

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Sunday November 22, 2020

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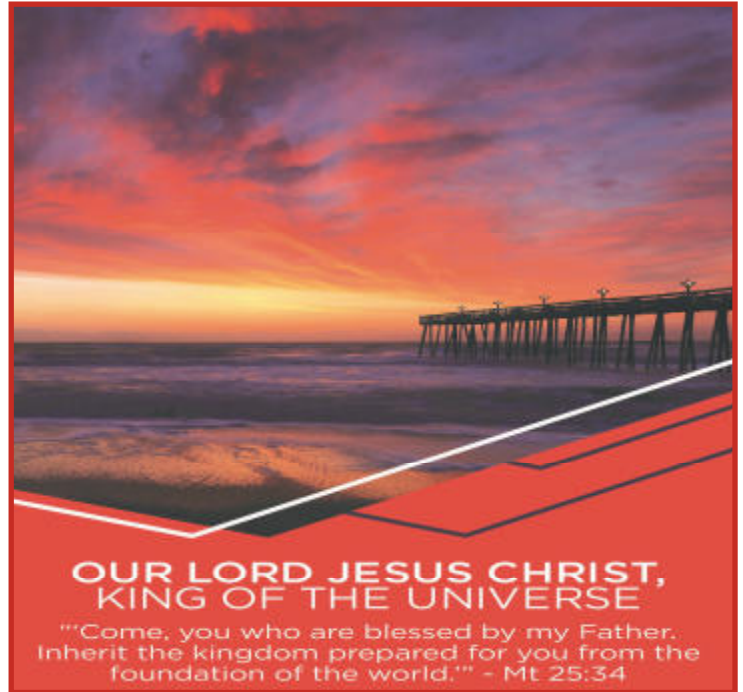
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Bulletin Articles

Deadline is Monday noon of week to be published.

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
Sunday9 am and 4 pm

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.

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.

November 22, 2020

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Many Americans are fascinated with England’s monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What’s most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It’s almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ’s kingdom. “Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” At different times in our lives we are all counted among the “least” ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don’t quite fit in. But who hasn’t experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn’t enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God’s kingdom?

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Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



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

On this feast of Christ the King and always: May all recognize God as the author of life and give thanks for His precious gift.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Dennis Miller.....Chairperson

Parish Finance Council

David DeCraene.....Chairperson

DECADE A DAY

It is time to 're-up' your commitment for Decade a Day for next year.

We hope you have had a rewarding year in this program. Hopefully, you will want to continue this FIVE MINUTE A DAY commitment and sign up for another year.

Please contact me (via e-mail or phone) and let me know your wishes...

1. I will sign up for another year..
2. I will sign up for another year, but would like to change my Mystery....
3. I am unable to continue with my Decade...But will make up what I have missed.

Blessings to each of you.

You and your intentions are: Remembered every day at each Mass said at the Mary Queen of the Universe Basilica in Orland, FL and prayed for at the Novena of the Miraculous Medal every Monday evening at the Basilica. We are praying for you and your intentions in our daily prayers. May you continue to be Blessed by your Participation in this Program.

Jerry and Bob Fuzak [815-498-1776](tel:815-498-1776) (please leave a message if we don't answer)

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There Is Much to Be Done

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





To comply with Vatican and state guidance about group gatherings during this time of pandemic, Bishop David Malloy continues to limit all in-person Masses and other prayer gatherings in the Rockford Diocese. Please call (815)786-9266 and leave a message for Edwina Vincent, St. Paul the Apostle Parish Secretary, to make a reservation for in-person Mass.

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, NOVEMBER 21

5:00 p.m. † Dolly Rud (Denny & Jill Miller)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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 to be Announced at Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. † Tom Brown (Ron & Ann Wigton)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 a.m. † John Fox (Gwen Fox)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. † Doran Greif (Denise, DaVonna & Doreen)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 a.m. George Roby (Rev. Bernie Sehr)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

5:00 p.m. † Edith Miller (Miller Family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 a.m. † John & Veronica Fraser
(Fraser & Hodson Families)

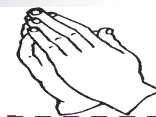
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The Rockford Diocese has set up a link so that contributions may be made online. It may be found at:
<http://www.rockforddiocese.org/parish-support/>.
This link can also be found on our parish website under the heading News.

Please Pray For



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Leticia Stefanski	Terre Michels	Thomas Gauthier
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