

# 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 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER</b>	<b>17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (I)</b>
9:00 a.m.	✦ Leo & Mary Cassini by Ross, Rub, & Cassini Family
11:00 a.m.	Special Intention of Don & Helen Henz
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>18 GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	✦ Gertrude Moses by Paul Schmitt Family
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>19 GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	✦ Emma Medura by Paul Schmitt Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>20 GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	✦ Elmer Jurgens by Paul Schmitt Family
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>21 FERIA OF ADVENT (NEW)/ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
<b>FRIDAY, DECEMBER</b>	<b>22 GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	✦ Hilda Kuchenski by Paul Schmitt Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>23 GREATER FERIA OF ADVENT (II)</b>
9:00 a.m.	Eduardo Acosta by Paul Schmitt Family
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS</b>
9:00 a.m.	Special Intention RA by M.J. Simon
11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo – For the People

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**Sunday, December 10, 2017: \$2,784 (Attendance: 250) Thank you for your generosity!**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Alexander Piening, Jackson, Eric Bantle, Tony Bantle, Hilda Lowell, Jennifer Lowell, Melissa, Terri, Fr. Rob Jack, Katie, Vivian Rose, Dana Ray, Lisa Bergman, Elizabeth Hetrick, Marianne, Emmy & Abby, Nathaniel Lee Taylor

## 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!*

Next Sunday is Christmas Eve. It isn't every year that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in tact, as does the obligation to attend Mass on Christmas Day. Please be sure to check the rest of the bulletin for our Mass schedule on both days. It will be a very busy two days, so please keep your priests in your prayers.

This week I present to you, for your reflection and meditation, the Incarnation has changed human history, and is truly the central moment in time. All time, before it and after it, point to that moment when the Son of God took on human flesh. If we want to know what God has truly done for us, we need only to meditate upon the Incarnation. During these final weeks of Advent, may we meditate upon this central mystery of the Christian Faith, and the mystery that should fill us with great hope. Our Lord became one of us, so that we could become like God. If this isn't the greatest Christmas gift ever given, then it is hard to say what could be. Have a blessed week ahead!

*Fr. Paul Beach*

"It was not enough, says St. Augustine, for the divine love to have made us to his own image in creating the first man Adam; but he must also himself be made to our image in redeeming us. Adam partook of the forbidden fruit, beguiled by the serpent, which suggested to Eve that if she ate of that fruit she should become like to God, acquiring the knowledge of good and evil; and therefore the Lord then said, Behold, Adam is become one of us God said this ironically, and to upbraid Adam for his rash presumption; but after the Incarnation of the Word we can truly say, "Behold, God is become like one of us."

"Look, then, O man," exclaims St. Augustine, "thy God is made thy brother;" thy God is made like thee, a son of Adam, as thou art: he has put on thy selfsame flesh, has made himself passible, liable to suffer and to die as thou art. He could have assumed the nature of an angel; but no, he would take on himself thy very flesh, that thus lie might give satisfaction to God with the very same flesh (though sinless) of Adam the sinner. And he even gloried in this, oftentimes styling himself the Son of man; hence we have every right to call him our brother.

It was an immeasurably greater humiliation for God to become man than if all the princes of the earth, than if all the angels and saints of heaven, with the divine Mother herself, had been turned into a blade of grass, or into a handful of clay; yes, for grass, clay, princes, angels, saints, are all creatures; but between the creature and God there is an infinite difference. Ah, exclaims St. Bernard, the more a God has humbled himself for us in becoming man, so much the more has he made his goodness known to us: "The smaller he has become by humility, the greater he has made himself in bounty." But the love which Jesus Christ bears to us, cries out the Apostle, irresistibly urges and impels us to love him: The charity of Christ presses us!" - St. Alphonsus de Liguori

## PARISH NEWS

**The Second Collection for Religious** raised \$920. Thank you for your generosity!

**Christmas Eve** falls on Sunday this year, and remains a day in which Catholics must attend Mass, to keep holy the Lord's day. The normal Sunday Mass schedule is in effect.

**Christmas 2017 Schedule** Masses for Christmas will be at Midnight (Sung Traditional Mass), 9:00 a.m. (English), & 11:00 a.m. (Sung Traditional Mass). Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year and remains a day of obligation for Catholics to attend Mass. We will have our normal Sunday Mass schedule on December 24.

**The 2018 Parish Calendars** are in! Please find them on the back information table. We ask for a \$2 donation per calendar. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos, we tried to use as many as we could, but over 200 were submitted for consideration!

**Summer Schola Retreat Update** The Latin Mass Choir wishes to say “thank you” to the parish for your support of our first bake sale for the Sacred Music Retreat. At final tally, we raised \$841. Our goal for the year is to raise money to send 16 people to the retreat (approximately \$7,000), and we are well on the way to doing this. In addition to various events this year at Sacred Heart, we are also coordinating several events at Old St. Mary's for the same purpose. **January 21 will be the date of the next bake sale here at Sacred Heart!**

**Frozen Ravioli** is available for purchase. You may contact the parish office to have your order set aside. Boxes of frozen ravioli is \$9. Sauce and meatballs are subject to availability. Remember parish office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Children's and Adult Catechism** A reminder that If your child will be making First Holy Communion or Confirmation, attendance is mandatory at Catechism. The only exception will be if your child is enrolled in another catechism program that is ultimately directed by a priest or religious order. Please speak to Fr. Jon-Paul about this to receive the exception. have resumed for all the children and adults of the parish. The classes will be at Old St. Mary's in Fr. Felten Hall at 7:00 p.m. ***There will be no Catechism until January 9 for our Christmas break!***

**FORMED** Please do not forget about our parish subscription to Formed. Every parishioner can have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including computer, smartphone, and tablet. You may register at [www.formed.org/register](http://www.formed.org/register). Our parish code is NFDBVP. Please take advantage of great opportunity to learn more about our Holy Faith!

**Social after Sunday Mass** Everyone is welcome to the parish hall for a social following the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Please join us, even if just for a moment. Everyone is invited to bring a dish to share from time to time. There will be no Social on December 24!

