

## Mass Times Update

Over the past several months, we've all experienced many changes to our Mass schedule—both during the week and on weekends. These adjustments were brought about by two main realities: first, the temporary closure of Queen of All Saints' principal worship site (which affected our weekend schedule), and second, the change in administration at Notre Dame (which affected weekday Masses).

I wish I could say that all the changes are behind us and that we only need to grow accustomed to a new "normal." But the truth is, we still have a little more work ahead before our schedule settles into a stable rhythm.

### Weekday Mass Schedule (beginning September 2, 2025):

- **Monday:** 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | 8:30 a.m. Notre Dame School Mass
- **Tuesday:** 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | 8:30 a.m. Queen of All Saints School Mass
- **Wednesday:** 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | 8:30 a.m. Notre Dame School Mass
- **Thursday:** 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | 8:30 a.m. Queen of All Saints School Mass
- **Friday:** 7:30 a.m. St. Mary | 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at Christ the King Chapel
- **Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. St. Mary

### Weekend Mass Schedule (beginning October 4–5, 2025):

*Returning to the "normal" schedule at all three worship sites*

- **Queen of All Saints**
  - Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
  - Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)
- **St. Mary**
  - Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
- **Notre Dame**
  - Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
  - Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Looking ahead, we must prepare for one final change. At present, our parish offers **eight Sunday liturgies** across the three campuses. Over time, this number of Masses will not be sustainable. Beginning in January, all parishioners will be invited to participate in a parish-wide vote to help shape a **new weekend Mass schedule**.

This schedule will begin on **the First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2026**, and will reduce the number of weekend Masses to **six**:

- One Saturday evening Mass
- Four Sunday Masses in English (early morning, mid-morning, late morning, and evening)
- One Sunday Spanish Mass

While the exact times and locations will be determined through the January voting process, we want everyone to know these general plans now—especially as the **Mass Intentions Book** opens on **Monday, September 8th**. When requesting intentions, you will be able to choose from the available time slots (Saturday evening or Sunday: early, mid-morning, late morning, or evening), though the specific worship site will not be finalized until after the parish vote.

This new schedule seeks to balance the needs of our priests with the needs of our parishioners, making sure that everyone has access to a variety of Mass times. Every community will experience both sacrifice and blessing in this transition, but together we can ensure a healthier, stronger, and more unified Catholic presence in Michigan City.

For more details on how decisions about Mass times are made, I invite you to read the addendum in this bulletin: *“Rubric for Decisions About Mass Times in Combined Parishes.”*

Thank you for your patience and flexibility. Change is never easy, but it is often the soil from which growth takes root. I believe these changes, though challenging, will help us build a vibrant and renewed Catholic community, rooted in faith and hope for the future.

With peace and gratitude,  
Fr. Dave