

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2024

WHY DO YOUR DISCIPLES NOT FOLLOW THE TRADITION?

MK 7:5

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • 2024



Summer Schedule



Mass Times

Monday:
6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday:
8:15am

Saturday:
4:30 pm

Sunday:
8:30am* | 11:00am | 5:30pm

*Mass is Livestreamed watch via YouTube:
bit.ly/SMOY-YouTube

Notice of Filming and Photography
In order to offer Mass online, we will be live streaming during the 8:30 Sunday Mass. This means there is a possibility your image and likeness may appear on camera.

Communion Service

Saturday:
8:15am



Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at our scheduled time or by appointment.

Fr. Ed | 513.697.3169
Fr. Stephen | 513.697.3102

Scheduled Confession Times

Monday:
6:30pm-7:00pm*

Saturday:
3:00pm - 4:00pm

*Or until last Confession is heard

Anyone in need of assistance at Communion please notify an Usher before Mass begins.

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

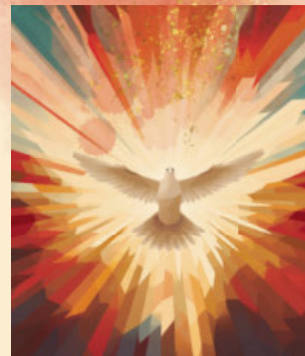
If your child should be receiving their First Communion or Confirmation in 2025 please register online. If you have any questions about sacramental prep reach out to Jacilyn Jackson at jjackson@smoy.org.

First Communion:

<https://smoy.org/first-communion-and-reconciliation-registration>

Confirmation:

<https://smoy.org/confirmation-registration>



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR SACRAMENTS

Life gets busy, we get it. Don't let that keep your children from receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Many children get "off schedule" with celebrating their first Sacraments for any number of reasons. If circumstances have kept you from getting your children baptized or receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we can help. It's not too late. Contact Jacilyn Jackson at jjackson@smoy.org to get started.

Register for Family Faith

Family Faith is a year-long program designed to help families take intentional time out of our busy schedules to grow in the faith together!

- Once a month family gatherings equip families to learn and embrace the faith together
- Put faith in action with family friendly service and fellowship opportunities
- Support to develop your home into the Domestic Church
- Flexible schedule to meet your family's needs
- Program runs September-April
- Open to ALL families!

This year's focus: The Sacraments

Register/Learn More: www.smoy.org/learn/family-faith

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Happy Labor Day Weekend! Some of us might use this holiday to reflect on the work we do in life. As a priest who has been privileged to preach in parishes for the last 42 years, it has sometimes occurred to me to ask how the Church chooses the readings that I am supposed to work out into a homily. And this weekend could seem to be a time for such a question.

In the first reading, Moses is telling the people to obey the laws of the Lord totally. However, in the Gospel, it appears that Jesus is contradicting Moses, saying that some laws that have come down to us through mere tradition can be substituted with something better. In the end, however, Moses and Jesus are really making the same important point: God's commandments are to be observed and followed by all of us.

Periodically, human activity, political whims, and current social conventions can obscure the true commandments, and confuse us into thinking that what "feels right" must "be right". In the Gospel, Jesus is proclaiming is that life around us changes all the time, and how we feel about our life will change also, but that there is an objective reality, an enduring truth, that never changes.

Who are we? We are God's children, and the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves are always operative, and never contradicted by current opinions or personal feelings. So, as we tread carefully through our readings, we find that God once again calls us to love one another and to love Him above all else. This is what will help make sense out of life when things become confusing, and we feel lost. It is the Law of God, the Law of Love, that enables us to tread securely as Christian people, no matter what the world throws in our path. Love makes it possible to live the life God has chosen for us. So, let's all work on this!

Fr. Ed Smith



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Parish Financial Support

Sunday Offerings (June 2024)

June 02	\$13,416.02
EFT	\$11,113.00
June 09	\$13,368.82
EFT	\$9,793.00
June 16	\$13,277.50
June 23	\$10,376.93
June 30	\$ #'s N/A

WeShare Offering \$ #'s N/A

Total for current month to date \$71,345.27

Sunday Offerings (July 2024)

July 07	\$11,980.07
EFT	\$11,113.00
July 14	\$14,399.75
EFT	\$9,793.00
July 21	\$9,951.50
July 28	\$8638.07

WeShare Offering \$ #'s N/A

Total for current month to date \$57,237.32

Sunday Offerings (August 2024)

August 04	\$12,059.56
EFT	\$11,113.00
August 11	\$10,083.55
EFT	\$9,793.00
August 18	\$12,729.43
August 25	\$ -

WeShare Offering \$ #'s N/A

Total for current month to date \$55,778.54

Mortgage Indebtedness

Principal balance on mortgage:
\$1,583,272.00 Number of Months left
until payoff:
44
Monthly Payment:
33,690

Updated numbers not available at time of printing

NEW SERVER TRAINING

September 4 at 3:00pm

Open to Children Grade 5 and Above

Contact: Patti Hawkins
513.505.9755



Save the Date

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events with a green bar under them are at St. Columban. Events with a red bar under them are at St. Margaret.

1

Fellowship Gathering

Friday, September 6 | Following 8:15am Mass & Rosary | Gathering Space

A Fellowship Gathering after the First Friday Mass & Rosary in the Gathering Space from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Morning Breakfast Pastries, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice to be provided. Donation accepted.

2

Cincinnati Reds Game vs the Atlanta Braves

Tuesday, September 17 | 4:30pm Departure from SMOY

Cincinnati Reds game versus the Atlanta Braves, 1st pitch is 6:40pm. Transportation will be provided with departure from SMOY at 4:30pm and return approximately 30 minutes after the game. Cost for bus trip and Reds Ticket is \$50/person. Please drop checks ASAP made out to St. Margaret of York to the parish office to secure your spot. This Reds game includes a 3-2-1 Promotion, \$3/beer/\$2 hot dogs and \$1/ice cream cup.

3

Keeneland Trip

Wednesday, October 9 | 10:30am Departure from SMOY

Attention all Heart & Soul Members, we have made plans for a day of horse racing at historic Keeneland, Wednesday, October 9th. We have arranged bus transportation to and from Keeneland and grandstand tickets for \$60/person. Bus will depart SMOY at 10:30am, post time is 1pm and expect to return before 5pm to SMOY. We expect tickets to go fast so secure your seat(s) by writing a check to SMOY and returning it to the Parish office with a reference to H&S Keeneland trip in the memo line of your check.



Know Someone Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Invite them to Call:

Birgitt Hacker
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Sacramental Prep Orientations

First Communion Parent Orientation
Sept. 4th | 6-6:30pm
@ SMOY Church



Confirmation Parent/Student Orientation
Sept. 4th | 6:45-7:15pm
@ SMOY Church



Questions?
Contact Jacilyn Jackson | jjackson@smoy.org

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Fall Registration (ages 3 - 6)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-inspired religious formation program that helps children foster a friendship with Jesus and prepares them to participate fully in the liturgy and life of the Church. At SMOY, children ages 3 to 6 meet twice a month in a prepared environment called, "the atrium." In this space, children hear the Word of God, pray, and work with hands-on materials specially designed to help them meditate on Scripture and to encounter Jesus the Good Shepherd. Sessions begin in October and end in May. For questions, contact Amanda Glenski at amandajglenski@yahoo.com

Eucharistic Exposition

Weekly Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday
9:00am - 6:00pm
(Benediction @ 6:00pm)

Saturday
9:00am - 4:00pm
(Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3:00pm)
(Benediction @ 4:00pm)

24hrs Eucharistic Exposition

3rd Saturday into Sunday
8:45am - 8:00am
(reposed 4:00 - 5:30pm for Mass)
Benediction at 7:50am

Eucharistic Guardian
To sign up or get information to be a Eucharistic Guardian:
smoy.weadorehim.org

The Church is open whenever Mass isn't in progress for adoration. For access to building after hours, please contact:

Kathy McGaughy
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Rosary

This beautiful devotional practice is prayed immediately following every weekday Mass.

Tuesday - Saturday
8:45am

Monday
6:30pm

Sacraments

Please note all sacraments require formational preparation prior to the reception of the sacrament. Please contact the following for more information and to schedule:

Baptism: baptism@smoy.org
(For Baptism please include your phone number when emailing)

Marriage: marriage@smoy.org
(For marriage prep please contact at least 6 months before anticipated wedding date.)

Holy Orders:
vocations@catholicaoc.org



What is a Sacrament?

We all know that being Catholic is awesome! Why? There are so many reasons, but the big one is that we have the Seven Sacraments. This year, we will explore each of those Sacraments in detail in our Domestic Church Corner. You'll be able to read about a different Sacrament in the bulletin on the first Sunday of each month, and then on each of the following Sundays, we'll feature activities related to that Sacrament to help reinforce the teaching.

What are the Sacraments exactly? The Catechism of the Catholic Church says they are "efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us" (CCC 1131).

All of us are both physical and spiritual, we have bodies and souls, united into one person. God is pure spirit, and His son, Jesus, is also pure spirit but Jesus united His divine nature with our human nature when He became incarnate. Incarnate is a fancy word that means Jesus took on flesh, a body just like ours. We know God is our loving father, and like all loving fathers, He wants to give us gifts. God's biggest gift to us is His grace. Grace is His divine life within us, which means, in our souls, grace gives us the means to divinization and holiness. We don't earn it or deserve it; we truly get it as pure gift.

Jesus, in His physical body, had five senses just like we do, and He walked the face of the earth in places like Galilee and Jerusalem. When He was with people, He healed them, touched them, cast out demons, told them stories to teach them, loved them, forgave them, and challenged them to come out of their state of sin. Life was good for those who got to have both a physical and spiritual encounter with

Jesus. But in our age, Jesus is in Heaven, so how we substantially encounter Him today is through the Sacraments. God can give us His grace however He chooses, like in prayer or through little prompts. He doesn't need to do it through the Sacraments. However, since God gave us the Sacraments as the means to receive grace, it is necessary for us to make use of them.

The word sacrament has its origin in the Greek word 'mysterion' and in the Latin word 'sacramentum', meaning something hidden or secret. Jesus wanted to leave us a way to encounter Him and to get the grace we need to become holy. He did it by instituting the Sacraments. He makes Himself present in each Sacrament so that we can have an encounter with Him.

The Seven Sacraments instituted by Christ, include Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. They are even grouped into Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick) and Sacraments of Service (Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders). What's more is that they are meant to accompany us through our human life and its' really big moments. In the Catechism it tells us that "the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all important moments of the Christian life" (CCC 1210).

Back to that earlier definition:

- "efficacious signs" – that means they really do what they say they do. When someone is baptized, water is poured, and words are spoken. Water cleanses physically, but the Sacrament of Baptism cleanses us spiritually of original sin and personal sin. The water is a sign of what's really happening spiritually, which is the cleansing of sins.
- "signs of grace" – what's going on in the physical world is a sign of the grace being poured out in each Sacrament. When sins are confessed and the priest grants absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the grace of forgiveness and the grace to "sin no more" is given to the penitent.

"instituted by Christ" – Jesus gave us every single Sacrament. The Church didn't invent the Sacraments as rituals

or rules to be followed and observed. Jesus knew He wouldn't be walking among us anymore and He wanted us to be close to Him even when He was in Heaven.

"entrusted to the Church" – this means Jesus gave them to Peter and His Apostles (the bishops) to safeguard and administer them. Jesus didn't specify minutely all the details of how each Sacrament would be conferred in terms of the matter and form used (more on matter and form in a minute), rather He left the Sacraments entrusted to the Church to discern the exact matter and form from the teachings of Christ and from Holy Scripture. The Church can't change the substance of the Sacraments but can determine the matter and form when not precisely dictated by Jesus. "by which divine life is dispensed to us." – The Sacraments give us grace, but that grace is totally caused by God and not by what the minister or the form and matter of the Sacrament say or do. God alone causes the grace. The sacraments give us divine life (grace) through the merits of Christ and of His suffering. Jesus instituted the Sacraments, but He could give us the grace, should he choose to do so, without the external ceremony.

When we started this article, we recalled how we are physical and spiritual, and so are the Sacraments. They have physical elements, the matter, for example, water, oil, bread, wine, and they have words spoken, called the form. It takes both the proper matter and the proper form to make the Sacrament valid. A priest or deacon would never use a Pepsi to baptize, because only water is the proper matter. A priest would never say "This is my vital fluid given up for you", because that is not the proper form of the Eucharist.

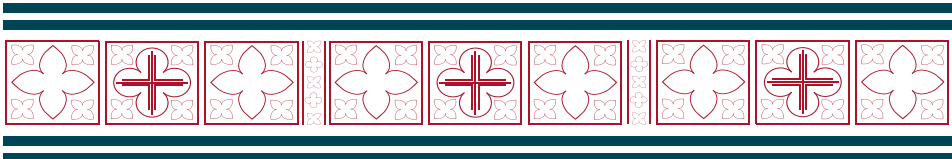
A few other things about Sacraments in general that make them valid are that they are administered by the proper minister, although the efficacy of the Sacrament is not dependent upon that minister's personal holiness. The minister of the Sacrament must have the intention of doing what the Church does, i.e. the minister intends to consecrate bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ and

not into something else.

Adult recipients of the Sacraments must have the intention of receiving them and consent to their reception. When infants and children under the age of reason are baptized, it is the parents who give consent through the authority they have over their children. This authority is given by God. This is because Sacraments impose obligations on us and they confer grace, so God, being a gentleman, does not wish to impose those obligations or confer grace upon anyone without their consent. For instance, a couple receiving the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony has the obligation to live together in peace and love and to be faithful to one another. God would not impose these obligations on a couple without their consent.

All the Sacraments have an effect on us. Primarily, they confer grace to us, but three of them, Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders also produce in our soul a "character" which is an indelible spiritual mark by which we are claimed for God as His children and/or His ordained ministers. Because they mark us permanently, we never repeat the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Holy Orders.

So, get ready, we will explore each of the Seven Sacraments monthly in terms of their matter and form, and their effects on us. For now, reflect on some of the Sacraments you have received and how they have enabled you to live a more Christ-like life.




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Mass Intentions

Monday, September 02 - Labor Day

9:00AM Family of Parishes Mass

Celebrant: Fr. Ed

+ Alvin Dirr

by The Bickford Family

Tuesday, September 03

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen+*

+ Gary Slowick

by The Hacker Family

Wednesday, September 04

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed*

+ Ron Quinlan

by Jack and Charlotte Sharon

Thursday, September 05

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed*

+ Michael Madill

by Sharon Schaefer

Friday, September 06

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen*

+ Roger Albers

by Pam and Tom Bruns

Saturday, September 07

8:15AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed*

For the intentions of Natalie Cohen
and family by Venessa Rahe

4:30PM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Ed*

Parishioners of SMOY

Sunday, September 08

8:30AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen*

+ Hector Diaz

by Carmen Diaz

11:00AM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen*

+ Jim Arnold

by Tony Arnold

5:30PM Mass *Celebrant: Fr. Stephen*

+ Ed Lemon

by Lisa Keegan & Tom Lemon

Celebrants are subject to change without notice.

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Prayer Request

The St. Margaret Prayer Chain Ministry prays for those experiencing a special need or emergency situation. They are a great comfort to anyone who feels alone when facing a time of crisis. You are welcome to be included in this special ministry, or if you have prayer intentions or requests, our prayers can be offered for you.

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Jesuit Spiritual Center Retreats

The Jesuit Spiritual Center's Ministry Team is committed to offering transformational Catholic retreat experiences in the Jesuit tradition. More Info: <https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats/>

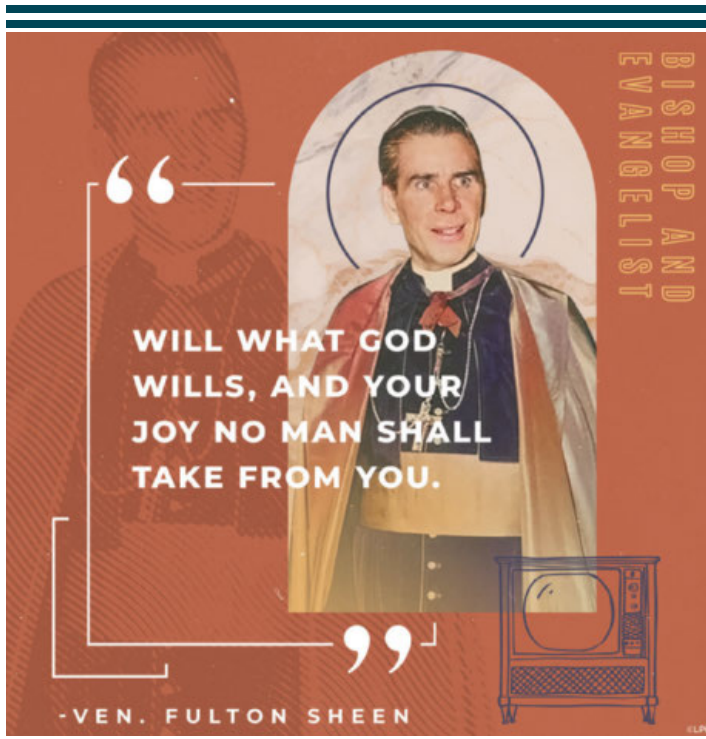
Saint Meinrad Retreat

Saint Meinrad offers a variety of monk-led retreats during the year - on these and other topics at our Guest House and Retreat Center in southern Indiana. More Info: <https://saintmeinrad.org/retreats>

Friends of Jesus

Saturday, September 7, 2024 | 1:00 - 3:00pm | All Saint Saints, Montgomery, OH

Friends of Jesus is a group for adults with developmental disabilities (18 years of age or older). This group's focus is primarily for support, prayer and socializing. We come together in prayer, do some craft-making and enjoy refreshments. New members are always welcome but must RSVP first prior to attending so we can plan for food and craft supplies. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Jane Callan at 513.793.3546.



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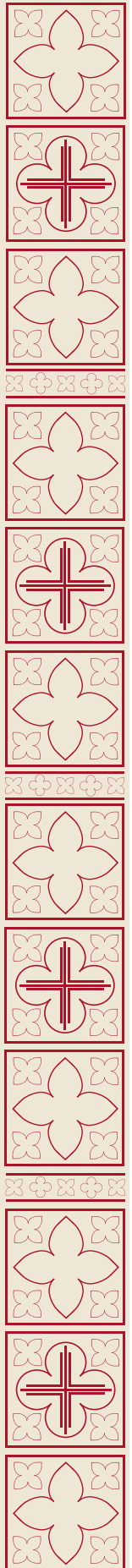
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