

LET THE CHILDREN COME.

MK 10:14





Mass Times

Monday:
6:00pm

Tuesday - Friday:
8:30am

Saturday:
8:15am
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.



Baptism Prep Classes

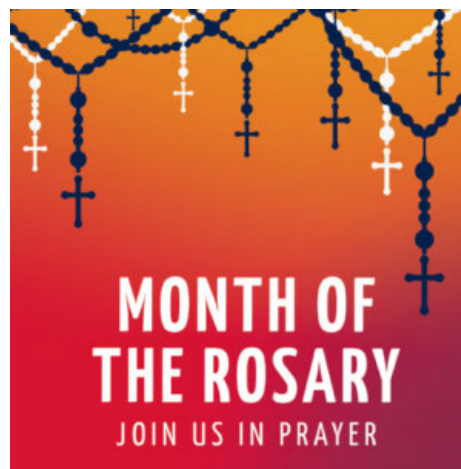
All sacraments require preparation. Baptism Prep Class is for expectant parents who want to have their child baptized. (If your child is already here, congrats. We will still help you prepare for their Baptism with this class.) Once you have completed the paperwork from the class, you will be able to set the date for your child's Baptism. Baptism prep is required for additional children if it's been 4 or more years since your last class or there is a change in pastor. Contact: baptism@smoy.org to sign up for a class. Please provide your phone number when signing up. You can register for the class anytime during your pregnancy. Baptism prep will not be held in January and July.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for January 1 through June 30, 2025 are now available and the initial limit of 5 dates per family is lifted. Please come to the Parish Office or call the office to request your intentions. Recommended stipend is \$5 per Mass Intention.

Safe Environment Reminder

Before being approved to work with youth in our parish or school all adults (18+) must complete the SafeParish™ training and complete an online background check. **More Info:** smoy.org/safe-environment





Sunday Reflection

Fr. Ed Smith

Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

There are few moments as joyful as a wedding in the lives of families. They bring people together, they celebrate a new beginning, and they extol the beauty of love. It seems ironic that something so joyful can also be the cause of such difficult and contentious discussions. But this is the truth. People argue about marriage, what it is, why it is important, whether it lasts for life or not, and who is entitled to enter into it.

Today's topic comes from the first and third readings for this Sunday. Simply stated: What do we believe about marriage, and how do we, as Christians, respond to the sad reality of divorce? Let's face it: very few of us have not been affected by divorce, either in our own families or among our friends. It is a fact of life, and one that can cause much pain and grief. Periodically, one hears commentators speak of the problem of divorce as if it were a relatively modern phenomenon, but the very fact that Jesus addresses it directly in the Gospel shows us that this is not a new issue in the history of humanity.

It was even an issue long before the time of Jesus, going all the way back to the Book of Genesis, written centuries before the Gospel of St. Mark. But both examples are important in that they remind us that marriage is not easy, and that it never was. Both readings also remind us that it takes love, commitment, sacrifice and lots of hard work to make a marriage grow, deepen, and thrive. This does not mean that, sometimes, things do not work out, even though the couple entered into their marriage in good faith. Nor does it mean that, in certain circumstances, the couple should never have gotten married in the first place. Sadly, this does happen.

But these difficulties do not take away from the beauty, greatness and sanctity of a true and lasting Christian marriage. What a gift to the world this is. What an opportunity for heroic love. What a perfect image of Christ's love for His Church. So, even with marriage undergoing many questions these days, we can take great comfort knowing that this sacrament is, first of all, a gift from God, and therefore an opportunity to share in the deepest love humanly possible, and at the same time, become a radiant image of Jesus and his love for His people throughout the world.

Fr. Ed Smith



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Parish Financial Support

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	\$11,996.00

WeShare Offering \$ #'s N/A

Total for current month to date \$67,774.54

Sunday Offerings

(September 2024)

September 01	\$13,170.44
EFT	\$11,113.00
September 08	\$12,807.72
September 15	\$10,491.00
EFT	\$9,753.00
September 22	\$11,272.43
September 29	

WeShare Offering \$ #'s N/A

Total for current month to date \$68,607.59

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

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

Rosary Coast to Coast

Sunday, October 6 | 2:45pm | Church

Please join our Family of Parishes as we pray with our nation during Rosary Coast to Coast at SMOY on Sunday, October 6, 2024 at 2:45pm Bring your rosary but we will have extra here too. If you can only stop in for a few decades, that is ok. See you there! For more information about the Rosary Coast to Coast, follow this link: <http://rosarycoasttocoast.com/>

2

Keeneland Trip

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

Our trip to the historic Keeneland Racetrack is fast approaching. A limited number of seats remain. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see the finest thoroughbred horse racing in the US. The cost is \$60/person which includes transportation and entrance into the races and some fun planned on the trip down. 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.



3

Knights of Columbus - Columbus Day

Monday, October 14 | 7:00pm | Fr. James Brooks Hall

All men of the parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus as we celebrate Columbus Day. Along with a tasty Italian dinner and adult beverages, the Knights are hosting a special guest speaker for this event. Joining us will be Jim Kelly, Jr, former Moeller High School and University of Cincinnati football standout and current radio voice of the Cincinnati Bearcats. Please join us (and bring a friend) on Monday, October 14 at 7:00 in the basement of the church. No RSVP required. We know you'll be there!

4

Prospective Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 17 | 9:00am | School

Parents interested in sending their children to our Parish school are invited to attend one of our upcoming Prospective Parents informational meetings which include a Q&A session, and guided tour of the school. Our first meeting is Thursday, October 17 at 9:00am. RSVP Required.

5

Augie's Adventures: 3-Year Anniversary Celebration & I.E.P. Support Session

Thursday, October 17 | 6:30 – 8:30pm | St. Columban Parish Hall

Augie's Adventures, a support group for families with children who have disabilities, is celebrating its 3-year anniversary on Thursday, October 17th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Columban Parish Hall. We'll have a drawing for an indoor trampoline! Ellen Mavriplis, an I.E.P. Advocate, will speak on reducing stress in I.E.P. meetings and understanding your child's rights. Submit questions in advance to heidi.terselic@gmail.com or anonymously at the meeting. Please RSVP to Heidi Terselic at 630.254.8959. Free childcare is provided. For more info, visit www.augiesadventures1242.org.

6

Training Session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Sunday, October 27, 2024 | 2:00-4:00pm | Church

If you are interested in serving SMOY as an EMHC, please attend the upcoming training session. Ministers must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be practicing the faith. We appreciate your interest and welcome your participation!

Questions: Ken & Sue Ann Klaber / klabersak@gmail.com

RSVP to Confirm Attendance:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6P1iZGCFur>

7

Women & Men's Welcome CRHP2.0 Retreats

Women's Retreat: November 2 & 3

Men's Retreat: November 9 & 10

We all want a community; we all want a home, we all want to find our place in our parish family and more importantly the family of God. Welcome CRHP 2.0 is an opportunity to do just that! The men's and women's retreats take place in early November. This is an enriching, 2-day retreat that will ignite your faith, no matter where you are in your journey, and embolden you to join the life of the parish. The retreat is held at St. Margaret of York (SMOY) and is open to any parishioner of SMOY or a nearby parish.

Sign Up for a Retreat:

Women: <https://bit.ly/3DORr4m>

Men: <https://bit.ly/3xeeAOC>

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

kmcgaughy@smoy.org

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

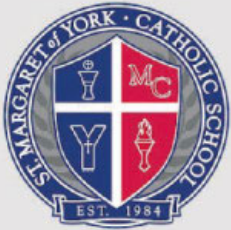
(For marriage prep please contact at least 6 months before anticipated wedding date.)

Holy Orders:

vocations@catholicaoc.org

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Respect Life Ministry Leadership Opportunity

The Respect Life Ministry is seeking a new leader. This is a vital ministry within our parish, focusing on promoting the dignity of human life at all stages. The new leader will receive full support and guidance during the transition process. The ministry's final event for this year is the Day of Prayer at Planned Parenthood, in conjunction with 40 Days for Life, scheduled for October 25th from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. If you feel called to lead this important mission, please consider stepping into this role. Your leadership can make a meaningful impact on our parish and the broader community, please contact Erin Flege at erin.flege@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul - Blue Collection Boxes

We have two blue St. Vincent de Paul (SvdP) collection boxes on our property which are to be used to drop off donations to help our neighbors in need. These are intended mainly for clothes and other smaller non-fragile items which can easily fit into the unit. Recently we have noticed quite a bit of other trashy items sitting alongside the bin. Keep in mind that for furniture and other bigger items that will not fit into the container, please call 513.421.CARE and SVdP will come out to your house with a truck for a **FREE** pickup. Thank You for your continued support of helping our needy neighbors via SVdP.

INCOMING
KINDERGARTENER
FALL CRAFT

Thursday, November 14, 2024
6:00 - 7:00 PM

CONSIDERING ENROLLMENT AT SMOY? YOU AND YOUR FUTURE KINDERGARTEN STUDENT ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A FALL THEMED CRAFT AT ST. MARGARET OF YORK SCHOOL.

WE'LL MEET IN THE CAFETERIA FOR A SNACK AND CRAFT, THEN TAKE A TOUR OF THE KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOMS. SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. RSVP REQUIRED. EMAIL AEISELE@SMOYSCHOOL.ORG WITH QUESTIONS.

RSVP:
[HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/1JDI4E34Y22GRRE8QP-5RS94DVMXUWZXXNPKM3RTOKZI/EDIT](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JDI4E34Y22GRRE8QP-5RS94DVMXUWZXXNPKM3RTOKZI/edit)



DOMESTIC CHURCH CORNER

Baptism: The Permanent Mark of Belonging to Christ

Welcome to the Domestic Church Corner, where we will be exploring the seven Sacraments this year.

Most of us don't remember our baptism if we are "Cradle Catholics", and often don't understand the incredible significance of receiving that Sacrament during our infancy. Baptism, one of the Sacraments of Initiation, along with Confirmation and Eucharist, does what it says, it initiates us into the Church and so much more. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in 1257 says: "The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments."

Effects

With our Baptism come the following effects:

- The forgiveness of all personal sins that were committed before Baptism and Original Sin and all punishment connected with that sin.
- When we are baptized, we become a new creation in Christ. When we are plunged in the waters of baptism, we die to our old self and arise out of the waters as a new creature.
- We become adopted sons and daughters of God. Children to the Father and broth-

ers and sisters to Christ.

- The Holy Spirit dwells in us.
- We are filled with sanctifying grace.
- We are incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, and become brothers and sisters of one another.
- We begin to share in the mission of Christ and become priest, prophet, and king.
- We receive a permanent spiritual mark on our soul, called a character, that claims us for Christ. We never repeat the Sacrament of Baptism because that character is permanent through all eternity. It's a sign that we belong to Christ.
- We are made citizens and heirs of heaven.

That list of what happens because of our Baptism is why as a lifelong Catholic, you were most likely baptized soon after you were born. Your parents cared for your spiritual needs just like they fed you and changed your diapers. Being a part of the Church, being free of the inherited Original Sin and being adopted into God's family are ways your parents cared for you spiritually.

Form and Matter

From learning about Sacraments last month, we know that every sacrament requires two things, form and matter. The form of a Sacrament is the words spoken and the matter, the physical substance(s) used for the Sacrament. "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." is the form of Baptism. Those are the words that must be spoken, and water must be poured over the recipient, either by pouring water over the head or immersing them totally in a font. Water is the only substance we can use to baptize, so diet Coke and weak iced tea are out.

The Baptism rite also has an anointing with oil, a rejection of Satan, and vows that are made by the parents and godparents. The water used for baptism is blessed by the minister of the Sacrament, which can be either a priest or deacon. In an emergency and a case of imminent death, anyone can baptize with water and the form required.

Since we are a body and soul composite, we are also given some outward signs of Baptism such as a white garment, which signifies the soul being purified and transformed, a baptismal candle which signifies that we receive Christ's light within us, and an anointing with chrism, which means we are part of Christ's mission of salvation.

Finally, a word about the role of parents and godparents at an infant or child baptism. The parents, or guardians of the child, make the vow to raise the child in the Catholic faith and they make all the baptismal promises on behalf of the child.

Godparents have a huge role to play that consists of more than helping to hold the child or accept the lit candle. Godparents are to be role models of living the faith and if the parents cannot raise the child in the faith, the godparents take on that responsibility.

Check out the remaining bulletin issues in October for activities to reinforce what we have learned about Baptism. In November, we'll learn about Confirmation.

International women artists' intimate portraits of the Virgin Mother, on loan from collector John A. Kohan's Sacred Art Pilgrim Collection



MOMENTS WITH MARY

July 15 – November 1

MARIAN LIBRARY GALLERY
go.udayton.edu/moments-with-mary

THE TENTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

Eucharistic Procession

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024



8 AM — Mass with Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Covington Bishop John Iffert at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains.

Following Mass — 2-Mile Procession through downtown Cincinnati

11 AM — Final Benediction at Old St. Mary's Church led by Fr. Jon-Paul Bevak and the priests of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

All men are invited to join in a spirit of reverence and prayer.

For more info, contact David Willig at (513) 305-6719 or Doug Jaeger at (513) 417-2503 or visit facebook.com/HolyNameCincinnati

Join the Permanent Diaconate

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, pre-requisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513.263.6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

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>

Discover God's Call for Your Life.

CALLED & GIFTED WOKSHOP

In Baptism and Confirmation, you received special spiritual gifts—charisms—through which God intends his love to reach others. Discern your charisms at St. Gertrude Church's Called & Gifted Workshop and begin to discover God's unique purpose for your life!

October 26 | 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

St. Gertrude Parish Gym

Cost: \$25 (workshop, participant book, and lunch)

To register, scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/charismsfall24.



ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH CATHERINE OF SIENA INSTITUTE

I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE



During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished.

We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:5



need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”¹

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”²

As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”³

**“I am with you always,
until the end of the age.”**

Matthew 28:20

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In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is “the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.

Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound



experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance.

¹ Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).

² *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political*

Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).

³ Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

November 1-3 | Spiritual Center, Maria Stein, OH

Husbands and wives spend lots of time on their jobs, careers, children, and leisure. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? You deserve to learn how to make the most of your time and relationship.

Do you want to rediscover the joy you and your spouse had when you were first married or ordained? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help do just that! Weekends can fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list.

Apply today at <https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php>

For questions or more details contact:

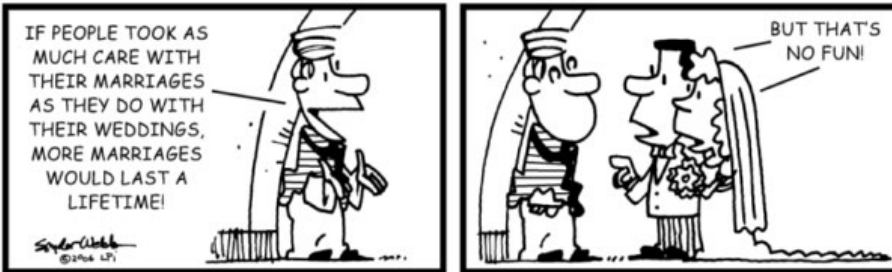
Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859.653.8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org

Friends of Jesus

Saturday, November 9, 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.

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 07

6:00PM

All Rosary Leaders and their intentions by Deacon Paul and Mary Blessing

Tuesday, October 08

8:30AM Mass

+ James Tippett
by Katie Cherry

Wednesday, October 09

8:30AM Mass

+ Angela Buehler
by Barb Becker

Thursday, October 10

8:30AM Mass

+ Kay Bradley
by Sherry Hodge

Friday, October 11

8:30AM Mass

+ Roger Albers
by Pam and Tom Bruns

Saturday, October 12

8:15AM Mass

+ For the marriage of Klayton Hacker and Emily Reddy by The Hacker Family

4:30PM Mass

+ For the intentions of Amy Eisele & family by Venessa Rahe

Sunday, October 13

8:30AM Mass

SMOY Parishioners

11:00AM Mass

+ Virginia Durr
by The Bickford Family

5:30PM Mass

+ Jody Grebenc
by John and Gale McLaughlin

Due to frequent last-minute changes, celebrants will not be listed for now.

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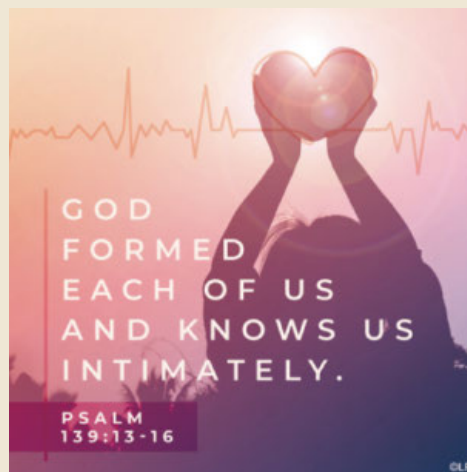
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