



**Saint Stanislaus Parish – Saint Paul the Apostle Parish**  
**Saint Thomas Aquinas Church**

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9:30am-12:00pm  
*(It is best to call the office first to ensure someone is there present)*

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**NEWS: SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

**ADORATION** –Come to Adoration at St. Thomas Aquinas Church from 5pm-8pm Monday and Tuesday. All are welcome and encouraged to adore our Lord. As He Himself asks each of us, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour (Mt 26:40)?” Remember how in need we are of this prayer of adoration: “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation (Lk 22:46).” Please sign up at the back of the church if you can help with this essential ministry.

**MASS REQUESTS** – We are unable to accept more Mass intention requests at this time. Once the new Mass books are shipped and received by our vendor we will let you know. For now, please hold on to your intentions for Mass until notified that these can be accepted once more.

**SEWER FEE INCREASE** – The Town of Warren notified residents and businesses of an increase in the sewer fee. The base fee has now increased to \$431.25 E. D. U. This means that the fees for St. Thomas and St. Stanislaus Rectory are respectively \$431.25 and \$862.50. Luckily, the town sent the notification of cost increase along with the new bill to explain, in part, the increased cost in addition to usage.

**PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**US COPY MONEY** – Several times now the counters have found fake bills in the collection. These bills appear very close to real US currency but also clearly state that they are COPY money on the front and back. While we are not sure how copy money is getting into circulation, please know that these bills do not get deposited. Bank tellers, unlike some cashiers, are more attentive to the money they take in. Fraudulent bills are seen and destroyed. It may not significantly dent Home Depot or Big Y’s bottom line but it certainly takes away from ours. Please (and we can’t believe we are about to say this) make sure that the cash you place in the offering is in fact “legal tender for all debts public and private.” We appreciate your collaboration.

**VACATION ?** – Will you be going away at some point during the summer? Wonderful! Please remember, though, that the parishes are still here when you are gone, continuing in ministry, and ready to welcome your return. While you may find temporary refuge at another parish during your vacation we still need your support, even while you might be enjoying some due time of relaxation. Please remember your weekly offering for the parish before your departure or once you return. Your kind consideration is most appreciated!

**A LASTING GIFT** – Would you consider naming your parish as a beneficiary in your will? Your gift will mean that you share in the continued work of preaching the Gospel and assisting those in need. Everyone in the parish family, old and young, are asked to remember your parish in your estate planning. With your help, and God’s abundant grace, we will keep the Church’s mission alive and transform the parish’s future!

**SUNDAY READINGS**– Novus Ordo: Is 50:5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35; “I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living (Ps 116).”  
Usus Antiquior: Eph 3:13-21; Lk 14:1-11

**WEEKLY OFFERING 09/05/2021:**

St. Stanislaus – \$752.00 – \$1,000.00 needed weekly for utilities and administrative costs.

St. Paul – \$1,645.00 – \$3,000.00 needed weekly for utilities and administrative costs.

***Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!***

## XXIV SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – XVI SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### MASS SCHEDULE:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<b>Saturday, September 11</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Robert Ksen by Helen &amp; Karen Ksen</i>
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (NO)</b>	<i>† Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, September 12</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (MC)</b>	<i>(L) Sandra Reed Aulenbach by Millie Reed</i>
<b>Monday, September 13</b> Feria	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Thomas (LM)</b>	<i>(L) John Paul Collins by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Christopher Flebotte</i>
<b>Tuesday, September 14</b> Exaltation of the Holy Cross	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>(L) Bud &amp; Diane Fontaine by a Parishioner</i>
<b>Wednesday, September 15</b> Seven Sorrows of the BVM	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Thomas (LM)</b>	<i>(L) Michaella Lopez by a Parishioner</i>
<b>Thursday, September 16</b> Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus(NO)</b>	<i>Special Intention by Mike Sullivan</i>
<b>Friday, September 17</b> Stigmata of St. Francis	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St. Thomas (LM)</b>	<i>Souls in Purgatory by Lynda Collins</i>
<b>Saturday, September 18</b> St. Joseph of Cupertino	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>St. Paul (LM)</b>	<i>Deceased Members of the Gamwell &amp; Steiner Families by Eileen Steiner</i>
<b>Saturday, September 18</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>St. Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Pauline Gagnon by John &amp; Michelle Antonovitch</i>
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (NO)</b>	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>St. Paul (MC)</b>	<i>† Alcide Poirier by Jean &amp; Joy Poirier</i>

(Key – NO: *Novus Ordo*; LM: *Latin Low Mass*; MC: *Latin Missa Cantata*)  
(Confessions – Weekday – 7:30am; Saturday – 2:30pm-3:15pm;  
Sunday – 8:00am; 9:45am-10:15am; by appointment)

From a sermon by Blessed Isaac of Stella, abbot (Sermo 11: PL 194, 1728-1729) (Christ will forgive no sin without the Church)

The prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin are two things that belong properly to God alone. We must confess our sins to him and look to him for forgiveness. Since only he has the power to forgive sins, it is to him that we must make our confession. But when the Almighty, the Most High, wedded a bride who was weak and of low estate, he made that maid-servant a queen. He took her from her place behind him, at his feet, and enthroned her at his side. She had been born from his side, and therefore he betrothed her to himself. And as all that belongs to the Father belongs also to the Son because by nature they are one, so also the bridegroom gave all he had to the bride and he shared in all that was hers. He made her one both with himself and with the Father. Praying for his bride, the Son said to the Father: I want them to be one with us, even as you and I are one.

And so the bridegroom is one with the Father and one with the bride. Whatever he found in his bride alien to her own nature he took from her and nailed to his cross when he bore her sins and destroyed them on the tree. He received from her and clothed himself in what was hers by nature and gave her what belonged to him as God. He destroyed what was diabolical, took to himself what was human, and conferred on her what was divine. So all that belonged to the bride was shared in by the bridegroom, and he who had done no wrong and on whose lips was found no deceit could say: Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak. Thus, sharing as he did in the bride's weakness, the bridegroom made his own her cries of distress, and gave his bride all that was his. Therefore, she too has the prerogative of receiving the confession of sin and the power to forgive sin, which is the reason for the command: Go, show yourself to the priest.

The Church is incapable of forgiving any sin without Christ, and Christ is unwilling to forgive any sin without the Church. The Church cannot forgive the sin of one who has not repented, who has not been touched by Christ; Christ will not forgive the sin of one who despises the Church. What God has joined together, man must not separate. This is a great mystery, but I understand it as referring to Christ and the Church.

Do not destroy the whole Christ by separating head from body, for Christ is not complete without the Church, nor is the Church complete without Christ. The whole and complete Christ is head and body. This is why he said: No one has ever ascended into heaven except the Son of Man whose home is in heaven. He is the only man who can forgive sin.

\*The mosaic at the top of the bulletin comes from the *Basilica di Sant'Apollinare in Classe* (549 AD) located in Ravenna, Italy. It depicts Saint Apollinaris, whose relics were once housed in the church, below a scene of the Transfiguration.