

Change of Mass Schedule

Effective Saturday, November 25, 2017

Saturday

Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm, St. Mary's—

Where we are: After discussion at the potluck, there was a consensus to move to one Mass on Saturday. Since there is an evening Mass at St. Pius on Sunday, a good compromise would be the Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary's. We'll move it a half hour earlier since it typically doesn't get dark until closer to five.

Goal: As it is with all the masses, we want to incorporate ministers from both parishes into the one 4pm Mass, gathering as one community of faith. In my experience, both sites have often had difficulty filling some ministries at the vigil Mass so we can work on bringing everyone together into one. It will require everyone working together, certainly a goal to work towards. If there is any way that we can help, in terms of transportation or those who would prefer to carpool, I'd certainly be open to finding someone to help coordinate that to assist. Location should not be a deterrent from participation in the Church's liturgy. As discussed at the potluck, this does give a little more leeway at St. Pius with wedding times, so we can accommodate young couples as much as we can. Confessions will continue to be welcomed on Saturday before Mass beginning at 3pm.

Sunday

7:30am, St. Pius—

Making the Mass thirty minutes earlier accommodates the presider if they are to get to Mass at St. Mary's at 9:00. In order to have music, it's going to need to be a little earlier. As I said at the potluck, I still believe that an early Mass is necessary in the age we live. Yes, there are plenty of faithful who come, but it's also often a catch all for others who are on their way to something else.

9:00 am, St. Mary's & 10:30am, St. Pius—

These two Masses are the primary Masses of the pastorate. They are each unique, one being traditional and the other more contemporary. Over the past year, and as we go forward, we will continue to have many things revolve around these times, including baptisms, first communions, faith formation, and other sacramental opportunities. Each parish still has a "main Mass" and for us, it's these two.

5:00 pm, St. Pius

Sunday evening Mass has become primetime for many in the ever-moving culture. It has been changed by 30 minutes. Since we typically hold Confirmation classes following that Mass, our kids should be able to get home earlier in the evening on a Sunday as well as on a school night. Also, since this mass encompasses many non-parishioners, the earlier time will differentiate us from neighboring parishes who also have a 5:30 Mass. I understand that games and such might not end until late afternoon, but this provides people the opportunity to come to Mass before even going home in that case.

