



SACRED HEART PARISH

PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

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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. 11 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent Mark McCague + <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday Dec. 12 7:00 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe SPC Weston Philipot
Tuesday Dec. 13 7:00 AM	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr FSSP
Wednesday Dec. 14 6:00 PM	Ember Wednesday of Advent Jane Chappell +
Thursday Dec. 15 7:00 AM	Feria of Advent Zachary Koralewski
Friday Dec. 16 6:00 PM	Ember Friday of Advent Michael McCague
Saturday Dec. 17 9:00 AM	Ember Saturday of Advent Mary Vanderwell
Sunday Dec. 18 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Fourth Sunday of Advent John Kuhn + <i>Pro Populo</i>



SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(see announcements for details)
Dec. 16 — Young Ladies' Group

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec. 24 — 9:00 AM Low Mass

9:30 PM — Matins of Christmas

12 Midnight — High Mass

Sunday, Dec. 25 — 8:00 AM Low Mass (*in Aurora*)

10:00 AM High Mass

This year, we will be celebrating Matins before the midnight Mass. This is the traditional night office of the church, consisting of psalms and readings from scripture and the fathers of the church. It is rather lengthy, so no one should feel obligated to attend the entire service (especially where small children are involved), but the chants are very beautiful.

YOUNG LADIES' SODALITY

Young Ladies' Sodality will meet on **Friday, December 16**, at 4p.m., in the school building. The sodality aims to help girls grow in their faith and learn to live the liturgical year while also cultivating good friendships. Each meeting includes a short talk by our Pastor as well as a craft activity related to the month's topic. All girls of the parish ages 6 and older are welcome. For more information, or to join, please contact Barbara prior to the meeting day: bpestritto@gmail.com

ST. LUCY'S WHEAT

There are many legends and customs which surround the Feast of St. Lucy on December 13.

A beautiful Hungarian tradition on this day is to plant the 'Christmas Wheat.' Pressed gently into a pot of garden soil, watered and kept in a moderately warm room, the wheat will be sprouted soft green by

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 on the first floor of the school building (Classroom #5).

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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas. Then the children may carry it to the creche as a gift for the Child Jesus, symbolic of the Eucharistic bread by which He feeds our souls at the altar as well as of the staff of life by which His Father keeps life in our bodies. (Taken from *The Year and Our Children* by Mary Reed Newland) If you are interested in beginning this custom in your own home, small bags of wheat are available in the back of the church.

St. Lucy, pray for us, that our eye may be purified, and may see, in the Child who is to be born at Bethlehem, the new Man, the second Adam, the model on which the life of our regeneration must be formed.

Handmaids of St. Joseph Women's Group – Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of Every month

The next meeting for the women's group is **Wednesday, December 21**. This group is open to women of all states in life – single, married, widowed – 16 years of age on up.

Format of group meetings:

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Holy Hour

(Time for silent prayer; confessions and spiritual direction for women from 5:00-5:30)

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Mass

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Meatless Potluck Supper in Parish Hall – please bring a dish to share

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm: The pastor will speak on what we have been reading in *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and answer questions.

For more information on the women's group, call Cate at 260-402-7740.

PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY

Our parish has been blessed with immense growth! All families registered as parishioners at Sacred Heart are invited to sign up for family portraits to be included in our upcoming and much needed church directory. Sign up sheets are located in the vestibule, with dates and times to choose from. Sitting times should take no more than ten minutes, and are scheduled after the 10:00 am Mass, as well as several Wednesday and Friday evenings at 4:30. If your family is not available for the listed times, you may contact the parish office or e-mail the photographer: at ashley@ashleyreneeblog.com to make other arrangements. Your family portrait will be available for download at no charge, with password access for privacy, through the website

<https://ashleyreneeblog.com/> We hope to have all of our Sacred Heart families included before completion, so please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you!

Adult Scripture class starting Tuesday December 6 and running for the three weeks before Christmas. Fr Savoie will be speaking on the book of Isaiah, which the Church reads in her liturgy of matins during Advent. Mass at 12:10 pm followed by class at 12:45 pm.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - JANUARY 8!

Our annual Christmas potluck will be held on **Sunday, January 8**, following the 10 a.m. Mass. Please bring a dish to share and join your fellow parishioners for this Christmas season celebration. A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule or online at: <http://tinyurl.com/yxw9stuy>

SCIENCE FAIR

The Sacred Heart Parish Homeschool Science Fair will be held on **Saturday, February 25, 2023**. Children in grades 1-12 are welcome to participate. This is a fun and educational experience for students, and it can easily be part of their schoolwork. The registration fee is \$5 per child or \$10 for a family with 2 or more participating children. The deadline to register is **January 16**. For more information, or if you have children who are interested in participating, please contact Barbara: bpestritto@gmail.com, or access a registration form online: <https://tinyurl.com/y2spm7rn>.

EMBER DAYS

Four times a year, the Church sets aside three days to focus on God through His marvelous creation. These quarterly periods take place around the beginnings of the four natural seasons. These four times are each kept on a successive Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday and are known as Ember Days. These times are spent fasting and partially abstaining (voluntary since the new Code of Canon Law) in penance and with the intentions of thanking God for the gifts He gives us in nature and beseeching Him for the discipline to use them in moderation.

The Ember days of Advent are known, in ecclesiastical antiquity, as the fast of the tenth month; and St. Leo, in one of his sermons on this fast, tells us that a special fast was fixed for this time of the year, because the fruits of the earth had then all been gathered in, and that it behoved Christians to testify their gratitude to God by a sacrifice of abstinence, thus rendering themselves more worthy to approach to God, the more they were detached from the love of created things.

