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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass
Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass
Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

*30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays
before both Masses) & First Fridays from
5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)*

Devotions

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m.,
preceded by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration
with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation &
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Masses This Week

Sunday, February 27th

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ William Callahan

requested by Edward Reyen

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, February 28th

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 a.m. - Sister Bernadette-Marie, FLM

requested by Parents

Tuesday, March 1st

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament

7:45 a.m. - Holy Souls in Purgatory

requested by Anonymous

Wednesday, March 2nd

Ash Wednesday

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward & Adeline Reyen

requested by Edward Reyen

6:00 p.m. - ✠ Debra Jean Zappone

requested by TR Rowe

Thursday, March 3rd

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Sovereign High Priest

7:45 a.m. - Msgr. Wach

requested by Canon Francis Altieri

First Friday, March 4th

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

7:45 a.m. - Bishop Caggiano

requested by Canon Francis Altieri

6:45 p.m. - The Manoni Family

requested by the Alanz Family

First Saturday, March 5th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

7:45 a.m. - Paul Wirkus

requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Sunday, March 6th

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Joseph & Catherine Monks

requested by Grace Monks

SUNDAY MARCH 6:

Special Second Collection

"Many Apostolates, One Mission"

Please pick up an envelope from the ushers.

**Help the Institute continue to restore
Catholic life and culture in the USA!**



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 27th

First Holy Communion Catechism Class

The next class in preparation for First Holy Communion will be held in the church basement after **TODAY'S** 10:15 Mass.

February 27th to March 1st

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join us in prayer and reparation for sins starting **TODAY** to Tuesday, in the traditional Forty Hours Devotion. Sign up sheets available at both entrances.

Wednesday, March 2nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

Low Mass and distribution of Ashes at 7:45 a.m.

High Mass and distribution of Ashes at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 3rd

Holy Hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 4th

See next page for the full schedule.

Sunday, March 6th

2nd Collection for the Institute

Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 12th

Altar Boy Morning: 9am Spiritual Conference, Server Training, on site Recreational Activity, Brown Bag Lunch



From Canon Michael Stein

Dear Parishioners of Sts. Cyril & Methodius,

Today's bulletin contains many organizational updates. Please read about the following:

- 2nd Collections
- Special 1st Friday Schedule
- Coffee Social/Reception Distinction
- 40 Hours Schedule
- Lenten Devotions
- The Ladies' Guild
- Altar Servers Morning

Thank you for both your attention and generous fidelity!

In Christo Rege, Canon Stein

SPECIAL FIRST FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Dear Faithful,

Please note the following schedule for this **First Friday, March 4th**. Come and start Lent off on the right foot by giving honor to the Sacred Heart!

7:45 a.m. Holy Mass

5:00 p.m. Adoration (Confessions will be heard between 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.), followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:45 p.m. Holy Mass

LADIES' GUILD

Dear Members of the Guild,

You have been most patient in waiting for the trimestrial schedule of events to resume.

Every trimester, in theory, we should have a full group gathering that would include a spiritual conference, a list of needed projects, and a recreational activity/outing.

I would like to propose Saturday, March 26th as such a day. Since that is 4 weeks from now, I am open to your suggestions as to how we might organize the day.

Grateful for your dedication, Canon Stein

Approved Second Collections Policy Starting in March

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As you know, we are the great lovers of Tradition (with a capital "T") and of traditions (with a lower case "t") & customs. When a custom, however, loses its reason for existence or becomes outdated then we must move on. Having a 2nd collection at every single Sunday Mass has become such a matter. Its original purpose of coming to the aid of paying certain bills is outdated by both the health of the parish and by the marked envelopes that you can simply put in the normal collection. Also, when we have a 2nd collection at every Sunday Mass, it defeats the purpose of having exceptional collections when the need arises, such as those marked by the Diocese or the Institute of Christ the King. Lastly, and most importantly, **there are other things we should be doing after receiving Holy Communion.**

Thus, with the unanimous approval of the Trustees, there will only be exceptional 2nd collections.
Signed, Pastor & the Trustees of the Slovak Roman Catholic Church of Sts. Cyril & Methodius in Bridgeport

In Summary: Today, February 27th, last "habitual" 2nd Collection... Next Sunday, March 6th, Exceptional 2nd Collection (cf. pg 2) *You can put 2nd Collection envelopes in regular collection should you still want to use them.*

ALTAR SERVERS MORNING SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

**Calling all current Servers AND
new/prospective Servers!**

Saturday, March 12th join us for an Altar Boy Morning. You are more than welcome to join us for 7:45am Mass and Lauds, but the official start time for the event will be 9am. *Pack a Brown Bag Lunch!*

Activities will include: spiritual conference, server training, on site recreational activity, brown bag lunch
Parents welcomed to stay.

WEEKLY PUBLIC DEVOTIONS STARTING IN LENT

- EVERY THURSDAY, 6PM HOLY HOUR
- EVERY FRIDAY, 6PM STATIONS
- EVERY SUNDAY, 6PM SUNG VESPERS AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

February 27th 2022

Quinquagesima Sunday

Coffee Socials and Receptions: a Distinction

In order to facilitate Parish get-togethers and to increase the opportunities for growth as a charitable, spiritual family it is helpful to distinguish between “coffee socials” and “receptions.”

- Receptions, a.k.a. potlucks, are more demanding and require more organization and food.
- A Coffee Social simply means there’s coffee brewed downstairs and some pastries and/or fruit.

Coffee Socials can happen a lot more often and allow the faithful to congregate downstairs and enjoy like-minded conversations and newfound friendships.

NEXT COFFEE SOCIAL: March 6th

NEXT RECEPTION/POTLUCK: Laetare Sunday, March 27th

40 HOURS DEVOTION

Today, Feb. 27th—Tuesday, March 1st

The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at these times:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

From after the High Mass to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2022

Please note that the Mass book for 2022 is now **entirely** filled. If you have already sent in your Mass intentions for the year, we are unable to accept additional intentions from the same person. Surfeit requests will be returned to sender so that they can be resubmitted next Advent when the book opens again. Thank you for your understanding.



What are the Prayers that the Altar Boys say together before and after serving Mass?

Server's Prayer BEFORE Mass:

O Jesus, here I am at the foot of Thy altar in order to offer to Thee the best moments of my day, together with my work, my joys, and sorrows.

I am a son of Thy sanctuary. Thou art my God, my beloved Savior. I give to Thee my heart. Grant me an angelic purity in order that I may be worthy to approach Thee.

Grant me the grace to assist at Mass with attention, piety, and recollection. Preserve me from all immature behavior, distractions, and negligence. I want to glorify Thy holy Church. I want to serve Thy priest as I would serve Thee Thyself. May my conduct be edifying for the faithful who are present.

O Virgin Mary, the Lady of altar servers, pray to God for me. My good angel, I entrust myself to thy protection. Amen.

Server's Prayer AFTER Mass:

O Most beloved Jesus, I thank Thee for the privilege of serving at Thy altar. I am very grateful for the gift of Holy Communion and for the joy of serving in Thy sanctuary! Grant me the grace to never forget Thy blessings. Help me to serve Thee in all that I do. May my thoughts, words, and actions always be pleasing to Thee. Amen.

Saint Francis de Sales, pray for us.

Saint Benedict, pray for us.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us.

Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for us.

Saint John Neumann, pray for us.

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