

St. Columba, St. Mary of the Assumption, St. Vincent de Paul  
Pulpit Announcement – January 15-16, 2011

After a long process of analysis, review, and discussion, the Transition Team has confirmed a weekend Mass schedule for St. Columba, St. Mary and St. Vincent. The new schedule will begin on the weekend of June 4-5, 2011. A new schedule is necessary because, beginning in late June, only two priests will be available for the three parishes. Currently three priests preside at nine weekend Masses; two priests will be able to preside at only six weekend Masses.

This process included review and suggestions from parish pastoral councils, parish staffs, and parishioners through town hall meetings and surveys. More than 400 parishioner households completed surveys, many of which included written comments and suggestions. The final schedule was the result of extended and heart-felt discussion and represents the best judgment about responding to the needs and desires of all three parishes. All involved in this process understand the sacrifices these changes will mean to your family routines and obligations, and our greatest hope is that we can all work together to prosper within our worship communities.

I want to publicly thank all those who have been involved in this process. Their work together has been an inspiration for all of us. While much work remains to be done to prepare for this new schedule, we can now get on with that work with a definite objective in mind.

The new Mass schedule beginning June 4-5, 2011 will be:

St. Columba: Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am

St. Mary: Sunday 8:00 and 11:00 am

St. Vincent: Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am

This schedule will be evaluated throughout its first year and needed adjustments will be made for the second year.

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