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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 {*except summer*}

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

Masses this Week

Sunday, August 31st

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Salvatore Murdocca

requested by Joseph & Mary Murdocca

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, September 1st

Saint Gilles

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Rev'd Michael Bachman

requested by Greg Mikulka

Tuesday, September 2nd

Saint Stephen of Hungary

7:45 a.m. - Lenore Opalak

requested by Susan Dowd

Wednesday, September 3rd

Saint Pius X

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John M. Tvardzik

requested by Grace Monks

Thursday, September 4th

Votive Mass of Jesus, Eternal High Priest

7:45 a.m. - Thomas Gaboardi

requested by Linda Gaboardi

Friday, September 5th

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Gilles Wach

Saturday, September 6th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

8:30 a.m. - Nicole Pia

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Sunday, September 7th

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Maria Patricia Tourigny

requested by the Tourigny Family



Upcoming Events

Please note that during the summer months, there is no evening Mass (or confessions or devotions) on First Fridays, only the usual morning Mass and confessions.

Fridays of the Summer Months

that is, between the two feasts of the Holy Cross celebrated on May 3rd & September 14th

Weather blessing with the relic after Low Masses

Sunday, August 31st

No Vespers or Benediction

Thursday, September 4th

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

Saturday, September 6th

First Saturday devotions & Benediction after Mass

Sunday, September 7th

“INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY”

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Monday, September 8th

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after Mass at 7:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 14th

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Procession with the relic of the True Cross after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass

September 26th to 28th

“Pilgrimage for Restoration” to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. For information, visit: <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org>

Tuesday, September 30th

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for this year is THE SACRAMENTS

Weekdays of October

{*except while Canon is on retreat*}

Rosary & Benediction at 6:00 p.m. every day

Sunday, October 5th

Mass request forms will be available for 2026

Please do not submit any requests before this date.

Preparing for the Feast of Christ the King: 1925-2025

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the institution of the feast of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 by means of the encyclical QUAS PRIMAS, which exposes the errors of secularism and explains the doctrine of the social kingship of Christ. As a preparation for the celebration of the feast in this jubilee year, in the weeks ahead we will continue to print excerpts from the encyclical.

10. This same doctrine of the Kingship of Christ which we have found in the Old Testament is even more clearly taught and confirmed in the New. The Archangel, announcing to the Virgin that she should bear a Son, says that “the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Lk 1:32-33).

11. Moreover, Christ himself speaks of his own kingly authority: in his last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in his reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked him publicly whether he were a king or not; after his resurrection, when giving to his Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, he took the opportunity to call himself king (Mt 25:31-40), confirming the title publicly (Jn 18: 37), and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given him in heaven and on earth (Mt 28:18). These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of his power, the infinite extent of his kingdom. What wonder, then, that he whom Saint John calls the “prince of the kings of the earth” (Apoc 1:5) appears in the Apostle’s vision of the future as he who “hath on his garment and on his thigh written ‘King of kings and Lord of lords!’” (Apoc 19: 16). It is Christ whom the Father “hath appointed heir of all things” (Heb 1:2); “for he must reign until at the end of the world he hath put all his enemies under the feet of God and the Father” (I Cor 15:25).

12. It was surely right, then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings. And, in fact, she used these titles, giving expression with wonderful variety of language to one and the same concept, both in ancient psalmody and in the sacramentaries*. She uses them daily now in the prayers publicly offered to God, and in offering the Immaculate Victim. The perfect harmony of the Eastern liturgies with our own in this continual praise of Christ the King shows once more the truth of the axiom: *Legem credendi lex statuit supplicandi*. The rule of faith is indicated by the law of our worship. {* *The sacramentaries were ancient liturgical books that were the forerunners of the missal.*}

13. The foundation of this power and dignity of Our Lord is rightly indicated by Cyril of Alexandria. “Christ,” he says, “has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature.” His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures. But a thought that must give us even greater joy and consolation is this that Christ is our King by acquired, as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. Would that they who forget what they have cost their Savior might recall the words: “You were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled” (I Pet. 1:18-19). We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us “with a great price” (I Cor 6:20); our very bodies are the “members of Christ” (I Cor 6:15).



We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius Oratory!

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.

Coffee Hour Next Week!

Our **next parish social** will be on Sunday, September 7th after the High Mass. Please invite your friends to these monthly gatherings! They provide the perfect opportunity to introduce newcomers to the Oratory and the beauty of the traditional Latin Mass. As we kick off a new pastoral year, we look forward to seeing everyone there, as we gather again as a parish family after summer travels. Please sign up to bring refreshments to share.

Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday. Please place your name on your items and pick them up promptly, so that they do not go astray.

Adult Theology Class

Our faith formation program will resume on Tuesday, September 30th and continue on alternate Tuesdays, as will be announced in the bulletin. The theme this year is "The Sacraments." Stay tuned for information about First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes for children.

August 31st 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost