

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



**May 8, 2022**

*“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)*

Since a mother’s voice is audible in utero, it is reported that, even before birth, an infant can recognize his mother’s voice. Similarly, a mother can pick out the sound and inflections of her baby’s voice or cry even amidst the bustle of a crowd and lots of background noise.

On this Mother’s Day we remember with expressions of prayer, love and remembrance our mothers. Out of openness to God’s will, love for life, and sacrifice of self, our mothers have given us life, nourished us and selflessly loved us. Our mothers have also taught us our prayers and by their example allowed us to experience love so that we can recognize not only our mothers but the voice and love of God.

If the first few years of life are so important for a person’s formation, the recognition of God and our growth in faith are critical to our development in this life and our joy in the next.

Psalms 100 says, “we are His people, the sheep of His flock.” Knowing that they belong, that they are loved, that they are not alone allows children to conquer their fears, live in hope and grow in confidence. Knowing that we belong to God allows us even greater confidence and hope as we face and overcome the trials of life.

Each Sunday, we give thanks to God for His grace, blessings and love. Each weekend, but particularly this one, may we always remember our mothers, thank God for them, and commend them to God who recognizes our voices and the sincere love we express in faith and thanks for the women who, with God, gave us life.

In Christ,



**PARISH MEETING:** Next weekend, May 14-15, we will hold a parish meeting after each Mass to brief you on finances, building projects and future planning for both of our parishes. The meeting at Saint Stanislaus will be in the Church and will focus on Saint Stanislaus. The Saint Paul’s meetings will be in the hall downstairs and will focus on Saint Paul’s. The meetings will simply be to inform you of the present state of things. It is not to announce any changes or to make decisions. We hope that you can attend.

**SAINT FLORIAN:** Next Sunday, May 15, after the noon Mass at Saint Paul’s and in conjunction with one of the Saint Paul’s parish meetings we will hold a pot luck dinner in the basement of Saint Paul’s to honor Saint Florian, the third century martyr from what is now Austria. He was a commander in the Roman army but also organized fire brigades. Suspected of not enforcing Emperor Diocletian’s persecution of Christians, Florian was ordered to offer sacrifice to Roman deities. He refused. Though sentenced to be burned at the stake, he showed no fear of fire and challenged his executioners to light the pyre. They refused. He was drowned instead. Saint Florian is a patron saint of Poland and Austria and of firefighters and chimneysweeps. Please join us next week. Bring some food if you can. Come anyway if you can’t.

**SYNOD CONSULTATION:** A synod is an ecclesial assembly convoked – depending upon its geographic scope – by the Pope or Bishop(s) to provide consultation and input on questions put to the synod by those leaders. Pope Francis is convoking a Synod next year for which he seeks input from people across the world. Our Diocese will assemble the thoughts and comments of the faithful across Worcester County and transmit that summary to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops who will transmit a single report to Rome from the United States for consideration by next year’s synod. Your input is welcome. In our

parish we are encouraging all our parishioners to participate in parish meetings after each weekend Mass on June 4 and 5 to express your experiences on the past consultative efforts at outreach in our Diocese and to get your input on important issues of evangelization and Eucharistic Revival. If you are unable to make those meetings, we still want your input. Please go to the Diocesan website <https://worcesterdiocese.org> click on the Home tab for Synod 2023 and take the survey so your thoughts can be included.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY:** Many thanks to the those 39 families from Saint Stanislaus and Saint Paul who have made contributions to this year's Partners in Charity Appeal. We have reached 77% of our combined parish goal. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your 2023 contribution to the charitable, educational and pastoral ministries of our Diocese, we can use your help. We only have \$4,315 left to make our goal. While, at present, our parishes do not have a regular material apostolate to assist the poor in the name of the Catholic Church, our support of Partners in Charity allows us to do just that. Please help us reach our goal. There are envelopes at in the center aisle of the Church near the collection box. If you are able to help, please use the envelopes and drop them in the box or mail them in. Many thanks for your prayer consideration.

**WEEKLY OFFERING 4/30/2022 & 5/1/2022:** Saint Stanislaus – \$609; Saint Paul Parish – \$2,246. Your support of the parishes is needed and appreciated!

**SUNDAY READINGS: *Novus Ordo:*** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30; “We are his people, the sheep of his flock” (Psalm 100:3c). ***Usus Antiquior:*** 1 Peter 2:11-19; John 16:16-22.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND CALENDAR:**

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
<b>Saturday, May 7</b> <i>Confession</i> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>2:30 – 3:15</b> <b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Clifford Fountain by Helen Siesak</i>
<b>Sunday, May 8</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Saint Paul (NO)</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 8</b> <i>Third Sunday after Eastertide</i>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Saint Paul (LM)</b>	<i>† William Girouard by Cathy Odiorne</i>
<b>Monday, May 9</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b> <i>Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	
<b>Tuesday, May 10</b> <i>Adoration</i> <i>Confession</i>	<b>5:00 – 8:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 – 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus</b>	
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b> <i>Easter Weekday</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>Benefactors of Abbé Martin Boudreau by Boudreau family</i>
<b>Wednesday, May 11</b> <i>Rosary &amp; Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus</b>	
<b>Thursday, May 12</b> <i>Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr</i>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	
<b>Saturday, May 14</b> <i>Confession</i> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>2:30 – 3:15 pm</b> <b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus (NO)</b>	<i>† Clifford and Barbara Fountain by family</i>
<b>Sunday, May 15</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Saint Paul (NO)</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 15</b> <i>Fourth Sunday after Eastertide</i>	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Saint Paul (LM)</b>	

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

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