A NOTE FROM FR. SCOTT...

You may have heard by now that for a two month period during the winter, we will be using only 2 of our 6 churches for Sunday and weekday Masses. The possibility arose over a year ago with the idea that it might save on utility costs if we didn’t have to heat each church every time we used it for daily and weekend Masses. (We can’t turn the heat off completely, but lower temperatures could result in lower energy bills.)

Then we had that major snowstorm one weekend last winter. With the regular schedule, our maintenance workers found it difficult to keep up with snow removal. For example, they cleared the walkways at St. Patrick’s and then the city plow went up the street and the walkways were once again covered, so when parishioners arrived for Mass it was difficult getting through the snow. After that weekend, the staff developed an emergency plan and the information was put in the bulletin: in the event of major snow the Mass schedule would remain the same but the Masses would be celebrated at only 2 of the churches. We decided St. Mary’s and Ss. Peter & Paul would be the two churches, as the parking situation was favorable and it would leave the Saturday Mass schedule intact, meaning a little less confusion.

Beginning the day after Christmas (December 26) until the day before Ash Wednesday (February 25) we will use only St. Mary’s and Ss. Peter & Paul for weekday and weekend Masses. (Weddings and funerals will still be held in the other churches as requested.)

The Sunday Mass schedule will be as follows (beginning the weekend after Christmas)
Saturday 4pm - St. Mary’s  Saturday 5:30pm - Ss Peter & Paul  Sunday 7:30am – St. Mary’s
Sunday 9am – Ss Peter & Paul  Sunday 10:30am – St. Mary’s  Sun 11:30am – Ss Peter & Paul
Sunday 5pm – Ss Peter & Paul

*Please note the change in location of 11:30am from St. Mary’s to Ss Peter & Paul. The switch will allow for the continuation of Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 10:30am Mass as St. Mary’s has a more accessible dismissal space than does Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Mary’s, being the larger church, will accommodate the greater numbers that attend the 10:30am Mass.

Weekday Masses will be as follows: Monday-Thursday 8am will be at Ss Peter & Paul. Tuesday (when school is in session) 9am Mass at St. Mary’s. Thursday 5:30pm Mass at St. Mary’s. Friday 9am Mass at St. Mary’s. Monday & Friday 12:05pm Mass at Ss Peter & Paul. 1st Saturday of the month 9am Mass at St. Mary’s. Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 12:05pm Mass will remain in St. Joseph’s Chapel.

Beginning Ash Wednesday (February 26), we will return to the present weekly schedule using each of the churches.

We realize the new schedule for those two months will be a little confusing at first, but there will be many reminders before it goes into effect. God’s blessings!