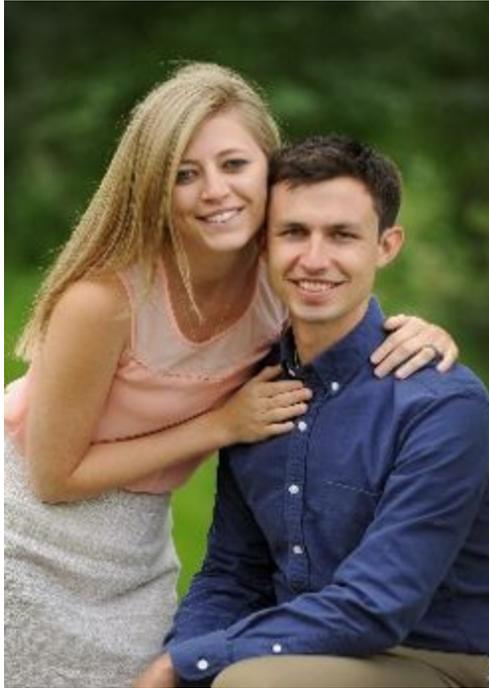


Jessie & Ben Konynenbelt



How long have you been a parishioner at SMM and where are you originally from? "We have been parishioners for 3 years. I am from Indiana and my husband is from Michigan."

What is your favorite Advent tradition? "Our favorite advent tradition is lighting the advent candles before dinner and then after dinner, saying the advent prayers together as a family."

Please share one unique way you are staying connected with extended family and friends during this time? "We really enjoy playing "Houseparty" with friends and relatives who don't live near us. We enjoy it because you can play games and video chat all at the same time! It's great :)"

Best memory of a SMM ministry event or liturgy? "We have been a part of the Young Adults Group at St. Margaret Mary and whether praying together or enjoying each other's company, it's hard to choose just one memory as we have been blessed with many!"

Meghan, Jonathon, Nathaniel, Edward, & Otto Collins



How long have you been a parishioner at SMM and where are you originally from? "We have been parishioners for 19 years." Meghan is originally from Massachusetts and Jon is from Pennsylvania. The boys were all born here in Florida."

What is your favorite Advent tradition? "Our favorite Advent tradition is lighting the candles on the advent wreath and praying."

Please share one unique way you are staying connected with extended family and friends during this time? "The five of us worked together to make a music video (the boys are violinists) to share on youtube with friends and family. We are planning to make one with Christmas songs as a Christmas treat for our far-away relatives."

Best memory of a SMM ministry event or liturgy?

"Our favorite SMM event is volunteering at the annual rummage sale, but the fall festival and pancake suppers are also fun."