



25. The Bells of St. Mary's

The bells that are displayed in the church courtyard were damaged in the church fire of 1977. The bell tower currently has three bells;

- Mary weighs 3,000 pounds and plays in C#
- Nicholas weighs 2,000 pounds and plays in A#
- Little Henry weighs 1,000 pounds and plays in G#

The bells ring on the hour, quarter hour and half hour. They also ring 5 minutes before each mass and at 6 am, noon and 6 pm for the Angelus.

The Angelus bells ring three times each day to remind us to pray a short devotion, consisting of three Hail Mary's, to celebrate the Incarnation. The devotion gets its name from *Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ* (The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary).

We also ring the bells in a slow deep manor when a funeral concludes.

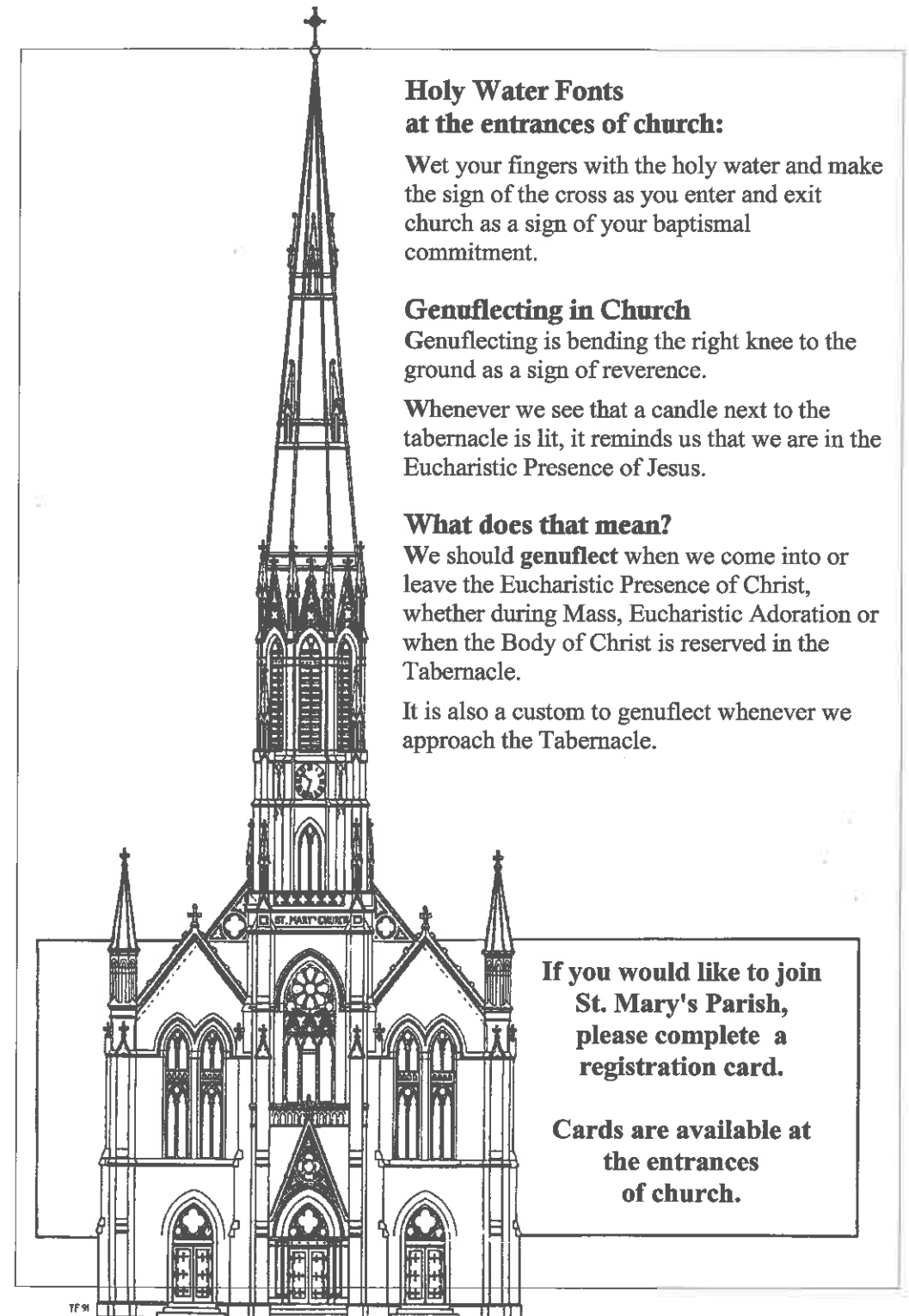
After a wedding, we ring all the bells in celebration!

IN THIS HOLY PLACE



*Welcome to
Saint Mary's
Catholic Church
and
Good Shepherd/
Adoration Chapel*

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Holy Water Fonts at the entrances of church:

Wet your fingers with the holy water and make the sign of the cross as you enter and exit church as a sign of your baptismal commitment.

Genuflecting in Church

Genuflecting is bending the right knee to the ground as a sign of reverence.

Whenever we see that a candle next to the tabernacle is lit, it reminds us that we are in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

What does that mean?

We should genuflect when we come into or leave the Eucharistic Presence of Christ, whether during Mass, Eucharistic Adoration or when the Body of Christ is reserved in the Tabernacle.

It is also a custom to genuflect whenever we approach the Tabernacle.

**If you would like to join
St. Mary's Parish,
please complete a
registration card.**

**Cards are available at
the entrances
of church.**

Please refer to separate map for locations of the items below:

1. High Altar (on back of church map)
2. Tabernacle containing Consecrated Hosts
3. Candle burning inside Red Sanctuary Lamp
4. Immaculate Heart of Mary Window
5. Sacred Heart of Jesus Window
6. Altar
7. Sanctuary
8. Presider's Chair
9. Lectern (Ambo)
10. Music Room
11. Sacristy (guided tours available)
12. Small Organ Pipes
13. Holy Family Sculpture
14. Jesus departs from Bethany Window "The beginning of Holy Week"
15. Jesus with the Children Window
16. Easter Candle (Paschal Candle)
17. Good Shepherd/Adoration Chapel
18. Baptismal Font
19. Reconciliation Room
20. Good Shepherd Sculpture
21. Tabernacle/Monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration
22. Blessed Mother Sculpture
23. Holy Water Supply
24. Restroom
25. Old Bells damaged in church fire
26. Stain Glass Windows (on back of church map)
27. Stations of the Cross
28. Choir Loft
29. Vestibule
30. Lower Level (Heim Hall), Bride's Room, Restrooms, Parish Library

The Interior

When you step inside the church, pause a moment to survey the interior as a whole. A sweep of high arches down the central nave immediately directs your attention to the Sanctuary and the High Altar.

1. The High Altar (Reredos)

The details regarding the high altar may be found on the back of the church map.

2. Tabernacle

This is used to reserve the Blessed Sacrament for Communion to the sick and for prayer. The only time it is empty is during the Good Friday Service to remind us of the time that Jesus spent in the tomb.

3. Sanctuary Lamp

The light is lit when the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus is in the Tabernacle. The candle is always burning near the tabernacle to remind us that Jesus is present. When we pass in front of the tabernacle we genuflect to show respect for Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

6. Altar

The altar is a special table. The faith community gather around this table and share the meal as Jesus taught us at His Last Supper. At Mass we bring our gifts of bread and wine to the altar where the priest asks the Holy Spirit to come upon our gifts and change the bread and wine into the true Body and Blood of Jesus.

7. Sanctuary

The sanctuary is the front part of the church building where the altar and the lectern are placed.

8. Presider's Chair

The priest sits in this chair when he is the celebrant of the mass. Try sitting in the chair. Can you imagine yourself sitting there one day as a priest?

9. Lectern/Ambo

This is the place in the sanctuary where the reader stands to proclaim the first reading, the second reading and the prayers of the faithful. This is also where the priest proclaims the Gospel.

10. Music Room

The Choir Director keeps music in this room.

11. Sacristy

The sacristy is the room where the priest keeps the vestments that he wears during Mass. It is also the room where the sacred vessels are kept. The priest and altar servers get ready for Mass in the sacristy. Guided tours are available.

16. Easter Candle

The large candle is called the Paschal Candle. It is a symbol of the risen Christ. Each year the priest blesses a new candle on Holy Saturday during the Easter vigil. The candle is lit from the new fire that is started outside of the church. Light is then spread throughout the church by lighting individual candles that the people are holding. The candle burns during the fifty days of Easter and is lighted near the coffin during funerals as a sign of hope. A candle like this was lit at your Baptism and your parents or godparents received in your name a small candle lighted from the Paschal candle. What do the numbers on the candle say?

18. Baptismal Font

Each of us begins our faith journey at the Baptismal font. Here we are welcomed into the family of God and the family of the Catholic Church.

19. Reconciliation Rooms

Please walk in and look around. Notice the two choices for Reconciliation, face-to-face or behind-the-curtain. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday afternoon from 3:30-4:15pm.

21. Tabernacle/Monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration

You are invited to pray in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus Monday through Thursday from 9am-9pm and Friday from 9am-4pm.

23. Holy Water Supply

This small barrel contains holy water that is used to fill

the holy water fonts at all entrances to the church/chapel. It is also available for people to take holy water home to be used in the entrances of their homes/bedrooms. Religious stores sell Holy Water Fonts and Holy Water Bottles that some parishioners use.

Wet your fingers with the holy water and make the sign of the cross as you enter the church. It is to remind you of your Baptism and belief in the Blessed Trinity-the three persons in one God.

27. Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross tell the story of what happened to Jesus on Good Friday, the day He died on the cross. Usually a church has seven stations on one side wall and seven on the other. Some churches have fifteen stations. The last one reminds us that Jesus rose to new life on Easter. Station Booklets are available.

29. Vestibule

The Vestibule (or Narthex) provides a desirable space transition from the street to the nave of the church.

Between the double doors is a picture of the current Pope and Archbishop. There is also a stained glass window in a frame. Turn on the light switch by the window and you will be able to see a scene of St. John the Baptist baptizing Jesus in the Jordan River.

We hope you enjoyed your tour of our church. Please visit us in the church office if you have any questions.