

Saint Stanislaus Parish — Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

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WELCOME TO ALL JOINING US

February 27, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is always a joy for me to gather with our retired priests as they reminisce about cherished moments in their lives when they were in active ministry. It is equally edifying for me to witness the admiration our parishioners have for the retired priests who served them and their loved ones over the years, particularly at the annual gathering for *Celebrate Priesthood*.

I write today to ask for your support for the **Ash Wednesday Collection** that assists in the care of retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the annual December collection for the Retired Religious priests, sisters and brothers who are members of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Recent changes were made for future retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. While *Partners in Charity*, *Celebrate Priesthood* and the endowments from *Forward in Faith* and *Legacy of Hope* are critical sources of support for priests' retirement, it took the addition of this Ash Wednesday collection last year for the Priests Retirement program to experience a more balanced budget.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning the Season of Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on March 2 to support our retired priests.

Please be assured of my prayerful gratitude for your support of all our various Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus Bishop of Worcester

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<u>ADORATION</u> – We will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5 to 8 pm this Tuesday, March 1 at Saint Stanislaus Church. Come for an hour or even a part of an hour to spend some quite time with our Lord, renew yourself, show Him your love and share in His.

<u>WEEKNIGHT CONFESSION</u> – Confession will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 pm this Tuesday, March 1 at Saint Stanislaus Church during the regularly scheduled hours of Adoration.

<u>ROSARY GORUP</u>. The Rosary Group will be meeting at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 2 at St. Stanislaus Church. All are welcome to join to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

<u>ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE</u> – The Schedule of Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 2, will include the regularly scheduled 8:00 am Mass at St. Stanislaus as well as an additional 6:00 pm Mass, also at St. Stanislaus.

<u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u> – Fr. Reidy will lead the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 4, at 7:00 pm at St. Stanislaus Church.

<u>COMMUNION CALLS.</u> If you or someone you know is homebound or in a hospital and in need of a Communion Call, please call the Rectory.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION. This Wednesday we begin Lent, a time of deepened prayer, penance and almsgiving. This year we ask you to consider supporting the Ash Wednesday Collection for the care of our retired diocesan priests as part of your Lenten Program. Our 49 retired priests have faithfully served us in our parishes across the diocese. Now, in their later years we can express our thanks and ease their concerns by supporting this Ash Wednesday Collection. On behalf of our retired priests we thank you for your support. Please see the letter from Bishop McManus for more details.

SUNDAY READINGS: - *Usus Antiquior*: I Cor 13:1-13; Luke 18: 31-43; *Novus Ordo*: Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45; "*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*" (Ps 92)

WEEKLY OFFERING 2/19/2022 & 2/20/2022: Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!

St. Stanislaus – \$660

St. Paul Parish - \$1,085

MASS SCHEDULE:

VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday, February 26	4:00 pm	St. Stanislaus (NO)	Pro Populi
Sunday, February 27 VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am	St. Paul (NO)	† Armand Dimo by Helen Sierak
Sunday, February 27 VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time	12:00 noon	St. Paul (LM)	† Alcide Poulin by Jean and Joy Poirier
Monday, February 28	8:00 am	St. Stanislaus (NO)	† Mr. and Mrs. Réal Boudreau by the Boudreau Family
Tuesday, March 1	8:00 am	St. Stanislaus (NO)	Special Intention by Mike Sullivan
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Stanislaus (NO)	
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday	6:00 pm	St. Stanislaus (NO)	
Thursday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel	8:00 am	St. Stanislaus (NO)	† Gary Odiorne by his family Kathy, Travis, and Megan
Saturday, March 5	4:00 pm	St. Stanislaus (NO)	† Peter Swistak 14 th Anniversary by Rosemary Swistak Bubien
Sunday, March 6 I Sunday in Lent	8:30 am	St. Paul (NO)	Pro Populi
Sunday, March 6 I Sunday in Lent	12:00 noon	St. Paul (LM)	† Amber Casey by Eileen McTiernan

(Key – NO: Novus Ordo; LM: Latin Mass)

Confessions: Tuesday- 5:30-6:30pm, Saturday - 2:30-3:15pm; by appointment