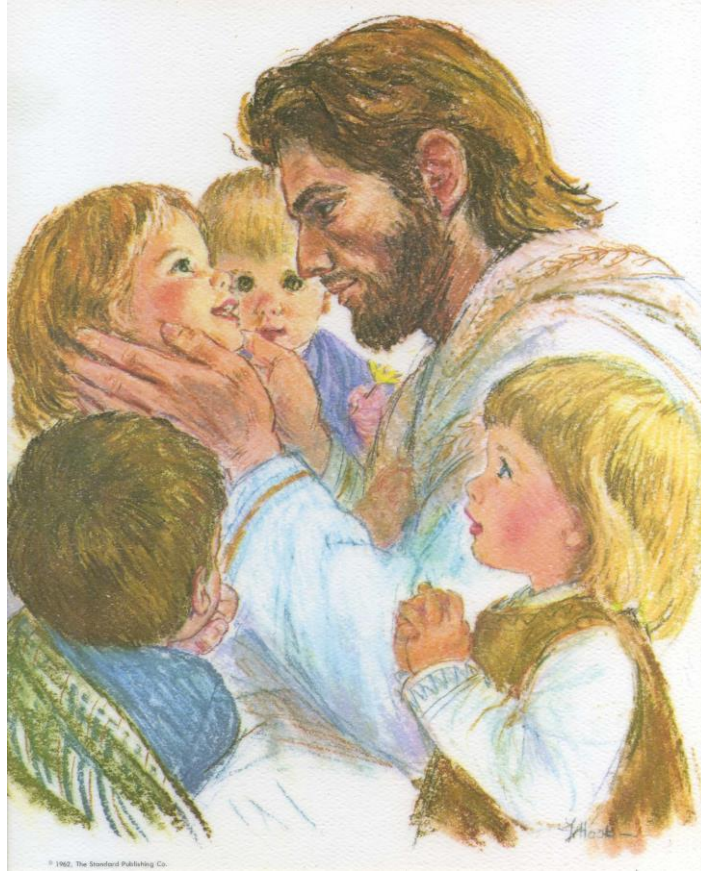


Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Pastor: Fr Andrzej Boroch



"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones." – Matthew 11:25

St Paul the Apostle Mission Statement

We the Parish of St Paul the Apostle, including the churches of St Martin de Porres and St Paul the Apostle as Disciples of Jesus Christ, accept the call of our Savior, to proclaim God's Word, through worship, prayers, and actions in our respective communities. We take seriously the responsibility of God's call to serve others, live out His word and support His church here on earth.

St. Paul the Apostle Church	St Martin de Porres Church
121 N Union St Ithaca, MI 48847	4101 W Cleveland Rd Perrinton, MI 48871
Mass Schedule: Wednesday: 6 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. (Adoration follows until 8:00 p.m.) Saturday: 6 p.m. (5 p.m. Confession) Sunday: 11 a.m.	Mass Schedule: Friday: 9 a.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.
Office Hours: Monday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. * Thursday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Contact Us: Phone (989) 875-2852 Fax (989) 875-7027 E-mail stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com Website https://stpaulparishmi.org/
<i>* Please submit announcements by 12 p.m. on Wednesday. Thank you!</i>	
For Adult/Child Sacrament Initiation: - Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist -	Josh Mikulka (989) 436-3119 Sarah Mikulka (989) 576-3114

"No man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord cherishes the Church: For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the Church."

-Ephesians 5:29-32

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

PRAYER

If you would like time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the parish office.

WATCH MASS ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE

Mon-Sat: 8 AM | Sun: 10 AM | [Visit Site](#)

SAT **JULY 11**

6:00 PM SP MASS

Mass intention for + Stuart & Mary Snider

SUN **JULY 12** **15TH OF ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM SM MASS

11:00 AM SP MASS

Please come and spend an hour with the LORD.

ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 11	SUNDAY, JULY 12
LECTORS	
Mares Vanderploeg	Chuck Wierferich Josh Mikulka
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Elizabeth Casnovsky Mary Bowen Daria Greer	Tony Huntoon Dennis Pavlica Paul Hornak
ALTAR SERVERS	
TBA	Mark Barrows Jack Raducha
USHERS	
Pat Lamey Mary Bowen	Zachary Mikulka Josh Mikulka Dane Longanbach Mark Barrows

ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS	Andrea Goerge
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Gloria Thelen Tim Donohue John Pohl
ALTAR SERVERS	Olivia King Griffin Kus
USHERS	Paul Goerge John Pohl

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE

BY ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

PART I. COUNSELS AND PRACTICES SUITABLE FOR THE SOUL'S GUIDANCE FROM THE FIRST ASPIRATION AFTER A DEVOUT LIFE TO THE POINT WHEN IT ATTAINS A CONFIRMED RESOLUTION TO FOLLOW THE SAME.

-----[Or read here: link.](#)

CHAPTER I. WHAT TRUE DEVOTION IS.

In short, devotion is simply a spiritual activity and liveliness by means of which Divine Love works in us, and causes us to work briskly and lovingly; and just as charity leads us to a general practice of all God's Commandments, so devotion leads us to practice them readily and diligently. And therefore we cannot call him who neglects to observe all God's Commandments either good or devout, because in order to be good, a man must be filled with love, and to be devout, he must further be very ready and apt to perform the deeds of love. And forasmuch as devotion consists in a high degree of real love, it not only makes us ready, active, and diligent in following all God's Commands, but it also excites us to be ready and loving in performing as many good works as possible, even such as are not enjoined upon us, but are only matters of counsel or inspiration.

Even as a man just recovering from illness, walks only so far as he is obliged to go, with a slow and weary step, so the converted sinner journeys along as far as God commands him but slowly and wearily, until he attains a true spirit of devotion, and then, like a sound man, he not only gets along, but he runs and leaps in the way of God's Commands, and hastens gladly along the paths of heavenly counsels and inspirations. The difference between love and devotion is just that which exists between fire and flame;—love being a spiritual fire which becomes devotion when it is fanned into a flame;—and what devotion adds to the fire of love is that flame which makes it eager, energetic and diligent, not merely in obeying God's Commandments, but in fulfilling His Divine Counsels and inspirations.

CHAPTER II. THE NATURE AND EXCELLENCE OF DEVOTION.

THOSE who sought to discourage the Israelites from going up to the Promised Land, told them that it was "a land which eateth up the inhabitants thereof;" that is, that the climate was so unhealthy that the inhabitants could not live long, and that the people thereof were "men of a great stature," who looked upon the new-comers as mere locusts to be devoured. It is just so, my daughter, that the world runs down true devotion, painting devout people with gloomy, melancholy aspect, and affirming that religion makes them dismal and unpleasant. But even as Joshua and Caleb protested that not only was the Promised Land a fair and pleasant country, but that the Israelites would take an easy and peaceful possession thereof, so the Holy Spirit tells us through His Saints, and our Lord has told us with His Own Lips, that a devout life is very sweet, very happy and very loveable.

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**

ST PAUL PARISH : 6/28/2020

Deposit	2,722.00
Sunday/Holy Day	2,567.00
Priest Retirement	70.00
Mission Co-Op	5.00
Restricted Accounts:	
Maintenance	80.00

Online Giving 6/16/2020: \$250.00

CSA 2019-20 as of April 30, 2020	
Total Pledged: \$20,935.00	Total Paid: \$20,935.00
Pledged & Unpaid: \$0.00	Target: \$34,072.69
Our parish needs: \$13,137.69	

CSA 2020-21 starting July 1, 2020	
Total Pledged: \$0.00	Total Paid: \$0.00
Pledged & Unpaid: \$0.00	Target: \$34,517.00
Our parish needs: \$34,517.00	

Thank you all for your tithes, pledges and payments!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

David Sager Keith Peters Stephen Zamarron

LET US PRAY FOR THE MILITARY

Major Matthew Cary

LET US PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Ron Coe | Roxanne Anderson | Julius Remenar | Ruth Diebold

Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

The new "Pray for the Sick" List has officially been posted. Please contact the office with any names that you would like to add to the NEW Sick List, or if someone who is not sick is in need of prayer.

WELCOME BACK!

Scripture Readings for the Week (7/6-7/12)

M	Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22	Ps 145:2-9	Matt 9:18-26
TU	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13	Ps 115:3-10	Matt 9:32-38
W	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12	Ps 105:2-7	Matt 10:1-7
TH	Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16	Matt 10:7-15
FR	Hosea 14:2-10	Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17	Matt 10:16-23
ST	Isaiah 6:1-8	Ps 93:1-2, 5	Matt 10:24-33
SN	Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23	Ps 65:10-14	Matt 13:1-23

ST PAUL MASSES

Public Weekend Masses resumed on May 30-31. Weekday Masses are still cancelled until further notice. Please read our Parish Mass Protocol effective June 14 at the end of this bulletin for more information on new Mass procedures.

There will be no additional gatherings or meetings until the Bishop makes a statement allowing more activity in churches.

PARISH BULLETINS

Parish bulletins will continue to be posted online. We will not be printing hard copies until further notice.

PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Ministry Schedules for both churches have been sent through the mail. Until further notice, no Alter Servers or Extraordinary Ministers will be needed. If you have questions, you may call the parish office.

DIOCESAN UPDATES

Click [HERE](#) for to follow updates from the Diocese. Click [here](#) to receive regular e-mails from the Diocese.

LIVING ROSARY

Please remember that this Saturday, July 4, is the first Saturday of the month. The First Saturday is the time when we change to pray the next mystery of the Living Rosary. If you have any questions, please check the chart in the vestibule.

SPIRITUAL READING ONLINE

Spiritual Reading sites are available on [Parish Update page](#).

SERVICES & SACRAMENTS AVAILABLE

If you need access, contact the Parish Office (989) 875-2852: Sacrament of Penance & of Anointing of the Sick | Funerals

2020-2021 BULLETIN MEMORIALS

If your memorial is highlighted at the end of this bulletin, call office, as it means office does not have record of payment.

GRIEF SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

As we continue to see how our lives are ever changing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are realizing the wide reaching impact it has had on every part of our lives. The Diocese of Saginaw has recognized the need to enhance our grief support to those who have suffered the death of a loved one during this time of crisis, whether the death was caused by the virus or by any other means. Compassionate Companions Ministry, which was developed by the Office of Respect Life, is in response to these difficult and challenging times. This ministry offers a loving and a listening presence to the families of those that have recently died, through phone calls, emails and eventually in person visits. **If you or a loved one is in need of someone to talk to we invite you to call, Lori Becker at 989.797.6652 or email at lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org.** In addition, if you are interested in participating in this ministry to provide support to those in need in your parish community, please call Lori at the number above for more information.



←-----**[READ DAILY READINGS HERE: LINK](#)**
Links for each day are also provided

Letter From Bishop Gruss Related to the Resumption of Masses

May 19, 2020

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! We continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus in these remaining days of the Easter season. The seasons of Lent and Easter have been like no other that we have experienced. These past two months have been very challenging times. This pandemic and the requirements for social distancing has reshaped society. There will be no return to the “old” normal. A “new” normal will immerge from this historic moment in history and in our Church.

There is no question that there is a real hunger and desire for the Faithful to return to the sacramental life of the Church. I write to you to share some good news and some words of caution as we move toward the reopening of our Churches.

As we know, the State of Michigan is allowing for the gradual opening of some businesses and activities as the number of coronavirus cases and deaths from it continue to decrease. We believe that the spiritual life of people is an essential element to life, and therefore, it is time to begin to gradually open this part of society for the communal celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

It is our plan to begin offering public Mass on Monday, May 25, 2020 in parishes that are prepared to do so. There will be the need to follow strict directives in order to diminish the possibility of a “second wave” of the coronavirus. The cooperation of everyone will be required to ensure the continued health and safety of everyone in our communities. The leadership of each parish must determine if the proper protocols and procedures are in place and are able to be carried out before a parish can resume public worship. These protocols and guidelines will require strict adherence for all public liturgies, including weddings, funerals and baptisms.

When you return to the celebration of the Eucharist, you will see things done differently, and things will feel different than when you last attended two months ago. It is imperative for all of us – pastors, parish life directors, parish staff, volunteers, and all the faithful – to work together during these times. We all know that this pandemic is not over, and therefore, each of us must do our part to help ensure the health and safety of everyone in our communities.

These liturgical Guidelines and Protocols are based upon current guidance issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) and U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities. These guidelines also integrate the requirements of the Catholic Church teaching, liturgical law, and Canon law. These have been formulated with great care to preserve the respect and reverence due to the Holy Eucharist and the powerful liturgical sacramental symbolism of the rites of the Mass. For more information about these directives, [click here](#).

It is very important to remember that this coronavirus does not discriminate, and no gathering of the People of God is immune to this indiscriminate evil. As we gather back for the celebration of the Eucharist, we must take every precaution, be patient with one another, and continue to make sacrifices for the greater good of all.

In the meantime, we continue to live the joy of the Resurrection. As I wrote in my Easter letter, the resurrection is not just a happy ending to a story. “It is the promise of love which helps us pass this difficult road. This comforts us and gives us strength.”

Let us continue to be pray for the end of this pandemic, for those on the frontlines putting their lives on the line serving the needs of the sick, for those who have contracted this virus and for those who have lost their lives from it.

As you remain very present in my heart and prayers, I look forward to that day, coming soon, when we can literally gather around the altar of the Lord. Until then, may Our Mother, Mary of the Assumption, enfold us in her mantle of love and mercy.

Sincerely in the peace and joy of Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw

Diocese of Saginaw to resume public Masses on May 30; obligation to attend Mass lifted until Aug. 30

SAGINAW — Public Masses will resume for all parishes in the Dioceses of Saginaw on Saturday, May 30, but individual pastors may, at their discretion, begin celebrating Mass publicly as early as Monday, May 25, according to [new directives issued by Bishop Robert D. Gruss](#).

As public Masses resume, Bishop Gruss says strict social distancing and safety guidelines must be in place in order to open for services.

“When you return to the celebration of the Eucharist, you will see things done differently, and things will feel different than when you last attended two months ago,” Bishop Gruss shared in [a letter to the Faithful](#). “It is imperative for all of us – pastors, parish life directors, parish staff, volunteers, and all the faithful – to work together during these times. We all know that this pandemic is not over, and therefore, each of us must do our part to help ensure the health and safety of everyone in our communities.”

Hunger and Desire Among the Faithful

Acknowledging a hunger and desire among the Faithful to return to the sacramental life of the Church, Bishop Gruss expressed the need to continue practicing social distancing and rigorous sanitation.

“These past two months have been very challenging times,” Bishop Gruss said. “This pandemic and the requirements for social distancing has reshaped society. There will be no return to the ‘old’ normal. A ‘new’ normal will emerge from this historic moment in history and in our Church.”

Directives | All of the faithful over the age of 2 will be required to wear face coverings to Mass, keep at least six feet apart at all times when inside a parish church or on parish grounds (excluding those of the same household) and capacity inside churches may not exceed 20- 25 percent, according to [the directives issued on May 19](#). The 25 percent figure follows state guidelines for other types of buildings, such as retail stores.

The bishop also announced that the Sunday obligation — the moral and canonical precept that requires weekly Mass attendance — would continue to be suspended for all of the faithful until at least Sunday, Aug. 30. Parishes are encouraged to continue offering Masses via live stream.

Gradual Reopening | This gradual reopening of churches for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist comes several months after the diocese suspended public liturgies in order to help stem the spread of COVID-19 virus.

As we see the State of Michigan allow for the gradual reopening of some businesses, as the number of coronavirus cases and deaths from it continue to decrease, the Church is making preparations as well.

An Essential Element to Life | “We believe that the spiritual life of people is an essential element to life, and therefore, it is time to begin to gradually open this part of society for the communal celebration of the Holy Eucharist,” Bishop Gruss said.

The directives offer suggestions about how to keep Mass attendance at 20-25 percent capacity, including scheduling Masses with greater frequency, allowing attendance on a first-come first-served, a rotation based on the first letter of last names or an online ticketing system. Additionally, as the weather gets warmer, outdoor Masses are encouraged as a way to maintain social distancing.

Current Guidance | “These liturgical Guidelines and Protocols are based upon current guidance issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) and [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and other public health authorities,” Bishop Gruss said. “They also integrate the requirements of the Catholic Church teaching, liturgical law, and Canon law. These have been formulated with great care to preserve the respect and reverence due to the Holy Eucharist and the powerful liturgical sacramental symbolism of the rites of the Mass.”

Baptisms, weddings and funerals also may resume without individual permission, in keeping with social distancing rules. Non-liturgical gatherings on parish grounds should continue to be suspended, although pastors may grant special permission to groups of less than 10 people.

Prayers | “Let us continue to pray for the end of this pandemic, for those on the frontlines putting their lives on the line serving the needs of the sick, for those who have contracted this virus and for those who have lost their lives from it,” Bishop Gruss said.

“As we gather back for the celebration of the Eucharist, we must take every precaution, be patient with one another, and continue to make sacrifices for the greater good of all.

“In the meantime, we continue to live the joy of the Resurrection. As I wrote in my Easter letter, the resurrection is not just a happy ending to a story. It is the promise of love which helps us pass this difficult road. This comforts us and gives us strength.”

~ CLICKABLE LINKS ~

[*Letter From Bishop Gruss Related to the Resumption of Masses \(May 19\)*](#)

[*Directives For Resumption of Public Masses*](#)

[*Liturgical Guidelines And Protocols For Resumption Of Public Masses*](#)

[*Latest diocesan updates related to coronavirus*](#)

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ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH
MASS PROTOCOL – AS OF SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

As we resume public Masses in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic we ask that you please observe the following protocols when attending Mass at St. Paul the Apostle Parish:

- 1) Please maintain social distancing, sitting 6 feet apart from each other, except for families and couples who may sit together.
- 2) You must properly wear your mask/face covering throughout the entire Mass, which means over your nose and mouth.
- 3) Please pray and sing in a normal voice with no projection so as to minimize the projection of vapor droplets, even with a mask.
- 4) No collection will be taken up. Please place your offering in the basket located at the back of the church.
- 5) Restrooms are open, but please do not exceed one occupant, except for a child and parent. Please use the hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the restroom.
- 6) Communion will be distributed after Mass has concluded. The priest will not leave the sanctuary but prepare himself to distribute Communion.

Please follow the guidance of the ushers to line up down the center six feet apart, using the little crosses on the floor as your guide.

When you are the next in line to receive Communion, remove or lower your mask to be around your neck. Step forward to receive Communion in your hand, step aside put the Eucharist in your mouth, put the mask back over your mouth and then (after a brief moment of thanksgiving) proceed immediately out to the parking lot. Those choosing to receive Communion by mouth, please receive at the end.

If you have any susceptible health condition due to age or medical condition, please do not attend public Mass but view it by live stream at home.

If you have a fever, cough or respiratory illness do not enter the church but go home immediately. Return when you are well.

You are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask (face covering) in order to be in church and participate at Mass. **NO ONE** will be allowed in the church without a mask. You must bring your own mask, none will be provided for you.

Your hands will be sanitized upon entering the church. Additional sanitizer is available at each entrance.

Social Distancing is to be observed. Seating is restricted to six feet apart, every second pew. Families and couples can sit together. Please space yourselves accordingly.

Seating is limited to 87 at St. Paul the Apostle Church and 50 at St. Martin de Porres Church, at 25% capacity. Seating is first come, first serve. No one will be allowed into the Mass after we reach capacity.

Please no social gathering in church before or after Mass.



***In loving memory of those who remain
forever present in our hearts.....***

In loving memory of JOHN HARUSKA & HARUSKA FAMILY MEMBERS

In memory of ANTON & ANNA SMOLKA, HELEN (SMOLKA) STRATTON, ANDREW, JOSEPH, AND TONY SMOLKA

In memory of JOSEPH & ROSE STEHLIK & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE STEHLIK & BARTA FAMILIES

In loving memory of LOUIS, BERTHA, & DONOVAN DZIURKA, BALWINSKI & NETZLEY FAMILIES & FRIENDS

In loving memory of LAMEY, WAGNER & DAMASKO FAMILIES

In loving memory of RAYNOLD & RITA MILLER & BETTIE HILLABRANDT

In loving memory of BURTIS BLAIR, LOUIS & MARY KUPRES

In loving memory of the members of THE BOWEN, DIONISE, FORTINO & TOWN FAMILIES

In loving memory of EDWIN R OLSZEWSKI & GRANDSON MARK GREENING

In loving memory of GAVENDA, CASNOVSKY & SPIECE FAMILIES

In loving memory of JOHN, JOHANNA, & JAMES RADUCHA

In loving memory of THOMAS, ANGELA, & JEROME SAGER and DONNA & JERRY HICKEY

In loving memory of TOM ZAMARRON AND SONS, TOM & LARRY, ARTHUR & CLARA ST PIERRE,

AMELIA & TRINIDAD ZAMARRON & SZYBOWICZ FAMILY

In loving memory of MARY SNIDER & SON AUGUST SNIDER

In loving memory of GEORGE & MARTHAJEAN FRANICH, RONALD & MARY LOCKE

In loving memory of JOSEPH & PHYLLIS TREFIL, DEANNA AND DJ TREFIL

In loving memory of LOUISE (LOU) GOOSEN, LOUIS & ROSE GOOSEN, ART & BETTY KLEIN

In loving memory of ROBERT A KRISTIN

In memory of BILL (SONY) LAFRENIERE

In memory of BETTY FINCH

In loving memory of GEORGE & KATHY VOJTAS