## All Saints Catholic Church Index Notes

## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. PETERS, ST. CHARLES CO., MO NOTES ON USING THIS INDEX

Parent names given are the first and sometimes, middle name of the father and first and maiden name of the mother. For easier reading names have been "anglicized". Because Maria might be the Latin name for Marie, Mary, May, Molly, etc., and Carl and Charles appear identical in Latin, translating the Latin records is inexact. Allowances should also be made for hard-to-decipher handwriting, faded ink, spelling, etc. Efforts have been made to maintain the spelling of the original record; however, in a few cases when a correct name is known, and the name is written in a way that might not be guessed at, a clarifying entry in parentheses is added. (Or the clarifying entry is indexed, and the other spelling also included.) Because of computer 'dimensions', abbreviations are used to include as much information as the entry gives. However, this is basically an index, and the original record should be consulted when these abbreviations make more information desirable. Many records have NO information other than the basic entry.

In writing German names, an "umlaut" over certain letters is translated by adding the letter "e" after that letter: Müller – Mueller, for instance. Sometimes the umlaut is omitted in the record: this will result in a different spelling in the index. Some spellings that seem strange can be sounded aloud, to hear what a name may have been, especially in early records.

Father Cotting, S. J., in the late 1840's used an abbreviation for months that is odd to modern eyes: 9ber, for instance. We assume this to be the 9<sup>th</sup> month and have so translated it in this index.

When necessary to abbreviate dates, they are written day, month, year: 1/8/44 is the first day of August, 1844. Capital letters are difficult to decipher in old handwritings, and open to misinterpretation. Please consider different spellings possibilities. Also allow for German accents and usages: "v" for "f", "b" for "p".

This index was made possible by an excellent computer program written by Greg Geerling, and his constant assistance on the computer.

All Saints Records are exceptional and extremely well-preserved. Only a few notes are In German, with much English found in early and late years, and the balance in Latin. The care of the priests to keep good records is evident throughout the years.

In dealing with such a large quantity of names, errors are inevitable. We hope they will be minor and inconvenience no one. It has been our goal to make the records easier to locate and more convenient to use.

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ADDENDUM: This database has been reformatted to be searchable for the SCCHS website by Patti Dickherber November 2020.

Please note that the original records of the All Saints Catholic Church are on microfilm at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters. They can be viewed and printed there. Also, if you use their website "Research Request Form" and give the information from the index they will make a copy and send a pdf file to you. There is no charge for this service.

## ALL SAINTS BAPTISMS

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