

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to tell you about upcoming changes in the *weekday morning Mass schedule* and how it will affect *Mass Intentions* and *Parish Office* hours.

The recent re-alignment of grades and programs in Pacelli Catholic Schools is prompting an adjustment in our parish Mass schedule as we strive to best serve the needs of our school children and our parishes.

Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 5, the School Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a.m. at St. Stephen Parish. This Mass will be celebrated with the children of the school, but, as always, all parishioners are invited to participate. Fr. Tom Lindner of Holy Spirit Parish and I will preside at the school Mass on alternating weeks, which helps the children appreciate that, while they come to school at St. Stephen, several other parishes and pastors are part of our Catholic school system. Other pastors, as well as our new Pacelli school chaplain, will also preside at this Tuesday Mass on occasion.

With the move of the school Mass to Tuesday, other adjustments are needed in the weekday morning Mass schedule. **The following changes will take place for St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes as of Tuesday, Sept. 5:**

- Tuesday: 8:15 a.m. School Mass at St. Stephen Parish
- Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish
- Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen Parish followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet. First Friday Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The change in the Mass schedule will cause a shift in the Mass intentions that have been already scheduled with the parish. Beginning September 5, the following will occur:

- For St. Stephen Parish: Mass intentions originally scheduled on a Wednesday will now be said on the Tuesday prior; Mass intentions originally scheduled on a Friday, will now be said on the Thursday prior.
- For St. Joseph Parish: Mass intentions originally schedule on a Tuesday will be said on the Wednesday following; Mass intentions scheduled on a Thursday will be said on the Friday following.

As a result of the weekday Mass changes, parish office hours, at both locations, will also be affected. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 5, Renee will have the following office hours:

- Tuesday and Thursday at St. Stephen Parish from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday at St. Joseph Parish from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The office will be closed at both parishes on Monday morning.

Changing Mass schedules and routines can be difficult, but the impact of this change should be minimal and is prompted by a response to a greater good.

In Christ,

Fr. Jerzy