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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. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 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.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE*

Sunday

8:30 - 8:45
10:30 - 10:45

Friday

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 for at least six months
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.



NOTE *from the* PASTOR

Please be sure to check the bulletin for all the upcoming events during this month of December. Here is a reflection for this start of Advent from St. Bernard, have a blessed month ahead!

Fr. Paul Bevak

"We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.

In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves, and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him [Jn. 14:23].

There is another passage of Scripture which reads: He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you.

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life; in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all." – *St. Bernard*

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Please remember the church is the House of God. It is important to remember that in church, we are in His presence. Please try to maintain a prayerful spirit while also being respectful of others who come for quiet prayer. There is much noise and talking in the world, the church is our refuge into silence, to which Cardinal Robert Sarah calls us. **Please keep talking and distractions to a minimum** and talk to the Lord in the silence of your own heart.

Catholics United

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church. The St. Francis of Assisi chapter in greater Cincinnati meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month on the 1st floor of the school building at Sacred Heart. **Upcoming meetings will feature these speakers:**

December 11 – Fr. Conor Kunath

January 8 – Philip Gray, President of CUF (National)

February 12 – Fr. Philip DeVous

March 11 – Mother Seraphina of the Franciscan Daughters of Mary

April – NO MEETING due to scheduling conflicts

Questions? Please visit www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati/ or www.cufcincinnati.org.

Inquiry Class

Conversion class, now called Inquiry Class, began in October and has progressed through teaching several of the articles of the Apostles Creed. We have about 16 in the class at various levels. The class is now closed to new members for this Easter Vigil, but continue to encourage your family and friends to consider becoming Catholic in the future. **Please call the parish office for more information and to be added to the list for next year.**

Women's Oratory

Ladies of the parishes, you're invited to grow in faith and community with your fellow sisters each month at our women's oratory meeting. **The next meeting is Saturday, December 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, featuring Eric Sammons on the Divine Office.** The January meeting is moved to the second Saturday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart, featuring flower arranging with Sr. Philomena. Please contact Suzan Sammons or Lisa Bloomfield with any questions at suzan@poverellos.com or lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com.

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 during Exposition, even if you can't take a scheduled hour or be a substitute. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary's alive!



Parents' Holy Hour & Tuesday Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who will soon begin meeting on Tuesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 in Fr. Felten Hall. Children get to play and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the church. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration or the chance to take children into Adoration for a shorter time period. 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.**



Christ Crowned with Thorns (Eusebius), and the Mourning Virgin (detail), 1530s, Adriaen Isenbrandt

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 starts after 7:00 p.m. mass, and continues until 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction and Mass at 7:15 a.m. **Note that there will be no sorrowful Mother adoration on December 15 and December 22.** For more information or to be included in our communication list, contact

Mark Sharpshair at mesharpshair@fuse.net.

Please note that there will be no Vespers at Old St. Mary on Sunday, December 24 or December 31. Sung Vespers will resume on January 7.

The parish office will be closed for Christmas on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26 and for New Year's on Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2.

First Friday

Join us for our First Friday Low Mass on **December 1** at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart or our Sung Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary. The evening High Mass will be followed by our all-night Eucharistic Vigil on Friday, December 1.



Blessing of Advent Wreaths

If you would like to have your Advent wreaths blessed, please bring them to the communion rail following Mass on the First Sunday of Advent (**December 3**) and the priest will bless them for you!

Immaculate Conception Masses

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception — **Friday, December 8** — is a Holy Day of Obligation and the Patronal Feast of the United States. **Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English), and 6:30 p.m. (Solemn Latin). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin).**

Church Cleaning and Decorating

Help is needed in cleaning and decorating Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart for Christmas. **At Old St. Mary, we need help with cleaning on Wednesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m., and decorating on Friday, December 22. At Sacred Heart, we will need help with decorating on Saturday, December 23, at 9:30 a.m.** It is important to know how many people we will have helping, so please contact Dave Wimmel at 513.721.2988, ext. 127, or dwimmel@osmshcincinnati.com if you can chip in at either parish.

Musical Oratory of Advent

Join us on **Wednesday, December 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** for an evening of choral reflection on Sacred Scripture that will conclude with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Featuring the professional singers of the Oratory choir and the children of the *Laudato Pueri* Schola Cantorum, this evening of profound beauty and quiet prayer, punctuated by favorite hymns sung by all, will help prepare your heart and mind for the coming of Our Lord this Advent. Please join us!

Note: that the 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart is cancelled on Friday, December 15 and Friday, December 22.

Rorate Mass

Our annual Solemn Rorate Mass (Traditional Latin) will be held on **Saturday, December 16**, at 6:45 a.m. at Old St. Mary. Please join us for this annual tradition! Please note that Mass begins at 6:45 a.m. and not 7:15 a.m.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Masses at Old St. Mary on Monday, December 25, will be at midnight (Sung Latin), 7:30 a.m. (Low Latin), 9:30 a.m. (Sung Latin), 11:30 a.m. (German), and 1:00 p.m. (English). There will be carols at 11:30 p.m. before the Midnight Mass. Procession to the crib will begin at 11:50 p.m. Masses at Sacred Heart on Monday, December 25 will be at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 11:00 a.m. (Sung Latin).

Note: that there will be no evening Adoration or Confession on Tuesday, December 26 or Tuesday, January 2.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

Masses at Old St. Mary on Monday, January 1, will be at 9:00 a.m. (Latin) and 11:00 a.m. (English). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 10:00 a.m. (Sung Latin). There will be a holy hour at 11:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve at Old St. Mary.

Epiphany Water Blessing

If you would like Epiphany water, please bring jugs of water to Old St. Mary by the end of 7:15 a.m. Mass on **Friday, January 5**. Please ensure these are gallon jugs or bigger, no small bottles of water. Each container must be individually opened so that salt can go in, so please make this easy on Father! You may begin to pick up the jugs of water after the 12:10 Mass on January 5. Blessed chalk will be available on January 6.

Epiphany Mass

Join us on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the Epiphany of the Lord, for a Solemn Mass, **Saturday, January 6**, at 9:30 a.m. at Old St. Mary.

I would like to begin this column by expressing my profound gratitude — to the parish staff & the musicians at Sacred Heart, to the volunteers and staff singers of the parish choirs, to Miss Sophia Decker and the directors/instructors of *Laudate Pueri*, all of whom give so generously of themselves for the Lord and to serve our churches. It was beautiful on All Saints' Day to hear the child choristers singing Victoria's *O quam gloriosum* alongside the adult staff singers of the OSM Choir, how Victoria intended his music to be performed. We are very proud of them and look forward to a bright future.

I would also like to thank our extraordinarily generous benefactors & friends of the Anerio Institute, and all of those members of our community whose unfailing kindness and support help make this such a rare and wonderful place to cultivate the musical arts in service of Christ and His Church.

From the anonymous composers of Gregorian Chant down through the centuries, musicians have endowed Advent with some of the most eloquent pieces of Sacred Music ever written, much of which you will hear in our parishes throughout this month. Beyond Sunday and daily Masses, I

would invite you to consider taking two other opportunities to enter into the spirit of this season.

First, don't miss the Musical Oratory of Advent at Old St. Mary on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. It is a poignant evening of scripture and sacred music, largely candlelit, featuring the professional singers of the OSM Choir alongside the *Laudate Pueri* Children's Schola, and concluding with Benediction. We would love to see even more of our parish families experience this special event and make it a part of their annual tradition.

Secondly, the Solemn *Rorate Caeli* Mass, which will begin at 6.45 a.m. on Saturday, December 16. This Mass, in honor of Our Lady, begins in darkness by candlelight, with the dawn light overtaking it near the moment of Consecration, with nature itself called upon to symbolize the Light that came into our dark world through the Blessed Virgin's womb.

Lastly, the Christmas Masses at Midnight at OSM and in the morning at Sacred Heart, will be preceded by carols sung in part by the choristers of *Laudate Pueri*. Plan to come early!

— Sean Connolly, Director of Sacred Music, Old St. Mary



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Old St. Mary's Parking

People have been disregarding the "Reserved Parking" signs in the church parking lots. These spots are reserved for our priests and sisters. **If these spots are open, please DO NOT park in them.** Also, if cones are placed in a spot do not move the cones and park. See James if you need assistance with parking. If you park in a reserved spot or move cones to park in a spot you will be blocked in or you will be towed.

2024 Calendars

Be on the lookout for the 2024 parish calendars. They should arrive in January. Remember our calendars go through January so your 2023 calendars include January 2024.

New Collection Envelopes/ Update Your Contact Information

Sacred Heart and Old St. Mary will no longer have separate collection envelopes. The new, combined-format envelopes can be found at the back of the churches. Please pick yours up and note your new number. If you are currently receiving envelopes and do not want them, or if you do not receive envelopes and would like to do so, please contact the office. Also, if you have moved, gotten married, or have changed your contact information in any other way, please let us know so we can keep our parishioner database up-to-date.



Carmelite Update

Work is proceeding on Clay Street building #2. Many young ladies are asking to visit and there isn't room, so the need to finish that building to accommodate discerning and future sisters is great. If you would like to donate, visit give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters. If you are interested in volunteering in either OTR or Bethel, email floscarmeli@carmelitedaughters.org.

Sr. Elliana will receive her habit at 6 a.m. on December 8 at OSM. Keep her in your prayers!

Pick up the Carmelite newsletter in back of the churches for more news!



Baptisms

Victor James Viox
Asher James Gockerman
Arthur Quinton Stamper
Maeve Corinne Gerrity

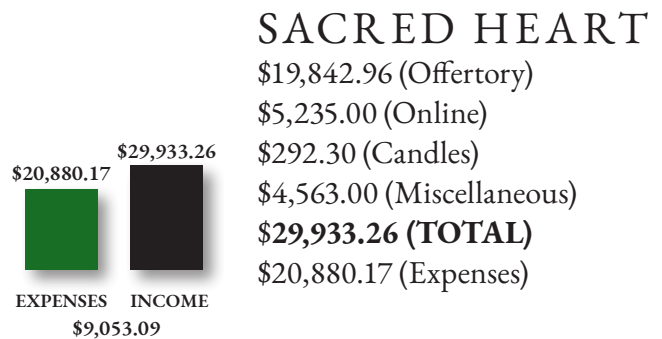
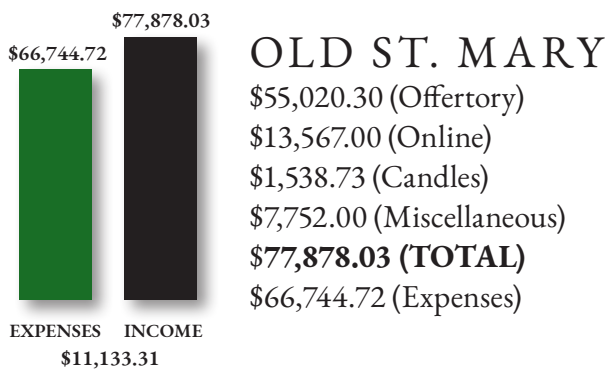
Weddings

Michael and Ingrida Stegman
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Pray for Our Sick

At Old St. Mary ... Viktor Wilhelmy, Chuck & Lynn Strasser, Kate Schneider, Judy Benvie, 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, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Paul Bevak, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Regina Albers, Tom Franz, Becky Fairchild, Joseph Downes and Noelle Polisso
and at Sacred Heart ... Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, Carlos Latorre, and Christine Marshall

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN: OCTOBER 14-NOVEMBER 13, 2023



**Keep in mind some months are more expensive to operate than others, such as winter months.
Thank you for your generosity! Please consider an estate gift to the Oratory, Old St. Mary, or Sacred Heart.*



“The passage of Issue 1 shows that there remains a desperate need for conversion of hearts and minds to a culture of life in our country, one that respects the inherent dignity and sacredness of every human being from conception to natural death.”
- Archbishop Dennis Schnurr

THANK YOU to everyone who gave of their time, talent, and treasure in the battle to defeat the abortion amendment. The loss was devastating and the consequences to Ohio families will be grave. It is now more important than ever for our parish to fast, pray, and volunteer for life!

Maria for Life will host a dinner on December 12 (the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!) to thank our supporters and volunteers and to launch a new phase of pro-life action. Time and location TBD. Please RSVP to Hannah Langdon at volunteer@mariaforlife.org.

The abortion amendment will take effect on December 7, the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please join with us that day to fast and pray and ask the Immaculate Queen of Heaven to intercede for the protection of children and the conversion of our culture. Details about a prayer vigil will be forthcoming.



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