



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00 am (Low Mass) 10:00 am (Missa Cantata)
Mon, & Thurs	7:30 am
Tues	7:00 am
Wed & Fri	6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am
Holy Days	Check Bulletin

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

Friday	5:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
Sunday	7:30 & 9:30 am

Any time by appointment.



## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Active registered parishioners should contact the Pastor at least six Months in advance of the date.

## BAPTISM

Please contact the office.

## LAST SACRAMENTS AND SICK CALLS

Please contact the office. In an emergency requiring Extreme Unction or Viaticum please call 267-6123


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**


Sunday Nov. 18	Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
8:00 AM	John and Anna Koralewski
10:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday Nov. 19	St. Elizabeth, Widow
7:30 AM	La Ree Caramella +
Tuesday Nov. 20	St. Felix of Valois, Confessor
7:00 AM	Bob Fiorucci +
Wednesday Nov. 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:00 PM	Katie M. Baumle +
Thursday Nov. 22	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Nicholas Pfeiffer
Friday Nov. 23	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
6:00 PM	Sonja Pfeiffer
Saturday Nov. 24	St. John of the Cross, Doctor
9:00 AM	Susan Koralewski +
Sunday Nov. 25	24th and Last Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 AM	Claire Till +
10:00 AM	<i>Pro Populo</i>



**THURSDAY, NOV. 22**

**Due to the secular holiday, Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM this Thursday.**

**32nd Annual Bishop's Appeal**

The Annual Bishop's appeal has successfully ended. We reached our goal in pledges with \$14,695 in pledged donations, 112% of our goal. Please remember that any amount paid in excess of our goal comes right back to the parish, free of assessment. Thanks to everyone for their great generosity!

**HELP WANTED**

There is need of a volunteer to pay the parish bills and other light bookkeeping tasks. This requires about 3 hours per month, as most of the work has been semi-automated. All that is required is the ability to use a web browser, basic arithmetic, some common sense, and the ability to follow directions. This can take place at any time, even nights or weekends, provided a consistent day/time is determined. A visit would not be required every week. If you are able to help in this way, please contact the pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Rhoades has expressed his desire to schedule our parish for Confirmations in late 2019. We are once again planning a joint ceremony with St. Stanislaus in South Bend. It was hoped that this time we could have it here at Sacred Heart, but this means that we would have to have a sufficient number of those to be confirmed to justify that.

The "preferred" age in this diocese for candidates for Confirmation is 13 or 14, but the US Bishops' Conference places the age starting at the age of reason and being postponed no later than the 16th year of age.

**Please join your fellow parishioners for coffee and donuts after the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Sunday of the month, or after the 10:00 AM Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month. This is also the time to visit our small lending library of good Catholic books and media. This is located just across from the bathrooms in the school basement.**

## Resumed Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

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A more mature understanding of the faith and the Christian life is required, but always proportional to one's chronological age. Some children, being more precocious than others, might be well prepared at a very young age, and are encouraged to receive the sacrament earlier than the preferred age, which is after all merely a preference, not a precept. Those desiring to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are asked to contact the pastor or the church office as soon as possible. There will be a catechism class conducted based on Fr. Connell's Confraternity Edition of the Baltimore Catechism #3 and the booklet "Preparation for Confirmation" by Angelus Press, both of which will be provided by the parish.

Please be prompt in responding so that we can begin planning.

### **SERIES ON THE SACRED LITURGY**

Our look at the sacred liturgy will continue in the spring. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a successful parish event!

### **SECULAR VS. RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS — PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Parishioners are reminded that the secular holiday celebrated this week has no connection to the Catholic church's liturgical cycle, specifically to the Christmas cycle, which runs from Dec. 25 through Feb. 2, the feast of Candlemas. It would ordinarily be a bit early to remark on these matters, but given the sad state of our society, it seems opportune to reflect on this excerpt from the chapter "Advent" in the fine book *Religious Customs in the Family* by Fr. F. X. Weiser, S.J.

### **ADVENT**

The holy season of Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the "Coming" of the Lord. It is a threefold Coming of Christ for which we should prepare our souls. First, the celebration of His coming in the past, two thousand years ago, when He was born at Bethlehem, just as we celebrate our own birthday every year. Then His Coming in the present, in Mass and Communion and with many special graces, on Christmas Day. Finally, His Coming in the future, when Heaven will start for us and when we shall greet Him in the bliss of eternal glory, if only we die in His grace.

Children have a keen understanding of these various aspects of preparation in Advent. Some parents, however, do not seem to be interested enough in meditating on and understanding these truths themselves, and so are not able to explain them to their

little ones. Thus, the joyous anticipation of the feast is restricted in many homes to the very features that are least important, especially since their original religious meaning is no longer understood, like the figure of Santa Claus, the Christmas tree, the presents, the Christmas displays in department stores, the symbols and festive decorations in the home. All this amounts to a shallow spirit of joy and excitement.

True preparation for Christmas must be centered around the liturgical thoughts mentioned above and manifested by daily prayer. All members of the family should be acutely aware that love of Christ, prayer, personal holiness and some penance are the main features of the Advent season. External customs and symbols should never disturb, but only deepen, this spiritual attitude...

One negative demand has to be stressed in our time if you truly wish your family to observe Advent in the spirit of holy liturgy. Modern commercialism has introduced the abuse of starting the Christmas celebration on Thanksgiving Day, of displaying the Christmas symbols through all the weeks of Advent, and of presenting Christmas music on radio and television a whole month in advance of the feast. The spirit of Advent, a spirit of prayerful penance and meditation, is utterly absent from these displays. Such untimely anticipation of the Christmas festivities tends to rob the feast itself of a joyful and radiant celebration. No wonder a 13-year-old boy was heard to remark: "By the time Christmas comes I am sick and tired of it."

Christmas does not start until the evening of December 24 [after dusk]. After the dark and dawn of Advent it should rise like a glorious sun before the eyes and hearts of our children, sudden and fresh in all its joyous features.

What can we do about it? Since it is not possible to stop the abuses which commercialism has introduced (unless enough parents protest), you can only try to protect your family from this harmful influence. As far as possible, do not let your children listen to Christmas music and Christmas programs in Advent. Do not take them to see the displays in department stores except perhaps during the last few days before the feast. Do not allow them to go to Christmas parties long before December 25. (This abuse is sometimes practiced even in Catholic schools and organizations.) Do not decorate your home before Christmas Eve.

Instead, try to explain to your children why they should cooperate willingly in avoiding all such premature celebration of Christmas. After all, we do not sing "alleluia" on Good Friday either, nor do we hold an Easter parade on Holy Thursday.