

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 1/30	Sts. Martina & Bathtildis Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Noah Short</i>
Tuesday 1/31	St. John Bosco Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday 2/1	Sts Ignatious (Antioch)/Brigid Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 5:30 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Erin Looby Carlson</i>
Thursday 2/2	Presentation of the Lord 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/Mk 4:21-25 10:00 ADORATION ENDING WITH 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT)
Friday 2/3	Sts Blaise/Ansgar Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>+Kathy Russman</i>
Saturday 2/4	St. Andrew Consini Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>+Bob Anderson</i>
Sunday 2/5	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>+Linus and Irene Pohl</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>pro populo</i>
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Feb 4	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Joyce Raducha
Sun., Feb 5	9:00 am Mass (PE): Kelly Donohue
Sun., Feb 5	11:00 am Mass (IT): Drew Endter
USHERS	
Sat., Feb 4	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Feb 5	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Feb 5	11:00 am Mass (IT): Chris Barancik Drew Endter
GREETERS	
Sat., Feb 4	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marty & Gary McDaid
Sun., Feb 5	9:00 am Mass (PE): Chuck Tamulis
Sun., Feb 5	11:00 am Mass (IT): Brad & Diane Harkness

THE ROSARY WILL BE SAID BEFORE ALL MASSES THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4/5.

CHRIST'S MISSION APPEAL

As of now, we are behind last year's benchmark for Christ's Mission Appeal. We are about 1/3 of the way to our goal. Last year, we had to pay back out of our savings to the Diocese roughly \$7,000.00. Please see the insert in the bulletin published by the diocese to better understand the state of the Appeal.

Dear Parish Family,

I write this column today to encourage all of you to come to our St. Valentine's Dance on Feb. 11 at the reception hall in Pins Bar and Grille in Ithaca. Last year the event raised a good amount of funds for our parish operations, but more importantly it was an event that helped us come together as a community of faith. The Church has a rich history of worship, catechesis, and charity, but we also have a rich history of having a good time together. Let us continue and expand upon that tradition so we may be closer in the love of the Lord.

An event like this is also a terrific opportunity to evangelize. You're not inviting anybody into a church building, or to partake in organized worship, or to drop some cash in a collection basket. This is a family friendly event where one can have a good meal and enjoy good music in the midst of mid-winter. At the very least, those who accept this invitation will walk away with a good experience given to them by a Christian community.

On a personal note, it would mean a great deal to me to see something like this be an annual staple in Gratiot County. It would wonderful, if many in Mid-Michigan began to think about the annual dinner/dance as they take down their Christmas trees each year no matter their faith. It would be fantastic to be known as "the church that does the February party." That puts us in the mind of our community all the more. Hopefully, that means our loving God will be in their minds all the more too.

So, if you have not done so already, purchase some tickets, and invite your friends to do so as well. Thank you.

prayers,

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART
ST PAUL PARISH: 1/15/2023: \$4,464.00
LET US PRAY FOR ... THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
... THE RECENTLY DECEASED**

... THE MILITARY:
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
Thur 2/2	St. Paul Feast Day/Candlemas 6:00 Mass followed by catered dinner
Sat 2/4	Living Rosary Check the chart in the vestibule
Sun 2/5	WFC parent/child meeting 10:00 a.m. Both church locations
Thur 2/9	Sacramental Prep 6 pm Ithaca Room 5
Sun 2/12	KofC Coffee & Donuts Following 11 am Mass in Ithaca
Sun 2/12	KofC Business Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ithaca Hall

SILENT AUCTION

As part of our Valentine Dance fundraiser, we also have a large silent auction. There were many beautiful things donated last year and I'm sure this year will be no different. The lion share of the profits from this event come from the silent auction. We were able to buy all the books for Religious Education and all new long tables for Ithaca's hall. **We are in need of donations!** Many of the best sellers last year were: religious art, legos, family games, vacation get-away, homemade keepsakes. We will again have MSU/UofM tailgate coolers! If you have items to donate, please call the office at 989-875-2852 and we can arrange a drop-off or pick-up. **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATIONS INTO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH BY 6:00 p.m. This is for ease of entering all items into the computer system before we set up on Friday. No donations will be accepted the night of the auction.

TAX STATEMENTS

Giving statements are ready and printed. If you'd like a copy emailed or regular mail, please contact the office. Thanks.

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS

Last week, all families were given the opportunity to experience Adoration. If you were absent and would like to get a copy of the hand-outs we used, call the office. Look for Fr. Eddie videos this week in your email! Thank you!

NEXT MEETING – February 5th at 10:00 a.m. at both churches.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Please pray for Jackson, Alaina, Aliyah, Aiden, Brooks, Gracyn, and Shayla as they prepare to receive the sacraments of reconciliation and eucharist. May God bless them on their journey of faith!

Mark your Calendars!

Next Meeting – February 9th at 6:00 p.m. Ithaca Rm 5

ST. PAUL FEAST/CANDLEMAS

Our feast of St. Paul dinner and Mass has had to be re-scheduled for February 2nd at 6:00 p.m..

If you wish, you are welcome to bring candles to be blessed at the 6:00 p.m. Mass this Thursday.

Please make sure the candles don't display anything contrary to Gospel. Along with our annual Feast Day Mass and celebration, we will be celebrating Candlemas which is the blessing of candles. Come and join us!

AREA CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

St. Cyril, Bannister- 11:30 a.m. on Sundays
Nativity of the Lord, Alma- 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays
St. Vincent, Shepherd- Before all Masses
Most Holy Trinity, Fowler- 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays

MERRILL K OF C FISH FRY

February 3rd, there will be a Fish Fry at the Merrill K of C Hall and also every Friday in Lent from 5 to 7 p.m.

VALENTINES PARTY

The Valentine's Day Party will be held at Pins Bowling Alley in Ithaca on February 11th. It will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m. (there will NOT be Sat. Mass at St. Paul Church) The Brenda Loomis Band will begin playing at 6:00. Tickets available after Mass, office, Donohue Dentistry in Carson, and at Pins Bowling Alley. There will also be tickets available at the door.