

LITURGY SCHEDULE		
<b>MON</b>	<b>FEB 1</b>	
12:15 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is for souls in purgatory</i>		
<b>TUES</b>	<b>FEB 2</b>	
6:00 PM	IT	MASS (candle blessing)
<i>Mass intention pro populo</i>		
<b>WED</b>	<b>FEB 3</b>	
6:00 PM	IT	MASS (throat blessing)
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
<b>THURS</b>	<b>FEB 4</b>	
10:00 AM-8:00 PM	IT	ADORATION
<b>FRI</b>	<b>FEB 5</b>	
9:00 AM	PE	MASS
<i>Mass intention is for Bishop Gruss</i>		
<b>SAT</b>	<b>FEB 6</b>	
10:30 AM	IT	FIRST SATURDAY MASS
<i>Mass intention is for Mary Weeber</i>		
6:00 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is for +Dianne Martinus</i>		
<b>SUN</b>	<b>FEB 7</b>	
9:00 AM	PE	MASS
<i>Mass intention pro populo</i>		
11:00 am	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention for Rico Giovannini</i>		

**ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS**

SATURDAY, FEB 6	SUNDAY, FEB 7
<b>LECTORS</b>	
Mares Vanderploeg	Sarah Mikulka Conor Mikulka
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	
<b>USHERS</b>	
John Franich Mares Vanderploeg	Brad Harkness Al Ramereiz Mark Barrows Rich Ramereiz

**ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS**

<b>LECTORS</b>	Sara Walden
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	
<b>USHERS</b>	Daryl Trefil Larry Blair

**COFFEE FUNDRAISER**

St. Paul has partnered with Hard Tack Coffee Company from the Shepherd, Michigan area. We will be selling coffee that is locally roasted and packaged by the Catholic owned business. The cost is \$8.00 per 8 oz bag, and St. Paul makes a profit off each bag sold. It is available in a variety of flavors and will be available after Masses and at the office during regular hours.

Dear Parish Family,

You may have noticed that at Christmas time four candles were added to our altars. The rubrics of the Mass require 2, 4, or 6 candles to be lit on or near the altar. The centuries old tradition of the Church is to light an amount of candles in correspondence to the liturgical celebration. So on Sundays, the highest day of the week, 6 candles are lit. On a ferial day such as the Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Ordinary time, or a memorial of a saint, 2 candles are lit. On a major feast day, such as the Feast of St. Luke, four candles are lit. Along with Sundays there are days of great celebration known as solemnities (Christmas, the Annunciation, the Assumption, etc.) where all 6 candles are once again lit. Then there are days that are specifically special to a specific community. So, this past Monday, a feast day, we nevertheless lit 6 candles as the Conversion of Paul is quite special to our parish. You may have even noticed a seventh candle lit in the middle of the altar that day. This was in honor of the bishop, the chief shepherd of our diocese who was our celebrant.

Candles are a big part of our faith. The light of the candle represents the light of Christ, and his burning love for us. The burning wax, and wick symbolize how Christ's burning love led him to sacrifice himself for us. Blessed candles provide repulsion against evil when lit in churches or in the homes of the faithful. So their use is highly recommended by the Church, especially her exorcists.

This Tuesday the Church celebrates the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas. We will celebrate a special Mass at 6pm that day in Ithaca. Please, feel free to bring your own candles to this Mass to receive the special blessing. They may be any candle, so long as they were not made for pagan-rituals, and do not have images offensive to Christianity on them (i.e. San Muerto, witchcraft, or false gods).

May the light of Christ shine in you always.

prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

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

ST PAUL PARISH: 1/24/2021 \$3,172.00

CMA 2020-21 launched October 24, 2020	
Contribution total through December 2020: \$19,267.76	Target: \$34,517.00
<i>Our parish needs: \$15,249.24</i>	

ONLINE GIVING FOR CHRIST'S MISSION APPEAL:

<https://saginaw.org/donate>

Thank you all for your tithes, pledges, and payments!

**LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK**

David Sager | Keith Peters | Stephen Zamarron | Theresa Olszewski

**... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

Ron Coe | Roxanne Anderson | Julius Remenar | Ruth Diebold  
Mary Gabrion | Eileen Proko | Melvin Wieber

**... THE MILITARY:**

Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger | Lt. Col. Tom Sager

*Remember those who have no one to pray for them.*

Please contact the office with any names that you would like to add to a Prayer List.

**ST. PAUL FEAST CELEBRATION**

The Bishops visit and our celebration was beautiful! The Bishop was very impressed with all who made the Mass a holy and grace-filled experience and he gave an inspired homily. The dinner afterwards was a wonderful group effort. Thank you to Kathy McDonald, Marty McDaid, and Marla Macha for the beautiful decorations and set up. Thank you, Jack Raducha, for the table set up and thorough clean up of the hall. And a very heartfelt thank you to the clean-up team that washed dishes, packaged food, and cleaned tables! What a great parish family!! Thank you all!

Scripture Readings for the Week (2/1-2/7)			
<b>M</b>	Hebrews 11:32-40	Ps 31:20-24	Mark 5:1-20
<b>TU</b>	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18	Ps 24:7-10	Luke 2:22-40
<b>W</b>	Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15	Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a	Mark 6:1-6
<b>TH</b>	Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24	Ps 48:2-4,9-11	Mark 6:7-13
<b>FR</b>	Hebrews 13:1-8	Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9	Mark 6:14-29
<b>ST</b>	Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21	Ps 23:1-6	Mark 6:30-34
<b>SN</b>	Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23	Ps 147:1-6	Mark 1:29-39

**READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE**

**PACZKI SUNDAY SOCIAL**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Paczki Sunday event for the Parish on February 14<sup>th</sup> following the 11 a.m. Mass that will include a dinner of sloppy joes, chips, drinks, and, of course, paczki's!! **Please plan to attend.**

**FIRST FRIDAY**

Please remember that Friday, February 5, is the FIRST FRIDAY of the month, the day we remember and honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please join us for 9:00 Mass at St. Martin.

**FIRST SATURDAY**

February 6, is the FIRST SATURDAY of the month, the day we remember and honor Our Blessed Mother. Please join us for 10:30 Mass at St. Paul.

**LIVING ROSARY**

Please remember that next weekend, February 6/7, is the first weekend of the month and we pray the rosary 30 minutes before all Masses. The First Saturday is also 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

**THROAT BLESSING**

There will be a blessing of throats will be offered after Mass on Wednesday. If you are interested in participating.

**Rachel's Vineyard Post Abortive Support Training Day in February**

Social workers, counselors, crisis pregnancy center staff, pastoral staff, spiritual directors and anyone interested in learning how to provide post abortive support are invited to attend a **statewide Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel Training Day being offered virtually on Feb. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This training is co-hosted by the dioceses of Saginaw, Lansing, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Rachel's Vineyard and Project Rachel Ministry offers opportunities for post-abortion healing and reconciliation for women and men. The event will feature presentations addressing healing after abortion, including trauma, shame, post-abortion stress, grief, and how faith plays a role in healing. For additional details and to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/ProjectRachelTrainingRegistrationFeb2021> or email [lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org](mailto:lbecker@dioceseofsaginaw.org). Registration deadline is February 11<sup>th</sup>.