



**Saint Stanislaus Parish – Saint Paul the Apostle Parish
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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Peace be with you.” (Jn 19:19)

In a world saddened by devastating images of lives lost, homes destroyed and families separated, Christ’s Easter greeting sounds quite contrary to the tenor of recent events. We strive for peace. We pray for peace. But, all too often, unjust aggression, acts of terrorism and even domestic violence mar modern life. Two thousand years later, the greeting, “Peace be with you” seems sadly far from fulfillment.

We must, however, remember the context of that first Easter Sunday. The disciples were gathered in secret behind locked doors for fear of those who had three days before connived, condemned and committed Christ to a violent and barbarous death. The Divine hands that reached out to the disciples in peace on Easter still bore the scars of the nails. His side still revealed the thrust of the lance that pierced the Sacred Heart. The scars were as present and real as were the disciples’ fears.

Easter didn’t erase the horror of Good Friday. It didn’t banish the oppressive presence of the occupying Romans or the hostility of some of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Easter came amidst those things, not after. But Easter and Christ’s Resurrection gave the disciples the hope – the certain hope – that earthly tyrants, invading armies, demonic powers and death would not have the last word. Those fearful forces can still inflict wounds, wreak destruction, cause division and death, but for the faithful followers of the Risen Christ, all those real and painful things will pass. Jesus didn’t promise Heaven on earth. But He did promise, and Easter does show, that the hell on earth that sin causes will be overcome. Wounds will heal, wrongs will be righted, death will give way to life and, in the end, goodness will triumph.

Until then, may Easter and the promise of the Resurrection enable us to face life’s trials, tragedies and losses with indomitable hope, dauntless courage and peace in our hearts even if that peace is still far from realized in our world.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

OLD PALMS: The palms that you took home on Palm Sunday are, like each year's, blessed. Many people display the palms in their homes. Blessed items should be disposed of reverently. Accordingly, next week, April 24, we will have baskets in the Church entrances for you to drop off last year's palms. We will burn them for ashes for future Ash Wednesdays.

ADORATION & WEEKNIGHT CONFESSION: There will be no adoration or confession this Tuesday, April 19 at Saint Stanislaus. Join us again next Tuesday, April 26, from 5:00 to 8:00.

SAINT STANISLAUS: We will have a pot luck dinner of Polish foods to honor Saint Stanislaus on Sunday, April 24 after the noon Mass at Saint Paul's. Bring Polish foods if you are able, but come even if you can't bring food.

CAUTION: A mason has inspected the loose bricks above the parking lot side of the Church and we are awaiting a proposal to repair the area. We have taped off the area below the loose bricks. Please make sure that you and your children stay clear of the taped off area. Many thanks for your support of our parish which allows us to address such maintenance issues.

WEEKLY OFFERING 4/9/2022 & 4/10/2022: *Saint Stanislaus – \$421; Saint Paul Parish – \$1705.* Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!

SUNDAY READINGS:

Novus Ordo: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9; “This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24).

Usus Antiquior: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Mark 16:1-7.

MASS SCHEDULE and CALENDAR:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday, April 16 <i>Confession</i> <i>Easter (Vigil)</i>	2:30 – 4:00 7:30 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	† <i>Genevieve Arsenault by Louise Mundell</i>
Sunday, April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:30 am	Saint Paul (NO)	<i>Pro Populi</i>
Sunday, April 17 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	12:00 noon	Saint Paul (LM)	† <i>Milton and Olive Fountain by Marie Girouard</i>
Monday, April 18 <i>Monday within the Octave of Easter</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	† <i>Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pratt by their children</i>
Tuesday, April 19 <i>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Special Intention by Mike Sullivan</i>
Wednesday, April 20 <i>Wednesday within the Octave of Easter</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	† <i>Norma and June Pratt by family</i>
Wednesday, April 20 <i>Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	5:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus	
Thursday, April 21 <i>Thursday within the Octave of Easter</i>	8:00 am	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	† <i>Eleanor and William Pratt by family</i>
Saturday, April 23 <i>Confession</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy</i>	2:30 – 3:15 4:00 pm	Saint Stanislaus (NO)	<i>Special Intention by Mike Sullivan</i>
Sunday, April 24 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:30 am	Saint Paul (NO)	<i>Pro Populi</i>
Sunday, April 24 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	12:00 noon	Saint Paul (LM)	† <i>Dennis Finn by David Dumais</i>

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