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*Presentation of Christ in the Temple, ca. 1648, Philippe de Champaigne*

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### MASSES

#### Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin  
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin  
11:30 a.m. | German  
1:00 p.m. | English

#### Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin  
12:10 p.m. | English

#### Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin  
9:00 a.m. | English

#### First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE\*

#### Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &  
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

#### Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

#### Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

#### Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

#### Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

#### Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with  
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

#### First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

### MASSES

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. | English Mass  
11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

#### Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE\*

#### Sunday

8:30 - 8:45  
10:30 - 10:45

#### Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.



### GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

#### Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one  
month prior to due date to start planning.

#### Weddings

Contact the parish office at least six months prior.  
Must be an active parishioner for at least six months  
before scheduling.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

\*When there is no Mass, please note that there will be no confessions  
beforehand. Check the bulletin for any other changes.



## NOTE *from the* PASTOR

Easter comes very early this year, on March 31. This, however, is not the earliest that Easter can be. The earliest is March 22. How the date for Easter is calculated has been used since 325,

when the first Ecumenical Council, Nicea I, fixed the formula for the date of Easter. The Council determined that the date of Easter will always be a Sunday, and it is the first Sunday following the first full moon on or after the Spring Equinox. Though astronomically this can be somewhere between March 19 and 21, the Church uses March 21 as the fixed date for the Spring Equinox. Following this, the next full moon is March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation, though transferred this year to April 8 due to Holy Week). This means the following Sunday, March 31, is the date of Easter.

The last time Easter was on March 22 was in 1818, and the next time it will be on that date is in 2285. It does not seem we will be here to see it occur that early again.

While a topic for another time, the date of Easter between Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox is often different, though not always. This year, it is over a month apart. Generally, the difference is a week. This is not because we follow a different manner in calculating the date, as we both use the formula as determined by the First Council of Nicea, but rather because we use the Gregorian calendar, and

at least for determining the date of Easter the Orthodox use the Julian calendar. The two calendars are roughly two weeks off due to a miscalculation by Julius Ceaser, who developed the calendar. They had too many leap days, which continues to put the Julian calendar behind the Gregorian calendar. For example, I am writing this column on January 22, but on the Julian calendar, this date is actually January 9.

So as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on March 31, know that Ash Wednesday is February 14. This is a day of both fast and abstinence. You can find the current law regarding fasting and abstinence within this newsletter. It was customary to fast each day of Lent, barring a major feast day occurring, and it is something I would encourage everyone to practice if you can. The Church proposes laws and disciplines to us not as a minimum but in the hope that each of us does the minimum and then more. So think over these next few days and weeks about what you will do to prepare yourselves to celebrate the Feast of Feasts and Solemnity of Solemnities. Previous discipline for preparation was much harder, and in the East was and remains much more difficult. The Church has relaxed these laws in the hopes that we will all freely choose to be disciplined and prepare well to celebrate one of the central mysteries of our Faith.

I pray you all have a blessed month ahead!

*Fr. Jon Paul Bevak*

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## Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence, that is not eating meat, are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## Catholics United for the Faith

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church. The St. Francis of Assisi chapter in greater Cincinnati meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month on the first floor of the school building at Sacred Heart. **Upcoming meetings will feature these speakers:**

**February 12 – Fr. Philip DeVous**

**March 11 – Mother Seraphina of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary**

**May – Fr. Roland Dessine, exorcist of the Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica**

Questions? Please visit [www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati/](http://www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati/) or [www.cufcincinnati.org](http://www.cufcincinnati.org).

## Inquiry Class

Inquiry Class began in October and has progressed through teaching several of the articles of the Apostles Creed. We have about 16 in the class at various levels. The class is now closed to new members for this Easter Vigil, but continue to encourage your family and friends to consider becoming Catholic in the future. **Please call the parish office for more information and to be added to the list for next year.**

**Holy Family Catholic Home Educators** is a community of Catholic families supporting parents who educate their children at home. They welcome families from across the Cincinnati tri-state area, including Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. **Find out more at [hfche.org](http://hfche.org).**



*Christ Crowned with Thorns (Euse Homo), and the Mourning Virgin (detail), 1530s, Adriaen Isenbrandt*

## Adorers Needed!

**Could you not spend but one hour with Me?** Please contact the parish office if you are interested in signing up for an hour, or to substitute. Adoration is on Tuesday, and First Fridays. See our hours under the parish schedule. You may call the parish office or visit [adoration.oldstmarys.org](http://adoration.oldstmarys.org) to sign up. The minimum is two adorers per hour, but our goal is nine hundred! Everyone is welcome at any time during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive!



## Parents' Holy Hour & Tuesday Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who will soon begin meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 in Fr. Felten Hall. Children get to play and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the church. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration or the chance to take children into Adoration for a shorter time period. This is a good opportunity to introduce children to the idea of Adoration. **For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.**



## Sorrowful Mother Novena

Pray with the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month during all-night adoration. Eucharistic exposition and devotions to our Sorrowful Lady start after 7:00 p.m. Mass and continue until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. For more information or to be included in our communication list, contact Mark Sharpshair at [mesharpshair@fuse.net](mailto:mesharpshair@fuse.net).



## Purification High Mass and First Friday

There will be a sung Mass for the Feast of the Purification at Old St. Mary on **Friday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m.** Candles will be blessed at this Mass and will be available afterwards (donations accepted). You may also bring your own candles. If you have candles to be blessed, please arrive no later than ten minutes before Mass and bring them to the communion rail, where a server will take them and place them on the altar. Please label them with your name. Please note that the Feast of the Purification coincides with First Friday, so there will be all-night Adoration following Mass.

## Blessing of Throats

Our annual Blessing of Throats will be after Masses on **Saturday, February 3.** Confessions could be limited as a result—we apologize for any inconvenience.

## Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend

Commitment Weekend will begin on **February 5** for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with families in every parish throughout our archdiocese as witnesses through local, Catholic ministries for people in our own communities. These ministries depend on our help each year. **The goal for Old St. Mary is \$30,265. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$12,951.** Please watch for a mailing from the Archdiocese. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you placed your completed pledge card in the offertory, thank you! To make a gift online, visit [www.CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://www.CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

## Forty Hours of Adoration

Forty Hours of Adoration at Old St. Mary will begin on **Friday, February 23**, with a sung Mass of Exposition at 6:30 p.m. Adoration continues until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night and resumes after Masses on Sunday, concluding with a solemn closing at 3:30 p.m.

## Oratory Parishes Networking Group

We are working to build connections that enable parishioners to buy more from and work more with other parishioners. **We are holding a happy hour on February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Humble Monk and will meet for morning coffee after OSM's 7:15 a.m. Mass on February 15 at Coffee Emporium in OTR** (attendees are permitted to park in the OSM lot). Email Riley Kane at [rkane@KaneElswick.com](mailto:rkane@KaneElswick.com) with questions or to be added to our email list.

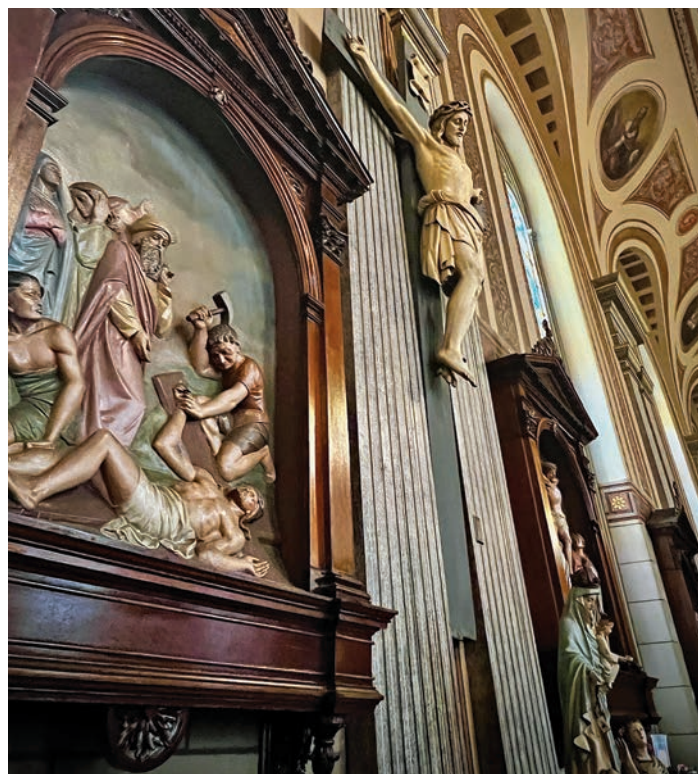


## Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

**Ash Wednesday is February 14.** Please remember that this is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin) Please join us for Mass to begin the Lenten season.

## Stations of the Cross

Please join us this Lent for stations of the cross at Old St. Mary. **The devotion will begin at 5:30 p.m. on each Friday during Lent, beginning Friday, February 16.** Please note that there will be no Stations on Friday, March 1.



## Forty Hours of Adoration

Forty Hours will begin after the morning Mass on **Friday, February 23** and continue until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday night, resuming after Masses on Sunday, and concluding with a solemn closing at 3:30 p.m.

## Fish Fry and No First Friday Mass

Join us for the annual parish fish fry on **Friday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m. at Old St. Mary.** Please note that the 6:30 p.m. First Friday Mass will be cancelled (Stations of the Cross will still take place at 5:30 p.m.).

## Music Ministry

Pre-Lent and Lent are upon us so quickly. We experience the stripping away of every adornment from the liturgy — broken only by the most important feast days & as a respite on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare*. From the burial of the *Alleluia* & retirement of the *Gloria* during Septuagesima, the removal of flowers from the altar & the silencing of the organ as a solo instrument during Lent, the veiling of images and silencing of the *Gloria Patri* during Passiontide, and the complete absence of the organ even for accompaniment from the *Gloria* of Holy Thursday to the *Gloria* of Holy Saturday, it is as if all of these adornments were in place only to set us up to experience their absence, to underline the enormity of Christ's sacrifice, and the reality of His death on the Cross.

Although the liturgical rubrics now are very plain about the use of instrumental music during the sacred liturgy during the Forty Days, there is an enormous body of magnificent devotional music written for voices and instruments alike throughout the centuries, intended for use during this sacred time to help the faithful fruitfully meditate on the mystery of the Passion. We are grateful to be able to present some of that music in its proper devotional context this year.

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30pm at Old St. Mary's Church for the Musical Oratory of Lent**, sponsored by the Anerio Institute (thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our patrons and donors).

The Oratory Singers and members of the Parish Orchestra will be presenting the monumental *Membra Jesu Nostri* (The Limbs of Our Jesus), by the North German Baroque composer Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707), who was one of J.S. Bach's major inspirations and influences.

This music sets portions of a medieval Latin devotional text, *Salve mundi salutare*, often attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux but likely written by the Cistercian abbot Arnulf of Leuven, and it is from this text that the beloved Passion hymn, *O Sacred Head Surrounded*, is ultimately taken. Both the poem and the musical setting are divided into seven sections, each focusing its prayer and reflection on one of the seven wounds of Christ — the feet, nailed to the Cross, the knees, cut and bleeding from the falls, the hands, the side, the chest, the Heart, and the Face.

We will be enriching our presentation of Buxtehude's music with a translation of verses from each section of the poem for the congregation to sing, set to the unique and moving harmonizations of the tune found in J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion, allowing those in attendance to make these beautiful prayers and reflections on the Passion of Christ, that great act of love for sinners, their own.

We hope you will join us, and tell others about it.

A very blessed and fruitful Lent to all of you.

– Sean Connolly, Director of Sacred Music, Old St. Mary

## Carmelite Corner

First, we would like to thank everyone for your prayers and support and are happy to announce the entrance of **Miss Maria Haacke** on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

The **Society of the Little Flower** (the “Little Flowers”) will meet on February 3, at the usual time. On February 8, at 3:30 p.m. we will visit the nursing home formerly run by the Little Sisters of the Poor. Last year they asked us to come back and sing to the residents and to not forget them when the Sisters left. The **Sodality of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** for the older girls will resume events and meetings in February. **Ascend Carmel** will also resume their meetings in March. Email [FlosCarmeli@carmelitedaughters.org](mailto:FlosCarmeli@carmelitedaughters.org) for more information on any of these groups.

We are getting closer on **the renovation of 1209 Clay Street**, the second building of our convent, much needed for room for the young women asking to join us. Renovating this building has been quite expensive — it was entirely gutted. If you are interested in donating your time or monetarily, you can email us at the above address — especially when we are ready to sand and paint! For donations, visit [give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters](http://give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters).

Stay tuned for more updates and information on our upcoming fundraising event. And be assured of our daily prayers for you and your families! Pax et gaudium!





## Baptisms

Ava Salinas-Albrecht  
Atticus James McKay  
Talulla Marie O'Mara

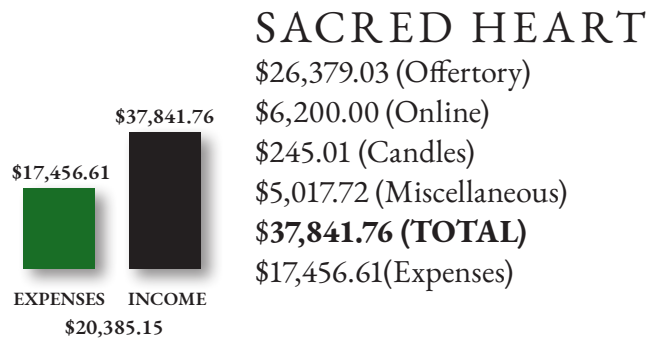
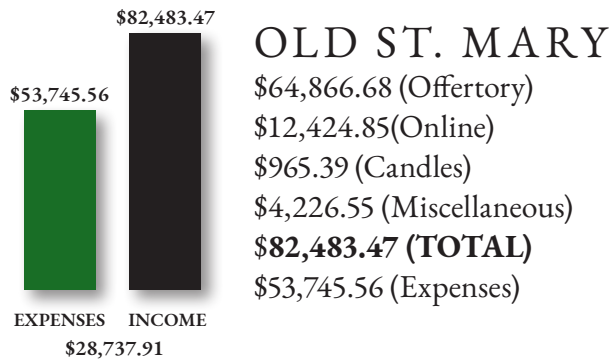
## Weddings

Svava and Reuben Stamper

## Pray for Our Sick

Viktor Wilhelmy, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Judy Benvie, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Paul Bevak, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Regina Albers, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes and Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, Carlos Latorre, and Christine Marshall

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