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Old St. Mary office hours are Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Sacred Heart office hours are by appointment.

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. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 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

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. | Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday

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

First Saturday

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, attending Mass,
for at least one year 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



The Church dedicates the month of February to the **Holy Family**, and it is fitting that she does so at this quieter point in the year. The feasts and joy of Christmastide have passed, and yet the Lord remains hidden—living a life of obedience, work, prayer, and fidelity within the home of Nazareth. These years of silence were not incidental. They were essential.

The Holy Family reminds us that holiness is most often formed not in extraordinary moments, but in daily faithfulness: in patience, sacrifice, and perseverance when little is seen or celebrated. In an age that prizes immediacy and visibility, the hidden life of Nazareth teaches us the enduring power of constancy and trust in God's providence.

This month is an especially fitting time to entrust our families to the care of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Many families today carry unseen burdens, yet the Holy Family assures us that no quiet offering is ever wasted. In a particular way, we also entrust the Oratory itself to the Holy Family. As St. John Henry Newman once described it, the Oratory is a domestic circle—a family bound together by prayer, charity, and fidelity to Christ.

On **Monday, February 2**, we celebrate the **Feast of the Purification**, also known as the **Feast of the Presentation of**

the Lord. On this day, Our Lady humbly submits to the Law, and Christ is presented in the Temple, where Simeon proclaims Him to be a light for the nations. God's promises are revealed not with spectacle, but through obedience and trust. It is on this feast that candles are traditionally blessed, reminding us that Christ remains the Light who endures through the darkness.

If you wish to have candles blessed, please arrive at the evening Sung Mass (**6:30 p.m.**) at least fifteen minutes early and ask a server to place them near the altar. Candles should be boxed and clearly labeled, and may be collected following Mass.

Later this month, on **Wednesday, February 18**, we enter the sacred season of **Lent** with **Ash Wednesday**. On this day the Church calls us to repentance and renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Ash Wednesday is a day of **fast and abstinence**. Fasting binds those aged 18 to 59, and abstinence from meat binds those aged 14 and older. Those who are ill or have serious health concerns are dispensed from these obligations. Ash Wednesday Mass times are as follows: at Old St. Mary's — 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English), and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). At Sacred Heart — 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin).

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. May the Holy Family watch over our homes and lead us into a holy and fruitful Lent.

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

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Conversion Class

There will be no Conversion Class on **February 2**.



Women's Oratory

Ladies looking for spiritual recharging, fellowship and community are welcome to our monthly Women's Oratory meeting, typically held on the first Saturday of the month. Our February meeting is

our Annual Tea Party **February 7** at Sacred Heart Auditorium at 10 am (We are asking for an RSVP for the Tea to get a general head count). Our next meeting is **March 7**, featuring speaker Dave Staples presenting on the Shroud of Christ. If you would like to learn more about our meetings or join the email list, please reach out to Lisa Bloomfield lisamariebloomfield@gmail.com

Catholics United for 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 Church, Room 202. The upcoming meeting will be on **February 9** and will feature Father Jacob Straub on "The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell." For more information, please go to: www.cufcincinnati.org or www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati

Sacred Heart Potluck Social

Join us in the church hall at Sacred Heart for a potluck-style social event on the second Sunday of this month after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Bring your Favorite food or beverage and get to know the members of our church.

Evening Confessions

The children preparing for First Communion will make their First Confession on the evening of **March 4** during the Holy Hour. There will be no general confessions this night, and confessions will be limited to our First Communicants. Adoration and Catechism will otherwise carry on as normal."

Men's Secular Oratory meeting will meet next on Saturday, February 28 at 8 a.m.

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 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!



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 mesharpshair@fuse.net.

Learn about the Faith

Just a reminder that the parish has a **FORMED** account that you can use to access Catholic videos and resources to learn about the Faith. To register, visit formed.org and click sign-up. Register as a parishioner and search for Oratory Parishes or use 45202 as the zip code. You will then have access to these resources!

Cold and flu season is upon us. If you or a member of your household has a fever, chills, or are just feeling poorly, give health the priority and please stay home. Thank you for your charity in caring for others.

Annual Statements

Please contact the parish office if you would like an annual statement and letter of your charitable giving. For those who donate directly to The Oratory, they will automatically be sent this out by the end of the month.

Purification Masses

Candlemas falls on Monday, **February 2**, this year. The High Mass at Old St. Mary will begin at 6:30 p.m. You may bring your own candles to blessed at this Mass. 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.

Pancake Breakfast at Sacred Heart

St. Edmund Campion Academy will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Hall. Please join us to get to know the school and to enjoy a delicious breakfast. Students will be selling tickets after the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart on **February 2 and 8**. Thank you and hope to see everyone there!



St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Our annual Blessing of Throats will be after Masses on Tuesday, **February 3**. We will continue to bless throats after the daily Masses that week and again on Sunday, **February 8**.

Please note: the Parish Office will be closed on February 16 for Presidents' Day. And, Catechism, Confession and Evening Adoration is cancelled on Tuesday, February 17.

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday (**February 18**) and Good Friday (**April 3**) 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 18-59. 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.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday is **February 18**. 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.



Soup and Salad Dinners After Stations of the Cross at Old St Mary

Please join your fellow parishioners for potluck soup and salad dinners after Stations of the Cross on **February 20 and March 13, 20, and 27**. Please bring a dish to share. Dinner will be in Fr. Felten hall. Someone will be in the hall 30 minutes before Stations to receive the food and to set up.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held at Sacred Heart following the morning Friday Mass each Friday of Lent except Good Friday. Stations of the Cross will be held at Old St. Mary's on the Fridays of Lent at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Stations at Old St. Mary's on February 27 (Forty Hours) or March 6 (Fish Fry). Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be at Old St. Mary's at 11:00 a.m.

Forty Hours of Adoration

Forty Hours of Adoration at Old St. Mary will begin on **February 27** after the morning Mass 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. Visit fortyhours.oldstmarys.org or use the sign-up sheets in the back of church. Please make sure you sign up!

Please note: Sung Sunday Vespers is cancelled on Sunday, March 1. Please join us instead for the Solemn Closing of Forty Hours.

Bockfest

Old Saint Mary will once again be having our annual Bockfest Fish Fry fund raiser on Friday, **March 6** between the hours of 4:00 p.m.-9 p.m. This historic event is held in the parking area on 13th and Main Street on the parade route.

We will be serving up our fish sandwiches, fries and mac & cheese bites along with Servatii's Bakery pretzels and strudel. Refreshments will be available. If the weather is good, we may get a visit from Vereins Musikanten German Band.

At this time, we are asking for volunteers to help set-up, prepare, and serve. Most important, the breaking down and clean-up afterwards. We start setting up that Friday, around 11:00 a.m - noon, and hope to be serving around 4:00 p.m.. In the past, after serving 600+ sandwiches, we have been cleaning up around 9:00 p.m. We need to clear the lot for Masses on Saturday, and Sunday.

If you are interested in helping out or making donations, please contact Eric Muench at emuench18@gmail.com. Or just come down for the beer, food and gemutlichkeit.

Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As we draw near to the time of the Great Fast (Lent) we should approach with expectation, desire, and holy joy as much as with a spirit of repentance. It is a time of grace for us to look inward and see the areas where we fail to be like Christ and then to raise our eyes from ourselves and to fix them on God. "Look to the Lord and be radiant." Or "Fix your gaze on the Lord and let your face grow bright." The East calls it "bright sadness."

As we grow aware of our great need of a Savior and deep poverty we learn of the joy of Mary, the Theotokos. "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" But how can we rejoice in such a Savior, until we come to see our great need of one and for sanctification. As St. Therese said, "it is Your love than must transform me, O Jesus." The only perfection is that of the heart and the only power that can bring us to this place of joy is love. Deus caritas est. Of the first Christians they said, "see how they love one another?" What a graced time we approach to look within and fix our eyes on the Lord so as to be redeemed. (Psalm 34:5)

We are eagerly preparing for the children's First Confessions which will be on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. In class we focus on our love of and relationship with God, so that we will choose to not sin and make the most loving of choices. When we do as St. Paul said- the things we do not wish to, and fail to do the things we will, we get right back up again and approach God as a child. Full of faith and humility, growing stronger, wiser, and more humble ... and more dependent upon God's power and grace. We somehow forget this often as adults. As Holy Father St. John of the Cross said, "I lowered myself so low, so low, that I was raised so high, so high that I took the prey." Whatever humbles us should bring us closer to God and fill us with a special kind of joy.

Please see our newsletter for further information on our community and upcoming events. And in the meantime, let us look to the children who can teach us so much and who are often closer to God because of their littleness and simplicity. Because of their trust and their love.

For after all, "in the evening of life we shall be judged by Love." (St. John of the Cross) and that is all that we can take with us when we depart from this world. It is truly, "the one thing necessary."

(Luke 10:42)



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A blessed and holy season of the Fast to your and yours!

Pax et gaudium!

Musical Notes

Thanks to everyone who attended "Et Lux in Tenebris Lucet: Exploring Light and Darkness in the Art and Music of the Nativity," the Anerio Institute's sacred art and music event in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. It was a great success, a beautiful evening, and seemed to be very well-received. If you missed it, stayed tuned for similar offerings in the future! Congratulations to Suzan Sammons, who won the first Anerio Institute Sacred Art Essay contest!

The Anerio Institute took advantage of a fortunate opportunity to purchase a harpsichord on extremely reasonable terms. Having this instrument will greatly expand our ability to present sacred musical offerings of greater variety in the Sacred Heart Auditorium, where it will primarily be used, taking advantage of an outstanding venue with wonderful acoustics and potential for hospitality. Thanks to all of our generous donors, who make these efforts possible.

On Wednesday, February 11, at 7 p.m., in the Sacred Heart Auditorium, the *Laudate Pueri* Children's Schola Cantorum will join forces with the Oratory Singers and period instrumentalists for their annual Shrovetide Concert, this year presenting a performance of Augustin Pflieger's *Passionsmusik* of 1670, a moving Passion-oratorio centered on the Seven Last Words. This is one of the precursor works to J.S. Bach's great *Passions* and a poignant preparation for Lent. It will be presented in a devotional context and alongside instrumental sonatas by composers contemporary to Pflieger, and will feature our new harpsichord!

On Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Old St. Mary's Church, the Oratory Singers and Parish Orchestra will be presenting the annual Musical Oratory of Lent. Please stayed tuned for more details!

As we enter Septuagesima, the Church again invites us to make conscious preparations to observe fruitfully the solemn forty days of Lent. Solo organ music may still be heard, flowers and relics may still find a place on the altars, and the music is not yet that of the Lenten fast, but the vestments of violet, the loss of the joyful exclamations of the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia*, all remind us to take heed of what is to come.

I've often reflected with my choirs on the beauty of the penitential seasons as a way of returning to the basics both in our spiritual and our musical lives, as we return to what is most fundamental and strive to do it as well as possible. May you and your family find this period of pre-Lent and the beginning of the solemn Lenten Fast a fruitful and grace-filled opportunity to deepen your encounter with and love for Christ. Please consider taking full advantage of these beautiful musical opportunities, of the regular offering of Vespers and Stations, and the special liturgies of this season, to help you on the way. These things we do for the glory of God—but also for the upbuilding of His people.

– Sean Connolly, MCM - Director of Sacred Music / Organist

Pray for Our Sick

Jeannie Bayer, Vincent Latorre, Mary Ann Ridenour, Kathleen M. Campbell, Andrew Finck, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, 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, Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes, Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, and Carlos Latorre

Baptisms

Lydia Jane Rybka
Diana Ruth Bloofield
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Elowen Rose Koopman

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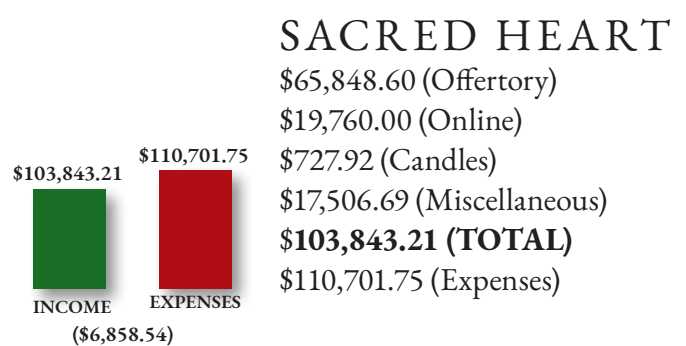
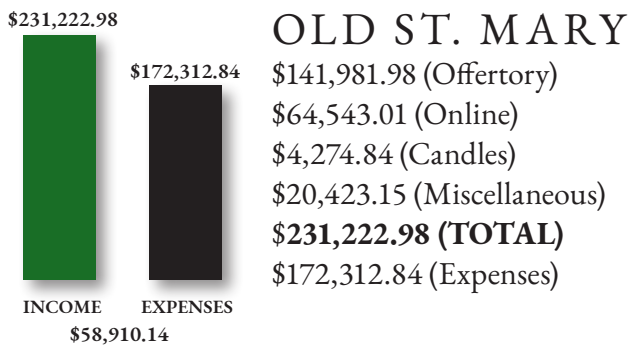
**We are in the process of updating our list. If you know of anyone to be added or removed from the list, please contact the parish office.*

“And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.” - John 1:14

Wedding

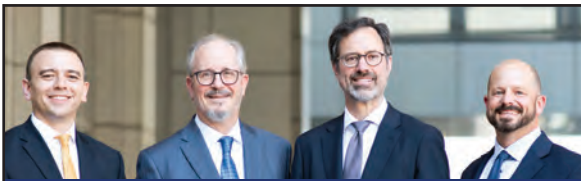
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