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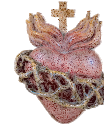
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OFFICE HOURS

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 with Gregorian Chant

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 with Gregorian Chant
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



Each October, our annual report gives us an opportunity to consider the life of Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart, to thank God for His blessings, and to examine our responsibility for the parishes entrusted to us. The accompanying financial figures cover July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

This year, between our churches, we celebrated 55 baptisms, 58 confirmations, 10 weddings, and welcomed 16 people into the Church. Behind each number is a person whom God has called into a deeper life with Him. Please pray for these parishioners and their families, that they may persevere in the faith they have received.

We also remember those parishioners who died during the year. From Old St. Mary, we remember Kathleen M. Campbell, Robert Bell, Allison Christine Marie Schroeder, and John Stevie. From Sacred Heart, we remember Linda Fecke, John Carl Sheblessy, James J. Condit Jr., Mary C. Finn, Daniel Paul Engel Jr., and James M. Gebel. We commend them to the mercy of God and continue to pray for the repose of their souls. May we also remember the families who mourn them.

Financially, Old St. Mary reported income of \$1,182,408 and expenses of \$900,843, resulting in a surplus of \$281,566. These totals include restoration giving and capital expenditures, alongside the ordinary income and expenses of parish life. Sacred Heart reported income of \$475,280 and expenses of \$500,911, resulting in a deficit of \$25,631, also including capital expenditures.

We have substantial responsibilities ahead. The coming year's capital plans include approximately \$190,000 of work at Old St. Mary's and \$240,000 at Sacred Heart. Among these are roof and structural repairs to the Clay Street building at Old St. Mary, and an auditorium roof replacement and parking lot resurfacing at Sacred Heart. Caring for the buildings we have inherited requires planning, regular maintenance, and dependable financial support.

I am especially grateful to those who supported our parishes financially this past year. Many of you increased your donations, and your generosity has made a real difference. Thank you for the sacrifices, often unseen, that make possible the worship, sacramental life, and daily work of our parishes.

Nevertheless, our participation remains troubling. Roughly 25% of our parishioners made a recorded financial contribution even once during the year. That leaves approximately 75%

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with no recorded contribution. Anonymous gifts may not be reflected in these figures, but the need for broader participation remains. The financial responsibility for our parish life should be shared much more widely.

Those who already give have responded generously, and I am deeply grateful. But we cannot continue to leave the financial support of our parishes to roughly one quarter of our parishioners. If you have the means to contribute and have given nothing this past year, I ask you to begin now.

Providing for the needs of the Church according to our ability is one of the Precepts of the Church. It is an obligation of Catholic life that each of us should take seriously. Those experiencing financial hardship should not feel pressed to give what

they do not have. For everyone else, support of the parish should be a regular commitment in the household budget.

If you have not been contributing, I ask you to begin this month. Prayerfully consider your means, choose an amount, and make it a regular part of your weekly or monthly budget. A modest, faithful contribution matters. If you already give, please review your support in light of your circumstances and our parish needs.

May our gratitude for all we receive from God bear fruit in generous and faithful stewardship. Through the intercession of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus, may our parishes continue to grow in holiness and lead many souls to Christ.

Fr. Paul Beach

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.

Devotions at Old St. Mary

Perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of Miraculous Medal is on Tuesdays at 8:10 p.m. before Benediction. Perpetual novena to St. Joseph is on Wednesdays after the 7:15 a.m. Mass and at noon before the 12:10 p.m. Mass. Veneration of the relic of the cloak of St. Joseph is available.

Women's Oratory

Ladies looking for spiritual recharging, fellowship, and community are welcome to our monthly Women's Oratory meeting, which will next be held on **October 10**, following the First Saturday Mass at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart. If you would like to join the email list or have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com.

A deep and heartfelt **thank you** to all those who organized, staffed, donated, crafted and baked to help make the annual Women's Oratory sale a success. God bless you!

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. For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.

Synod 2027

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is currently engaged in Synod 2027, Archbishop Casey's invitation to share how God is calling our local Church to live the Gospel. The primary way to participate is by attending a Conversations in the Spirit session. These prayerful small-group gatherings give participants an opportunity to share their experiences of the Church, listen to others, and help inform the next stages of the Synod. Sessions will continue throughout the Archdiocese through around Thanksgiving. To register, visit catholicaoc.org/conversations. Please note that each family member should register individually, even if attending the same session. Thank you to all who have already participated.

First Friday Mass

Join us on **October 2** for First Friday Sung Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary. The evening Mass will be followed by our all-night Eucharistic Vigil.

Feast of St. Therese

On Saturday, **October 3**, there will be a 9:30 a.m. High Mass for the Feast of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus at Old St. Mary. There will be the blessing of roses followed by a social in Fr. Felten Hall and the garden. There will be no 9:00 a.m. English Mass this day.

Sacred Heart Monthly Potluck Social

Please join the Sacred Heart Church community for a potluck style social after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **October 4**. Bring your favorite food or beverage and get to know the members of our church family.

Sunday Sung Vespers at Old St. Mary resume on October 4 at 3:30 p.m. until Pentecost Sunday.

Feast of St. John Henry Newman

On Friday, **October 9**, there will be a 6:30 p.m. High Mass for the Feast of St. John Henry Newman at Old St. Mary.

40 Days of Life

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers to help end the injustice of abortion in their local communities. With God's grace, through campaigns held in over 950 cities around the world, 26,545 babies have been confirmed saved, 278 abortion workers converted, and 187 abortion centers closed (45% in "blue" states). **We need you to get involved!** Please take part in 40 Days for Life with our parish community. The location is on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood, 2314 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati 45219. **Parish Vigil Day will be Saturday, October 10.** Sign-up at the rear of church, call (513) 721-2988, or email Pam Bucher at parish40days@gmail.com

Cincinnati Kirchweih Mass

Old St. Mary is honored to celebrate Cincinnati's Kirchweih Mass on Sunday, **October 11**, at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Donauschwaben Society, Kirchweih, which means "church blessing," is an old-world tradition that is still widely celebrated in the German-speaking world (especially in southern Bavaria and Austria). Everyone is encouraged to wear their traditional

German attire to Mass. The celebrant will bless a rosemary bush (an old Christian symbol of love), which will be auctioned off the following weekend. It is said that the lucky winners of the rosemary bush will have blessings bestowed on them in the coming year. Don't miss this truly unique celebration of German heritage.

Catholics United for Faith

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 first floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church, Room 202. Upcoming meeting will be on **October 12** and will feature Father James Reutter. For more information, please go to: www.cufcincinnati.org or www.facebook.com/CUFCincinnati

All-Night Eucharistic Vigil on October 16 is cancelled.

World Mission Sunday 2026

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, a Pontifical Mission Society, is sponsoring its World Mission on Sunday, **October 18**. Visit onefamilyinmission.org/wms to learn more.

The Feast of Blessed Karl

On Wednesday, **October 21**, there will be a 6:30 p.m. High Mass at Old St. Mary for the Feast of Blessed Karl.

The Men's Little Oratory will meet on October 24, at 8:00 a.m. in Fr. Felten Hall.

G.A.C.L. Mass

The Mass for all Societies, sponsored by the German-American League (Burgerliga) of Greater Cincinnati, will be held at Old St. Mary's on **October 25** at 11:30 a.m. Old St. Mary's is proud to play host to this annual celebration for the strength of the Greater Cincinnati German-American community, which will begin and end with a procession of German society flags and banners. The G.A.C.L. has existed since 1895 to perpetuate the German heritage in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Conversion classes are cancelled on Monday, November 2.

All Souls' Day

Mass at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin) on **Monday, November 3**.

Carmelite Corner

Praised be Jesus Christ!

In the month of October we celebrate two of our most favorite saints—both being doctors of the Church! Holy Mother St. Teresa of Jesus and St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. There is a 9:30 a.m. Mass on October 3 with a potluck and cake afterwards. Please bring something to share. Blessed roses will be distributed at the end of Mass and piñatas in the garden for the kids following. On October 15, the Sisters will sing at the 7:15 a.m. Mass. Please join us!

On September 28, we welcomed another postulant, Cecilia Gruber from Wisconsin. Please keep all of the sisters in formation in your prayers. We recently had a wonderful weekend at our annual Sodality Camp at our farm in Bethel. Father Adrian celebrated Mass and prayed with us. A beautiful start for our new year!

Donations for the sisters and our apostolate are always joyfully accepted. Visit give.cornerstone.cc/carmelitedaughters or consider stock donations through Wells Fargo—please contact Martin Wilhelmy at 412-5218 for more information.

Pax et gaudium!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

THE TWELTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S

Eucharistic ✚ Procession ✚

8 AM | *Mass with Archbishop Robert Casey at the
Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains.*

Following Mass | *The Two-Mile Procession*

11 AM | *Final Benediction at Old St. Mary*

Music Ministry

A piece of sacred polyphony is a single prayer composed across distinct and different voices. Each voice has its own entrances and rests, pitches and phrases. Yet each individual singer must not only sing his or her own part ably, but with an ear to the whole. The singer must listen and tune to the ensemble, making each individual part contribute seamlessly to the whole, so that the many parts may truly become one single, beautiful movement of praise.

So each piece of music that we sing is a symbol of a parish music program. Like a single piece of polyphony, the music department that produces those sounds requires the harmonious cooperation of many different human elements, each with an ear to the whole “ensemble.”

A healthy music program is the symbol and sign of a parish with a healthy life of worship. A healthy music program cannot exist where the congregation are deeply entrenched in bitter “worship wars.” It requires receptivity and support by the people, the leadership and financial support of the clergy, and the dedication of staff and volunteers. A parish’s commitment to beautiful, reverent liturgy provides the opportunity and artistic mandate to make full use of the “treasury of sacred music” which Vatican II calls a “treasure of inestimable value.”

Thanks to the harmonious cooperation of countless people of good will, especially the dedicated volunteers and staff of our music department, our parishes are able to offer ever worthier (yet still infinitely unworthy) praise to God, to the best of our abilities.

This year, thanks to the creative cooperation of many people, the initiative and support of the Oratory priests, and the generous indulgence of parish families, here are just some of the exciting developments taking place:

(1) Nearly every Sunday during the choir season (October–June) at Sacred Heart, the 11 a.m. adult choir will be joined by 15 members of the children’s schola, enriching the parish music. Two Sundays a month and on several feast days, the 9:30 a.m. Mass at OSM will be sung by the Oratory Choir joined by the 15 choristers of the St. Philip Neri Choristers.

(2) First Sunday Vespers will feature polyphony provided by the Oratory Singers. One-two Vespers per month during the choir term will now be sung by the children of *Laudate Pueri*, beginning Sunday, October 11, at 3:30 p.m. Make Vespers a regular part of your week!

(3) First Friday Masses will be sung by a professional quartet, with the children singing twice a year, and culminating with the children singing the Feast of the Sacred Heart in June.

(4) We will have our usual Advent Oratory in December. In addition, during Shrovetide, we will be presenting Liszt’s *Via crucis* at Sacred Heart, and during Lent, we will revisit Buxtehude’s supremely moving *Membra Jesu nostri*.

Stay tuned to the bulletin and leaflet for details! We look forward to serving the Lord and you this season! We couldn’t do this without you. God bless you and be assured of our daily prayers.

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

Pray for Our Sick

Jess Freudiger, Mary Wichmann, Joe Unterreiner, Jeannie Bayer, 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

Vivienne Grace Schapker
John Antony Roberts

Weddings

Stephen and Alicia Carrick



The Feast of Blessed Karl EMPEROR OF PEACE

Wednesday, October 21

6:30 p.m. High Mass | Old Saint Mary

Blessed Karl Novena begins on Monday, October 12.



The Oratory Gala 2026

November 5 @ 5:30 p.m | Drees Pavilion in Devou Park

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or to make your reservations.

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