

LITURGY SCHEDULE		
MON	FEB 8	
12:15 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
WED	FEB 10	
6:00 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
THURS	FEB 11	
10:00 AM-8:00 PM	IT	ADORATION
FRI	FEB 12	
9:00 AM	PE	MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
SAT	FEB 13	
6:00 PM	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		
SUN	FEB 14	
9:00 AM	PE	MASS
<i>Mass intention is for +Melvin Wieber</i>		
11:00 am	IT	MASS
<i>Mass intention is pro populo</i>		

ST PAUL'S ASSIGNMENTS

SATURDAY, FEB 13	SUNDAY, FEB 14
LECTORS	
Maureen Murphy	Chuck Wieferich John Raducha
ALTAR SERVERS	
USHERS	
John Franich Mares Vanderploeg	Brad Harkness Al Ramereiz Mark Barrows Rich Ramereiz

ST MARTIN'S ASSIGNMENTS

LECTORS	Cliff Thelen
ALTAR SERVERS	
USHERS	Tim Donahue John Pohl

Scripture Readings for the Week (2/8-2/14)			
<u>M</u>	Genesis 1:1-19	Ps 104: 1-2,5,6,10,12,24,35	Mark 5:1-20
<u>TU</u>	Genesis 1:20-2:4a	Ps 8:4-9	Mark 7:1-13
<u>W</u>	Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17	Ps 104:1-2a,27-30	Mark 7:14-23
<u>TH</u>	Genesis 2:18-25	Ps 128:1-5	Mark 7:24-30
<u>FR</u>	Genesis 3:1-8	Ps 32:1,2,5,6,7	Mark 7:31-37
<u>ST</u>	Genesis 3:9-24	Ps 90:2-6,12,13	Mark 8:1-10
<u>SN</u>	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 1 Corinth 10:31-11:1	Ps 32:1,2,5,11	Luke 7:16

READ TODAY'S DAILY READING HERE

Dear Parish Family,

"U.S. Bishops say. . ." That is a common headline we see in the news: secular & Catholic. From there we usually read excerpts, or entire statements that are released. Depending on the biases of the media, it will be framed as if the Church is taking sides in political, conflicts, and that Catholics are now required to support xyz matters of public policy, or Church discipline. Per usual, these headlines are quite misleading. The bodies of the stories miss very crucial information: the level of authority of collective bishops. About 99% of the time, the "U.S. Bishops" they mention in the headlines refers to a committee, or a chair of a committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). What authority do these committees have in terms of binding teaching or discipline on the faithful? None. Conferences of bishops can legislate disciplinary law in their realms of jurisdiction, and issue binding teaching, but only after the ENTIRE conference approves of either with a 2/3 majority vote, and with subsequent approval by the Apostolic See. (Canon 455) This is quite rare. The only way these statements provide anything binding is if they reecho already binding matters. For example, I could remind my college students that alcohol consumption under the age of 21 is illegal, but that reminder is not my own authority on the matter. Likewise, I could tell them my private opinion on what the drinking age should be, but it would alter nothing regarding their legal obligations. That is the distinction we need to make when reading these stories. Unfortunately, the secular and Catholic media are not very helpful in clarifying these distinctions, and I rarely see anything out of the USCCB press office clarifying matters either. Since such media practice can cause confusion & division among the faithful, I thought it would be beneficial to provide this article for clarification.

May God bless and keep you this week.

prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT

WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART
ST PAUL PARISH: 1/31/2021 \$2975.00

CMA 2020-21 launched October 24, 2020	
Contribution total through	Target: \$34,517.00
January 2020: \$20,270.54	
Our parish needs: \$14,246.46	

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

CAFÉ BOOK STUDIES FOR LENT AND EASTER 2021

"Wisdom and Works of Mercy" is a rewarding retreat; it follows the "33 Days to Morning Glory," "Consoling the Heart of Jesus," "Divine Mercy/The Second Greatest Story Ever Told," and "33 Days to Merciful Love" retreats. All were written by Fr. Michael Gaitly, MIC, and have been offered in the past five years. **"Wisdom and Works of Mercy"** is a two-in-one companion workbook for two books:

"The One Thing is Three" – understanding the Trinity.
"You Did it to Me" – We discuss ways to show mercy.

Sessions will meet during Lent and Easter for twelve weeks:

St. Paul the Apostle:

Sundays, 6-7:30 p.m., (beginning Feb. 21) All at St. Paul.

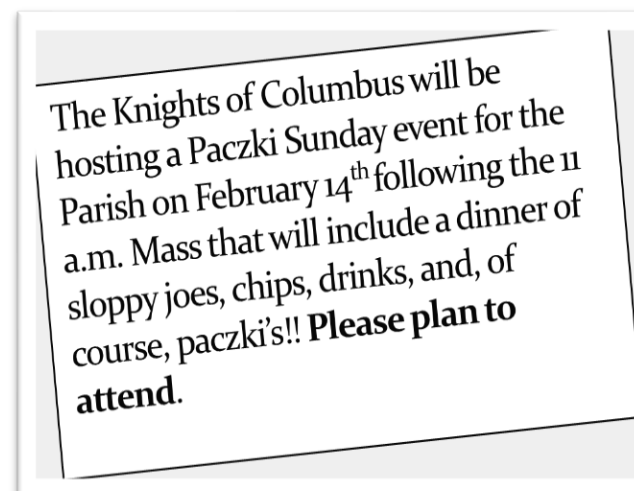
Tuesdays, 9-10:30 a.m., (beginning Feb. 23) 1st 6 sessions at St. Paul, and last 6 sessions at St. Martin.

Nativity of the Lord:

If you'd like to start next month, Nativity is meeting with the same opportunity on Sundays, 2:30-4 p.m., (beginning March 21) at Mt. St. Joseph.

Books will be sold after Masses, (in the vestibule) Feb. 12/14 and 20/21. You can order by calling Sherry D (682-4724), Tom M. (682-4912), Nancy B (763-5830), Patrice H (875-4527), or Joyce R (875-2650).

"33 Days to Morning Glory" will be offered again this year for parishioners who did not participate in the past. Those sessions will meet on Wednesday nights, following 6 p.m. Mass at St. Paul. The first session will be on **Wed., April 21**. If you are interested, contact one of the people listed above.



LIVING ROSARY

This Saturday is when we change to pray the next mystery of the Living Rosary. If you have any questions, please check the chart in the vestibule

PAROCHIAL POLICY DECREE

Daily Masses will NOT be canceled due to public school cancellations at either parish location. The liturgies will proceed.

If weather, illness, or another factor prevents the priest from celebrating the Mass on any particular day, it will be announced via the parish email blast, and other modes of communication.

The faithful, especially the vulnerable, are to exercise EXTREME caution with inclement weather, and are NOT to consider being signed up to serve in any capacity when making the decision to go or stay. Priests are perfectly capable of offering Mass without lay helpers, and it is better to do so than for the lay faithful to risk life and limb. When in doubt, the faithful should elect to stay home & safe. This policy is effective immediately.

ASHES, PALMS AND ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring any palms in your possession to either church location starting this week so we can keep the tradition of burning them for use on Ash Wednesday.

This year ashes will be dropped on the crowns of the heads of the congregants. This is actually the most common way the rite has been exercised over the centuries and will be employed as a precaution against disease this year.

PERRINTON LENTEN PENANCE TIMES

Father Dwyer will be hearing confessions each Monday during lent in Perrinton from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The first date will be February 22nd and the last date will be March 29th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY

The Ithaca Knights of Columbus will offer Rosary at 5:30 prior to Mass on the second Wednesday, February 10th.