



# SACRED HEART PARISH

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	8:00 am (Low Mass)
	10:00 am (Missa Cantata)
Mon, Tues & Thurs	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

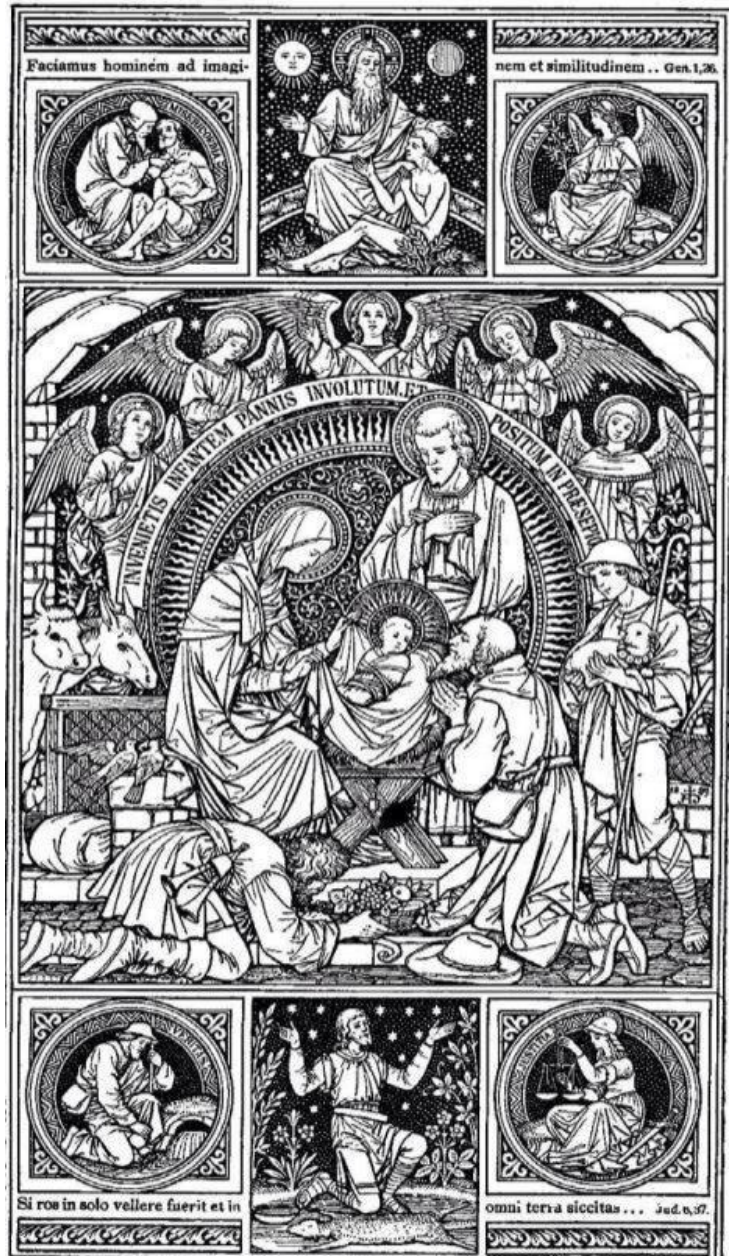
Please contact the office. In an emergency requiring Extreme Unction or Viaticum please call 267-6123.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday Dec. 29 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas Gareth + & Theresa Betts <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday Dec. 30 7:00 AM	Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas Nellie Simons +
Tuesday Dec. 31 7:00 AM	Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas Dan DeLaGrange
Wednesday Jan. 1 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Octave of the Nativity of the Lord J. Matthew Bills <i>Pro Populo</i>
Thursday Jan. 2 7:00 AM	Feria of Christmas Robert & Rose Pfeiffer
Friday Jan. 3 6:00 PM	Feria of Christmas Dave Obergfell +
Saturday Jan. 4 9:00 AM	Our Lady on Saturday Holy Souls
Sunday Jan. 5 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Holy Name of Jesus Lynn Grych <i>Pro Populo</i>

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.

Blessing of religious objects takes place after Mass on the third Sunday of every month. Please leave your objects on the designated table in the school basement.



**JANUARY 1—OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

This is a holy day of obligation. As it also observed as a major secular holiday, the regular Sunday schedule will be observed, with Masses at 8 AM and 10 AM (Sung).

**LEAVE YOUR DECORATIONS UP UNTIL EPIPHANY (AT LEAST)**

**SPECIAL THANKS** to anyone and everyone who helped in any way with our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, decorating, arranging flowers, etc. Also special thanks to Teresa Smith and the members of our choir, who work especially hard around the holidays to make a pleasing offering of music to Our Lord!



# Sunday Within the Octave of Christmas

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** in memory of John and Dorothy Gigli, Herman and Elizabeth Hilker, Sebastian Aresco, Teresa Miller, Donald & Leila Charais, John F. Miller, Katie Baumle, Charles Gabet, Julie Gabet, Fr. Daniel Leeuw, Roberto C. Arana, Emilia Hernandez, Jose E. Arana, Antonio Davalos, Adelaido Hernandez, Rosalia Sanchez, Catarino Gonzalez; in honor of Ron and Marilyn Shannon, Rosemary and Michael Imrick, Fr. John Shannon, FSSP, Familia Gonzalez-Arana

## SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(see announcements for details)

Jan 3,4—First Friday and Saturday

Jan. 6—High Mass at 7 PM for Epiphany

Jan. 10—Troops of St. George

## FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY

A reminder that this Friday and Saturday are First Friday and First Saturday respectively.

Our Lord made the following promise to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: "I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

**Friday -- Confessions at 5:30 pm, Mass at 6 pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart devotions and Benediction.**

Our Blessed Mother made the following promise to Sr. Lucia: "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the grace necessary for salvation all those who, with the intention of making reparation to me, will, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the beads, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary."

**Saturday -- Act of Consecration and 15 minutes of silent meditation starting at 8:20 am, Rosary at 8:40 am, Mass at 9:00 am.**

## CHRISTMAS POTLUCK JANUARY 5

There will be a potluck and social to celebrate the Christmas season on **Sunday, January 5**, after the 10 a.m. Mass. Please bring a dish to share and come join the celebration. A sign-up sheet, designed to help everyone know what dishes are needed, is available at: <http://tinyurl.com/yxw9stuy>

## CANCELLATION: YOUNG LADIES SODALITY

The Young Ladies' Sodality will not meet in January due

to unforeseen circumstances. Please mark your calendars for the first Friday in February.

## THE CHRISTMAS TREE

(From *Religious Customs in the Family* by Fr. F. X. Weiser, S.J.)

Many writers derive its origin from the ancient Yule tree or from other light and fire customs of pre-Christian times. These explanations, however, are based on mere guessing and do not agree with the historical facts. It is true, people used to put up evergreen trees in their homes at Yule time; they still have Yule trees in Central Europe, side by side with the Christmas tree. But in order to explain the Christmas tree, we have to account for every traditional detail and show when, how and why it was introduced.

Surprising as it may seem, the use of Christmas trees is quite recent in all countries outside of Germany, and even in Germany it was not widespread till the beginning of the 19th century. The Christmas tree is completely Christian in origin, and modern historians have never been able to connect it with any particular custom of pre-Christian times. In fact, the whole idea and symbolism of the tree is entirely religious and based on the radiation of liturgical thought into Christian homes. It is a combination of two religious symbols from medieval days, the Paradise tree and the Christmas light. Here is the account of its origin.

From the eleventh century on, religious plays used to be performed in churches or in the open in front of churches. One of the most popular of these "mystery plays," as they were called, was the Paradise play. It represented the creation of man, the sin of Adam and Eve, and their expulsion from Paradise. This play closed with a consoling promise of the coming Saviour and of His Incarnation. For this reason the Paradise play was a favorite pageant in Advent.

The Garden of Eden was indicated by a fir tree hung with apples, from which Eve broke the fruit and gave it to Adam to eat. This "Paradise tree" attracted the attention of all onlookers, especially the children, since it was the only object on the stage.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING

The pastor is available to bless homes with the special traditional Epiphany blessing using holy water and incense from Jan. 6 through Jan. 13. Please contact the pastor directly ([pastor@sacredheartfw.org](mailto:pastor@sacredheartfw.org)) or call the office if you have not had your house blessed in this manner before and would like this blessing. Blessed chalk is also available for those who wish to update the writing over their door.