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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Friday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

Regular Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Masses this Week

Sunday, March 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Eugene Wirkus, Sr.
requested by Donna & Eugene Wirkus, Jr.
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, March 24th

Saint Gabriel the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - Jeffrey & Cindi Cairo
requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice

Tuesday, March 25th

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Nancy Pline
requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Wednesday, March 26th

Wednesday in the Third Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - Lucille Hough
requested by Mr. George Hough

Thursday, March 27th

Thursday in the Third Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - Father Greg Markey
requested by Peter & Theresa Reichenberger

Friday, March 28th

Friday in the Third Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mary Jane Vidnansky
requested by Christine Vidnansky

Saturday, March 29th

Saturday in the Third Week of Lent

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of
Cirilli & Stevens Families
requested by the Tourigny Family

Sunday, March 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

{called, LÆTARE SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Thomas & Colleen Rowe
requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays of March

Litany of Saint Joseph after morning Mass

Sunday, March 23rd

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall
Theme: "The Universal Call to Holiness"
Please feel free to invite friends – this talk also can be thought of as a stand-alone Lenten spiritual conference

Thursday, March 27th

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 28th

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by veneration of the relic and confessions

Saturday, March 29th

Lenten morning of recollection for men
Beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m., until 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 30th

Annual Lætare Sunday social in the church hall
Please sign up to bring refreshments!

Friday, April 4th

FIRST FRIDAY

Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross and veneration of the relic
Confessions before evening Mass but NOT after Stations

Saturday, April 5th

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Volunteers needed to help put up the veils in church for Passiontide after devotions

Sunday, April 6th

PASSION SUNDAY

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

April 21st to 26th

OCTAVE OF EASTER

Daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. all week
Church will open at 7:30 a.m. each day

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Lent is almost halfway over! Now is a good time to take stock of our Lenten resolutions (prayer, fasting and almsgiving). We hope you will all be able to join us next Sunday, known as Lætare Sunday or Mothering Sunday, for our special reception after the High Mass. You will also find a Lenten bookstall.

Now is a good time to start planning for Holy Week. These are the most important days in the entire year, and we should make every effort to attend as many of these ceremonies – Masses and Divine Office, as well as devotions – as possible. **Rearranging work and school schedules** does involve sacrifice, but (barring real impossibility), it is not too much at this one time of the year to plan accordingly in order to honor Our Lord in the renewal of the mysteries of our Redemption.

In order for church to remain open during the afternoon of Maundy Thursday for adoration at the Altar of Repose, we will need **at least two people** to be signed up at all times up until the beginning of Tenebræ. We will also need **13 men** to volunteer to have their feet washed for the “Mandatum” ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday (this is the ceremony from which Maundy Thursday derives its name).

There will be practices for the altar servers at the following times: Saturday, **April 12th at 9:30 a.m.** (for Palm Sunday), Monday, **April 14th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Holy Thursday) and Tuesday, **April 15th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Good Friday). A practice for Holy Saturday will be held before the Vigil itself. Especially for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we will need *lots* of servers. Please let Canon know as soon as possible which ceremonies you will attend. Thank you in advance to our choir members and altar servers (and their parents!) for their generosity in making our Holy Week services as solemn and beautiful as possible.

If you are able to volunteer for church cleaning, or flower arranging, or to help setting up “obstacles” for the Easter egg hunt, please inform Canon.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT MORNING Saturday, March 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The morning will begin with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m. and will include two spiritual conferences, the Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (with time for confessions) and will close with a potluck Lenten lunch around 1:00 p.m.

The parish will provide warm and cold beverages, but please bring some modest fare to share for the lunch. The theme of the talks will be The Last Things: Death - Judgment - Hell - Purgatory - Heaven.



BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy and then pick them up the following Sunday. Please make sure to put the items on the correct table in order to avoid missing out.

INTRODUCING THE SANCTIFICA APP

There is a new (free) Latin Mass app, called SANCTIFICA. The intent is to help Catholics stay more easily connected with the liturgical year. The app provides easy access to *The Liturgical Year* by Dom Gueranger, the (Latin) Rosary with Bishop Schneider, novenas, and much more.

A nice perk is the notifications with reminders about upcoming First Friday or Saturday, Stations of the Cross in Lent, Ember Days, etc.

Available on the App Store and Google Play. For more information: <https://sanctifica.com>.

We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next social. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2025 is now underway.

Envelopes are now available in church. Your participation helps our parish! Please make sure to turn in the envelope in the collection basket or in one of the candle donation boxes or drop it off at the rectory (do not mail directly to the diocese). So far, we have reached 46% of our goal.



For more information:

www.2025bishopsappeal.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. (on First Fridays, after Mass), followed by the veneration of the relic of the True Cross.



March 23rd 2025

Third Sunday of Lent