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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — MAY 2, 2021

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

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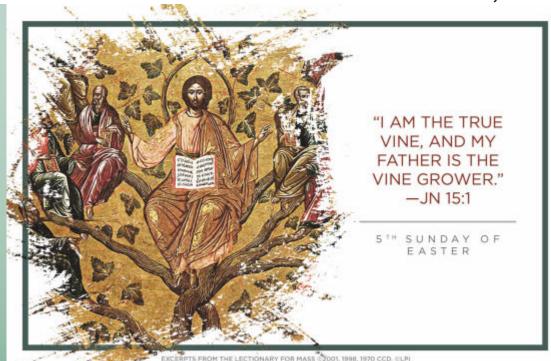
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ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday

& Friday 8:00am Mass
Saturday 5:30pm Mass
Sunday 9:00am Mass
Reconciliation 2nd & 4th

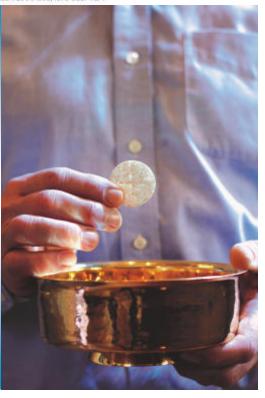
Reconciliation 2nd & 4th
Saturday 10:00am
or by Appointment



Pray in celebration and thanksgiving for our First Communicants!

Blake William Aschenbrenner
Maxim Jonathan Branz
Lilly Ione Elizabeth Davis
Aaron Thomas DeMarais
Bryce Ian Harris
Olivia Elise Petersen
Cole Craig Treder
Kimberly Ann Trester
Daniel Joseph Zangerle, Jr.
Colin Mark Dixon Reszka

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Weekly Message



NOTICE FOR TRUSTEE-SECRETARY NOMINATION

St. Paul Parish, in accordance with Parish Corporate By-Laws, hereby inform you that nominations are open for the position of Trustee-Secretary. A parish trustee is an active, responsible lay parishioner who is called to serve the parish as a member of the corporate Board of Directors. Trustees act in a leadership role as a member of the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. A more complete description of the Trustee-Secretary's responsibilities can be viewed at the Parish Office during normal office hours. Each term is for 2 years with no limit on the number of terms that may be served.

Parishioners should be aware of and understand that the following guidelines are to be adhered to in this process.

- Nominees/Candidates must be Catholic, registered, practicing parish members and at least 25 years old.
- The Pastor may nominate one candidate for each open position.
- Additional candidates must be nominated, in writing, by 10 or more registered parish members. (Form available in Parish Office).
- Candidates will be vetted prior to the announcement of nominees.
- If there is only one nominee for the position at the close of nominations, May 24, 2021, no election/balloting need be done.
- Nominees will be announced at the weekend Masses on May 29 & 30, 2021
- Elections, if needed, are held after the weekend masses two weeks after the announcement of candidates, therefore on June 12 & 13, 2021, this election cycle.
- If there are multiple candidates, the nominee receiving the most parishioner votes will become the Trustee-Secretary, subject to the approval of the Archbishop.

Completed nomination forms, along with a picture and short biography must be submitted to Fr. Dan, <u>Pastor@stpaulgenesee.net</u> no later than May 24, 2021. Please prayerfully consider whether you could and should serve your parish in a leadership role.

A NEW JOB OPPORTUNITY!

Are you gifted with Administrative talent?
Are you looking for a way to serve your parish?
Do you enjoy customer service?
Do you love your faith?

If you answered **YES** to these questions and are looking for a part time opportunity, please contact Sherri Meyer at 262-968-3865 or smeyer@stpaulgenesee.net.

MEMORIALS TO ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH:

As a parish community, we have been very blessed to receive memorials in honor of loved ones who have passed on.

These financial gifts allow the parish to provide perpetual care (upkeep, lawn care, etc.) for our private cemetery.

We ask for God's continued blessings upon our parish and those who have gone before us.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S

We do have social distance protocols in place for your safety. Masks are required. The rest of the campus (other than Mass) will remain closed until further notice. Feel free to give the office a call at 262-968-3865 or stop by! We'd love to see you.

Stewardship: Belong, Believe, Become

Today's Gospel is from John 15:1-8, which - ironically - I touched on last week! While I focused on the "remain in Jesus" part of the verse last week, I want to focus on the last line: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." God is glorified when we bear much fruit and become Jesus' disciples. But what does it mean to "bear fruit?" I have pondered what this means for my daily life. I don't have actual branches coming off me. And I don't think Jesus meant that I need to be an actual farmer, which is good because I do NOT have a green thumb! But I was challenged recently when I heard this question "What kind of fruit is your life producing?" This question, posed by Fr. Dave Pivonka in the "Wild Goose" series, was followed by Galatians 5:22-23 which gave me a different view on bearing fruit: "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, selfcontrol." Jesus' words were to remain in Him. If we are remaining in Jesus, then the Holy Spirit dwells within us. And when we allow the Holy Spirit to dwell and work through us, we naturally bear fruit. It is not something we need to grasp at or earn. It comes, like flowers blooming in the spring after a good rain. Allow the Holy Spirit to work through you, then those fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control will bloom in your life and bear fruit for the Kingdom of God.

To God be the Glory, Kelsey - kdemarais@stpaulgenesee.net

St. Paul Stewardship of Treasure

We are truly grateful for your sacrifice and generosity. Year to Date Last Year to Date 7-1-20 to 3-31-2021 7-1-19 to 3-31-2020 Stewardship & Offertory \$ 590,186 Stewardship & Offertory \$ 645,993 Other Income \$ 89,674 Other Income \$ 118,505 Total Income \$ 679,860 Total Income 5 764,498 Total Expenses 581,301 **Total Expenses** 607,184 5 Excess/Deficit 98,559 Excess/Deficit 157,314

"and the measure of your own freewill offering shall be in proportion to the Blessings the Lord, Your God, has bestowed upon you." Deut 16:10



Faith Formation

I grew up during the time when "WWJD" (what would Jesus do?) was all the rage. I remember reading someone commenting that, apparently, He would go shopping as a response to this question. That thought has long stuck with me. I know there have been times where I felt I needed something that would better help me on my journey of faith, so of course I would get it. After all, God is the most important facet of my life. Nothing could be too much for Him. Or, another thing I have slipped into, when I feel as though I have been rather lukewarm in my prayer life, I start thinking I will read this book... or maybe that book over there. The list becomes endless.

And I share this with you because I am willing to bet that you have spent some time in one of these camps at some time in your life. Or maybe not. I do know I have witnessed others doing both of these - from buying up all the merchandise at a Christian concert to getting the latest book to going on the next best pilgrimage. Now, all of these things... they are good in and of themselves. It can be a little



concerning when you witness people going through all of these "things". Why? Because at the heart of it all is one of two things: insecurity in who you are as a beloved child of God OR it is a badge of honor. There is nothing you won't do...

And the truth is... **none of the stuff really makes us holy**. It can be a great sign post towards holiness, tools to help us sojourn onward, but ultimately the life of faith is marked by the cross.

The reading for today reminds me of this. The best grape vines have been pruned... a lot. And in fact, most of the branches that grew from the single seed, they have been cut away. Only the strongest and most fruitful branches remain. And the thing is... I think if you are not a gardener (and I am not), you would tend to think that the more branches and the more leaves you have on the vine, the better. You get more chances to have delicious grapes. Yet, the more 'full' the vine is, the less energy it has to grow the rich fruit that we love... the rich fruit that can become wine.

I think, in our own spiritual walk, it is important not to allow the things that are to point us to God become an actual hindrance. It's not the one who has the most "stuff" of our faith that are holiest. It is those who abide in Jesus and truly are willing to cut off the things that keep them from Him that become the holiest. It is hard... it's a little like our own cross... but the reward is far greater than the sacrifice. You see, when we have pruned away the extras... even the good extras... the things that don't help us... we have the God of the universe desiring to see us. And that can't be found in any book or CD. It only comes by laying your heart down before the Lord, receiving the Sacraments and allowing God to be the Lord of your life. And... it doesn't get any better than that!

Karen, kfarrell@stpaulgenesee.net

Thank You Parishioners for Beautifying our Cemetery!



Adult Formation

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Chapter 2

For the next few weeks, we will hear from people who have been in parish small groups for faith sharing. Last week I wrote about the new growth, like mayapples in spring. Just as the mayapples are growing, so, too, are your fellow parish members.



"I love the small group discussions. It is one of the reasons I joined the men's group at the parish. Sometimes you think you are alone in the way you think or struggles you are having in life or faith. Then you sit down and talk with others that you don't know and you find you are not alone. Other people in your parish are struggling with the same items you are. It also gives me a chance to listen and learn from others. I also meet other members of the parish that I may not know and that has blossomed into long term friendships. Small groups help us to open our minds up more and do things to help strengthen our faith that normally we may not do. I am very grateful

my wife "pushed" me into the men's group years ago. I know for a fact my faith is much stronger today because of it. [Studies like] *Alpha* and *The Search* are great ways to strengthen our faith by challenging us to look at our faith differently than we have in the past."

Mary Kral, mkral@stpaulgenesee.net

Human Concerns

GENEROUS LENTEN ALMSGIVING FOR PERU

As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God". (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2462) This Lent we had the opportunity to exercise justice for God's people in Peru in the form donations over \$4500.00. Our parish has a relationship with the School Sisters of St Francis in Paita, Peru, at the St Clare Community. Covid has been especially hard on the families in Peru who had already been suffering unemployment due to a change in water temperatures affecting their fishing industry, worsening the poverty in that area. You were so generous in your almsgiving. Thank you for being a witness to fraternal charity. You can learn more about our brothers and sisters in Paita on our website: https://stpaulgenesee.net/sister-parishes

HYGIENE DRIVE is a collection to support our brothers and sisters at **St Ben's**. Please return the **hygiene items by May 1** to the bins provided at the entrances to the church or to the parish office.

Please join us this month in supporting **Heavenly Babies "Baby Shower in a Bag".** We need boy and girl clothing (onesies, sleepers, and outfits) size **0 - 3 and 3 - 6 months** new or gently used (spring/fall, winter, summer). Bibs, hats, socks, receiving blankets, crib blankets, are also greatly appreciated. Watch clearance/closeout sales, thrift shops, and collect items from home, friends, family, rummage or handmade items. This collection will help us provide baby showers to new mothers in June and beyond. Look for dropoff bins in Church or bring to the Parish Office.

ST BRUNO Events and Invites

ST. BRUNO Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekends: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Weekdays: Monday at 8:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.*

*School Mass-Subject to change

Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 10am & By appointment



Please join us for a follow up to the Eucharist talks that we experienced during the weekly Holy Hours this past Lent. We will continue to explore why Eucharist is so central to who we are as a people of God . Come on Monday's at St. Bruno's from 10-11am and Thursday's at St. Paul's from 6-7pm.



"The Gift of Sunday"

Making your experience more meaningful

Idea for living it out:

Offer extra prayers for people in our world who cannot always take Sunday off because they have professions that are at the service of public safety and well-being: medical doctors, first-responders, law enforcement officials, etc.

https://www.archmil.org/Sunday-Initiative/Reflection.htm

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.

Parish Spring Cleanup May 15, 8-11:30am

Our Parish grounds needs some Spring sprucing up. Bring a leaf rake or garden rake and with your help, we will put the Parish grounds in great shape for the summer. We could also use shovels, leaf blowers and don't forget your gloves.

Please meet in the gym parking lot at 8:00am. Call the Parish Office to sign up: 968-3865. Water and snacks will be provided. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul Parish!

Important Information!

As we all continue to do our part in stopping the spread of COVID-19, our community has maintained social distancing, mask wearing, and sanitizing protocols. We also encourage parishioners, volunteers & students to stay home when sick.

Out of love for one another, we are asking if you test positive for Covid-19 to please contact Sherri Meyer directly at 262-968-3865 or smey-er@stpaulgenesee.net. Your information will be kept confidential and <a href="weight:we



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St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31, 1 John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8 Monday: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, John 14:6-14 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, John 14:27-31a Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, John 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21, John 15:9-11 Friday: Acts 15:22-31, John 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, John 15:18-21

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, May 9

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 3-9

Mon (Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Dennis Nabak, Jr. by Nabak Family

Wed (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00AM † Judy Schweda by Family

Sat 5:30PM † Lu & John DiCiaula by Family

Sun 9:00AM † Rosalie Schultz by Anne & Rick Schultz



Parish Seniors If you are unable to attend mass for any length of time because of a fall, weather, etc., please call the parish office at 262-968-3865 so we can have someone bring you communion or mail you a bulletin.

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday to Mary Bruemmer on 5/2, Bob Mather on 5/4, and Ruth Stanczyk on 5/6. Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!



Remember all frontline workers, first responders, military personnel and their families. May God keep them safe in his hands.

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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Closed Monday / 8:30am-4:00pm Tuesday-Friday **NOTICE:** Bulletin articles are due 9am on Monday.

> (6 days before article appears in bulletin.) Please submit to ldurler@stpaulgenesee.net



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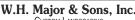
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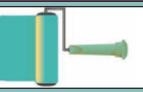
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