

THE CHURCHES OF  
OLD SAINT MARY & SACRED HEART



CHRIST  
MAS  
2023

SERVED BY  
THE ORATORY OF SAINT PHILIP NERI

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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*Merry Christmas! Frohe Weihnachten! Buon Natale!  
Felicem diem Nativitatem!*



On behalf of the Oratory and our parish staff, I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! We have much to be grateful for this past year, with much hope leading us into the Nativity of the Lord and a new year. May we be thankful for the good of the past year while continuing to pray to the Lord that He continues to bless us abundantly. The Lord came in time so that we may have life more abundantly. May we not be bashful in what we ask of the Lord but always be willing to accept what He gives us. May the Christ Child bring each of us much peace and grace, so that we may each be with Him in the life to come! Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Paul Beach*

## CHRISTMAS SERMON *of* ST. LEO THE GREAT



Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to men of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Beloved, let us give thanks to God the Father, through his Son, in the Holy Spirit, because in his great love for us he took pity on us, and when we were dead in our sins he brought us to life with Christ, so that in him we might be a new creation. Let us throw off our old nature and all its ways and, as we have come to birth in Christ, let us renounce the works of the flesh.

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the sacrament of baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

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# FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023

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## OLD ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### The Vigil of Christmas

7:30 a.m. ✳ Michael Auterie  
9:30 a.m. Intention of the Zlatic Family  
11:30 a.m. For the Intention of the Stadtmiller Family  
1:00 p.m. Pro Populo

### Monday The Nativity of Our Lord

12:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
7:30 a.m. For the Priests of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. Intention of AH  
11:30 a.m. ✳ Brune Gerdes  
1:00 p.m. Intention of Ken Fibbe

### Tuesday St. Stephen

7:15 a.m. Intention of Brother Stephen  
12:10 p.m. ✳ Chuck Strasser

### Wednesday St. John the Evangelist, Apostle

7:15 a.m. Intention of Brother Connor  
12:10 p.m. Intention of the Adams Family

### Thursday The Holy Innocents

7:15 a.m. ✳ Rita M. Jones  
12:10 p.m. For the Intention of the McNay Family

### Friday Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:15 a.m. ✳ Mildred Hannan  
12:10 p.m. Special Intention of DJ, Drew & David Smith

### Saturday Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:15 a.m. ✳ Dilma Riehle  
9:00 a.m. ✳ Robert Tyszkiewicz

### Sunday The Holy Family

#### Sunday within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30 a.m. Intention of JB  
9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the Year  
11:30 a.m. ✳ Thomas Stenger  
1:00 p.m. Intention of Brother Benjamin

## Old St. Mary Wedding Banns

*Svava Ghering & Reuben Stamper (I)*

December 17, 2023

### Old St. Mary Mass Collection

Sunday Offertory: \$10,769.04  
Attendance: 877

## SACRED HEART MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### The Vigil of Christmas

9:00 a.m. Intention of Trisha Fedders & Family  
11:00 a.m. ✳ Helen Marshall

### Monday The Nativity of Our Lord

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
11:00 a.m. Intention of JB

### Friday Day in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 A.m. Janice Conrads

### Sunday The Holy Family

#### Sunday within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Pro Populo  
11:00 a.m. ✳ Gerald Pleiman

# RIP

✳ - For the repose of the soul of...

Pro Populo - For the People of the Parish

Per Annum - During the Year

New Calendar (first) and Traditional Calendar (second)

## Sacred Heart Wedding Banns

*No Banns*

December 17, 2023

### Sacred Heart Mass Collection

Sunday Offertory: \$3,549.39  
Attendance: 278

# NEWS & EVENTS

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## Schedule Changes

Please note that there will be no morning or evening Adoration or Confession on Tuesday, December 26, or Tuesday, January 2, at Old St. Mary. There will no Vespers on Sunday, December 24, or December 31.

## Parish Office Holiday

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26, Monday, January 1, and Tuesday, January 2.

## 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).

## 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) (*please note - you may have received an Oratory newsletter with incorrect Mass times for New Year's Day*). 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 Mass

Join us on the Twelfth Day of Christmas, the Epiphany of the Lord, for a Solemn Mass, on Saturday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Old St. Mary. Please note that there will be no 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 6.

## Epiphany Water Blessing

If you would like Epiphany water, please bring jugs of water to Old St. Mary by the end of the 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 on January 6. Blessed chalk will be available on January 6.

## Catholics United

Catholics United for the Faith will meet Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the school building at Sacred Heart Church (Room 202). The meeting will feature Philip Gray, President of CUF international, speaking on the role of laymen in the Church today and the role of canon law in protecting rights of Catholics.

## 1st Quarter 2024 Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being accepted for January 1 through March 31, 2024 only. Since demand for intentions at Latin Masses is so high, there is a limit of 3 Masses per household for the quarter. Mass intentions must be given in writing and include contact information. We will do our best to accommodate specific dates; however, this is not guaranteed. Contact the parish office for more information or questions.

## 2024 Contribution Envelopes

Due to printing issues with the vendor the 2024 collection envelopes have not arrived yet. We hope to have them out on December 31.

## Volunteers Needed

Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center is looking for volunteers to lead 15-minute Bible studies with clients (the readings are already prepared; no prep needed!) and to help pack baby items for those in need. Shifts are 1:00-4:00pm, Monday through Thursday. Many volunteers serve once a week, others come twice a month. We are located in the basement of the old school building. For more information, please call Barbara Rose at (513) 969-4739 or leave a voicemail at (513) 929-9165.

## Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Alder & Mauve Hartlaub, children of Elizabeth & Pat Goodman & Isaac Hartlaub. Welcome to the Church, Alder & Mauve.

## May They Rest in Peace

In your charity remember in your prayers the soul of Richard Schihl, husband of Mary Lou and father of parishioner Amy Bockrath, and the soul of Chuck Strasser, husband of Lynn and father of parishioners Bethany Bachmeyer and Jessica Freudiger. May they rest in peace.



*Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate and clean Old St. Mary and Sacred Heart for Christmas. Your work and devotion to the parishes is very much appreciated.*

