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Old St. Mary office hours are *Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.*

Sacred Heart office hours are *by appointment.*

MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
11:30 a.m. | German
1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m. with
Miraculous Medal Novena afterward

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

St. Joseph Novena on Wednesdays after 7:15 a.m. Mass and before
12:10 p.m. Mass — with veneration of relic

MASSES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. | English Mass
11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. | Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one
month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact the parish office at least six months prior.
Must be an active parishioner, attending Mass,
for at least one year before scheduling.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

*When there is no Mass, please note that there will be no confessions
beforehand. Check the bulletin for any other changes.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS: Send to bulletin@oldstmarys.org or bulletin@sacredheartcincinnati.com by the 10th of each month.

NOTE *from the* PASTOR



With great joy I offer you Easter greetings on behalf of the Oratory Fathers, Brothers, and parish staff. After the labors of Lent, the Church now bursts forth in the light of the Resurrection. What we have prayed, fasted, and sacrificed for these past forty days now gives

way to the triumph of Christ, who has conquered sin and death and opened for us the way to eternal life.

I wish to express my gratitude to all who made this Lenten season so fruitful in our parish family. In a particular way, thank you to the many volunteers who worked so generously to make the Old St. Mary's Fish Fry and the Sacred Heart Ravioli Sale such successes. These events require countless hours of preparation, coordination, and service, and they are a beautiful expression of our shared life together.

I am also deeply grateful to all who gave of their time and energy to prepare for the sacred liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. From the sacristans and servers, to the musicians, decorators, and those who assisted in so many hidden ways—your devotion and care helped to ensure that the mysteries of

our salvation were celebrated with the reverence and beauty they deserve.

Easter is not simply a single day, but a season—a time for us to live more deeply the new life that Christ has won for us. The Resurrection is not only something we commemorate; it is a reality into which we are called to enter. Each of us is invited to rise with Christ, to leave behind whatever still binds us to sin, discouragement, or tepidity, and to walk in the freedom of the children of God.

The world around us often speaks of darkness, uncertainty, and fear. But the Christian knows something more. We know that the tomb is empty. We know that death does not have the final word. And so we are called to be witnesses—quietly but confidently—of the hope that comes from the Risen Lord.

Let us then live this Easter season well: faithful in prayer, renewed in charity, and steadfast in hope.

And as always, we turn to Our Lady, who stood faithfully at the foot of the Cross and now rejoices in her Son's victory, that she may help us to share ever more fully in the joy of the Resurrection.

Fr. Paul Bevak

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New Members of the Church

We congratulate the following who were baptized at the Easter Vigil: Jenelle Baker, Casey Barnette, Alexandria Bender, Derek Boyer, Elizabeth Hocter, Jake Gentry, Jesse Gentry, Kensington Manross, Kylie Spiers, and Joshua Weatherford. **We also congratulate those who were received into the Church and confirmed at the Vigil:** Gail Dillard, John Hagan, Brianna Kensington, Noah Rowlett, Nandipha Sithole, Christopher Slagle, Talen Slagle, Tanner Slagle, Tara Slagle, Joseph Sloane, Norah Sloane, Chloe Sloane, Olivia Sloane, Joshua Sloane, Caroline Sloane, and Luke Sloane. **We also congratulate all those who were confirmed:** Kayla Austin, Caleb Bachmeyer, Mary Christine Beckmeyer, Mathilda Buhlig, Annily Clingman, Cecilia Connolly, Xavier Duffy, Addyson Eckel, Francesca Engle, George Ezell, Michael Fronimos, Elizabeth Gable, Samson Gleason, Elliot Gockerman, Mary Hilgefert, Myriam Johnson, Felicity Menkhaus, Joseph Merchich, Max Napuri, Anne Peck, Yajleth Rivera Escalante, Benji Royer, Christopher Sloane, Evangeline Spoor, Andie Stanley, Nahlyn Wieszczyk, Ruby Willig, Gabe Yasenchak, Mitchell Young, Julian Zerhusen, and Faye Zinser. *Congratulations to all!*

Many Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped clean, decorate, cover and uncover statues, serve, our musicians, and anyone else who helped make Holy Week and Easter a beautiful time. And thank you to all our volunteers for Old St. Mary's annual Fish Fry and Sacred Heart's annual frozen ravioli sale. Both were a big success and a huge benefit to our parishes.



Adorers Needed!

Could you not spend but one hour with Me? Please contact the parish office if you are interested in signing up for an hour, or to substitute. Adoration is on Tuesday and First Fridays. See our hours under the parish schedule. You may call the parish office or visit adoration.oldstmarys.org to sign up. The minimum is two adorers per hour, but our goal is nine hundred! Everyone is welcome at any time during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive!



Sorrowful Mother Novena

Pray with the Sorrowful Mother Adoration group on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of each month during all night Adoration. Eucharistic Exposition and devotions to our Sorrowful Lady start after 7:00 p.m. Mass, and continue until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with

Benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. For more information or to be included in our communication list, contact Mark Sharpshair at mesharpshair@fuse.net.

Parents' Holy Hour Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who meet on **Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in Fr. Felten Hall. Children get to play, and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour in the church from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration or the chance to take children into Adoration for a shorter time. This is a good opportunity to introduce children to the idea of Adoration. For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.

Men's Secular Oratory meeting will meet next on Saturday, April 25, at 8 a.m. in Father Felten Hall.

Schedule Changes

Please note the following:

- Sacred Heart Potluck cancelled for April as it falls on the Sunday of Easter.
- First Friday Mass and all-night Vigil cancelled on Good Friday, **April 3**.
- The parish office is closed for Good Friday, **April 3**, and Easter Monday, **April 6**.
- Sung Sunday Vespers is cancelled on Sunday, **April 5** and **12**
- Catechism, Confession and Evening Adoration are cancelled on Tuesday, **April 7**.
- Evening Adoration and Confessions are cancelled on **May 5**

St. Edmund Campion Academy Pancake Breakfast

A pancake breakfast for St. Edmund Campion Academy will be held on Sunday, **April 12**, from 10:00-1:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Hall. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Breakfast includes pancakes, Finke brand sausage, coffee, milk and juice. Breakfast tickets will be available for sale at the door. Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and get to know the students and families of St. Edmund Campion Academy. Thank you for supporting us and hope to see you there!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Confessions will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Divine Mercy Sunday (**April 12**) at Old St. Mary. Devotions to Divine Mercy will be recited at 3:00 p.m. Please join us on this day that the Church grants a plenary indulgence to all who participate in the devotions. The

Lord also promised the renewal of the soul to baptismal purity for all who confess and receive Communion on this day and place their trust in His Divine Mercy.

Catholics United for Faith

United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church. St. Francis of Assisi chapter in greater Cincinnati meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month on the first floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church, Room 202. Upcoming meeting will be on **April 13** and will feature Marty Arlinghaus discussing *The Serenelli Project: A New Model for Prison Ministry*. For more information, please go to: www.cufcincinnati.org or www.facebook.com/CUF-Cincinnati

Women's Oratory

Ladies looking for spiritual recharging, fellowship and community are welcome to join our monthly Women's Oratory meeting. Our rescheduled Women's Oratory Tea Party will be on Saturday, **April 18**. If you would like to learn more about our meetings or join the email list, please reach out to Lisa Bloomfield at lisamariebloomfield@gmail.com

First Communion

Old St. Mary's First Communion will be on **April 26**, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass (*please note the time change is for this particular Sunday only*) and First Communion at Sacred Heart will be **May 3**, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass



Last Day of Catechism

Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to finish the year of Catechism Classes on May 5! Thank you to all the Sisters and Catechists for their work this year!

Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Please pray for the children of the parish who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **April 4** and who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Communion on **April 26** and **May 3**:

Penny Acosta	Jane Mcnay
Gemma Bachmeyer	Pio Merchich
Philip Bloomfield	Phoebe Meriwether
Charlotte Cavanaugh	Rocco Riddle
Avery Church	Grace Schaefer
Felicity Connolly	Griffin Scala
Delta Duffy	Caroline Sloane
Madeleine Edge	Luke Sloane
Thomas Egan	Dylan Smith
Gus Eichhold	Luke Spiers
Bernard Ezell	Imelda Spoor
Vivian Finke	Lucy Stamper
Emalyn Gleason	Lillie Verhoff
Audrey Gockerman	Raleigh Viox
Chloe Kelley	Andrew Young
Alice Kunath	Rebecca Zerhusen
Mary Kunath	



There will be a second collection to benefit the Carmelite Daughters of Elias on Divine Mercy Sunday, **April 12**, at all Masses. All collected funds will benefit the Sisters' apostolate works, formation and daily necessities. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

You can also visit give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters for financial donations. We also accept stock donations through Wells Fargo. Contact us for details. Please see the sisters' newsletter in the back of church for information and for dates for upcoming events for the Filiæ Mariæ Sodality, young girls ages 6-18. Ascend Carmel will resume in the spring. See newsletter for more information.

Pax et gaudium!

Musical Notes

Catholics can have a strange relationship with things to which we are not obliged. Because we are used to the Church in a way telling us where the most important things are, if the Church doesn't apply an obligation to something, we assume it's not important.

Here at the Oratory parishes, we have two major musical devotions each year, the Musical Oratory of Advent, and the Musical Oratory of Lent. These devotions are the very definition of non-obligatory.

As if the lack of any obligation to attend, weren't enough to puzzle the American Catholic psyche, the fact that they are offered completely free of charge leaves us thoroughly confused about what they are or why we should care. Oscar Wilde famously quipped that people don't value sunsets because they can't pay for them.

Now, I should say, there are great many people who value these already, and whom I am very glad to see there. But I wonder if we couldn't see even more people taking advantage of these offerings, if we just nudge the imagination a bit to see what is going on.

Firstly, these are not free because they're cheap. They are free in the way that a wonderful gift is free... through the generosity of people who care. One of the Carmelite sisters, who comes from a larger city, observed to me that we do the kinds of programs for free that people would pay \$200 a ticket to come to.

At the Lenten Oratory this year, our choir was augmented by several players from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, who we were able to contract, thanks to the tremendous generosity of our donors. Working with some of the best musicians in our city and our region, we were able to offer the music in an exceptionally moving way, and it in the context for what it was written — not as a secular concert — but as something to inspire hearts and minds to love God.

Those who give to allow our community to put on these events, to offer these devotions, do so in order that their investment will bear fruit in souls.

This is where you come in. First of all, if you have children, family, and of course, you have yourself, bring them to these events! Let your children's religious imagination be inspired by this beautiful art. If you have friends who might not even be Catholic, who are hungry for God, invite them. This is a beautiful way to get them through the door without any pressure, for something that is not a liturgy. This is probably especially true for your friends in the world who might be into the arts and culture. Sometimes that can be a very hard group to evangelize!

As a community, I would encourage us to receive these gifts. If you have never come: come. And if you're coming, bring someone along!

– Sean Connolly, MCM - Director of Sacred Music / Organist

Pray for Our Sick

Jeannie Bayer, Vincent Latorre, Mary Ann Ridenour, Kathleen M. Campbell, Andrew Finck, Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes, Noelle Polisso, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, and Carlos Latorre

Baptisms

Paul Jerome Bloomfield
Dominic Manzione
Thaddeus Manzione
Gabriella Maria Atkinson
Robert Jude Kenning

**We are in the process of updating our list. If you know of anyone to be added or removed from the list, please contact the parish office.*

“Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive.” - Luke 24:22-23



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-Pastoral Letter of the First Provincial Council of Cincinnati, 1855

Please take advantage of the free Ohio tax credit to support The Oratory School for Boys. Funds raised will help with Phase I of establishing the School. For more information or to donate online, please visit OratoryBoysSchool.org or text 513.655.0116 with questions.

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