



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

A People Called

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 29, 2020

WELCOME

to the congregation of
St. Paul Catholic Church.
We are glad you joined us.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a welcoming faith
community centered in the
Eucharist and guided by the
Holy Spirit, our mission is to
give glory to our Lord Jesus
Christ through:

Inspirational Worship
Faithful Discipleship
Service to Others

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ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday & Friday 8:00am
Mass

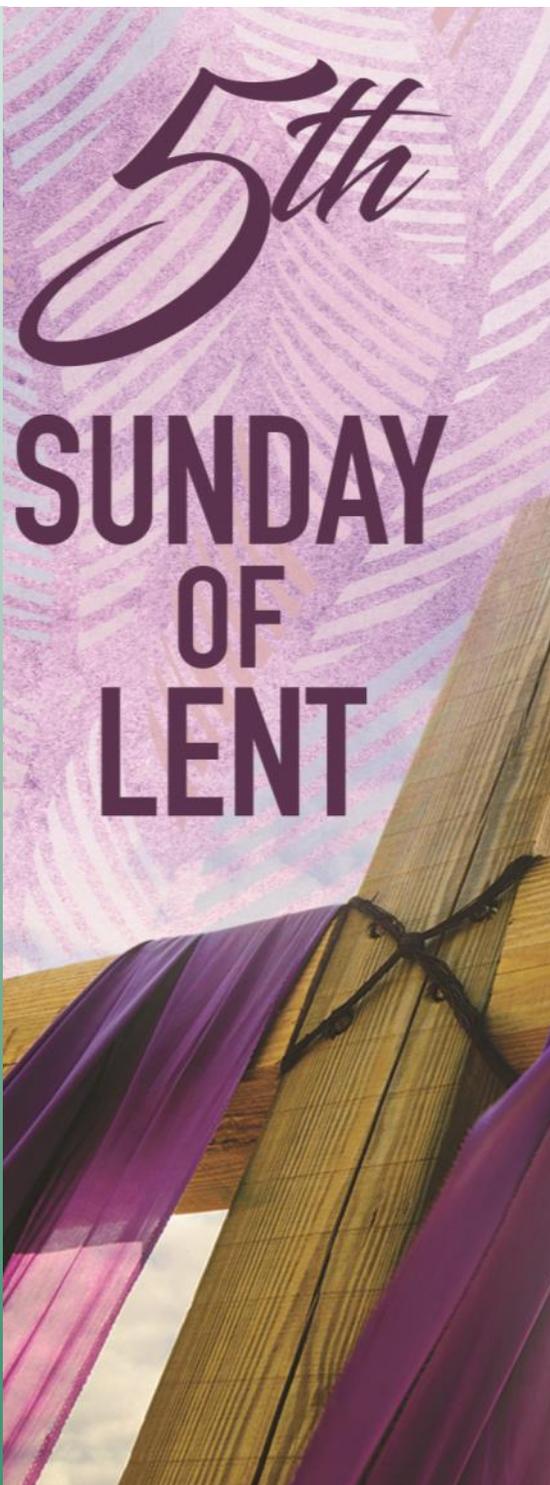
Saturday 5:30pm Mass

Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th

Saturday 10:00am

or by Appointment



Prayer & Worship

COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY

For all who have contracted coronavirus,
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult
decisions between food on the table or public
safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their
plight.

For those who do not have adequate

health insurance,
We pray that no family will face financial
burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to
immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given
dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a
sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace.

Grant comfort.

Grant healing.

Be with us, Lord.

Amen.

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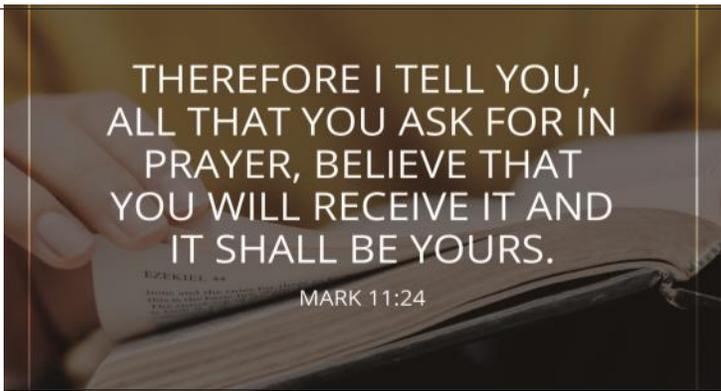
Weekly Message



Friends, this Wednesday we celebrate the Annunciation of The Lord. We pray to Mary, The Mother of God, to a source of strength for us, our country and for the world.

Magnificent

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and Holy is His Name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy -
Even as He spoke to our father -
to Abraham and to his posterity forever.



Don't Let Coronavirus Prevent You from doing Good!

You can still support our Lenten Alms-giving efforts by making a one-time online donation through WeShare (see below) for our Peru water filters and/or the Easter Food baskets. Also remember to send in your stewardship envelopes via the mail or sign up for online donations. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and the community around us.

Give Online

Monitoring the Corona Virus

Our number one priority is the safety and well being of all our community members. We will continue to update our **WEBSITE** with changes as new developments arise here at St. Paul's. Please note: our website will be the most update, information in this bulletin is subject to change. Our Lady, pray for us.

News from Archdiocese

"The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is suspending all public masses from Wednesday, March 18 to Friday, April 3, Milwaukee Archbishop ListECKI said in a press release.

"This is a big decision and I don't make it lightly. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. In times of public crisis, people naturally turn to the Church for spiritual direction, and we need to continue to do whatever we can to support people through prayer. However, taking precautionary measures is a prudent course of action. I would ask that, where possible, our churches remain open for private prayer and that our people reserve some part of their day for private prayer or devotions," the Archbishop said. (Priests will still celebrate mass but without a congregation in attendance.)

Sisters and Brothers, after the Archdioceses posted this message most of us Catholics sat shocked and in dismay of the news and the implications of Sundays without the Eucharist or the Word of God opened up for our grace. This sense of separation while profound and painful will come to a conclusion. Our lives will continue and our Church will open. What we need to do for ourselves and for the community is to Pray and ask God for strength to see us through these dark times. Please look to Jesus' ministry and reach out to your family, friends and certainly your neighbors. Be a light in this World. Connect using your phone, facebook or the other various means the Parish is offering all of us to interact with each other. Please remember together we are stronger and together in unity we will overcome this trial. Use this crisis to help build your faith in God and in the celebration of the most Holy Sacrament of the Mass. Our longing for the Holy Mass will come with graces for being faith filled servants obediently waiting for when together we may celebrate again. Meanwhile, our world depends on our participation as Catholics servants helping others by being a light in this world.

Sisters and Brothers until we can celebrate the Mass together again...Shalom.

Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKI Archbishop of Milwaukee



The bishops of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be offering "Daily Reflections," beginning with Archbishop ListECKI. The archbishop explains: "We want to begin a moment of reflection every day ... encouraging you, and having you understand the spiritual dimension of the crisis we are going through." We hope that you will join us by watching these daily reflections and sharing them with your community. May God bless you!

<https://www.archmil.org/archdiocese-milwaukee/home.htm>

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- 2 Set up your account.
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation.

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To Parish Members from Parish Staff,

This note is to give you the most recent updates on a variety of topics in regards to our parish and how we are handling the changes due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our number one priority is the safety and well-being of all our community members.

Please do continue to watch our website for most recent updates at www.stpaulgeneseedepot.com. This letter is posted there as well.

The following are the changes that will take place until further notice:

For emergency anointing-please call 262-965-2313.

Confession-by appointment.

Parish Offices - will remain open until further notice from 8:30-noon Mon-Friday with limited staff. The remainder of the St. Paul staff are officially working from home. Staff will have access to email and can check voicemail during hours 8:30am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. They will follow up during those hours. Extension #s are listed on the general voicemail-please listen to entire message.

For general information/questions-use office@stpaulgenesee.net and you will receive either an email or a call back during regular office hours of 8:30-noon. You may call the office at 262-968-3865 and leave a message at ext. 215 and we'll return your call.

Entire campus-PLC and Church- Closed effective immediately. No one is to enter the premise. If you do have a key, please do not disregard this protocol as the campus has been sanitized.

Chapel-Is open until further notice.

Request Prayers-pravernetwork@stpaulgenesee.net

Giving-thank you for continuing to support the work of the parish. Please send in your envelopes to PO Box 95, Genesee Depot, WI 53127 or go to our online giving site at <https://stpaulgenesee.weshareonline.org>.

Continue to pray for us as we will also pray for all of you!
St. Paul Staff

From Deacon Joe

Sisters and brothers, we are in a time like we have never experienced before. An Act of Spiritual Communion can help! No matter what your day is like, Jesus can help make it better, or at least more bearable, if you ask him for His help and guidance in prayers such as this one, composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now 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.

The best way to receive Christ is in Holy Communion at Mass.

Yet for those times you can't make Mass, or can't take Communion because of an unconfessed mortal sin (for which you can ask for and receive God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance), you can still reach out to Him by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer!

St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him."

You can receive the Lord in Holy Communion up to twice a day. However, you can make a Spiritual Communion as whenever and wherever you'd like, using the prayer given above, or your own heartfelt thoughts.

Remember, that you can "turn toward the holy tabernacle" and receive Jesus *in your heart* from *anywhere* you might happen to be, at *any time, day or night!*

Human Concerns

Every time our Human Concerns Committee meets we pray St Teresa of Avila's prayer to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. With many hunkering down at home, our ministries are affected and can all use your prayers for those we regularly serve.

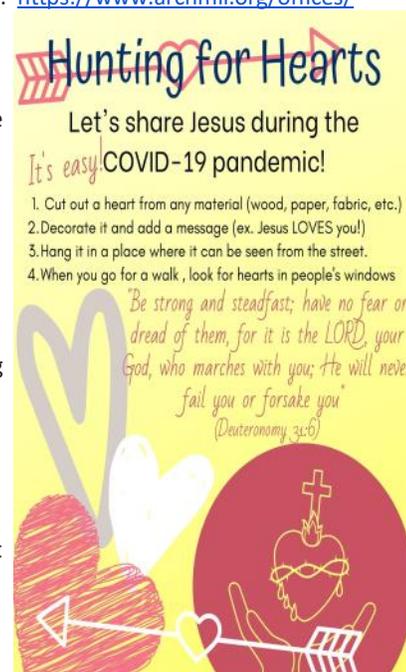
- * Heavenly Babies layette bags will not be filled/delivered for now; *please pray for those moms and babies.*
- * St Ben's meal will be prepared but pared down; *please pray for those who are hungry.*
- * Clothing Share will take place later in the year instead of this spring; *please pray for those who do not have a change of clothes.*
- * Easter Food Drive has been halted, donations will be given to the KM Food Pantry; *please pray for those maintaining this valuable community resource.*
- * St Clare in Paita, Peru, need our *prayers as their poverty makes healthcare hard to come by.* The same can be said for the women and children living in the homeless shelter at Casa Maria in Milwaukee.
- * Bereavement Ministry will be sending out Easter cards, as usual; *please pray for families who may have to plan a funeral and for those who cannot attend a funeral due to current restrictions.*
- * Our prayer and home communion ministries are doing more praying than visiting in person; *please pray for those in hospitals/nursing homes.*
- * Work and Pray knitters/crochet-ers are not meeting, but knowing those busy hands, they are working and praying at home!
- * If you do any spring cleaning, save some items that could be shared with the one or more of these ministries.

Adult Formation

Every Lent we are called to deepen our relationship with our Lord. During *this* Lent, it is especially comforting to remember that we *belong* to the Body of Christ. When we pray the Creed, we say that we *believe*.

During these uncertain times, pray about what you believe as a Catholic and how you can incorporate the teachings of Jesus into your daily life now that daily life feels so different. What can you do during the remaining days of Lent that will more closely lead you to *become* the person God created you to be? For starters, find a mass online (as well as some other resources): <https://www.archmil.org/offices/worship.htm>.

More resources can also be found on the parish website to help you dive into Scripture (Faith Formation 2020 page). Spend time with the WORD every day if you can, because, as John's Gospel (John 1:1) tells us: 'the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' When you spend time with God's Word, you are spending time with Him! Some of our small groups meeting during Lent have been reading and discussing the Sunday readings. If you'd like to get in on our "online" presence, contact Mary Kral (mkral@stpaulgenesee.net).





Coronavirus. Pandemic. Crisis. COVID-19. Quarantine. Shelter at home. Unprecedented times. Uncharted territory. These are all words and phrases I have heard non-stop since last week. But...Jesus? Jesus? Where is Jesus in all of this?

In working with young people for as long as I have (over 20 years at this point) I have often heard the question that goes something like this: why does God let bad things happen if He is so good? So, I have had some experience answering the question.

But never have I been asked this when the overall climate of the world is a mixture of incredulity, anger, frustration, stress, fear and anxiety. This is the first test ever really experienced first-hand by gen x, millennial and gen z (or i-gen) populations. It may even be true of baby boomers. I don't know. Yet, I find comfort in the reality that this is not new to God.

So, the answer I give to the world looking for answers as to where is God in all of this this: He's on the cross – with each of us – like we are the only person in the entire universe.

Scripture is full of suffering. The people of God, the Israelites, endured more than you or I can truly imagine in the 21st century. Yet God was always with them. God was with them while they were enslaved in Egypt. God heard their prayer and called Moses to deliver them. God was with them as they crossed the Red Sea. God was with them while they bemoaned Him in the desert. And God was with them when they entered the Promised Land. And... He has remained with His people.

The God of the Universe entered human history to both establish His Kingdom (the Church) and to suffer.

And... just an F.Y.I., Jesus never promised our lives would be easy. Actually, it was just the opposite: "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (John 16:33).

We do not believe in a god who does not understand or experience suffering. Rather, we believe in THE God who entered into our sufferings – and He sanctified it. Suffering is now something that is holy – because Jesus suffered. Now... for it to be holy, you do have to offer it up to Him. I have long thought of it as being by the side of Jesus as He is on the cross, uniting your heart to His Sacred Heart.

Right now, that is what we are called to do. We are called to be with Jesus as He is on the cross. Because, if we want to know where Jesus is... that's where He is.

And... let's face it. We have to walk down this path right now, whether we like it or not. So... If I am going to suffer... I want to be with Jesus. I want Him in my life. I want Him to give me strength. And I want to unite my suffering to His. Because He can make my suffering bear fruit I would never have dreamed possible.

Please, join me with Him. We may not be able to be together, now, but we can be united to Him. And in this knowledge, I take solace.

Karen Farrell, Child and Family Ministry

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father,
 In the face of confusion and concern
 impart to us the calm of your presence.
 In You allow us to find hope and healing.
 Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your
 caring hands.
 Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of
 wisdom.
 Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your
 comforting heart.
 Wrap your arms around our world
 and hold us in your love.
 Allow us at this time of trial to then
 serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.
 We ask this in Your Name.
 Amen.

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Here are five spiritual tips you for you to live out at home during the #coronavirus pandemic.

How are you growing spiritually during this time?



Masses for homebound Catholics air every Sunday at 5:30 a.m. on WITI, Channel 6 and 9 a.m. on WCGV, Channel 24.

Would you like to learn more about your Catholic faith?



Check out Relevant Radio, the Catholic talk radio station, at 100.1FM or 1640 AM.



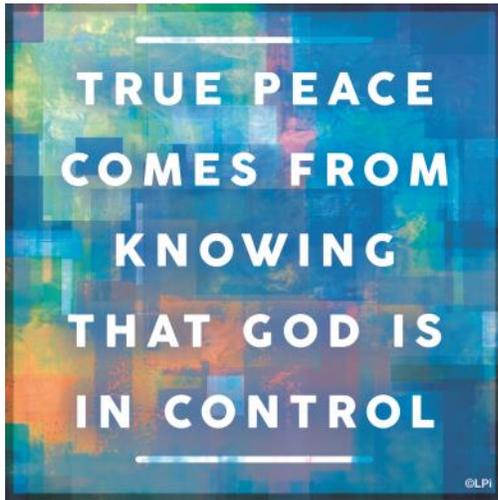
John 10 Youth Ministry News

It's been a crazy few weeks. There's a lot up in the air, and we're not sure when we'll start gathering at church again - but that doesn't mean John 10 Youth Ministry has to stop.... This last Sunday we joined thousands of other teenagers

from across the country for the BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It's called **Project YM Live** and each week it will feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world. It is just a few clicks and we are part of an amazing evening that draws us closer to Christ.

This is just the start....stay tuned I have more plans so that we all stay connected and continue to grow in the love of Jesus. I'm praying for each of you!

Blessings, Jennifer Geisler



Parish Stewardship

St. Paul Stewardship of Treasure:			
<i>We are truly grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.</i>			
Year to Date		Last Year to Date	
7-1 to 1-31-2020		7-1 to 1-31-2019	
Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 540,926	Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 549,884
Other Income	\$ 80,433	Other Income	\$ 279,874
Total Income	\$ 621,359	Total Income	\$ 829,758
Total Expenses	\$ 469,923	Total Expenses	\$ 667,643
Excess/Deficit	\$ 151,436	Excess/Deficit	\$ 162,115
Mortgage Balance as of 1-31-2020	\$ 255,537.03		
<i>Please note, these #s are YTD, was posted previously for Jan. 2020.</i>			
God Bless you and your families!			



at ST. CHARLES in HARTLAND

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Judy Wilke, who celebrates on March 30.

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!

St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

- Monday:** Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, John 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Numbers 21:4-9, John 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, John 8:31-42
- Thursday:** Genesis 17:3-9, John 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jeremiah 20:10-13, John 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ezekiel 37:21-28, John 11:45-56

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, Mar 29

Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

March Altar Care – Karen Grande
Home Communion Minister –

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 23-29

- Mon** (Mass at St. Bruno)
- Tues 8:00AM** † For Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno
- Wed** (Mass at St. Bruno)
- Fri 8:00AM** † Mary Jane Shafranski by Margaret & Bob Puls
- Sat 5:30PM** † Elaine Bratton by Krueger/Palzkill Family
- Sun 9:00AM** † Willie & Tim Lind by Gail Lind

TAKE the PARISHWIDE SURVEY!!

St. Paul Catholic Church will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read.

St. Paul will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help. Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed at www.disciplemakerindex.com from Sunday February 23rd to Sunday, April 5 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. Thank you!

Sacramental Information

- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Prepare for the sacraments of initiation with a small group to join the Catholic church. Call Mary Kral.
- Infant Baptism:** Parent sessions are required for registered parishioners who would like their child baptized. Call Mary Kral, at least one month in advance, to schedule a class time & make arrangements to pick a date for your child's baptism.
- Confirmation:** Youth at least 16 years of age or adults seeking to be confirmed, call Parish Office.
- First Eucharist:** Parent and child preparation required. Contact Karen Farrell.
- Reconciliation:** 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00am or by appointment.
- Marriage:** Arrangements should be made six months in advance. One of the parties must be a registered parish member and a practicing Catholic.
- Care of Sick:** Sacramental care of the sick, call the Parish Office.
- Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish office with request.
- St. Paul Cemetery:** Hwy DE & Snowdon Rd. Call Parish Office for information.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:30am-4:00pm

Monday—Friday

NOTICE: *Bulletin articles are due 9am on Friday.*

(8 days before article appears in bulletin.)

Please submit to ldurler@stpaulgenesee.net



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

Albert Cutler, John Luterbach, Marcia McCann, Cheri Stanek, and John Zewiske.

All those undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses.

Email pravernetwork@stpaulgenesee.net to add someone to our prayer list.



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