



**ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
CATHOLIC PARISH AND
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:	4:30 PM
Sunday:	7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Weekday mass:	7:30 AM Monday through Friday except
Wednesdays	8:15 AM when school is in session
Holy Days:	Varies by Holy Day of Obligation

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (#2180) and goes on to state that “Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave [mortal] sin.” (#2181)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday:	8:30 am or by appointment
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BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled on the Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM based on parental requests. Participation in a Parent Preparation Program is mandatory before the baptism of the child. Our preparation Program is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Attendance at Sunday Mass on the day of the Baptism is Mandatory.

Please call the Parish office to schedule a baptism.

WEDDINGS

All weddings are scheduled by the Pastor of the Parish. Office staff cannot schedule a wedding and a wedding is not considered to be officially scheduled until the couple receives written confirmation from the Pastor of the Parish. Couples desiring to be married need to speak directly with the Pastor BEFORE reserving a hall. Only the Bride or Groom may request a date for their wedding. Diocesan policy requires that a 6 month (minimum) preparation process be completed prior to the celebration of all weddings.

Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or have surgery scheduled should receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Healing. Please call the parish office to request this sacrament. Regular visits are also made by our Pastoral Staff and Ministers of Care to bring Holy Communion to hospitalized or homebound parishioners. Anyone desiring such a visit should call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

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FROM FATHER JOHN: “*To those who cite the First Amendment as reason for excluding God from more and more of our institutions and everyday life, may I just say: The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny.*” ~ Ronald Reagan, Address to Alabama State Legislature.

I spent my day off this past week with my parents and we had some interesting conversations. One of our conversations concerned religious freedom and the persecution that Christians, particularly Catholic Christians, are facing around the world and in the United States. The thing about the conversation was that although my mom could easily see and understand the persecution that the Church faces both at home and abroad my dad was unable to see the persecution that the Church faces in the United States.

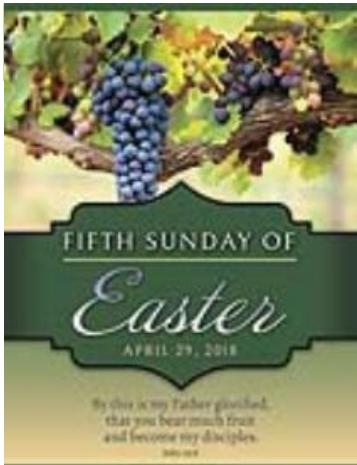
My dad had no problem seeing and understanding that the Church was being persecuted by overseas dictators and tyrants but he believed that it could not possibly happen in the United States. I’m not sure if it is a generational thing or if it’s because my dad always sees the good in people and can’t possibly believe that this could be happening by well, or not so well, intentioned people in our land of freedom and liberty. Or, maybe, my dad was unable to get his arms around the issue of religious liberty in the United States because he didn’t have the specific examples that he needed to see the how our religious freedom has been attacked over the past few years.

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2012, he spoke at great length about his concern that religious liberty is being eroded in the United States. Even though the threat to religious freedom in our country has its roots in the secularism that is the overriding culture in our country and is a larger concern than any single case or example and has its roots in secularism in our culture, I thought I would provide you some specific examples of the threat in the hope that it would help you see the threat that our church faces in our country. Pope Benedict XVI asked the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would “delegitimize the Church’s participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society.” The following are specific examples that come from the USCCB’s website:

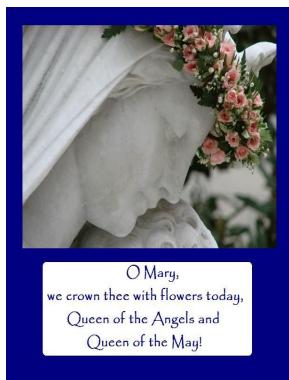
- *HHS mandate for contraception, sterilization, and abortion-inducing drugs under the Obama Administration.* The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services that forced religious institutions to facilitate and fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tried to define which religious institutions are “religious enough” to merit protection of their religious liberty.
- *Catholic foster care and adoption services.* Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- *Discrimination against small church congregations.* New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Litigation in this case continues.
- *Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.* After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
- *Christian students on campus.* In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage. Many other colleges and universities, including schools that claim to be Catholic, have done the same thing.
- *Forcing religious groups to host same-sex “marriage” or civil union ceremonies.* A New Jersey judge found that a Methodist ministry violated state law when the group declined to allow two women to hold a “marriage” ceremony on its private property. Further, a civil rights complaint has been filed against the Catholic Church in Hawaii by a person requesting to use a chapel to hold a same-sex “marriage” ceremony.

Pope Francis also spoke at great length about his concern that religious liberty is being eroded in the United States when he spoke to the Joint Session of Congress on September 24, 2015. “American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America’s most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.”

I think James Madison would agree with both Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. He wrote, “Because we hold it for a fundamental and undeniable truth, that Religion or the duty which we owe to our Creator and the manner of discharging it, can be directed only by reason and conviction, not by force or violence. The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man: and ***it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate.***” (A Memorial and Remonstrance, 1785)



Fifth Sunday of Easter



St. Paul the Apostle Rosary Group invites you to join them every Friday morning after the 7:30 am Mass in the cry room. Everyone is welcome! "The Rosary is the weapon against the evils of today."

St. Padre Pio

St. Paul the Apostle Parish Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, are a faith community of the Diocese of Joliet committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ. We celebrate these teachings both in prayer and liturgy. We proclaim the Gospel through education and example.

We live the word of God by responding to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our faith community. We pledge to use our time, talent and treasures to continually find ways to further the teachings of Jesus Christ.

For more information please visit the website @
www.stpauljoliet.com

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, April 29th

7:30 am	Mass	Church
9:00 am	Mass	Church
10:30 am	Mass	Church

Monday, April 30th

7:30 am	Mass	Church
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
5:45 pm	REP	School
7:00 pm	AA Meeting	A2

Tuesday, May 1st

7:30 am	Mass	Church
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:00 pm	Pastoral Council	A2
5:00 pm	FOLLOW	Convent
6:30 pm	School Board	A2
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep	A4

Wednesday, May 2nd

8:15 am	Mass	Church
5:30 pm	Paulite's Dinner	A4
7:00 pm	Athletic Board Meeting	A2

Thursday, May 3rd

7:30 am	Mass	Church
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
4:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	Church
7:00 pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, May 4th

7:30 am	Mass	Church
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, May 5th

8:30 am	Confessions	Church
4:30 pm	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, May 6th

7:30 am	Mass	Church
9:00 am	Mass	Church
10:30 am	Mass	Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter Time – 29 April 2018

Still bearing fruit. Who is the vine, who are the branches, who is the grower? We know this story and the answers by heart. It draws us into the second reading (1 John 3:18-24) about the behaviors of beloved children. We are Easter children who believe and love, who think and act.

What needs pruning in my life?

What Word of God, what truth do I need to hear? How will I "love one another just as he commands us"?



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE week of April 29th, 2018

MONDAY 4/30

7:30 AM	Dorothy Trizna
	Easter Weekday

Easter Weekday

Francis, Mary & Kaye Prock

Steve Stukel

St. Athanasius

Joe Broderick &
Emmanuel Fattore

Sts. Philip and James

Robert Briski

Easter Weekday

Robert Louch

Vigil of 6th Sunday of Easter

Shirley & Jack Dempsey

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John & Teresa Vidican

Robert Briski

The People of St. Paul the Apostle

WEDNESDAY 5/2

8:15 AM

THURSDAY 5/3

7:30 AM

FRIDAY 5/4

7:30 AM

SATURDAY 5/5

4:30 PM

SUNDAY 5/6

7:30 AM

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Sunday Offering

In Pew Offering-Sunday, April 22, 2018.....	\$ 7,742.50
On Line Giving-Sunday, April 22, 2018.....	\$ 3,169.50
Offering Weekly Budget.....	\$12,760.00
Weekly Shortage April 22,2018.....	\$ 1,848.00
Monthly Total Budget.....	\$72,083.33

Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

God bless you and your family!



ONE IN FAITH ONE IN SERVICE ONE IN CHRIST

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Pre-School

The preschool curriculum at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School embodies several developmentally appropriate components of early childhood instruction to foster the academic, social, physical, and emotional growth of children. They include, but are not limited to, literacy, mathematics, the arts, science, social studies, playtime, physical education, music, and technology. St. Paul the Apostle Preschool serves students age 3 & 4 and is enrolling today, call (815) 725-3390 for more information or to schedule a tour.



Name: Curtis Fournier

Job at St. Paul's: Physical Education Teacher/ Co-Athletic Director

Hometown: Joliet, IL

Family: Wife Tran Fournier, Raphael (dog), and Donatello (dog)

Years at St. Paul's: This is my second year at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School.

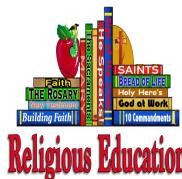
First Job: My first job was at Old Oak Country Club as a cart person.

Hobbies: I enjoy doing yard work and playing vintage video games.

Favorite Grade School Memory: Recess is my favorite grade school memory.

An amazing production of "Into the Woods". Congratulations to the wonderful cast and crew and huge thanks to Jenny Jasper and all the volunteers that made this night possible!!





ALL registration for this year's Totus Tuus Program will be done online. Please contact Religious Education Office if you are interested or would consider being a Host family for the week of June 16-21 for the Totus Tuus team. We are in need of two Host families who could either house the girls or boys team members. Please call the office for further questions and details.

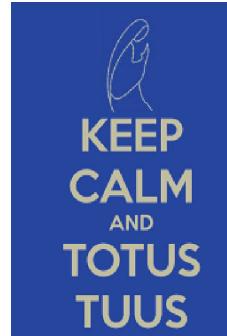
It's hard to believe May is just around the corner, and we will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation. Please mark your calendar for important upcoming dates and times.

April 30th: Last REP class of the school year. Please join us for our closing mass and Honor Society awards in the church. Reports cards will also be handed out.

May 1st: 6 PM, practice for ALL REP and SCHOOL students in the church. All students are required to participate in practice on this night. Confirmation sponsors are NOT required to attend, but are welcomed and encouraged.

May 8th: Confirmation at 6:30 PM. All students and their sponsors must arrive and be seated in their assigned seats in church no later than 6:15 PM. Please wear your wooden Confirmation crosses and Red Confirmation gowns. Please call the REP office if you have any questions.

Be on the lookout for upcoming registration information for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year.



Sign up your kids!

2018 Totus Tuus Catholic Summer Camp

Hosted by Parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet

Register Now!
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ttjoliet/



- Week-long camps available June & July 2018
- Grades 1-6 (day); Grades 7-12 (evening)
- Taught by faith-filled college students and seminarians
- Kids celebrate the beauty of our Catholic Faith and have FUN!
- Cost only \$35 youth, \$15 teens, family maximum \$80



REP Catechist Spotlight

Name: Jennifer Bernard

Hometown: Joliet, Illinois

Family: Hunter (13) and Aubrey (10)

REP Position: 2nd grade Aide

How long have you volunteered for St. Paul the Apostle REP: 5 years

Other volunteer work outside of St. Paul: JJC Alumni Board

Hobbies: Scrapbooking, playing with my kids

Favorite Volunteer Memory: Every year when the 2nd graders make their First Communion, my heart melts with joy!!



The parish is in need of a new lead volunteer for Our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program.

If this is a ministry that you think would be perfect for you or you would like more information please contact the Religious Education Office at 815-725-6927



FOLLOW Youth Ministry

sponsored by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church & the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois

Who we are

FOLLOW is comprised mostly of high school youth from both St. Paul the Apostle Church as well as the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, IL but are welcoming to anyone who wishes to share their faith with us. We have regularly scheduled weekly events as well as larger annual events that comprise other youth ministry program across

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Facebook: facebook.com/followym
Twitter: followyouthmin
Instagram: followym
Snapchat: followyouth

REVEALED

I John 4:9

SUMMER 2018

Welcome to FOLLOW

Welcome to FOLLOW Youth Ministry. We are proud to offer a comprehensive Catholic Youth Ministry Program under the direction of Youth Minister Jeremy Hylka. We strive to incorporate the teachings students learn in school and from their parents and expand on it. We make believe faith is not only studied but shared and actively practiced.

Why join us?

Jesus calls each of us to be disciples. Talking about our faith is not enough, we must live it. We welcome our youth to the Christian way of life, educate them about others' needs, and provide an environment where teens can share their thoughts and feelings with God and each other.

FOLLOW YOUTH MINISTRY

8th Graders and High School Students WELCOME!

Grow in Faith, Grow in Service

Be the hands and feet of Christ!

ECHO CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

JUNE 10-15, 2018

CATHOLIC HEART MISSION

Mission Week to MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

- DEPOSIT OF \$100 due on MARCH 27 with form
- Remainder balance of \$325 due MAY 15 (fundraising help?)
- First come, first serve; LIMITED SPOTS
- Daily Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Skits, Great Food, Fellowship, Games, Dance Party and much more!

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Email: youth@followym.com
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Facebook: Follow Youth Ministry
Twitter: followyouthmin
Instagram: followym

March 30, 201

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/St. John's Food Pantry
404 N. Hickory Street

Dear St. Paul's Parishioners,

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy Easter with loved ones! M/e were busy for the month of March; with the help of your donations we were able to feed almost a thousand people from our community. It is also a great feeling knowing that so many members of our community were able to feed their families because members of the community helping out with donations.

Thank you once again for helping us put smiles on so many faces through your donations! We are very fortunate to be able to help so many hungry families. Our volunteers and especially our clients appreciate your assistance and are very grateful for your continued support of our efforts to help "feed the hungry".
Many Blessings,

Mary Cottrell
Food Pantry Coordinator

Please remember the following people in your prayers who are seriously ill or who are suffering from long-term illnesses:

Erin Bartel
Patrick Bernard
Mason Briese
Doug Brusatte
Jim Buchar
Vonna Cantu
Laura Criel
Judy Damyen
Adele Devine
Arlene Donohue
Harn Family
Dorothy Fonza
Susan Gentile
Matt Gross
Judy Hadala
Sami Henderson
James Hickey Jr.
Ann Juhlmann



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Jennifer Stephen
JoAnn Sulaica
The Sullivan Family
Rebecca Tako
Louis Toka
Norma Weibel

**LITURGICAL
MINISTRIES
SCHEDULE**

May 5th and 6th

TIME	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
4:30	Jim Roolf	Linda Jenco, Peter Wilda, Cathy Wilda, Julia Pultorak, Ruthann Baskerville	Samantha Horn, Jessica Horn, Sarah Williams
7:30	Mark Hornung	Leon Briick, Margaret Hornung, Cindi Dammann, Pat Stroud, Christine Burla	Garrett Sigler, NOT FILLED, NOT FILLED
9:00	Dave Lagger	Frank Theobald, Anne Theobald, Mary Kucek, Jacqueline Klika, Thomas Bailey	Marissa Gutierrez, Kyle Simon, NOT FILLED
10:30	Dave Pershey	Sandra Graham, Bill Bayci, NOT FILLED , Mary Lynn Crossen, Annette DeLaurenti	Noah Vallera, Abigail Weiss, Lauren Weiss

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