

Policy for Reserved Dates for the Annual Parish Calendar

The following dates are automatically reserved on an annual basis on the Parish calendar. These take precedence over all other claims for facilities.

1. Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm, Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Spanish Mass at 12:00 noon. All are in the Church
2. Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday 8:30 am; Friday 7:00 pm in Spanish. Church or Chapel
3. All holy days of obligation in the liturgical year that don't fall on Sundays:
 - a. August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - b. November 1st, All Saints
 - c. December 8th, The Immaculate Conception
 - d. December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe (not a holy day of obligation but pastorally important)
 - e. December 25, Christmas
 - f. January 1, Mary, Mother of God
 - g. Ash Wednesday, (not obligatory but important)
 - h. Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil (not obligatory but important celebrations)
 - i. The Ascension of the Lord (usually transferred to Sunday)
4. Liturgy of the Hours: Monday through Friday in the Chapel:
 - a. Lauds (Morning Prayer) 8:00 am (Friday includes Benediction)
 - b. Vespers (Evening Prayer) 6:30 pm
5. Confessions: Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Following Vespers); Saturdays at 3:30 pm.
6. Pastoral Council: the first Tuesday of each month (except July & December) beginning with 6:30 PM Vespers then moving to the upstairs meeting room.
7. School Board Meetings: the 3rd Tuesday of the Month: August – November & January – May. Beginning with 6:30 PM Vespers then, moving to the Library.
8. Finance Council: the fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months, (except July) beginning with 6:30 PM Vespers then moving to the upstairs meeting room.
9. Staff Meetings: the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 10:30 AM in the upstairs meeting room.
10. Worship Team: the second Wednesday of each month, beginning 10:30 AM in the upstairs meeting room.
11. First Saturday Respect life Mass: 10:00 am in the Church followed by Rosary procession to Grotto, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reception in the Multi-purpose room.
12. English Baptisms 10:00 am, last Saturday of odd-numbered months except the month in which Holy Week-Easter falls.
13. Spanish Baptisms 10:00 am, 2nd Saturday of each month except the month in which Holy Week-Easter falls.
14. Parish Stewardship (To be coordinated between calendar secretary and the Stewardship Committee, Chair of Finance Council & Book Keeper):
 - a. Our Annual Stewardship Ministries and Apostolates Fair will be scheduled on the weekend following the Labor Day Weekend. Annual Stewardship Fair will take place in the Parish Hall following all Masses that weekend. Reservation of the Hall begins Noon on that Saturday and continues through Sunday at 5:00 pm.
 - b. Stewardship Fair Letter goes out to leaders of all Ministries and Apostolates no later than August 20th.
 - c. 2 or 3 weekends before Stewardship Fair Sunday (depending on the date of Labor Day weekend) Stewardship of Finance Report goes out in the Bulletin , Website, and (Possibly mailing)

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- d. 1 or 2 weekends before Stewardship Fair Sunday (depending on the date of Labor Day weekend):
Stewardship of time, talent, and treasures go out in the Bulletin, Webpage and mailing.
15. Annual Novena of Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15th) begins two Thursdays before the Sunday following September 14, 7pm, in the church. On Fridays Saturdays and Sundays the novena prayer will be prayed at the end of Mass.
 16. Annual observance of the Triumph of the Cross (September 14 or on the Sunday after the 14th) as our patronal feast.
 17. Fall Festival: On the 3rd full Weekend of October (Sunday).
 18. Annual All Saints Festival: on Halloween, December 31, The Hall is reserved from the end of School that day through 9:00 pm for set-up and clean-up.
 19. Annual All Souls' Masses at Mount Olivet: 10 am in Mausoleum and 7:00 pm at outdoor altar on the south end of the cemetery.
 20. The Annual Dickinson Christmas Parade is likely to take place, at around 7 pm, on the 1st Thursday of December. We allow them to use our parking lot to queue up the parade floats and participants. FM 517 E is blocked off. It is not advisable to schedule parish activities that evening.
 21. Annual Pastor's Appreciation Dinner (Pastor's Advent Party) 2nd Saturday of December (in case of conflict with Immaculate Conception or OL Guadalupe, the Appreciation Dinner is moved to the 1st Saturday in December) following the Vigil Mass, in the Hall. The Hall is reserved all day Saturday for preparation.
Invited are:
 - Priests,
 - Deacons and spouses,
 - Instituted Acolytes and spouses,
 - Parish staff and spouses,
 - Leaders and members of liturgical ministries and spouses,
 - Pastoral Council members and spouses,
 - Finance Council members and spouses,
 - Building committee members and spouses,
 - Anima Christi Committee and spouses,
 - Stewardship Committee and spouses,
 - Presidents or Chairs of parish organizations, ministries or apostolates and spouses.
 22. Annual New Year's Eve Gala, in the Hall, following the December 31st Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass to benefit the Building Fund
 23. Annual bilingual First Penance celebration, the 3rd Saturday in January.
 24. Annual DSF Commitment Weekend: 1st weekend of the month of February
 25. Annual Lenten bilingual Mass & Stations of the Cross: Friday evenings, 7:00 pm bilingual Mass followed by 7:30 pm Stations, and Exposition in the church.
 26. Annual Lenten Communal Penance Liturgy will take place in the Church, at 7:00 pm, on Wednesday following the 2nd Sunday of Lent.
 27. Annual training of EMHC's:
 - a. Give notice to all parties of upcoming training the 3rd Tuesday of March.
 - b. Vetting of names deadline is the 3rd Friday in April.
 - c. Training Session 4th Saturday of April, in Church, 9am to noon.
 28. St Joseph's Altar on the weekend closest to the date of the Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary, March 19.

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29. Annual Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Devotion at 3:00 pm followed by reception in the MPR or Hall. MPR or Hall is reserved from Noon till 7:00 pm for set-up and clean-up.
30. School Annual Monte Carlo Night: the 3rd Saturday of April.
31. Annual Graduation ceremony for True Cross Catholic School 8th graders
32. May Crowning on the First Sunday of May at the 10:00 am Mass.
33. First Holy Communion Masses on the 2nd, and if necessary, the 3rd Sunday in May 10:00 am in English & 12 Noon, in Spanish Overflow go to the Vigil Mass on the 4th Sunday in May).
34. Corpus Christi Sunday Public Eucharistic Procession between the 10 am and Noon Masses
35. Annual High School Graduates' Mass on the 4th Sunday in May
36. Annual School Appeal: TBA. This has to be scheduled in coordination with persons responsible for stewardship appeal, capital campaign, Fall Festival, DSF drive & Monte Carlo Night.
37. Capital Campaign: TBA. This has to be scheduled in coordination with persons responsible for stewardship appeal, capital campaign, Fall Festival, DSF drive & Monte Carlo Night.
38. Increased Offertory Appeal: TBA. This has to be scheduled in coordination with persons responsible for stewardship appeal, capital campaign, Fall Festival, DSF drive & Monte Carlo Night.