

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Latin)
Weekday: 9:00 a.m. (Latin)
Holyday: 9:00 a.m. (Latin) 12:00 Noon & 7:00 p.m. (Latin)

CONFESSIONS: Thirty (30) minutes before Mass Sunday-Friday, Saturday during Holy Hour

BAPTISMS: By appointment only

MARRIAGES: Schedule 6 months in advance (Pre-Cana required)

SECRETARY: Joyce Gordon - 541-4654

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 11	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		Special Intention/RA by Mary Jo Simon Bill Wilson by Edward & Catherine Geiser
MONDAY	12	MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/Wiesman Family
TUESDAY	13	FERIA (IV)
9:00 a.m.		Elizabeth Wiesman by Family
WEDNESDAY	14	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
9:00 a.m.		Poor Souls by Ron & Marilyn Claybron
THURSDAY	15	SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9:00 a.m.		Poor Souls by Ron & Marilyn Claybron
FRIDAY	16	SAINTS EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS
9:00 a.m.		Special Intention/JG
SATURDAY	17	SATURDAY OF OUR LADY
9:00 a.m.		Herb Gable by Sue Prieshoff.
SUNDAY	18	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME/ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		Gene Stroud/8 th Anniversary by Family Robert Henderson by Sam Milano

Sunday, September 4, 2016: (39 Envelopes) Your Gift to God through Your Parish: \$2,920.00

Wedding Banns First Banns Matthew Woeste is to marry Malia Hess at Sacred Heart Church on September 30, 2016.

Ravioli Dinner The next Italian dinner will be held on **Sunday, October 9, 2016**. Frozen ravioli will be made on **September 24 & 25, 2016**. Please volunteer and help support the parish even if you can only work for a couple of hours. Additional volunteers will be needed for the dinner, if you are interested in helping please call Marlene at 922-7007. Thank you!

Catholic Inquiry Classes If you, or know anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please have them contact Fr. Lawrence at Old St. Mary's. Our adult conversion classes will be beginning soon, to prepare for reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Mass Time Change! Please note that beginning today, September 4, the 11:30 a.m. Mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. Please spread the word for this change in the Mass time.

New Mass Weekday Mass Schedule! Beginning on Labor Day, September 5, Sacred Heart will have daily Mass at 9:00 a.m. This will be a Traditional Latin Mass. Confession will be heard a half an hour before Mass Monday-Friday. There will be a Holy Hour following Mass on Saturday when Confession will also be heard. On Tuesday's after Mass, we will pray the Perpetual Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. Beginning in October, there will be adult catechism following Mass on Wednesdays in the Rectory. There will be an opportunity for children's catechism and evening adult catechism on Tuesdays at Old St. Mary's, also beginning in October. This schedule will be re-evaluated for tweaks around Christmas. Please come out and support your parish!

FROM THE PASTOR

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Gelobt sei Jesus Christus! Sia lodato Gesù Cristo! Praised be Jesus Christ!

We hear in the introit (the entrance antiphon) for the Mass of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: "But it behooves us to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ: in Whom is our salvation, life, and resurrection: by Whom we are saved, and delivered."

It is a strange thought, but this instrument of torture and execution has become the symbol of our salvation. To this end, Catholics around the entire world have placed crosses and crucifixes in their homes for centuries. We hear from St. Paul: "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

For us, the cross would be a sign of rejection, embarrassment, destruction. At the time, being executed by way of the cross was our equivalent to the electric chair. Something that was considered shameful and reserved for the most heinous of criminals. Yet, this is the method chosen by Our Lord and a sign to us that God's wisdom is not our wisdom; that God's strength is not our strength. Christ was able to take such an instrument and use it for our salvation. To the point that we now exalt in the Holy Cross, because through it we have found our salvation, life, and resurrection.

This Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14) challenges us on many levels. One such way is that we must challenge our thinking, as God's ways are not our ways. What seems weak to us (the cross, the poor, sickness, etc.) are all mighty in the eyes of the Lord. What seems strong to us (strength, health, wealth, etc.) are all nothing in the eyes of the Lord. It is for this reason that we must choose to either serve the Lord of Heaven and Earth, or we can serve the earth. We can't serve both, because they each ask something different of us. They both demand something different.

When we gaze upon the Holy Cross, our world should be turned upside down. God loved us enough to suffer in such a way. He demonstrated His strength and power at the moment He appeared the weakest. Have a blessed week ahead! – Fr. Jon-Paul