

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Sunday July 26, 2020

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

Mass Times

Father Bernie Sehr broadcasts Mass Tuesday through Sunday on You Tube channel: St. Paul the Apostle. The link to this You Tube channel can be found on the church website under News.

Weekend: Saturday . . . 5 pm
Sunday . . . 9 am and 4 pm
Spanish: 12 Noon

Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am

Public Masses are limited at this time. Please call the church office to make a reservation.

CONFESSION:
By Appointment

BAPTISMS:
Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOLY MATRIMONY:
Preparations are to be made at least six months prior to the desired date with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: (Anytime) Please notify your pastor promptly whenever anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

Please note: If you are in a hospital or health care facility located outside of Sandwich, you are to call the nearest parish for a priestly visit.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernie Sehr.....Pastor
For Spiritual Emergencies Only.....(815)-570-2340
William H. VincentAcolyte
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Support Staff

Edwina Vincent..... Parish Secretary
Scott Helin.....Custodian

Bulletin Articles

Deadline is Monday noon of week to be published.

Mission Statement

“We, the family of St. Paul Parish, live the gospel message of Jesus Christ through worship, education and outreach to all ages. We strengthen our parish and community, respecting our rural traditions, while welcoming the growth and cultural diversity that awaits.”



Lord. Hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

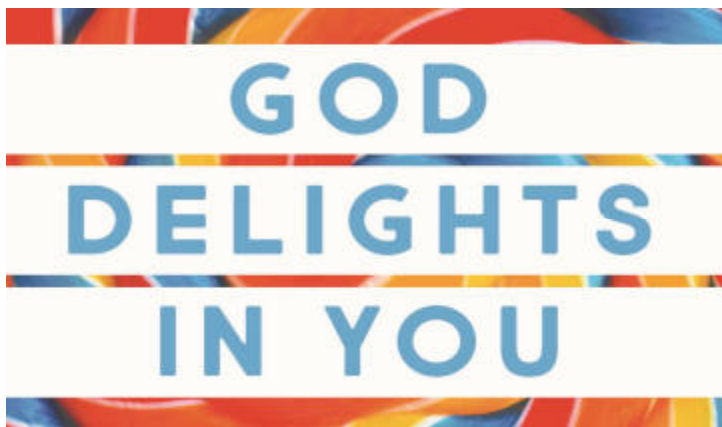
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A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

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YES, there will be Father Kane Scholarships this year! Over the years, the Fair Board has been able to save money for a “rainy day.” If this year isn’t a “rainy day” situation, there will never be one. The Fair board has voted to award two Father Kane Scholarships using some of our “rainy day” money. We are happy we will be able to help two St. Paul’s parishioners with school expenses.

To apply for one of the scholarships, please contact Edwina at the parish office.

Readings for the week of July 26, 2020

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



Sacramental Life

OUTREACH:

Anyone experiencing unforeseen circumstances contact Donna Botts at 815-786-8959.

PRAYER HOT LINE:

Contact Marilyn Childress at 815-695-5319, to have intentions remembered

Let us Pray

For all those nearing death. That their faith will grow ever stronger, as they prepare in hope to share eternal life with Christ.

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Parish Pastoral Council

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BENJAMIN ANTONIO TELLEZ
Son of

Mark & Evelyn (Ortega) Tellez
Was Baptized on July 19, 2020
By Rev. Darwin Flores at
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic
Church, Sandwich, IL



What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Words of Life

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.

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Bishop David J. Malloy offers Sunday Masses on line at 9:00 a.m. and a devotion and/or reflection every Wednesday at 12 noon.

Please go to www.rockforddiocese.org often for current news.

Our Giving

Thank you very much for continuing to provide generous support through mailing contributions, online giving through the Diocese website, calling and making arrangements to bring contributions to the parish office and bringing contributions to Mass.

Please help the money counters by noting the amount of your gift on your envelope. Thank you for mailing your Sunday envelope when you are out of town.

Welcome: Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are interested in registering in our parish please fill out form. You may leave this form in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 25

5:00 p.m. ✠ Mike & Janelle Muzzillo
(Mark & Mary Weinhold)

SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00 a.m. ✠ Eugene & Kim Paris (Bernadine Paris)
4:00 p.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)
SPANISH MASS
12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

MONDAY, JULY 27

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00 a.m. ✠ Andrew Sondgeroth (The Foley's)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

9:00 a.m. ✠ Edith Miller (Fraser Family)

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 a.m. ✠ MaryAnn Koeing (Richard Koenig)

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 a.m. ✠ Paula Hendron (Ray & Judy Hendron)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

5:00 p.m. ✠ Louie Miller (Miller Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

9:00 a.m. ✠ Jerry & Rosemarie Prokopec
(Sue Szafranski)

4:00 p.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

SPANISH MASS

12:00 p.m. Intention Announced at Mass

The Rockford Diocese has set up a link so that contributions may be made online. It may be found at:
<http://www.rockforddiocese.org/parish-support/>.
This link can also be found on our parish website under the heading News.

Please Pray For



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