

Sacred Heart Cathedral



MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

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

Daily Mass

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

The Cathedral Community at Sacred Heart

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Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
(We close for Mass and lunch 12:10 pm—12:40 pm)
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

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

August 16, 2026
Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

As we start to look towards the end of summer and the upcoming school year in September, I want to use this column to give my own emphasis to a few important things:

Religious Ed and Sacramental Prep signups

You can register your children online, or using the paper form available on the information desk.

The Catholic education of our children is one of the most important duties of the parish. We provide solid classroom formation here through the work of our Religious Ed Coordinator, Darlene Piersall, and her team of devoted catechists. But the whole parish is involved in the effort.

Certainly parents are the first educators in the faith for their children, and so the home environment must be one in which the faith is taken seriously (unfailing weekly Mass attendance and regular confession), prayer is practiced as a family in some way, and the home looks like a Catholic home with holy pictures, crucifixes, statues, and other sacramentals which help to convey the sense of the home as the “domestic church.”

The Sunday 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. Things like the beauty of vestments, music, and decorations “speak” to the fact that our worship is something holy and heavenly.

And 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 help convey the reality of sin but also the greatness of Christ’s mercy.

Last call for OCIA

The introductory OCIA classes are already underway, but there is still time to join our program for Baptism or Reception into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil 2027. Please reach out to me via email or phone call if you are even remotely considering the possibility of becoming Catholic (or encourage a friend or family member who is “on the fence” to do the same).

Choir Members Needed

As the Diocesan Cathedral, I have always said that we have a unique responsibility to teach, uphold, and pass on the Church’s treasury of traditional sacred music. But this requires parishioners willing to put in the effort to learn this sacred treasury and put it into practice.

So I am appealing for new choir members and we begin our Fall choir season. No previous experience is necessary! The commitment is simply one weekly rehearsal as well as the singing of the 11:15 Sunday Mass. Please email John Morabito (john.morabito@dor.org) for more information.

Finally, stay tuned for an Adult Ed opportunity that will be announced at the beginning of September.

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

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity! Your steadfast, sacrificial financial support keeps our Cathedral parish running and able to serve God and our neighbors.

Parish Offertory for August 8 & 9, 2026

Actual \$9,062	Goal	Variance \$9,062
YTD Actual \$58,957	YTD Goal	YTD Variance \$58,957

CONSIDER USING THE ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM:



Electronic giving, via the QR code or website, is simple and convenient way to support the Cathedral Parish, either on a one-time, weekly or monthly basis.

LEAVE A LEGACY: Remember Sacred Heart Cathedral in your Will! It's a meaningful and tangible way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations of Catholics.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Matthew Dittkowski & Jeri Hanselman

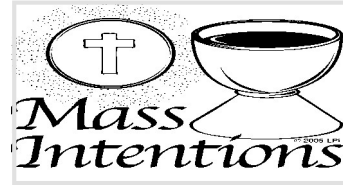
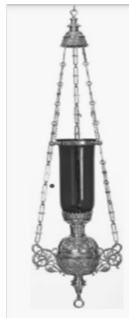
Please keep this couple in your prayers as they approach their wedding day and begin their vocation as husband and wife, revealing to the world the faithful love of Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of — Sandra L. Harkness
Requested by — Mark & Laura Henry*

*In Memory Of — Jerry & Virginia Parker
Requested by — Tim & Marlene Canavan*

*Intentions Of — Rick Corcimiglia Jr.
Requested by — Mom & Jim*



Saturday, August 15, 2026—The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

RV 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

9:00 am	Solemn Chanted Mass of the Assumption of Our Lady
2:30—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	David Donofrio—Jim & Michele Kelly Millie McKernan—Nancy Hughes Genevieve Cherkis—Gene & Sue Cherkis John Vorrasi—Family

Sunday, August 16, 2026—Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7, Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

7:00 am	For the people of the Sacred Heart
9:15 am	Mariarosa Mazzagatti—Rosa Thuan Nguyen—Sister Intentions of Sue Herbert—The Seven Sisters Intentions of J. Riekson—Family
11:15 am	Jerry & Virginia Parker—Tim & Marlene Canavan

Monday, August 17, 2026

Ez 24:15-23; Mt 19:16-22

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Diane M. Fitzpatrick—Friend

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

7:30 am	John Vorrasi—Family
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Wednesday, August 19, 2026—Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Gary Williams—Hayes Family

Thursday, August 20, 2026—Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Basilia Correi—Family

Friday, August 21, 2026—Saint Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Arnold Phillips—Dcn. Mike & Angela Kristan
4:45 pm—5:30 pm	Confession

Saturday, August 22, 2026—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

2:30 pm—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Sandra L. Harkness—Mark & Laura John Vorrasi—Family Intentions of Michael Ryan—Nietopski Family Intentions of Michael Nietopski—Nietopski Family

Sunday, August 23, 2026—Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23, Rom 11:33:36; Mt 16:13-20

7:00 am	Margaret & Jerry McCabe—Kelly & Paul Gotham
9:15 am	For the people of Sacred Heart
11:15 am	Jane Canavan—Tim & Marlene Canavan

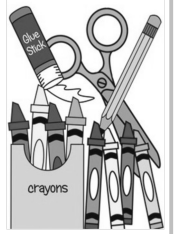
Why is it IMPORTANT that we register in a Parish

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. At times, young adults are still signed up under their parents. Membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priest are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese and how Masses, Confession and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

School Supply Collection For Mary's Place Refugee Outreach

We need your help with school supplies to support Mary's Place Refugee Outreach. Please donate school supplies the weekend of August 15 & 16 and the weekend of August 22 & 23, and place the supplies in the bins located in the narthex.



Please donate the following supplies:

Backpacks
Folders
Notebooks
Pencils/pens/erasers
Crayons/markers
Rulers
Glue

Thank you in advance for your generosity from the Social Ministry Committee.

STAND TOGETHER FOR LIFE *Every 4th Saturday*

PEACEFUL PUBLIC WITNESS AND PRAYER TO END ABORTION

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only faced with but necessarily in the midst of this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."

— Pope St. John Paul II

Aug. 22, 2026
114 University Ave.
14605

FEATURED SPEAKER:

"Open Mic"

9:45 – 11:00AM
Rosary 9:15



Come for coffee and donuts hosted by Quest for Life

Sick, Infirm and Homebound

Because of HIPAA laws, the only way the Parish Staff learns of parishioners who are ill or infirmed is if the **parishioner, or a family member notifies the office.**

If you, or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or moved to a nursing facility or family member's home, please let the Cathedral Office know.

If you/they are unable to attend Mass, please contact the office to arrange to receive communion.

If a family member has gone to hospice care or needs healing prayers, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered by a priest. Please call the office at (585) 254--3221.



Save The Dates

Sunday, September 13, 2026 — First Responders Mass with Bishop Bonnici at 11:15 am.

Sunday, October 11, 2026 — White Mass with Bishop Bonnici at 11:15 am.

Both of these masses will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Bernadette Anastasi, Shirley Atwell, Gary M. Butterfield, Manjo Das, Scott Davis, Muriel DeMartino, Debra D. Campbell, Robert DiFulio, Heidi Erb, Frank Campione, Deborah Hard, Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM, Kristin Helms, Jon Herron, Robert Lighthouse, Andrew Mastin, Sydney Marfioe, John McGarvey, Irene Morgan, Fr. Thomas P. Mull, Susie Shoemaker, Sharon Springer, Susan Spinosa,

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one. The offering is \$10. Weekday and weekend masses are available. **You may now start scheduling masses for 2027.** Please call the office at (585) 254-3221 or stop by the office Monday — Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm (we close for mass and lunch from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm) and on Friday from 9:00 am — Noon.

 *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"*
Matt. 11:28

HEALING RETREAT

PRESENTERS

 **AUGUST 20TH THURSDAY 3PM**
AUGUST 22ND SATURDAY 1PM

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Tabernacle Candles

Make a \$10 offering to have a sanctuary lamp burn in honor of your loved one. The name of the honored person will be listed in the bulletin. Cards are available with this offering. Please call or stop by the Cathedral main office to request this memorial.

**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Austudillo and all our faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Our Faith Formation programs are now open for registration with students entering grades 1st — 10th grade.

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| • 1 st penance — Renewed by Jesus (2 nd graders) | Wednesday | 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • 1 st Communion— Receiving Jesus(2 nd graders) | Wednesday | 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • Continuing Faith (3 rd --7 th graders) | Sunday | 10:15 am — 11:00 am |
| • Confirmation Year 1 (8 th graders) | Wednesday | 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • Confirmation Year 2 (9 th graders) | Wednesday | 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |

Please register online <https://sacredheartrochester.org/our-faith/religious-ed/religious-ed-registration/> or fill out a paper registration form available at the information desk and return the completed form to the office.



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2026**

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