

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Sunday, February 14, 2021

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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

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.

February 14, 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Face-To-Face Confession

Question:

In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of “social distanced” confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves.

Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, “Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet” (The Church and the Internet, no. 9). Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered “real” in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

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Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31–11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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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 the times we are afraid to welcome life:
May the Lord fill our hearts with confidence in His loving care and provide for every need.
www.respectlife.org

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Dennis Miller.....Chairperson

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David DeCraene.....Chairperson



The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, He knew that as soon as people heard, He would be mobbed with requests for healings, and His movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to Him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Proper Mask Wearing at Mass

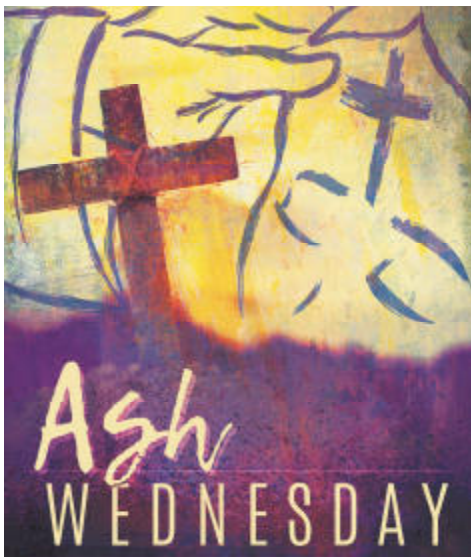
Since Bishop Malloy's letter of May 15, 2020 "the faithful present at Mass must wear a mask". This requirement has not changed.

The CDC guidelines for the proper method to wear a mask is as follows:

Completely cover your nose and mouth [with the mask] and secure it under your chin. [The mask also should] fit snugly against the side of your face.

It has been communicated by fellow parishioners that occasionally certain parishioners will allow their noses to be exposed after they are seated in their pew.

Please wear your mask properly the entire time you are in the building. It is very important for your safety, the safety of other parishioners and Father Sehr.





To comply with Vatican and safety 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.

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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, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

5:00 p.m. † Yolanda Weinhold (Mark & Mary Weinhold)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Eric Miller (Kay Deane)
4:00 p.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

SPANISH MASS

12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 a.m. † Rev. Perfecto Vasquez (Rev. Bernie Sehr)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17—Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Marcot (Donor)

7:00 p.m. Edwina Vincent (Fraser Family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 a.m. † Rev. Joseph Lutz (Rev. Bernie Sehr)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 a.m. † Theodore Robinson (Pete & Char Robinson)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 p.m. † Dolly Rud (Becky Calvert)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 a.m. † Wilma Sondgeroth (Kuester Family)

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

SPANISH MASS

12:00 p.m. Intention to be 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.

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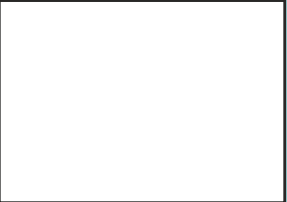
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