

December 18, 2016

4th Sunday of Advent

St. Joseph Oratory

Living the Truth in Charity

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Rev. Jonathon Fehrenbacher, Deacon

Mr. Michael Semaan, Music Director

Regular Schedule

Sundays 9:00 AM Low Mass, 11:00 AM High Mass,
6:00 PM Vespers & Benediction

Weekdays 8:00 AM Low Mass *except Wednesdays*

Wednesday 12:00 PM Low Mass & Perpetual Novena
to St. Joseph

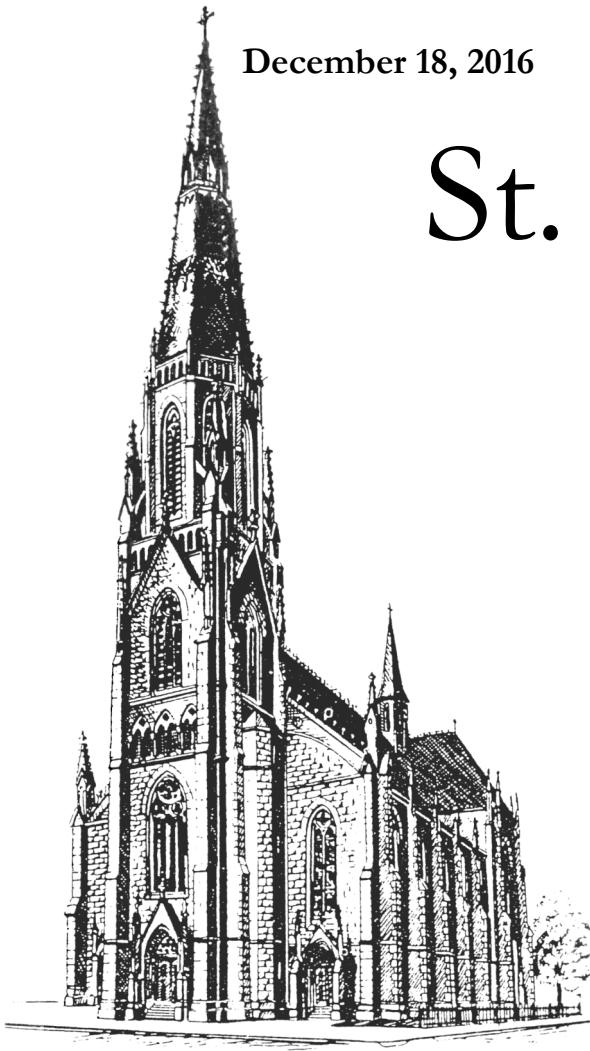
Friday 6:00 PM Holy Hour

First Friday 7:00 PM High Mass

Saturday 9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

Confessions daily 30 minutes before Mass;
Sundays 8-8:50 AM & 10-10:50 AM

*Institute of Christ the King
Sovereign Priest*



Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Novena

9:00 AM Low Mass †Charles Hauf Jr., *requested by John Hauf*

11:00 AM High Mass **Pro Populo**

6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Monday, December 19, Mass of 4th Sunday after Advent Novena

8:00 AM Low Mass **Mr. & Mrs. John Beiter**, *requested by William Majkowski*

Tuesday, December 20, Mass of 4th Sunday after Advent Novena

8:00 AM Low Mass †**Poor Souls**, *requested by Christine Gray*

Wednesday, December 21, St. Thomas, Apostle Novena

12:00 PM Low Mass & Perpetual Novena to St. Joseph

Thursday, December 22, Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent Novena

8:00 AM Low Mass **Jeanette Konchel**, *requested by William Majkowski*

Friday, December 23, Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent Novena

8:00 AM Low Mass †**Poor Souls**, *requested by Christine Gray*

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Vigil Novena

9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Cecilia Garbacik, *requested by William Majowski*

Sunday, December 25, Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus-Christ

12:00 AM Midnight Solemn High **ICRSS**

9:00 AM Low Mass of the Dawn **Adorers of the Royal Heart**

11:00 AM Solemn High Mass of the Day **Pro Populo**

6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Server Schedule

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9am Low Mass

Ac1: Chris Din

Ac2: John Nellis

11am High Mass

MC: Deacon Fehrenbacher

Thur: Michael Alvarez

Ac1: Joannes von Buelow

Ac2: Francisco von Buelow

Cruc: Freddy Woodward

Christmas

Dear Servers,

Please tell Canon Stein which Mass(es) you will attend: Midnight, 9am or 11am.

Usher Schedule

12/18 9am: Matt McGuire and Andrew Fanco

12/18 11am: Eric Morgenson and Ishmael Lebron

Christmas

Dear Ushers,

Please tell Canon Stein which Mass(es) you will attend: Midnight, 9am or 11am.

FROM THE RECTOR: CANON MICHAEL STEIN

Dear Oratory Faithful,

“Prepare the Way of the Lord.” It is with this spirit we should enter the final week of Advent. It is not too late to get your heart ready for His coming. Find the time to make a thorough confession so that your soul may not be like that inn which had no room. But rather, emptied out of its sins and imperfections, Christ may reside in the humble abode of your heart. The Son of God is the Father’s most perfect gift to us. What can we offer God? Be generous with Him. Give Him your heart this Christmas. He is entirely yours and you are entirely His. May this Divine generosity inspire your own.

Sign up sheets for our men’s and women’s groups are available in the vestibule and social hall. Be sure to consult the informational flyer. Join the spiritual family! *Ite ad Joseph!*



Why are there three Christmas Masses?

The Three Christmas Masses commemorate the three-fold birth of Our Lord. First and foremost He is the Eternally begotten Son of the Father. "The Lord hath said to me: 'Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee' ". Second, He is born in time as the Incarnate Word of God "This day is born to you a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David". And thirdly He is born into our hearts by the life of grace. Christ came to save us: The Church sings that on "this day a great light hath descended upon the earth". This light shone in the darkness but the darkness did not comprehend it. "As many as received Him to them He gave power to become the sons of God".

*Daily Prayer to St. Joseph
written by St. Francis de Sales*

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children. In the trouble and distress which afflicts us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. Make its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.

Death Notice: Sonja Scott, age 45, beloved daughter of Loretta Scott, entered Eternal Life on Tuesday, December 13. Sonja was a lifetime member of St. Joseph Church. At age 20, she was tragically injured in an automobile accident that left her a quadriplegic. Please remember Sonja & her mother in prayer. Funeral at St. Joseph: Thursday Dec. 29th.

Save the Date!

On Sunday, February 5th at 11am, Archbishop Vigneron will install Canon Michael Stein as Parish Pastor. The traditional ceremony of installation will precede the Solemn High Mass. For the occasion, Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial for the USA will also be present.

Upcoming Catechism Schedule

Sunday, December 18th, after 11am Mass Confirmation Class in Hall

Wednesday, December 21st 7pm Teenage Catechism in... TBD! Pray for the classroom project!

Sunday, December 25th, after Midnight Mass Hot Cocoa and Panetonne

Wednesday, December 28th, Christmas Break
No Catechism

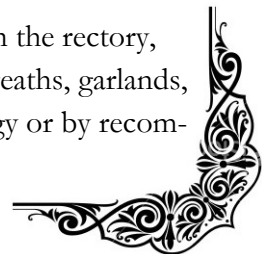
Hot Cocoa Social after Midnight Mass
Dec. 24th: 11pm Confessions, 11:15pm Chorale Prelude,
Midnight Mass and Hot Cocoa Social in Hall

Tuesday, December 27th
After the 8am Mass:
Traditional wine blessing for the feast of St. John.

Thank you, Volunteers!

Dear Oratory Faithful and Friends,

Thank you for continuing your countless hours of volunteer work. This past week you helped clean the rectory, social hall, and church. Yesterday, you helped mount the Nativity, and decorate the church with wreaths, garlands, and poinsettias. You have also helped us with snow removal, either by shoveling paths for the clergy or by recommending the professional service that we hired through you. Thank you!



The Giving Tree

Our Giving Tree benefits three separate Pregnancy Centers located at St. Augustine / St. Monica Church, St. Cecilia Church and Holy Redeemer Church. The Bishop Plagens Council of the Knights of Columbus which serves the churches of Sweetest Heart of Mary, St. Josaphat and St. Joseph Oratory, has provided each of these centers with an ultra-sound machine through the various fund raising projects they have throughout the year. The Giving Tree will stay up through the month of January, to facilitate all of the requests being answered. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the area of the tree. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Novena Prayer to the Infant King

O Divine Infant Jesus, I have recourse to Thee. Please, through Thy Blessed Mother, assist me in this necessity (*mention intention here*), because I firmly believe that Thy Divinity can help me. I hope with confidence to obtain Thy holy grace. I love Thee with all my heart and with all the strength of my soul. I repent sincerely of my sins and I beg Thee, O Good Jesus, to grant me the strength to triumph over them. I resolve never more to offend Thee and I come to offer myself to Thee with the intention of enduring everything rather than to displease Thee. Henceforth, I desire to serve Thee with fidelity and, for the love of Thee, O Divine Infant, I will love my neighbor as myself. All powerful Infant, O Jesus, I implore Thee again, assist me in this need. Grant me the grace of possessing Thee eternally with Mary and Joseph and of adoring Thee with the angels in the heavenly court. Amen.

Purchase your Institute Christmas Cards!

Institute of Christ the King Christmas cards with a variety of designs are now available in both the vestibule and the gift shop. By purchasing these cards you are also enrolling your loved ones in the Christmas Novena of Masses. Please fill out the intention sheet.

1 Pack - \$10 or 3 Packs for \$25

The Institute's 2017 Calendar has arrived!

Institute of Christ the King 2017 Calendars are now for sale in the vestibule and the gift shop. This year's calendar commemorates our 20 year presence in the United States. Enjoy the beautiful photos of our Apostolates (yes, Detroit is already included!). They're complete with all the traditional feasts days. *Makes a great stocking stuffer!* **\$10 each, Buy 5 get 1 free**

2017 Church Envelopes for St. Joseph Oratory!

We are ordering weekly envelopes for 2017 to all those families who have now registered with St. Joseph Oratory. For those who have not yet registered, but would like to receive envelopes can do so by providing your name and address to the parish office or by email.

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St. Joseph Oratory Sacrament Information:

Infant Baptism: Parents requesting Baptism must be active registered members of the Oratory.

First Communion and Confirmation: Children must attend the sacramental catechism classes at the Oratory.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the Oratory must call the Rectory for the proper instructions.

Anointing of the Sick: Members facing surgery, serious illness, or even death may call (313) 784-9152. *Never wait, never hesitate... remember: physical healing can also be an effect of the sacrament. Don't deprive a loved one of God's help.*

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