

SACRED HEART CHURCH



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PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (English) & 11:00 a.m. (Latin)

Weekday: 9:00 a.m. (Latin)

Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. (Latin) 12:00 Noon (English) & 7:00 p.m. (Latin)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thirty minutes before Mass Sunday-Friday

Saturday during Holy Hour

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Novena of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Tuesdays after Mass

Holy Hour: Saturdays at 7:50 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact Parish Office

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (I)
9:00 a.m.	Bill, Mary Lou & Chuck Conway by Conway Family
11:00 a.m.	Special Intention/RA by Mary Jo Simon
MONDAY 19	GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)
9:00 a.m.	Ed Weimer by Sam Milano
TUESDAY 20	GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)
9:00 a.m.	Ed Simon by Wife, Mary Jo
WEDNESDAY 21	SAINT THOMAS (II)
9:00 a.m.	Ronald Newell by Steve Sabatala Family
THURSDAY 22	GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)
9:00 a.m.	Ronald Newell by Steve Sabatala Family
FRIDAY 23	GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)
9:00 a.m.	Ronald Newell by Steve Sabatala Family
SATURDAY 24	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (I)
9:00 a.m.	Livia Santoro by Raffaella Newell
SUNDAY 25	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (I)
12:00 Midnight	Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention/Dan McCullough by Mary Claire, Daniel & Christian
11:00 a.m.	Ethel Haehnle

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday, December 11: (39 Envelopes)

Your Gift to God through Your Parish: \$2,982.00

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: \$739.00

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$593.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please submit names to the parish office!

OLD ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:30 a.m. (Low Latin) 9:15 a.m. (Sung Latin Ordinary Form) 11:00 a.m. (German)
12:30 p.m. (English) & 7:00 p.m. (English)
Monday-Friday 7:15 a.m. (Traditional Latin) & 12:10 p.m. (English)
Saturday 6:45 a.m. (Traditional Latin) & 12:10 p.m. (English)
Tuesday – Adoration 8:00 a.m. – Noon & 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Parish Holy Hour from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. with Confession
Sacrament of Penance offered before Sunday Mass (9:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.)
Daily after 12:10 Mass until 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday 7:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

*You may drop your collection envelope at either parish and it will make its way to its intended destination.

FROM THE PASTOR

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

This upcoming week we enter into our final week of preparation for Christmas Day. Christmas is the day on which the Word made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin is born. It is a day that seemed like any other day, but it is a day that has completely changed the entire world.

The Lord came on that first Christmas so that we would have the opportunity to have Him come to us. He desires us to be like Him so much, that He was willing to become like us. There has never been a person more generous than God. Something we ought to reflect upon often.

He never promised to wipe away our every tear. He never promised us that life would be easy. He never promised that we would always be liked. In fact, His life also shows us a lot of tears, a lot of hard work, and a lot of hatred. But what His life does show us, that if we are faithful, if we sacrifice, if we have deep charity, that we have the opportunity for eternal life.

The story of His life is perhaps the greatest tragedy story of all time. The coming of God was mostly unnoticed, and He was sent from the world rejected and defiled by His creation. But yet, He was so madly in love with us, that He came to offer us great gifts. The most important gift being divinity itself.

As we enter into our final week of Advent, when we celebrate the 'advent' or the coming of God in time, may we ready our own souls for His coming to us.

Please be sure to try to get to Confession sometime before Christmas. Try to make it to a few extra Masses in the course of this week. It is an ancient practice of the Church to fast on Christmas Eve, until the sun begins to go down. This way, we are well prepared for the Christmas feasting, and more appreciative, the next day. I also suggest pulling out your Bibles this week, and reading for yourself or with your family and children the Nativity narratives. Reflecting upon the birth of the Lord in the words of the Evangelists themselves.

Finally, be aware of those not as fortunate. Perform some act of mercy for them, just as someone in Bethlehem looked with mercy upon the Holy Family as they desperately looked for a place to stay. Doing these few things will help prepare us for Christmas, and make us more worthy of the coming of Christ.

Like Holy Week, these are days that altered human history. May we truly live our life as if we have been effected by Christ Himself. May the whole world be set on fire for the love of Christ through our own love and example. Christ can continue to come into the world each day, through us. But we must allow ourselves to be His instruments. Have a blessed week ahead!

Fr. Paul Beach

PARISH NEWS

Christmas is on a Sunday this year. Please find the Christmas schedule below:

Midnight (Traditional Latin Mass)

9:00 a.m. (English)

11:00 a.m. (Traditional Latin Mass)

Christmas Decorating will take place on Thursday, December 22. Please join us to help prepare the Church for the Nativity of the Lord. Things will begin at 1:00 p.m. and go into the evening until complete. Dinner will be served around 5:00 p.m. Come for as much or as little as you can, any hands will be appreciated.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! We are now selling cases of ravioli (20 boxes per case) for \$120.00 each, that's only \$6.00 per box. Quart of meatballs (12) are now \$6.00 and a quart of sauce is \$5.00. If you are interested in sharing with relatives or friends for the holidays please call the office at 541-4654, Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Individual boxes (50 ravioli) may be purchased at \$7.00 per box.

Holy Hour Please join us for a Holy Hour each Saturday before Mass. The Holy Hour begins at 7:50 a.m. and concludes at 8:50 a.m. with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will open ten minutes before the Holy Hour. Confession will be heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

Catechism Classes are held each Tuesday at Old St. Mary's for our children and our adults and on Wednesday mornings at Sacred Heart for adults. Tuesday evening at Old St. Mary's begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m. Confession is available from 7:30 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. with Benediction at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday catechism begins after the daily Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us for these opportunities. Classes will be on Christmas Break from December 20 until January 3. Classes will resume on January 10 & 11.

Retirement Fund for Religious The special collection last Sunday totaled \$539.00 for the elderly religious who have given their lives for the Church. If you missed the collection, please drop your envelope in the offertory collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions We are now accepting mass intentions for 2017. If you wish to request a mass for a deceased relative, friend or a special intention for the living please mail or drop the information in the collection basket. The normal stipend for a mass is \$5.00. If you have any questions please call the office at 513-541-4654.

End of the Year Giving Many people are looking to donate to a good charity, especially at the end of the year (for tax purposes). Why not give to your parish? Please remember Sacred Heart as you consider charities, knowing that you will be remembered in our prayers.

Recently, we have had individuals and groups of individuals solicit parishioners for money, both in church and in the parking lot, I ask that you *not* give money to such individuals. If you notice any solicitation occurring, please bring it to the celebrating priest's attention and discourage it.