

Tridentine Community News

March 5, 2023 – Second Sunday in Lent

Non-Parish Churches & Chapels in Metro Detroit Part 1 of 4

The Rescript that Rome issued on February 21 has raised the possibility that some Latin Mass communities eventually may have to relocate to non-parish churches. In some dioceses this would be difficult or impossible, but here in metro Detroit we actually have a significant number of suitable and beautiful non-parish churches and chapels which would be fine homes for the TLM. In fact, some of our so-called chapels are actually enormous spaces, seating hundreds of people. Let's take a look at some of those chapels and churches, many of which have already hosted the Tridentine Mass on regular or special occasions:

1. Lansing Reilly Hall Chapel: This small chapel with a stunning High Altar is located in the Jesuit residence on the McNichols Campus of the University of Detroit Mercy. While it has been included on the church tours of the Detroit Historical Society, and while it seems to offer Mass daily and on Sundays for the Jesuits, it is not open to the public and rarely if ever offers public Masses. However those who know it, including local TLM celebrant Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ, have remarked about its beauty.



2. St. Joseph Manor Chapel: St. Joseph Manor is a Catholic assisted living facility on Cadieux Road, on the east side of Detroit. Its chapel still has Side Altars and a Communion Rail.



3. Orchard Lake Archdiocesan Shrine Chapel of St. John Paul II: Also known as the Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, this edifice at the center of the Orchard Lake Schools campus seats 750 people and currently serves as the home of the Oakland County Latin Mass Association's weekly Sunday 9:00 AM High Mass. It has a High Altar as well as two Side Altars that the OCLMA has used for Low Masses on All Souls Day.



4. Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel: The original home of the Oakland County Latin Mass Association, the Academy of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills offers a High Altar and Communion Rail, a splendid organ, and superb acoustics. The school has also allowed use of a hall adjacent to the chapel for receptions after Mass.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Fri. 03/10 7:00 PM: High Mass at *St. Joseph, Sarnia* (Friday in the Second Week in Lent) – First public Tridentine Mass of Fr. Paul Kim. Reception follows.