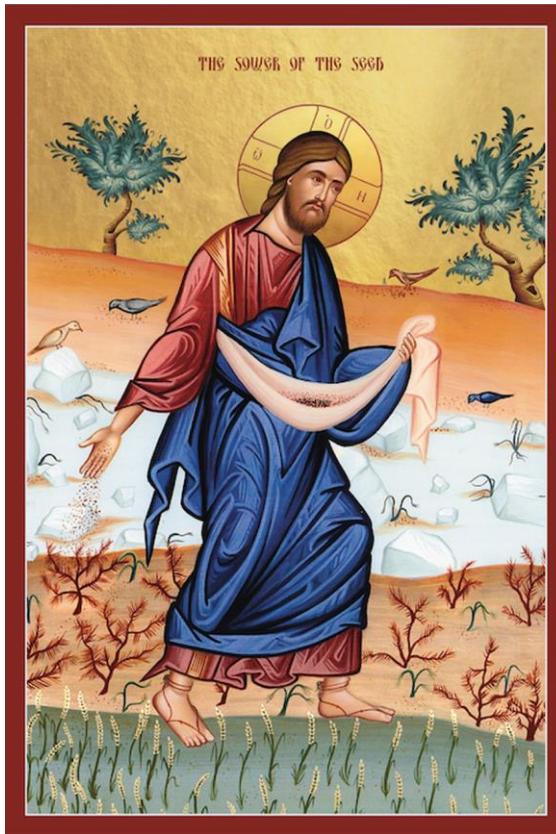


Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE PARISH

Pastor: Fr Andrzej Boroch



"And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil... Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." – Matthew 13: 4-8

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

121 N Union St

Ithaca, MI 48847

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.

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.

St Martin de Porres Church

4101 W Cleveland Rd

Perrinton, MI 48871

Mass Schedule:

Friday: 9 a.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.

Contact Us:

Phone (989) 875-2852

Fax (989) 875-7027

E-mail stpaultheapostle.secretary@gmail.com

Website <https://stpaulparishmi.org/>

* Please submit announcements by 12 p.m. on Wednesday. Thank you!

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:

WATCH MASS ON DIOCESAN WEBSITE

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

WED JULY 15

Mass intention for + Arthur & Clara St. Pierre

SAT JULY 18

6:00 PM SP MASS

Mass intention for + Alice Gavenda

SUN JULY 19 16TH OF ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM SM MASS

11:00 AM SP MASS

Mass intention for + Margaret Chovance

Please come and spend an hour with the LORD.

ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 18	SUNDAY, JULY 19
LECTORS	
Ann Franich	Carol Ebnit Dora Gaitan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Daria Greer John Raducha Elizabeth Casnovsky	Sharon Davis Mary Ramereiz Gloria Kleinhans
ALTAR SERVERS	
TBA	Connor Mikulka Jamie Huntoon
USHERS	
Pat Lamey Mary Bowen	Zachary Mikulka Josh Mikulka Dane Longanbach Mark Barrows

ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS	Mary Pearson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Linda Daniels Andrea & Paul Goerge
ALTAR SERVERS	Bruce & Nolan Thelen
USHERS	Todd & Sara Walden

INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE

BY ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

[Or read here: link.](#)

CHAPTER II. THE NATURE AND EXCELLENCE OF DEVOTION. (CONTINUED)

The world, looking on, sees that devout persons fast, watch and pray, endure injury patiently, minister to the sick and poor, restrain their temper, check and subdue

their passions, deny themselves in all sensual indulgence, and do many other things which in themselves are hard and difficult. But the world sees nothing of that inward, heartfelt devotion which makes all these actions pleasant and easy. Watch a bee hovering over the mountain thyme;—the juices it gathers are bitter, but the bee turns them all to honey,—and so tells the worldling, that though the devout soul finds bitter herbs along its path of devotion, they are all turned to sweetness and pleasantness as it treads;—and the martyrs have counted fire, sword, and rack but as perfumed flowers by reason of their devotion. And if devotion can sweeten such cruel torments, and even death itself, how much more will it give a charm to ordinary good deeds? We sweeten unripe fruit with sugar, and it is useful in correcting the crudity even of that which is good. So devotion is the real spiritual sweetness which takes away all bitterness from mortifications; and prevents consolations from disagreeing with the soul: it cures the poor of sadness, and the rich of presumption; it keeps the oppressed from feeling desolate, and the prosperous from insolence; it averts sadness from the lonely, and dissipation from social life; it is as warmth in winter and refreshing dew in summer; it knows how to abound and how to suffer want; how to profit alike by honour and contempt; it accepts gladness and sadness with an even mind, and fills men's hearts with a wondrous sweetness.

Ponder Jacob's ladder:—it is a true picture of the devout life; the two poles which support the steps are types of prayer which seeks the love of God, and the Sacraments which confer that love; while the steps themselves are simply the degrees of love by which we go on from virtue to virtue, either descending by good deeds on behalf of our neighbour or ascending by contemplation to a loving union with God. Consider, too, who they are who trod this ladder; men with angels' hearts, or angels with human forms. They are not youthful, but they seem to be so by reason of their vigour and spiritual activity. They have wings wherewith to fly, and attain to God in holy prayer, but they have likewise feet wherewith to tread in human paths by a holy gracious intercourse with men; their faces are bright and beautiful, inasmuch as they accept all things gently and sweetly; their heads and limbs are uncovered, because their thoughts, affections and actions have no motive or object save that of pleasing God; the rest of their bodies is covered with a light shining garment, because while they use the world and the things of this life, they use all such purely and honestly, and no further than is needful for their condition—such are the truly devout. Believe me, dear child, devotion is the sweetest of sweets, the queen of virtues, the perfection of love. If love is the milk of life, devotion is the cream thereof; if it is a fruitful plant, devotion is the blossom; if it

is a precious stone, devotion is its brightness; if it is a precious balm, devotion is its perfume, even that sweet odour which delights men and causes the angels to rejoice.

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

ST PAUL PARISH : 7/5/2020

Deposit	3,549.91
Sunday/Holy Day	3,224.00
Candles	90.90
Bulletin Memorial	50.00
Priest Retirement	25.00
Restricted Accounts:	
Poor	0.01
Maintenance	160.00

NEW CSA 2019-20 as of June 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.

Scripture Readings for the Week (7/13-7/19)

<u>M</u>	Isaiah 1:10-17	Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23	Matt 10:34-11:1
<u>TU</u>	Isaiah 7:1-9	Ps 48:2-8	Matt 11:20-24
<u>W</u>	Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16	Ps 94:5-10, 14-15	Matt 11:25-27
<u>TH</u>	Isai 26:7-9, 12, 16-19	Ps 102:13-21	Matt 11:28-30
<u>FR</u>	Isai 38:1-8, 21-22	Isaiah 38:10-12, 16	Matt 12:1-8
<u>ST</u>	Micah 2:1-5	Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14	Matt 12:14-21
<u>SN</u>	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 Romans 8:26-27	Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16	Matt 13:24-43

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.

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.

SPIRITUAL READING ONLINE

[Link 1](#) | [Link 2](#) | [Link 3](#) | [Link 4](#) | [Link 5](#) | [Link 6](#) | [Link 7](#)

GRIEF SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

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.

Parable of the Sower Faith Types



Faith Blinders	Faith Rocky	Faith Rebel	Remaining Faith
Value of God's Message not understood, and is disregarded.	Contentment in surface faith in God, skips dedication to depth needed to stand firm.	Destructively allows worldly priorities to compete with faith in God as primary.	Enduring faith in Jesus, fruitfully understands and practices God's Word.

←----- [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 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) GOOSE, LOUIS & ROSE GOOSE, 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 VOJAS