

Compiled List of Advantages (Pros) and Disadvantages (Cons) of the Three Possible Weekend Mass Schedules

The current schedule: Saturday—4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 5:30 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday—9:00 am (St. Catherine) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus)

Advantages

- There is no change for parishioners to adjust to. Everyone is used to it. Many do not want another change. Many have adjusted to this schedule. No change which is what most people tend to like.
- Respects parishioners' already established habits.
- Attendance numbers are maintaining at St. Stanislaus and St. Joseph for the current Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 11:00 am Masses.
- Feedback already received supports the favor of this schedule.
- Morning Mass at St. Stanislaus seems to be good. Lake visitors seem to tend to like morning Mass on Sunday. 11:00 am is good compromise.
- It seems to work most of the time.
- 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Joe's is full so need to keep this Mass.
- St. Catherine's is the largest church and more central for Cameron, Rathbone, and Woodhull parishioners.
- Having 2 Masses at St. Catherine: largest of the 3 churches, where church office is located, home church of business and office managers, the closeness and beauty of the cemetery, new ceiling, parking, park for children's play afterwards, closest for Deacon, balcony size and musical capacity, handicap ramp, fully stocked kitchen and its capacity, two restrooms, Sacred Heart Chapel whether for private confessions, Mass, etc., the dedication and volunteerism of the McCarthy's.
- It's best to keep the Sunday Mass in Addison. Looking at the weekly attendance by year, when there was a Sunday morning Mass in Addison and Campbell (2014-2017), more people attended Sunday Mass in Addison.

Disadvantages

- St. Catherine competes with All Saints for attendance at the 9:00 am Mass.
- 9:00 am is difficult in the winter for our older population.
- Not enough time for Father Pat and Deacon Doug to travel safely from Campbell to Addison on Saturday or visit with parishioners.
- Does not allow much buffer time for Father Pat and Deacon Doug to get from Campbell to Addison. Masses have become longer (observation, not judgment) which puts even more time pressure on Fr. Pat and Deacon Doug.
- The time allowed for driving between the Masses (Saturday and Sunday) seems insufficient.
- No Sunday Mass for St. Joe's.
- Most of the Masses are at the southern end of the parish making them less accessible to those who live in the northern end. Two Masses in Addison is skewed away from the parish's geographic center (Campbell).
- Some parishioners have not gotten used to this new schedule and have decided not to attend our parish for Mass celebration. The church is a community gathering, and removing the opportunity to attend the church of your preference does create hesitation to go to another church where people feel comfortable and know the people of that community.

- Two Masses at St. Catherine's—not in the middle of the parish.
- 9:00 am at St. Catherine is too early.
- The current Mass schedule is not working. Rushing Father Pat and Deacon Doug is not fair to them, could be dangerous in bad weather and it is equally not right to make the parishioners wait for Mass to start. It should start on time as it always had.

A slight modification allowing Fr. Pat and Dcn. Doug sufficient time to travel from St. Joseph to St. Catherine on Saturday evenings: **Saturday—4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 6:00 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday—9:00 am (St. Catherine) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus)**

Advantages

- Not a large-scale change from the current schedule. Only changes one Mass time.
- People have gotten used to the new schedule. Changing the 5:30 Saturday Mass to 6:00 is not that much of a change and will allow ample travel time.
- Allows time for Father Pat and Deacon Doug to travel safely from Campbell to Addison and visit with parishioners on Saturday. Will be needed in winter especially. Less stress and time pressure on Fr. Pat and Deacon Doug. Better for Fr. Pat with 6 pm Mass.
- Eliminates the current wait for Father Pat and Deacon Doug to get to St. Catherine's on Saturday night.
- 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Joe's is full so need to keep this Mass.
- St. Catherine's is the largest church and more central for Cameron, Rathbone, and Woodhull parishioners.
- Having 2 Masses at St. Catherine: largest of the 3 churches, where church office is located, home church of business and office managers, the closeness and beauty of the cemetery, new ceiling, parking, park for children's play afterwards, closest for Deacon, balcony size and musical capacity, handicap ramp, fully stocked kitchen and its capacity, two restrooms, Sacred Heart Chapel whether for private confessions, Mass, etc., the dedication and volunteerism of the McCarthy's.
- It's best to keep the Sunday Mass in Addison. Looking at the weekly attendance by year, when there was a Sunday morning Mass in Addison and Campbell (2014-2017), more people attended Sunday Mass in Addison.

Disadvantages

- St. Catherine still competes with All Saints for attendance at the 9:00 am Mass.
- 9:00 am is still hard in the winter for our older population.
- 6:00 pm may also be difficult in the winter due to darkness.
- No Sunday Mass for St. Joe's which has had a significant reduction in the attendance at St. Joe's.
- Some may find adjusting other Saturday night activities, including dinner time, inconvenient.
- Does not allow more time for driving on Sundays.
- Still two Masses in Addison (away from geographic center of parish).
- Some parishioners have not gotten used to this new schedule and have decided not to attend our parish for Mass celebration. The church is a community gathering, and removing the opportunity to attend the church of your preference does create hesitation to go to another church where people feel comfortable and know the people of that community.
- Is 6:00 pm Saturday Mass too late for farmers? Dinner?
- Two Masses at St. Catherine's—not in the middle of the parish.
- 9:00 am at St. Catherine is too early.

- The 5:30 Mass at St. Catherine’s already has low attendance—moving it to 6 pm may make it worse.

Two Masses at St. Joseph’s, the center of the parish: Saturday—4:00 pm (St. Joseph) and 6:00 pm (St. Catherine), Sunday—9:00 am (St. Joseph) and 11:00 am (St. Stanislaus)

Advantages

- Moves the second Mass to the central geographic location of the parish (though I do not know how the parish population is distributed between Addison, Bradford, Campbell/Savona and Corning/Painted Post area).
- St. Joe’s has Sunday Mass.
- Allows safe/adequate travel time for Father Pat and Deacon Doug.
- Allows for visiting time for Priest and Deacon.
- Previously high attendance at 9:00 am Sunday time for St. Joe’s.
- Removes the conflict with All Saints.
- Advantage for St. Joe’s CCD program. Convenient for families to have class immediately following Mass. Having an early Mass on Sunday to coincide with CCD for Faith Formation worked well for families with young children. St. Joe’s lost kids at faith formation when they lost this Mass. The other schedules are okay too. It’s just that Saturdays tend to be busy days with family and sports (not that Church isn’t a priority) but it sometimes becomes a juggling act to coordinate everything.
- When St. Joe’s had Sunday and Saturday Masses their attendance average was 213 (2017). When St. Catherine has had Sunday and Saturday Masses, average much less: 164 (2018) and 141 (2019).
- Makes more Mass times more easily accessible to more of the parish.
- Makes the most sense for drive times and safety concerns for Fr. Pat and Doug.
- 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at St. Joe’s is full so need to keep this Mass.
- Looking at the attendance by year data – and the fact that the schedule change to 4 Masses per weekend vs. 6 Masses per weekend started in Jan 2018, attendance at St. Catherine’s dropped 18% and St. Joe’s dropped 33% in the first half of 2018, with St. Catherine’s maintaining the 2 Mass weekend schedule and St. Joe’s only having one Mass. If St. Joe’s has 2 Masses/weekend, then the drop in attendance would have been significantly less than what has been observed from the current schedule
- St. Joe’s would be attended more since it is at the center of the parish and closer to Corning. Some All Saints parishioners would come and attend as they did in the past on Sunday mornings.
- With St. Catherine’s maintaining 2 Masses in the current Mass schedule, St. Joe’s parishioners have not migrated to St. Catherine’s for the Sunday morning mass.
- Closest for Father Pat.
- Size of kitchen at St. Joe’s.
- Gives the priest and the deacon more time to travel and less pressure to keep on schedule.
- St. Joe’s would accommodate the most parishioners.
- It may help with our financial situation since some parishioners may come back to our parish.
- The data seems to support this scenario.
- We should try this to see if the attendance increases at St. Joe’s for the two Masses.

- If the 9:00 am Sunday Mass returns to Campbell, attendance will increase. Prominent people from Corning shared that they preferred that Mass.
- St. Joe's should have two Masses as it is easier for Father.
- 4:00 Mass time is kept and St. Joe's gets the 9:00 they requested.
- At the fall meetings, people from all three worship sites stated reasons why St. Joseph's should have both a Saturday and a Sunday Mass.
- Since St. Joe's is physically located between the other two worship sites, it would be easier for people from St. Catherine's and St. Stanislaus to still attend worship at their parish, if not their home church, if they were unable to attend at their home church.

Disadvantages

- May lose parishioners and/or not get attendance up.
- Could potentially draw attendance from the St. Joe's Saturday Mass.
- No guarantee that Corning people will come back to St. Joe's.
- Most attended Mass at St. Catherine's is removed.
- Creates the largest amount of change to the schedule and therefore the most amount of adjustment. People hate change.
- No Sunday Mass for St. Catherine.
- St. Catherine has shown the biggest drop in attendance compared to St. Stanislaus and St. Joe's. They only show bigger attendance Christmas and Easter (April, December).
- Takes a Mass time away from St. Catherine's, which may negatively affect people's traditions and schedules.
- Any change will be met with some resistance but that is unavoidable.
- St. Joe's is a medium-sized church, pews are close together, and it is difficult to get in and out.
- St. Catherine Sunday people will overcrowd St. Joe's smaller church.
- It would be a longer commute from Woodhull and the Cameron/Rathbone area to drive to St. Joe's. Parishioners will leave for other parishes (e.g. Elkland, PA), especially people from Woodhull, Jasper, and Cameron).
- The issue of parking on a Sunday morning at St. Joe's when the neighboring church uses the space as well.
- St. Stan's doesn't get an extra Mass for summer, and St. Catherine's doesn't get a late Sunday Mass.
- Does not sound feasible. Even though St. Joe's is in the middle geographically, it is a smaller church. St. Catherine's is a much larger church and will accommodate many more. We don't want parishioners to stop coming because they feel crowded out.
- With only Saturday at 6 pm, St. Catherine will have no Mass in daylight in winter—will lose older people.
- St. Catherine has more attendance now at their Sunday Mass.
- We will continue to lose folks to Corning because St. Joe's is small and there would be no Sunday Mass in Addison.
- It's best to keep the Sunday Mass in Addison. Looking at the weekly attendance by year, when there was a Sunday morning Mass in Addison and Campbell (2014-2017), more people attended Sunday Mass in Addison.