



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH



A People Called

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 3, 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 EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday

& Friday 8:00am Mass

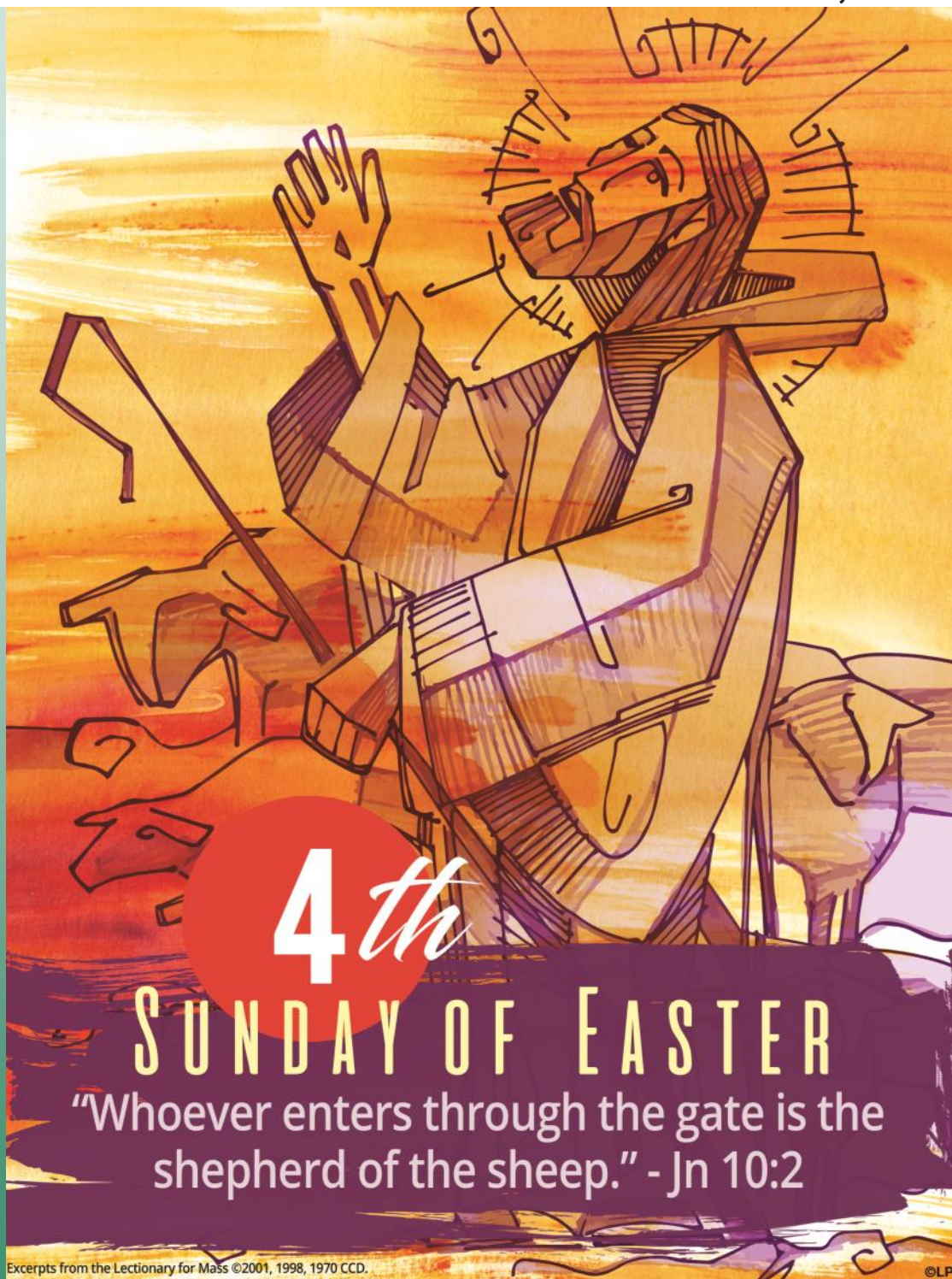
Saturday 5:30pm Mass

Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th

Saturday 10:00am

or by Appointment





Weekly Message



Did you know...?

The **Jesus Prayer** is a contemplative and meditative prayer that we can use because while we pray it, we are also taking relaxing breathes.

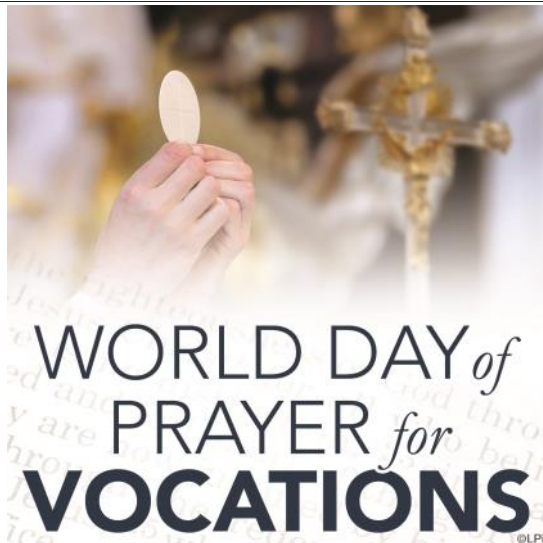
The prayer is:

Jesus Christ, Son of God (Said while inhaling a breath)
Have mercy upon me for I am a sinner (Said while exhaling)

The symbolism of the prayer is one in which while praying this prayer repeatedly, we are taking in Jesus with every breath, and getting rid of sin by exhaling.

Try this prayer, you might like it.

Stay Spiritually Strong, Fr. Dan



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,
You call each person by name
and invite them to follow you.
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,
may each person hear and respond
to the call they have received.
We pray for all discerning marriage,
the chaste single life, consecrated life,
or ordained ministries,
that your Holy Spirit would guide,
inspire, and strengthen them.
May your Church and the world
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.
Amen.

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 up-to-date, information in this bulletin is subject to change. Our Lady, pray for us.

Administrative Services

An update from the Administrative/Business office:

It's wonderful to share with you updates from the Administration Ministry of St. Paul! Here are a few ways St. Paul has responded:

- A team of 16 volunteers coordinated a fabulous Auction which raised over \$40,000!
- Our Fabulous St. Paul Fish Fry brought together the Greater community two times!
- You as a Parish responded in your 2020 Pledges which helped us plan and continue the work of the parish and its ministries.
- You as a parish have continued your contributions in new ways like online giving or have contacting us to find out "how."
- Committees such as Finance Council & Budget have come together in new virtual ways to continue the work of the parish.

These are trying times yes, but the 1st quarter of 2020 has shown what I like to say to whoever I can... *"Its people like YOU that makes St. Paul a great place to be!"*

God bless! Sherri Meyer-Director of Administrative Services

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 3-31-2020		7-1 to 3-31-2019	
Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 645,993	Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 674,366
Other Income	\$ 115,008	Other Income	\$ 378,372
Total Income	\$ 761,001	Total Income	\$1,052,738
Total Expenses	\$ 607,034	Total Expenses	\$ 887,253
Excess/Deficit	\$ 153,967	Excess/Deficit	\$ 165,485
Mortgage Balance as of 3-31-20		\$ 216,024.88	
<i>God Bless you and your families!</i>			

Your Parish is still active and Staff is still working. If you need us, don't hesitate to call or email.

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

Support St. Paul today using your debit, credit cards, checking, or savings accounts.

- 1 Visit www.stpaulgenesee.net and click Give Online.
- 2 Set up your account.
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation.



Prayer & Worship

Belong Believe Become

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Joy: A Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Joy is not a garnish. Joy is not the icing on the cake. *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal 5:22-26)*

A joyful heart shines the truth of what we believe to the world. We have hope in the darkness. As God's people, we are both commanded to rejoice and are characterized by rejoicing. It is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and is rooted in God.

Joy is not optional. Joy comes from being close to God and in right relationship with others. We experience joy when we intentionally give God praise. We experience joy by communing with God through prayer and by keeping our focus on godly things rather than on difficult circumstances or discontentment. And we experience joy in the Christian life through community...through St. Paul Parish.

Our joy is an outpouring of a relationship with a living God that encourages us to be holy as He is holy. We are made for joy. Where you have known joy, you have known God.

May the spirit of joy dwell in our hearts so that **we remain united in the love of God.**

JOHN 10 YOUTH MINISTRY

A MINISTRY OF ST. BRUNO & ST. PAUL PARISHES

No life abundance.

How are you? That's a question we find ourselves asking others frequently these days. But how are YOU? Seems like a simple enough question yet we struggle sometimes to find or give an answer. So we give a trained response, we question the sincerity of those asking and we find it difficult to be vulnerable, but if we are honest, have we taken the time to discover the answer?

We are bombarded with social and news outlets telling us how we are or what we should be doing or how to navigate through our quarantine...ugggh! DELETE, DELETE, DELETE! Right?

So where do you go to find your answer? Today everyone is scrambling to find ways to communicate and stay connected, but what I am suggesting is to disconnect. Focus on what is. Place yourself in the presence of your Creator there is no safer place to be vulnerable. He above all wants to know how you are! Rest in His loving presence and let His glory shine upon you.

Be still and know that I am God. Psalms 46:10

Easter joy and blessings to you all,

Jennifer -- jgeisler@stpaulgenesee.net



Masses for homebound Catholics air every Sunday at 5:30 a.m. on WITI, Channel 6 and 9 a.m. on WCGV, Channel 24. Or check out our website for masses with Fr. Dan.

Adult Formation

REMEMBERING MARY

Do you have any childhood memories of devotions to our Blessed Mother?

It has been a long standing tradition in the Catholic Church to honor Mary in the month of May. When my own mother was 9 years old, one of her older sisters gifted her with this altar.



Every May my mom would bring out the altar for us to remember our Blessed Mother. The box it was packed in had many tiny perfume bottles that my mom saved from her childhood, probably gifts from her older brothers and sisters (she was the beloved baby of 12 siblings). As kids we would go out into the yard to find teeny spring flowers to place in the bottles to adorn the altar. (I remember lots of 'creeping charlie' which my dad was glad for us to pull out!).

In the presence of the altar, we prayed the Angelus as a family. I can remember kneeling in the living room with the 2 foot tall statue of Mary, surrounded by my parents and 5 siblings praying the rosary. My parents' devotion to our Blessed Mother was an important part of the faith they passed on to us. What are your memories of devotions to Mary? Please send them to this Mary (born on Mary's Assumption, by the way, so what else would my parents name me?) mkral@stpaulgenesee.net

During this month of homebound activities, create a place for Mary, adorn that spot with some flowers, and pray, pray, pray for her intercession in our world.

GOOD NEWS !!! During this odd time in the world we want to keep our focus on the **GOOD** and stay connected with all of you. We are seeking photos and/or video of the **GOOD** things going on in your life. Big or small! Please submit to kdemarais@stpaulgenesee.net.

Human Concerns

BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Loaves and Fishes Part 3:

Some of the monthly Loaves and Fishes donations are used to purchase food every month for a meal for **St Ben's Community Meal**. We have two volunteers who shop for the food and seven ladies who have gathered (pre-pandemic) every 4th Thursday morning to prepare the meal - chopping vegetables and cutting meat for beef stew and preparing a shredded carrot/pineapple/raisin salad. One of the ladies then returned back to St Paul's every couple of hours during the day to stir the stew! Later in the day, two more volunteers who drove the meal down to St Ben's at 10th and State. More help is always welcome for this ministry. (See the full story on the parish website at Ministries/Feed the Hungry)

WHAT CAN WE DO?

During this time of safe-at-home, our outreach ministries have been greatly curtailed. St. Ben's is working with their own staff to prepare meals. St Bruno is sending baked beans to be warmed on site. St Paul's made beef stew last month but not in April because St Ben's had provisions on hand.

St Bruno and other St Vincent de Paul conferences have suspended their home visits. (Their thrift stores continue to be closed, so please hang on to all those boxes you've cleaned out of closets and the basements; when the stores reopen, there will be demand for donated items!)

Hope Center continues to be closed except for meal boxes being handed out from the doorway. One local way YOU can do something is to purchase additional food when you shop at Pick n Save and Sentry and drop it in the bins at the door (please do not bring food from home). Kettle Moraine Food Pantry is also accepting donations through Amazon deliveries (705 W Tomlin Road, Wales WI 53183).

A 30 day prayer and action initiative began May 1 through our Archdiocese (*Step out Stronger*.) Each day includes prayer and a concrete action to grow your love for God and neighbor (check it out at <https://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion/StepOutStronger.htm>). Pray about getting involved in one of our parish ministries once we can gather again. And pray, pray, pray for our world and for all those who usually receive our love and support through our Human Concerns ministries.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to Mary Bruemmer and Elaine Grassmann on May 2. Bob Mather on May 4, and Ruth Ann Stanczyk on May 6.

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!



BABY BOTTLES

Life's Connection would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to St. Paul's Parish for not only hosting the Baby Bottle Campaign in January but also raising money on behalf Life's Connection during your annual auction night.

The generosity of your parishioners was extraordinary and you raised an unbelievable \$14,896.43!!! Our two centers and clients can't thank you enough. Your timing was just perfect considering the hard times we are all currently facing. It is through St. Paul's monetary gifts that our two centers will be fortunate enough to continue to care for pregnant moms, fathers and their children during these uncertain times. It also helps us continue to provide hope, help and healing to our families who have lost a child through miscarriage and stillbirth as well as crisis care. In 2019, we cared for 1,783 families so you see how important this mission is!

God bless you all and thank you!

Krys Crawley - Life's Connection
Executive Director



Vatican City, Apr 25, 2020 / 07:15 am MT (CNA).

POPE FRANCIS sent a letter Saturday encouraging Catholics to pray the rosary throughout May. He also shared two new prayers to implore the help of the Virgin Mary during the coronavirus pandemic. (found on Catholic News Agency.com)

"Contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial," Pope Francis said in a letter April 25.

He urged families and individuals to "rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary at home in the month of May," which is traditionally a time of increased devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Please Note:

There have been a number of staff & parishioners who have received text messages or email from someone impersonating staff members and leadership asking for help, money and/or gift cards. Please do not respond to these texts, delete them. Never open any links attached.

Faith Formation

Who do You See in the Mirror?

When you look in the mirror, who do you see? Do you see yourself, or do you see Jesus?

As far as metaphorical questions go, that one may take the crown for it's loftiness, yet do not let that diminish the magnitude of the question. **It is a question of great importance... quite possibly THE MOST IMPORTANT question we could ever ask ourselves.**



We are called to be more than just fans of Jesus. **We are called to become little Christs...** That is the actual and literal translation of the word Christian. It was first spewed out in disdain by those who sought to persecute the followers of the Jesus. Yet, the same followers of Jesus saw it not as a cut or an assassination of their character, but as a compliment! **That they would be so identified with Jesus that they would be called little Christs!** What a joy to be bestowed upon those early followers!

In the ancient world, **disciples were chosen because their master saw in each of them, the ability to become like him.**

It is no different with you or I... **we have been called by the God-Man, Jesus, because we can become like Him.**

Jesus does not need fans. **He needs followers - people whose lives are different because they have chosen to follow Him.** When the world looks at each of us, they should be able to see that we are different, somehow. **Those Sacraments we receive have transformed and changed us.** The sharp edges caused by sin in our lives has begun to be softened and the true image of the Son is revealed in our lives. We can then say, with St. Paul, "it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). As the Divine Life of Christ takes hold of who we are, we begin to understand those beautiful words of Jesus, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

This time of "captivity" is not a time to be wasted. Who **is your master?** Who is it you seek to become like?

This is **a time to examine our priorities and see where our desire to become like Jesus really lies.** And... are we willing to truly become like Him? Everyone who receives this email does so in part because there is a recognition of something more out there.

And there is.

News from Archdiocese



Go to Archdiocese website for [resources](https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/Resources--Inspiration.htm) to keep you in touch with your faith, see <https://www.archmil.org/evangelization/Courageous-Communion/Resources--Inspiration.htm>

Step Out Stronger | Leave Quarantine Closer to Christ

Our days in isolation will come to an end. When they do, will you emerge weaker or stronger? Choose to use May in order to come out stronger. In these 30 days, rather than dwelling on what we might be missing, we're focusing on Jesus, giving one percent of each day in prayer and completing a simple daily action to grow in love for God and neighbor. Find out more and register https://www.archmil.org/Courageous-Communion/StepOutStronger.htm?utm_campaign=website&utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email

St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of May 3, 2020

Monday: Acts 11:1-18, John 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, John 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a, John 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, John 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33, John 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, John 14:7-14

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 10

Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

May Altar Care – Jo Ann Presta
Home Communion Minister –

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 3-10

Mon

(Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Elizabeth Farrell by Farrell Family

Wed

(Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00AM † Robert Farrell by Farrell Family

Sat 5:30PM † Lucille DiCiaula by Family

Sun 9:00AM † For Parishioners of St Paul & St Bruno

MASS INTENTIONS – at almost every Mass there is a specific intention. This is usually in memory of a loved one who has died, but it could be for a special anniversary or another special intention. These intentions are published in the bulletin every week for the upcoming week. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special intention (\$10 stipend) call the office, leave a message, someone will return your call.

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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:

All Coronavirus Victims and their families, especially Gene Hessen.

All those undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses.

Email pravernetwork@stpaulgenesee.net

to add someone to our prayer list.



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