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September 27, 2020, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass and Confession Times

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish),

5:30pm, 9:00pm

Weekday:

12:15pm Monday-Friday

5:30pm Monday and Wednesday

9:00pm Tuesday and Thursday

8:30am Saturday

Confession:

Monday-Thursday: 6:30-8:00pm 30 minutes before all Sunday Masses

Please note you must register online at hoosiercatholic.org to attend mass.

The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass has been extended to November 1. Those who are 65 years of age and older as well as all vulnerable and sick persons are encouraged to make prudent decisions regarding mass attendance during this time.

Note from the Pastor

Returning to the Eucharist

It's been a great joy for those who have participated to receive Holy Communion outside of Mass on Wednesdays at St. Paul's. Many people have been brought to tears after many months without the Eucharist. What a sadness and a hardship it is for so many to be without the nourishment of the Sacraments at this time. If you have been away from our parish for some time, I hope you will come on a Wednesday to receive Holy Communion and/or to set up a time for Confession – we can offer that, too, in the parking lot with social distancing and face coverings.

As frustrating and painful as this "forced fast" from the sacraments and each other is, we believe it will bear, and is bearing, spiritual fruit for us. At the same time, I hope everyone will consider carefully the appropriate time to join us at Mass.

In a recent letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship, Robert Cardinal Sarah writes, "Aware that God never abandons the humanity He has created, and that even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace, we have accepted our distance from the Lord's altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to rediscover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness. As soon as is possible, however, we must return to the Eucharist with a purified heart, with a renewed amazement, with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with Him, to receive Him, and to bring Him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope."

I want to be clear: Everyone should be prudent and careful, not taking unnecessary risks, in making the decision about coming to Mass. Please do not read this as a plea to take risks in order to come to Mass.

Rather, as the pandemic continues, I hope this reflection will encourage each of you to meditate on the mystery and centrality of the Eucharist, as well as to consider the best option for you and your family at this time.

Perhaps our Sunday 10:30 am or 5:30 pm Masses, which are often at capacity, are too full for you. But please consider our 12:15 pm daily Mass, which usually has around 20 attendees. Maybe the best course of action remains the safest by joining us online for Mass. While you view and participate in the Mass online, you can make a Spiritual Communion. This action, which many saints often made their practice, and many others continue to do today, expresses our longing for the Lord. St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) said: "When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." A Spiritual Communion Prayer is included on the Parish Information and News page of the bulletin.

Whatever your decision, I want you to know I support you, while longing for the day we can all be reunited at Holy Mass.

Political Engagement and our Baptismal Call

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org today to read the statement, along with a new letter, watch new videos, and access other great resources.

Note from the Pastor (cont'd)

The Feast of the Archangels

September 29 is the Feast of the Archangels, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. We don't often speak of angels anymore, nor do we talk much about them. However, they have a great deal to teach us, especially during this election season.

In the Letter of Jude, we read, "Yet the archangel Michael, when he argued with the devil in a dispute over the body of Moses, did not venture to pronounce a reviling judgment upon him but said, "May the Lord rebuke you!" Even in the midst of battle with a demon who had rejected God, St. Michael responded with charity. Amazing and beautiful.

What a great lesson this is for all us during these most uncertain times. People agree and disagree all the time, over things big and small. No matter our agreements and disagreements, God loves each of us and made us in His image and likeness. Consequently, love is always the proper response to each other. May the Archangels ever and always intercede on your behalf.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick

Worship

Prayers for the Sick of Our Parish

Names of the sick will be listed for four weeks at a time. If you wish for a name to remain on the list longer, please contact the parish office at 812-339-5561 or mreilly@hoosiercatholic.org

Grace DeVeau, Kathryn Faith Marszalek, Bob Wilmoth, Ed Jenkinson, Rachael Tamaran, Jana Gilbertson, Janet Richart, The Stone family, Jerome Dorsey, Tracey Neumann, Zach Simon, Ok-Kyu Park, Jeannie Bower, Jim Johnson, Lacy Lenahan, Al Diamond, Fatima Enari, Dave Perney, Kate Suarez, Jeffrey Riesmeyer, Brian Dougherty, Juliana Brody, Debbie Colvard, Ryan McAleer, Rudy Pozzatti, Sean Conway, Hunter Pickett, Fr. Dennis Woerter, O.P., Nancy Tosick, Felicity Anne Russell, the Christian family, Pat Meier, Donna Gentile, Anne Novak, Ramsay Harik, Janet Harriet.

Pray for them, and for all who are elderly, infirm, and homebound.

Mass Intentions

Weekend Masses September 26-27

Saturday 4:30pm †Matthew Finegan Sunday 8:30am †Richard Tenge

10:30am Jorge, Noelia, and Fr.

Manuel Sousa

(Spanish) 12:30pm St. Paul Parishioners

5:30pm †Marilyn Schroeder 9:00pm †Michael Tracy

Weekday Masses September 28-October 2

Monday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners

5:30pm St. Paul Parishioners Tuesday 12:15pm Jacqueline Danner

9:00pm St. Paul Parishioners

Wednesday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners

5:30pm Jerome Walker

Thursday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners

9:00pm St. Paul Parishioners

Friday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners

5:30pm †Walt Blacconiere

Parish Information and News

Online Mass Signups

We are currently requiring that everyone register to attend mass at St. Paul. With students now on campus, we are likely to reach capacity at Sunday masses. Registering ensures you can attend and allows us to adhere to capacity guidelines for your health and safety. We also encourage everyone to arrive 5-10 minutes before mass begins to allow time for check-in. We thank you for your compliance during this unusual time!

The link to register to attend mass can be found on the home page of www.hoosiercatholic.org. If you are having trouble or need assistance filling out the online form, please call the office at (812)339-5561 and we can register online for you. The Sunday 10:30, 12:30 and 5:30 masses (as well as 12:15 Tuesday and Thursday, and 5:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) will continue to be livestreamed.

Do you miss being involved in the parish? Become an usher!

Who? You, potentially! We need 2-4 ushers for each mass.

When? All weekend masses! 4:30pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm Spanish, 5:30pm, 9:00pm What? Volunteers are needed to check attendees in before mass, direct socially-distanced seating in the church, and lead traffic during communion at mass.

Why? With Indiana University students back on campus, our weekend masses have been nearly meeting capacity and we are looking for help in making sure everyone has a safe experience at Sunday mass.

To get involved, please contact Bridget McIntyre at bmcintyre@hoosiercatholic.org

During a time of prayer on Sunday or while viewing the Mass on TV or online, the faithful are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion. This beautiful devotional practice in the Church is a real source of grace in Communion with our Lord. To the right is an example of a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Women's Bible Study on Zoom

Women's Bible Study continues to meet every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We are studying the books of Tobit, Judith and Esther using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible series which we purchased on Amazon. If you are interested in joining us and/or have questions, contact anitawesterhaus@gmail.com



Parish Information and News

Interested in becoming Catholic? Check out RCIA classes

Whether you are interested simply in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a fully confirmed member of the Catholic Church, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you. This class is also for you whether you have no religious background, are a baptized non-Catholic, or a Catholic seeking baptism and/or confirmation.

Classes this year will meet via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Lessons will be taught by Deacon Ron, Fr. Patrick, Fr. Dennis, and Fr. Reginald. Those interested should contact Deacon Ron at deaconron@hoosiercatholic.org.

Catholic Social Teaching Mini-Course

Fr. Dennis is leading a six-week online faith formation class on Catholic Social Teaching. The remaining dates the course will meet are September 30 and October 7, 14, 21 from 7:00-8:30pm. This course is geared toward adults, but it would be suitable for those 13 and older.

Catholic Social Teaching is often described as the Church's "best kept secret." In an election year, during a pandemic, as we are having difficult conversations and protests on issues of racial justice, immigration, and so many other issues, our Catholic faith offers a treasure chest of resources that help to form us to respond as Christ in the world.

Fr. Dennis has worked extensively in areas of social justice throughout his priesthood. Consequently, he brings a wonderful range of experiences to this topic which will serve to benefit those who participate. If you are planning to attend this course or would like more information, please contact <u>Fr. Dennis</u>.

New Office Hours

With the new school year upon us, we are adjusting our office hours slightly.

Our new office hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-2:00

pm; 3:00-7:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Novena Prayer Group

The Novena Prayer Group at St. Paul invites you to join us on a journey of prayer. We pray short and long Novenas all year round.

For more information, contact Anita Park at <u>anipark2004@yahoo.com</u>.

Capitol Campaign Update

We thank everyone for their inquiries into the progress of our Capitol Campaign. Construction continues at a rapid pace, and we are very excited to see the new spaces developing. Check out the pictures below to see for yourself!



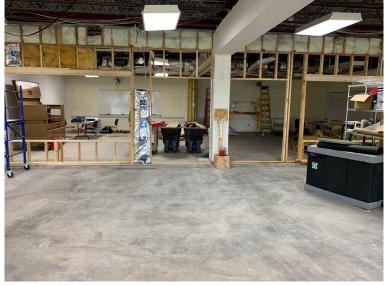
The Newman room



West-facing exterior of St. Paul's



Higgins Hall



Another side of Higgins Hall (featuring a direct view of several meeting rooms!)

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

If he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

SECOND READING:

Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves. (Phil 2:3)

GOSPEL:

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him;

but tax collectors and prostitutes did.

Yet even when you saw that,

you did not later change your minds and believe him." (Mt 21:32)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and

Companions, Martyrs

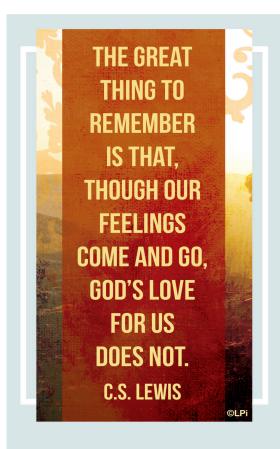
Tuesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Wednesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and

Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday





REFLECT

FIRST READING

The prophet Ezekiel warned that even the just at times turn away from justice. But the just are saved through repentance. How do you turn away from your sin?

SECOND READING

Paul presents in Philippians one of the Church's earliest Christological hymns, emphasizing the humility of Christ. Who do you see as a model of humility in your life?

GOSPEL READING

In a tense exchange between Jesus and the religious leaders of Jerusalem, those on the margins of society are held in higher regard by Jesus because of their repentance. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

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