



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 Dec. 16 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent Teresa Miller <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday Dec. 17 7:30 AM	Greater Feria of Advent Chris Farley +
Tuesday Dec. 18 7:00 AM	Greater Feria of Advent Larry Koralewski
Wednesday Dec. 19 6:00 PM	Ember Wednesday of Advent James Linder, Sr.
Thursday Dec. 20 7:30 AM	Greater Feria of Advent Ronald Norton +
Friday Dec. 21 6:00 PM	St. Thomas, Apostle Rose Pfeiffer
Saturday Dec. 22 9:00 AM	Ember Saturday of Advent Tom Widmer +
Sunday Dec. 23 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent David Segan <i>Pro Populo</i>



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 24 — 7:30 AM Low Mass

11:30 PM — Carols followed by Low Mass at midnight

Tuesday, Dec. 25 — 9:00 AM High Mass

A reminder that Dec. 25 is a holy day of obligation.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION — MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have heard back from Bishop Rhoades, and we are scheduled for **Saturday, October 5, 2019**, at 6:00 PM. We plan to have the formal prayers and ceremonies attached to the episcopal visitation found in the pontifical. These ceremonies are a more elaborate way to receive one's bishop at the church, and include the sacrament of Confirmation. A reception will follow.

If there are any more that wish to be confirmed next year, please contact the pastor. 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. A more mature understanding of the faith and the Christian life is required, but always proportional to one's chronological age. Some children,

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

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. 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.

FRANK SMITH ENDOWMENT

We have recently received a check for \$18,143 from the Frank Smith Endowment. This foundation was established by Harold Smith in memory of his brother Frank. Their parents Frank and Edith also added bequests to the foundation. Both Frank and Harold grew up on the south side of Fort Wayne. Sacred Heart was included as a benefactor of this endowment when Fr. Glenn Kohrman was pastor of Sacred Heart. Let us remember Frank and Harold Smith and their families in our prayers!

Ember Days

From the 1917 Catholic Encyclopedia

“E m b e r d a y s (c o r r u p t i o n f r o m Lat. *Quatuor Tempora*, four times) are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the Church as days of fast and abstinence. They were definitely arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VI (1073-1085) for the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after 13 December (S. Lucia), after Ash Wednesday, after Whitsunday, and after 14 September (Exaltation of the Cross). The purpose of their introduction, besides the general one intended by all prayer and fasting, was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy. The immediate occasion was the practice of the heathens of Rome. The Romans were originally given to agriculture, and their native gods belonged to the same class. At the beginning of the time for seeding and harvesting religious ceremonies were performed to implore the help of their deities: in June for a bountiful harvest, in September for a rich vintage, and in December for the seeding; hence their *feriae sementivae*, *feriae messis*, and *feriae vindemiales*. The Church, when converting heathen nations, has always tried to sanctify any practices which could be utilized for a good purpose.”

In former days, the Ember days were days of fast and abstinence (1 main meal , 2 smaller meals and no meat).

Although this discipline no longer binds Catholics under pain of sin, we have so little that does bind us under sin in the modern day that we would do well to observe these opportunities for additional penance. Although this year, the feast of St. Thomas takes precedence over Ember Friday, one may still observe it as a day of penance.

Opportunity for Girls

Our parish has provisionally invited the Sisters, Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, from the St. Benedict Center in Massachusetts to host a day camp for girls in the spring of 2019, if we are able to determine there is enough interest in such an undertaking.

The camp would likely be March 14-16, from about 8am -4pm each day. Activities would include Mass, talks by the Sisters, craft projects, the Rosary, and more. Girls ages 6 and older would be welcome.

The registration fee will be no more than \$50 per person, with the possibility of reduced fees for multiple children in a family, depending upon the number of attendees.

Attendance is not limited to members of our parish. If you, or others you know, are interested, please contact Barbara Pestritto at bpestritto@yahoo.com, and we will keep you updated on the status of the camp. For more information about the Sisters, or particularly about the girls' camp they run in New Hampshire each summer, visit their website:

<https://www.saintbenedict.com>, or <https://www.saintbenedict.com/apostolates/montfort/item/116-morning-star-summer-camp>

Perhaps you might also keep this endeavor in your prayers.

MASS REQUESTS

If you desire a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention, please place the offering along with the specific intention in writing in an envelope clearly marked **Mass Intention** and place it in the collection basket or hand it to the priest. For intentions for a specific individual, make sure to specify whether the person is living or deceased. Alternatively, you can approach the pastor or bring or mail the request to the church. We do not accept telephoned or emailed requests. Everything must be together at the time the request is made. Please note that Mass stipends are NOT tax-deductible according to IRS regulations.