

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

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

Tue & Fri 8:00am Mass
Thursday 6:00pm Adoration

Saturday 5:30pm Mass

Sunday 9:00am Mass

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

Contact the parish office if you would like access to the

Adoration Chapel.



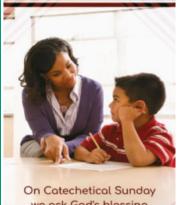
24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached
Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother
sins against me,
how often must I
forgive? As many as
seven times?" Jesus
answered, "I say to you,
not seven times but
seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

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BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.



On Catechetical Sunday we ask God's blessing on our Catechists.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

http://bible.usccb.org/

Monday: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Timothy 3:1-13 / Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Timothy 3:14-16 / Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Matthew 9:9-13
Friday: 1 Timothy 6:2c-12 / Luke 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Timothy 6:26 127 Luke 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9 / Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

LIVING OUR FAITH

18 Monday

It's A Great Day to **Read your Bible**

19 Tuesday

8am Mass

Rosary After Mass

9am Church

Cleaning

20 Wednesday

6pm Men's Basketball 6:30pm Finance Council @ St. Bruno

21 Thursday

9:30am Faith & Life 9:30am Women's Bible Study 6pm Adoration & Prayer 7pm Choir Rehearsal

See something interesting? Check out our website for more information.

Weekly Message



When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few



months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

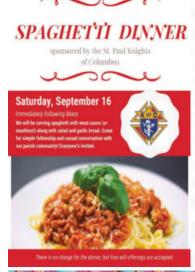
That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets. — Father John Muir ©LPi



The weekend of September 23/24, come away from mass with a new appreciation of this celebration of our faith. As the mass is celebrated, Deacon Joe will be teaching and explaining about the particulars of the liturgy as it progresses. Bring your open heart and mind as well as a friend or two for this

in depth celebration of the mass by learning more about the richness of this beautiful ritual we are privileged to enjoy.



St. Paul Social Committee

Enjoy the Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner and BINGO. FREE Play! We will play 10 rounds or until all 10 prizes are won.





FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: August 26, 2023—September 1, 2023		
Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.) \$11,587.00		
Offertory\$516.36		
Total\$12,103.36		
*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.		
Fiscal Year to Date Last Fiscal Year to Date		

7/1/2023 - 9/1/2023 7/1/2022 -

Regular Parish Support* \$96,262.00......\$98,978.36 Offertory:\$3,993.71.....\$3,324.26 22 Friday

8am Mass Rosary after Mass



23 Saturday

8am Forming the Catechetical Spirit 8am Men's Basketball 10am Reconciliation / Confession 5:30pm Mass



Sunday

9am Mass 10am Faith Formation Gr K3-5 6pm Faith Formation (Gr 6-11)



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Child & Family Ministry

Helping Children Understand the Eucharist

As we prepare to bring back the common cup at St. Bruno and St. Paul, it's the perfect time to brush up on our understanding of the Eucharist. During the next few weeks, I will share some tips for helping your children gain a better understanding of the Eucharist. You can begin explaining the Eucharist to your

children by reading the Last Supper account in Matthew 26:17-20, 26-30 straight from the Bible. Reread the account a second time. You might choose to have children close their eyes and imagine themselves at the Last Supper listening closely to Jesus' words alongside the disciples. Tell the children that Sacred Scripture, also known as the Bible and God's Word, teaches us that the Eucharist was given to the apostles by Jesus during the Last Supper. Jesus actually changed the bread and wine at the Last Supper into His Real Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. What an amazing, beyond our human ability to fully understand, but absolutely true moment in time!

The words, "His Real Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity" are very important words in our Catholic language. Do not be afraid to use them with the children. They will mature into a deeper and deeper understanding of these words.

Ask the children, "What did Jesus do once the bread and wine were actually Him?" He gave it to His apostles to eat and drink as a special gift. We too are receivers of this amazing gift from God.

Upper elementary children can be asked, "When did the Last Supper happened in Jesus' days on earth?"

Liturgy & Music

We will be hosting training for all liturgical ministers who serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers, sacristans and ushers. This is a great opportunity for you to attend if you are considering joining one of these ministries. If you are an existing minister, please attend so we can take time to refresh our procedures and discuss any questions you may have.



• Tuesday September 19th @ St. Bruno @ 6:30PM ~ Matt Byczynski: Shared Director of Liturgy & Music

Are you interested in being a part of our growing music program here at St. Paul? We are looking for choir members, cantors and instrumentalists who have a passion for music and serving our parish community.

Please reach out to Matt Byczynski (Director of Music & Liturgy) for more information:

mbyczynski@stpaulgenesee.net

Call: 414-520-3672

It was the night before Jesus died. This shows us the importance of what Jesus did. When people know that they are close to death, they focus on what is really important to them because they don't have much time left. Jesus knew He was going to die, but He took the time to give the disciples and us a magnificent gift, the Eucharist! His very self! Source: CatholicLink ~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

The Eucharist as Sacrifice

How often do we use the word "sacrifice" to mean something we "offer up" or "do" for ourselves or someone else? The word "sacrifice" often has connotations of self-deprivation, inconvenience, or even suffering. Some examples of sacrifices are when parents lose sleep to care for a sick child, or spouses mutually cooperate to build a life together. Everyone makes financial sacrifices to ensure a more secure life in the future. During Lent, we sacrifice food to share it with those who would otherwise go hungry. Sometimes someone sacrifices a kidney so their loved one can live. The word sacrifice conveys many meanings; however, at the root of each of these examples is love.

The Eucharist is a Real Sacrifice. During the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest says the words of Jesus at the Last Supper over the gifts of bread and wine: "This is my Body, which will be given up for you," and "This is the chalice of my Blood ... which will be poured out ..." These words point forward to the death that Jesus would die for us on the Cross, making the Last Supper a sacrificial meal.

The sacrifice of the Mass is not a reenactment, imitation or a dramatization of the Last Supper; rather, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says it "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ." Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ "entered **once for all** into the sanctuary ... with his own blood, thus ob-

taining eternal redemption." (Hebrews 9:12) The historical sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is not repeated, but instead, the sacrifice of the Mass is a memorial in which Christ's sacrifice is sacramentally present.

The Eucharist as sacrifice has another dimension. After the gifts of bread and wine have been presented by the assembly and placed on the altar, the priest invites us to pray in these words: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice **and yours** may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." The privilege of participating in the Eucharist is that we take part in what we enact. God's Love for us, manifested in the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, begs a response from us: love in response to love; sacrifice in response to sacrifice. When we participate in Mass, we offer God our thoughts, prayers, words, deeds, trust, service and charity — our very lives and everything that we are — and we pray that we may be transformed and so be gathered into one in the unity of the Body of Christ. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (12:1) Eucharistic Prayer IV explicitly asks that God's people "may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ."

The Eucharist is a Real Sacrifice — it is Christ's once-for-all, loving sacrifice for us. It is also our sacrifice — the loving surrender of our wills and our lives to God. When we receive Holy Communion, we are strengthened by Christ's Real Presence so that we can do the Father's will. The Mass, which perpetuates the unbloody sacrifice of Christ, strengthens us to live the sacrifices which the Christian life demands. *Archdiocese of Milwaukee 2023*



Adult Faith Formation

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Learn more about RCIA! This process is for unbaptized adults and those baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to be received into the Catholic Church. It is also for those baptized Catholics who have not been raised in the faith, and who now wish to complete their Initiation Sacraments. The reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist is usually celebrated at our parish Easter Vigil Liturgy. The preparation process takes place throughout the year on Sunday mornings after 9am mass at St Paul. For more information, contact the parish office.

WORD OF LIFE

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our Arts & Environment Team would like to have a Blood Drive in the future. To accomplish this,



we need to have at least 30 people sign up expressing their interest in donating. Look for sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for the next couple weekends. Contact Jean Lindemeyer at jalindemeyer@gmail.com for more info.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. BRUNO

Raffle ticket sales before and after Mass this weekend!

Beat the heat and join us in September to help support our parish and school. This golf outing raises money for St. Bruno Parish School and the tuition assistance program. Registration is available on the school website.



Donations Needed! The St. Bruno Golf Committee needs your help! Click here (or find the link on our website) to check out our raffle wish list. Thank you for your support!

JOIN OUR MANAGEMENT

After School Care Assistant

St. Bruno Parish School has an opening for an After School Care Assistant. This position will be for 2-3 days a week, from 3:30 PM - approximately 6:00 PM. and is ideal for a high school student. For more

information contact Mary MacDonald

at mary.macdonald@stbrunoparishschool.com or 262-965-2291

St. Bruno Book Club: Reading a good book is often better if you can discuss with others. St. Bruno's Book Club welcomes anyone interested in sharing their thoughts on a variety of books. The Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am

in the Parish Family Room and sometimes at member's homes. You can come whenever you choose.

Upcoming Books:

October 10: Frankenstein by Mary Shelly November 14: The Seeker and the Monk, Everyday Conversations with Thoma Merten by Sophfronia Scott et al. Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-2404 for more info.







Greater Catholic Community



You are invited to attend the 2023 Love for Life Gala at the Brookfield Conference Center on Thursday,

September 21, 2023. Register by Monday, September 11, at ProLifeWl.org/Gala or call our office at 262-796-1111.

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St Paul's Liturgical Week

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 18 — SEPTEMBER 24

Mon 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Bonnie Schaefer by Susan

Christian

Wed 8:45 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:00 AM † Robert Schaefer by Bereavement

Committee

Sat 4:00pm (Mass at St. Bruno)

5:30pm † Donald Friedlein by Liz Friedlein

Sun 9:00 AM † John & Lu DiCiaula by Family

10:30 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

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(10 days before article appears in bulletin.)

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