

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021

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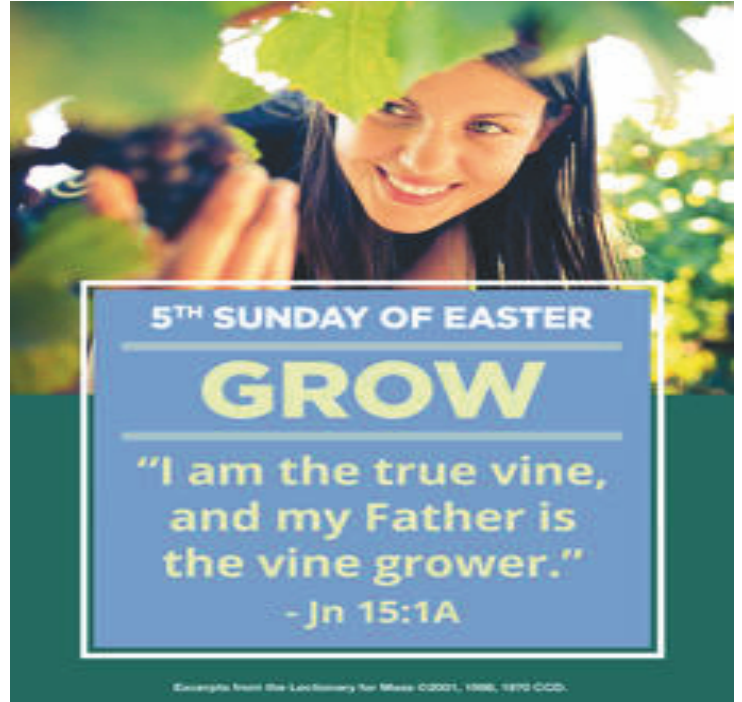
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Bulletin Articles

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
Sunday8 am and 10 am

Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday 9:00 am

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

CONFESSION:
By appointment

BAPTISMS:
Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

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

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, *MTS*

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On Sunday, April 18, 2021, First Communion was held at our parish.

The following students received their First Holy Communion at the 10:00 a.m. Mass:

Benjamin Allen
Joseph Kotalik
Grace Schmitt
Audrey Swanson

The following students received their First Holy Communion at the 12:00 p.m. Mass:

Emily Arriola
Lesly Arriola
Ailee Barraza
Israel Barraza

Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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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 elected officials:
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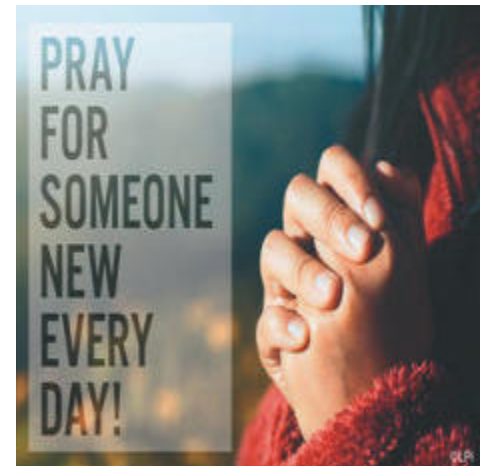
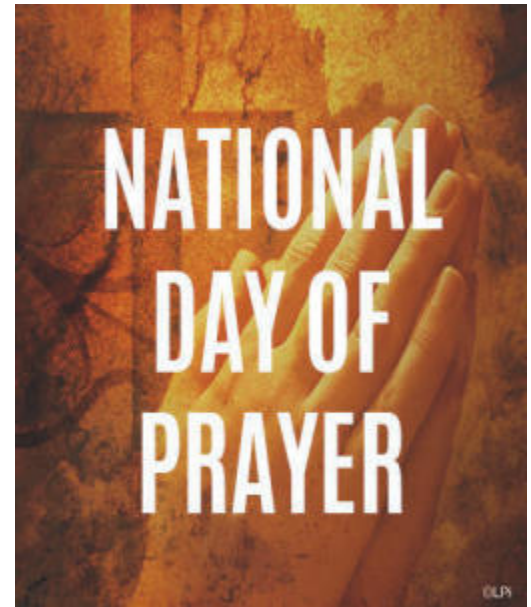
1. Read the ENTIRE Bible
2. Feel more confident about your understanding of Scripture
3. Experience the transformative power of God's Word
4. Start seeing the world through the lens of Scripture

Please note: The Bible contains adult themes that may not be suitable for children - parental discretion is advised.

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ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH PRAYER GARDEN NEWS

Efforts are underway to create a prayer garden pathway in the form of the Most Holy Rosary. It will be connected to the existing circular driveway at the front of the church and extend to the west

In front of the Parish Center

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Donations will be gladly accepted. No amount is too big or too small. Please put your donation in a plain envelope marked "PRAYER GARDEN" and drop it in the collection tower or mail it to the church office.

You may also purchase the bricks along the circle driveway to honor or memorialize a loved one or family. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.





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.

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, MAY 1, 2021

5:00 p.m. † Jim Tews (Dorothy Schorn)

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

10:00 a.m. † Jim Diehl (Pat Beezley)

SPANISH MASS

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

MONDAY, MAY 3

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, MAY 4

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 6

9:00 a.m. † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
(Pat Beezley)

FRIDAY, MAY 7

9:00 a.m. † Eugene and Kim Paris (Bernadine Paris)

SATURDAY, MAY 8

5:00 p.m. † Charlene Robinson (Pete Robinson)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. † Kate Greif (Denise, DaVonna & Doreen)

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

SPANISH MASS

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

Please note: Easter Sunday was the last Sunday that there was a 4:00 PM Mass. Masses are at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

Please Pray For



Norm L-Cuny	Judy Straube	Tony Crumpton
Bob Minnick	Reyna Estrada	Joanna Sondgeroth
Edwina Vincent	Ron Ciboroski	Sharon Ciboroski
Jo Fahrlander	Cecile Ernest	MaryLou Kreinbrink
Michael Karns	Mary Soave	Caroll Ohligschlager
Keith Burton	Francia Wilson	Catherine Nowacki
Kathy Holdeman	Lexie & Sadie	Gladys Hanson
Joe Vullo	Frieders	Alyssa Mihalka
Fran Adams	Jeff Pruski	Rita M. Vincent
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Tony Pagoria	Ed Huhn	Mark Golding
Leticia Stefanski	Pat Beezley	Ellie Gengler
Cati Rawers	Chuck Jobin	Kayla Magnuson
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