



Sacred Heart Cathedral

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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00am — 3:00pm
Friday 9:00am — Noon
We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10pm — 12:40pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 9:15am & 11:15am

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10pm
Tuesday at 7:30am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30am — Noon
Friday 11:30am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:30pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30pm

September 22, 2024
Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This week we start our 2024-2025 Religious Education Year here at the Cathedral. I'm so grateful to our coordinator Darlene Piersall and her volunteers for their commitment to this very important element of our parish life.

Each year I basically re-post in the bulletin this same message (see below) which outlines my "vision" for what parish religious education needs to be. So, my apologies if this is your fourth year reading this (!) but I think it is important enough to warrant being repeated.

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In listing the duties of the parish pastor, the Code of Canon Law draws particular attention to the importance of religious education. It states that the pastor "is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction" (Can. 528 §1). But just a few sentences later it adds: "**He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth**" (Ibid).

I make a conscious effort to fulfill this duty by being involved as much as I can during the Sunday religious education classes.

But there is only so much that classroom instruction can hope to accomplish, and in this culture, **it will almost certainly fail to achieve its goal if that is all that we do**. The other key pieces of the puzzle are, among other things:

1. Family support – The Church has always reiterated that the parents are the first and primary catechists of their children. The home itself should become what is sometimes referred to as the "domestic church." Is the home truly a place of family prayer? Do you have a crucifix on the wall in every bedroom? Are there images of Our Lord or the Blessed Mother in a place of prominence? Do you keep a bottle of Holy Water accessible and use it frequently to bless yourself, your children and your house?

Most importantly, however, is the role of the family in making sure that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the unwavering family expectation, even during times of vacation and travel. I can try to awaken people to the seriousness of this obligation by stressing its importance; or I can speak more positively about the benefits of Mass attendance and the graces that the Mass gives us. But as it relates to catechesis, it is my experience that religious education classes will be almost totally ineffective in nurturing the Catholic faith unless the family is also attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Day.

2. The Liturgy – The Liturgy itself should have a strong pedagogical role in the Catholic education of our young people. By that I mean that the truths of the faith that we teach in the classroom in words should also be "taught" and "experienced" in the liturgy through sights, gestures, postures, sounds, smells, and even reverential silence.

For example, I can teach until I am blue in the face the fact that the Mass really is, as Vatican II puts it, the "sacrifice of [Our Savior's] body and blood" which "perpetuate[s] the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries." But unless this reality is seen and tangibly experienced in the way that we worship, our teaching is just words on page with real effect. The same is true about all of the other truths of the faith.

Another way of saying this is that the classroom should be to inspire a sense of wonder and curiosity in the students regarding the immense beauty of our Faith. But then going forth from the classroom, this sense of wonder is sustained and cultivated by their experience of the sacred liturgy.

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3. The whole parish – Pope St. Paul VI famously noted in the 1970s that “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” Every individual member of our parish witnesses to their faith by the way that they conduct themselves in the church, and by the way that they live out their spiritual lives on a daily basis. This witness is amplified ten-fold when it becomes a collective parish culture. Silent prayer before and after by parishioners before and after Mass can “speak” louder than classroom lectures. Long confession lines “speak” of the reality of sin but also the greatness of Christ’s mercy. Even things like the beauty of vestments, music, and decorations “speak” to the fact that our worship is something holy and heavenly.

So basically, thank you so much for all of the implicit ways that everyone of us can contribute to the Catholic education of our children and youth!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

Saturday September 21, 2024—Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11:13; Mt9:9-13

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Intentions of Roman Nietopski—Kristen & Jim Nietopski
Intentions of Jonathan Sousa—Kristen & Jim Nietopski
Intentions of JaKerri Smith— Kristen & Jim Nietopski
Benedetto Carfagna—Children
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Sunday, September 22, 2024—Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17:20, Jas 3:16—4:3; MK 9:30-37

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am David Coogan—Children
John Willian Lang—Giorgi Family
Loyola Connolly—Niece
Dawn DeManincor—Cornie Inzana
11:15 am First Responders Mass w/Bishop Matano
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, September 23, 2024—St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Arlene Ennocenti & Gail Brumbaugh—Loretta
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Tuesday September 24, 3034

Prv 21:1-6,10-13; Lk 8:19-21

7:30 am Intentions of Bill Schoff—Kristen & Jim Nietopski
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Prv 30:5-9; Lk 1:9-6

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm James M. Lasponara—Robert Kowalczyk
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Ecc1 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Kathryn Prior—Margaret Petrella
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael— w/Fr, Van Lieshou

Friday, September 27, 2024—St. Vincent DePaul, Priest

Ecc; 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

11:30—Noon Confession
12:10 pm Elizabeth Packer—Niece, Grace
8:00 pm Novena of St. Michael w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Saturday, September 28 2024

Ecc1 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45

2:30—3:30 pm Confession
3:00 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Intentions of Douglas Walker—Kristen & Jim Nietopski
7:00 pm Holy Mass—Changed Vigil Mass of the Holy Archangels
8:00 pm Final Recitation of the Novena

Sunday, September 29, 2024—Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29, Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43; 45, 47-48

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am Intentions of Richard, Muriel & Isaac De Martino & Family—DeMartino Family
Elaine Cavuoto—Joe & Mary Giorgi
11:15 am Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout
8:00 pm

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Rigel Eklund & Nicole Fantauzzo
Logan Harrington & Anna Mary Benoy
Dakota Folger-Reeder & Julianna Apollonio

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

This Weeks Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of— Dcn. John Giugno
Requested by — Capone Family

In Memory Of—Richard Johnson
Requested by — Nina & Joe Lombardo

In Memory Of— Giuseppe Puglisi
Requested by — Rosa & Tony Uttaro



Parish Offertory September 14 & 15, 2024

Actual	Goal	Variance
8,655	8,300	355
YTD Actual	YTD Goal	YTD Variance
93,773	84,900	8,873



1st Communion and Confirmation Classes start on Thursday Sept 26th, and Continuing Faith Formation start on Sunday Sept 29th

- 1st Penance - Renewed by Jesus (1st-2nd graders)
Thursday 5:30-6:30
- 1st Communion - Receiving Jesus (1st-2nd graders)
Thursday 5:30-6:30
- Continuing Faith (3rd-7th graders)
Sunday 10:15-11:15
- Confirmation year 1 (8th grade)
Thursday 5:30-6:30
- Confirmation year 2 Chosen (9th grade)
Thursday 5:30-6:30

Please register online <https://forms.office.com/r/taViLZiit8>



or fill out a paper registration form available at the information desk and return the completed form to the office.

Volunteers Needed for Trunk or Treat

Are you interested in volunteering at our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 27th from 2:00-4:30 pm? We need people and young adults to pass out candy from a decorated trunk or pass our cider and donuts. Please call the office at 585-254-3221 if you are interested.

Blessing of Religious Items



Blessing of religious items will take place the weekend of September 28 & 29, a table will be located in the narthex.

Please do not place any item(s) on the table until after mass and when Fr. Van Lieshout is at the table for the blessing. Thank You!

Input Your Not Available Dates Into the Ministry Schedule Pro System For the next Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Please input your not available dates into the Ministry Pro Schedule by Tuesday, September 24th. For those who do not have access to a computer, please contact Michele Kelly in the office at 254-3221 and she will input this into the system for you. The next schedule will be for October 5 — December 29, 2024. Thank you.

Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The Diocese of Rochester has launched the 2024-2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and the necessity for the CMA is unchanged after more than 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church’s mission through good times and bad — through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and the Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We are called to meet these needs.

You will be receiving through the U.S. Mail the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing . The Theme for this year’s campaign is **Extending Christ’s Mission**. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response. Every gift is needed and important! Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank you.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



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- Heidi Erb, Sr. Joan Hilbert RSM,
- Sharon Herring, Jon Herron,
- Fr. Kevin McKenna, Law Meh,
- Gregory McCarthy, Irene Morgan,
- Janice Moroz, Sue Spinoso, Dan Stella,
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