

Please join us for several major liturgies that are the culmination of the Sacred Music Retreat!

The Sacred Music Retreat runs from the afternoon of Wednesday, 8/8 through the afternoon of Sunday, 8/12. Rehearsals will be run by Nick Lemme and Kevin Allen; spiritual conferences provided by Msgr. Wadsworth (eminent liturgist and musician, executive director of ICEL). The retreat focuses on the nature of the liturgical choir – that our practices as well as the liturgies in which we take part are a form of prayer; that our purpose is to elevate the honor and glory of God through our participation in the liturgy; that we must strive to draw souls to Christ through the medium of our music. During the retreat, attendees take part in 5 spiritual conferences, 8 rehearsals, and 14 liturgies that run from 6:15 AM through 9:30 PM, as a means of putting these principles in action. The major liturgies that are the culmination of the Sacred Music Retreat are:

First, Matins and Lauds of the Dead, followed by a pontifical Requiem Mass at Old St. Mary's, on Saturday, August 11. The Matins and Lauds will begin at 9:30 AM. The pontifical Requiem Mass (with absolution) immediately follows – around 10:15 AM.

The Office emphasizes the Catholic viewpoint of sin and death... one of the famous refrains from a Responsory of the Matins is *“timor mortis conturbat me”* – *“the fear of death disturbs me deeply”*. The Requiem Mass balances the plea for forgiveness with a realization of the judgement each of us will face. *“Requiem aeternam, dona eis Domine.” “Absolve, Domine, animas omnium fidelium defunctorum ab omni vinculo delictorum.” “Dies irae, dies illa...” “Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord.” “Absolve, O Lord, the souls of all the faithful departed from every bond of sin. “Day of wrath, that day [of judgment]...how great the quaking when the Judge shall come...when the trumpet will summon all before the throne...when the Judge will sit, whatever was hidden will appear, and nothing will remain unpunished...full of tears will be that day, when the guilty man is to be judged...but spare him O God...merciful Lord, sweet Jesus, grant them rest. Amen.”*

The Office of the Dead and the Requiem Mass will be sung by 45 – 50 singers on retreat from around the country – from California to Maryland, and Minnesota to Texas – under the direction of Nick Lemme, Director of Music for the seminary of the Fraternity of St. Peter in Nebraska, founder and director of several church scholas. Bishop Slattery will celebrate the Mass, joined by several other priests from around the region.

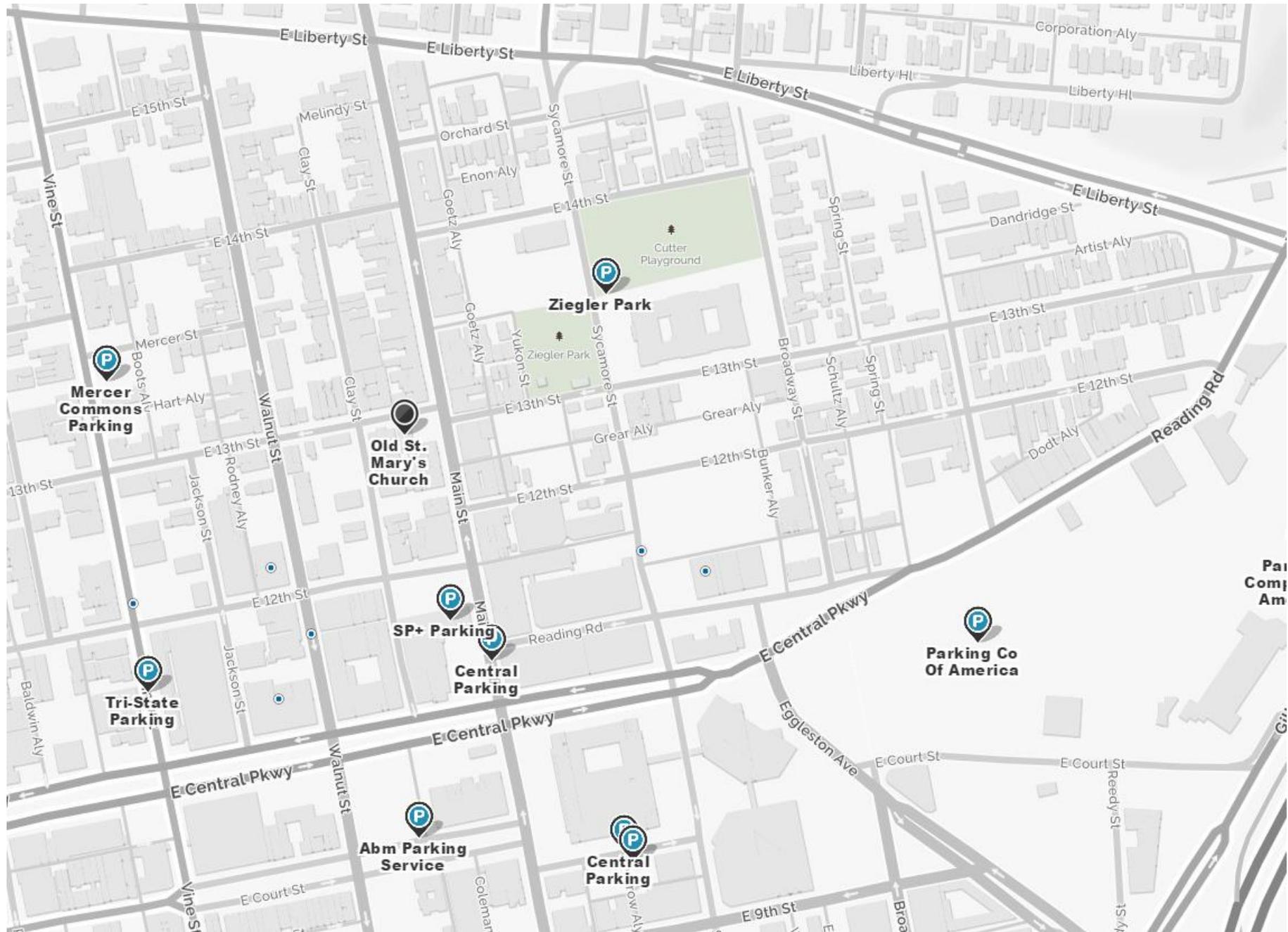
Second, a pontifical High Mass at Sacred Heart, on Sunday, August 12. The Mass will start at 11:00 AM.

This Mass prays for mercy and protection from God. *“Deign, O God, to rescue me; O Lord, make haste to help me. Let those who seek my life be confounded and put to shame. Let them be turned back in disgrace, who desire my ruin.” “Moses prayed in the sight of the Lord his God and said, Why, O Lord, is Thine indignation enkindled against Thine people? Let the anger of Thine mind cease; remember Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to whom Thou swore to give a land flowing with milk and honey. And the Lord was appeased from doing the evil which He had spoken of doing against His people.” “The earth is replete with the fruit of Thine works, O Lord; Thou dost produce bread from the earth, and wine to gladden men's hearts, so that their faces gleam with oil, and bread that fortifies the hearts of men.”*

This Mass will be also be sung by the retreat singers under the direction of Kevin Allen, internationally recognized composer and conductor, director and founder of several scholas. Bishop Slattery will celebrate this Mass as well, again joined by several other priests from around the region.

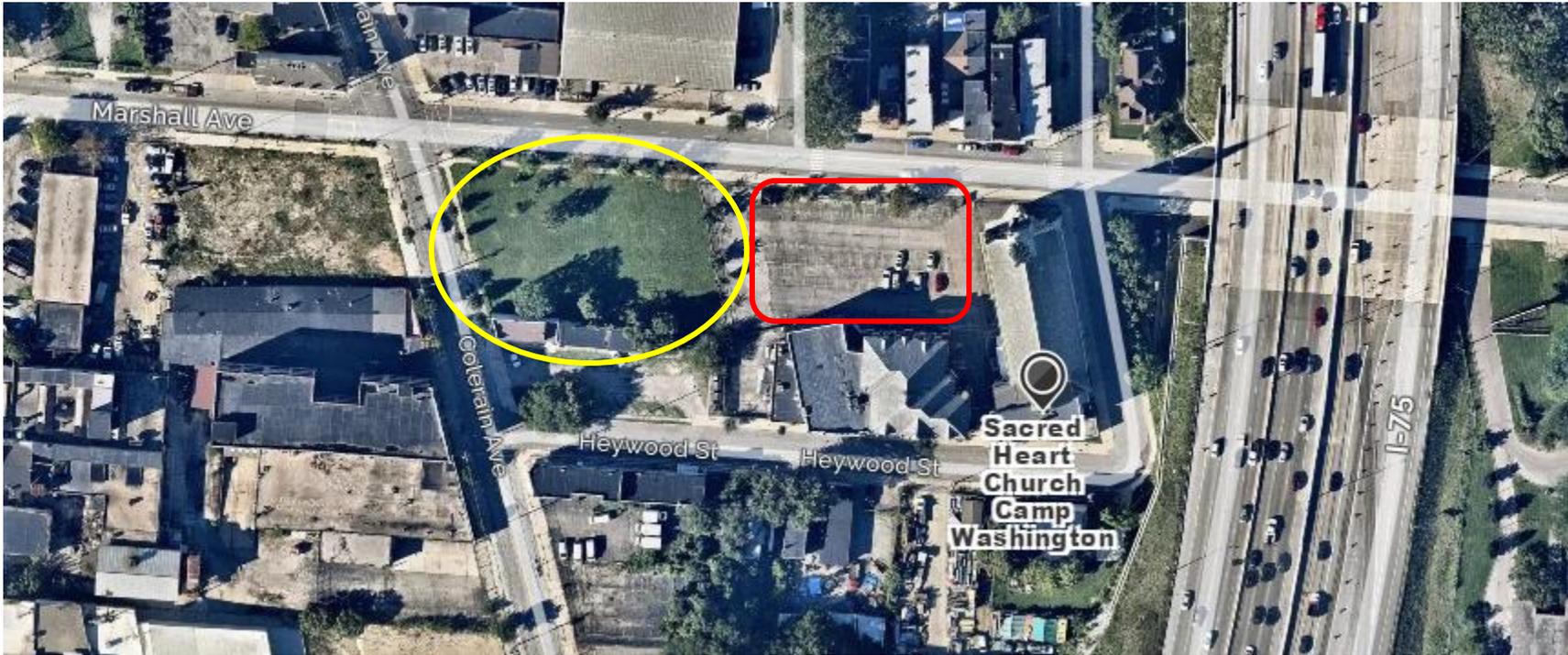
Following Sunday Mass, Sacred Heart will also celebrate Solemn Vespers at 2:30 PM.

Parking near Old St. Mary's



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Parking for Sacred Heart



Parking will be available in the large grass lot adjacent to the church parking lot, as well as on nearby streets.