

# Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

March 12, 2023

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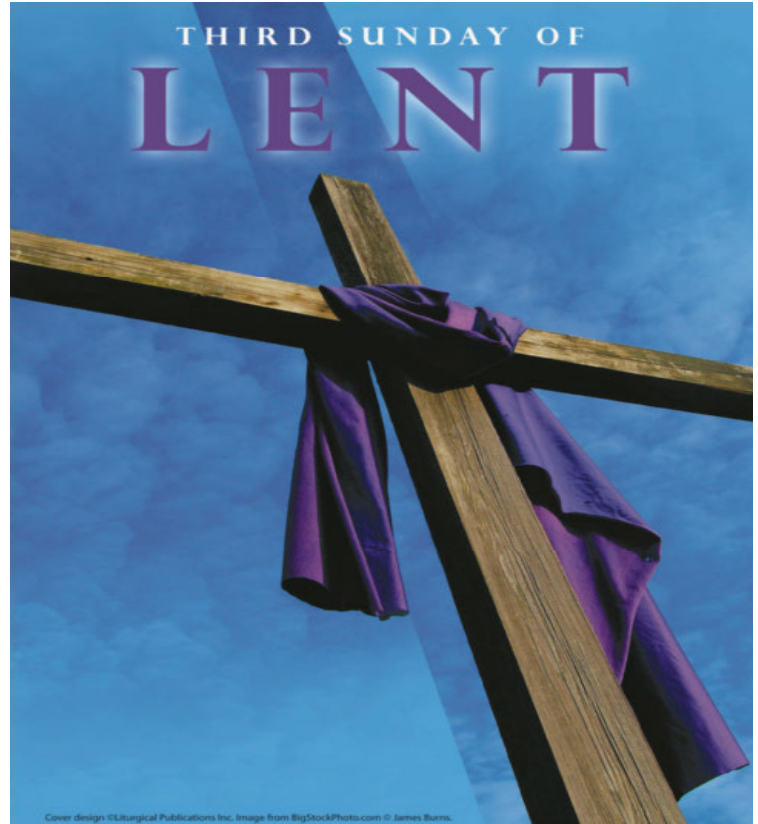
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Circumstances: Donna Botts...815-786-8959

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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Bernie Sehr.....Pastor  
For Spiritual Emergencies Only.....(815)-570-2340  
William H. Vincent.....Acolyte  
Marilyn Ellerby.....Business Manager  
Krystin Helin..... D.R.E.  
Camille Hanzlik.....Bereavement Ministry  
Sara Franco.....Hispanic Ministry

## Support Staff

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

Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.. Dennis Miller  
Parish Finance Council Chairperson. David DeCraene

## Mass Times

**Weekend:** Saturday . . .5 pm  
Sunday . . .8 am & 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish)

**CONFESSIONS:**  
Tuesdays: 5:10 p.m.-5:25 p.m.  
Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.  
Confessions may also be heard 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

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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Volunteers are needed for the month of April, to deliver meals to shut-ins. Meals are picked up at Fox Valley Community Center, Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and delivered around the community. Please call Marcia Tennant at 815-474-1245 for the days you are available to deliver. Thank you!

St. Paul the Apostle St. Vincent de Paul Conference  
Fundraiser  
Halfway to the Fair  
Fair Stand Barbeque Drive Thru Dinner  
Barbeque Sandwich, Chips and Dessert  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
4:00-6:00 PM  
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
340 W. Arnold Road, Sandwich, IL  
Cost is \$11.00

### Lenten “Create in me a Clean Heart, O Lord” Drive

St. Vincent de Paul is asking for cleaning & paper products this Lent. In particular, we are in need of Laundry detergent, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Shampoo/conditioner, Diapers (from Aldi, small packages about \$6 in sizes 4,5,6), and Bar soap.

Thank you for your help! These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and are not usually given out at food pantries.

### Readings for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or  
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt  
5:17-19  
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14  
and 17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### Observances for the week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving Time begins  
Friday: St. Patrick, Bishop, St. Patrick's Day  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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# Mass Intentions

**2022 Diocesan Appeal "Do You Love Me?"**  
 The first Diocesan Appeal was started 47 years ago in 1975 by Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill. This year's target goal/assessment is \$23,104.00, down \$2,738 from last year's assessment of \$25,842.00.

Thank you very much to those who have pledged or contributed to this year's appeal. As of 02/12/23 we have received pledges of \$26,005.00 or 112.6% of our goal. If all pledges are paid, it is anticipated that \$2,901.00 will be returned to the parish. This is fantastic news!! For many, many years the parish has owed a significant balance to the diocese at June 30. This is an assessment that must be paid. It is not like a combined appeal (National Appeal, International Appeal, Mission Appeal, etc.), where the entire collection gets remitted to the diocese, regardless of the amount.

Fr. Bernie Sehr and the St. Paul the Apostle Finance Council sincerely express their gratitude for your very generous support!!

Our Giving	
Date:	March 4/5
Loose \$	Due to the need to submit the
Envelopes	bulletin early, this collection
Total: \$	will be reported next week.

Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, it is the price of love. *Anonymous*

**St. Katharine Drexel Catholic Church, Sugar Grove, IL, is adding a Grief Support Meeting each month during daylight hours. Please plan to join us Sunday, March 26, 2023 and Sunday April 23, 2023 from 3:00 pm-4:40 pm. Please call 630-466-0303 for more information.**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

5:00 p.m. † Sandy Adams (Chuck & Family)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

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

10:00 a.m. † Larry Frieders († Rita Penman)

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 13

#### NO MONDAY SERVICES

### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

5:30 p.m. † John Caulfield (John & Carol Thomas)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

9:00 a.m. † Lee & Cecile Ernest († Rita Penman)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 a.m. † Ron Wigton (Bill & Edwina Vincent)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 a.m. † Mary A. Michels (John & Terre Michels)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 p.m. † Greg Ament (Jim & Mary Foley)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

10:00 a.m. † Henry & Elizabeth Baumann

(† Rita Penman)

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

Stations of the Cross (in English) will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Fridays March 17, 24, & 31. Stations of the Cross (in Spanish) are at 6:00 p.m. on those dates.

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.

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., M/M) \_\_\_\_\_

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- New to Parish       New Phone
- Remove from List       Corrections
- Moving

## Please Pray For



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