

Tridentine Community News

March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday in Lent

Non-Parish Churches & Chapels in Metro Detroit Part 2 of 4

Our second installment covering the hidden gems in our midst: non-parish churches and chapels that could host the Traditional Latin Mass.

5. Grosse Pointe Academy Chapel: The former Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe, now the Grosse Pointe Academy, has a beautiful chapel, a more traditional version of its sister chapel in Bloomfield Hills. A popular site for weddings, it sports a High Altar, two small Side Altars, and a Casavant pipe organ.



6. St. Albertus Church: One of the largest churches in the area, seating 2,500, St. Albertus was the first church to serve the Polish community in Detroit. Closed as a parish in 1990, it was purchased by parishioners and continues to operate and offer Masses to this day. It used to host monthly Sunday 12:00 Noon Tridentine Masses and would again if priests and volunteers were available at that prime-time hour.



7. St. Joseph Chapel, Pontiac: Once an independent parish serving the Polish community and later a worship site of St. Damian of Molokai Parish, St. Joseph Chapel in Pontiac is now independently owned and operated by Terra Sancta Ministries, a pilgrimage operation headed by Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM. It offers Novus



Ordo Masses on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12:00 noon. On January 6, 2020 a special Tridentine Low Mass was held there.

8. Felician Sisters' Convent Chapel: The massive Felician Sisters' Motherhouse in Livonia next to Madonna University has an equally massive chapel. One of the first public Tridentine Masses of Canon Ed Gardner of the Institute of Christ the King was held in this chapel in 2015. In 2004 Cardinal Maida suggested that the second indult-era weekly TLM in the Archdiocese of Detroit should be held at this chapel, something that never transpired. As beautiful as this chapel is, however, the Felicians seem to keep its existence hidden. No mention is made of it on the Felicians' web site or on the web site of Madonna University. However, a sign outside the chapel welcomes the public to Masses held there on Sundays at 9:30 AM and on weekdays at 9:30 AM.



Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 03/14 6:00 PM: High Mass at *Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth* (Tuesday in the Third Week in Lent) – Celebrant: Fr. Steve Pullis. Being held one week earlier than usual this month.

Sun. 03/19 10:00 AM: High Mass at *Old St. Mary's* (Fourth Sunday in Lent) – Celebrant: Fr. Cy Whitaker, SJ