

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 2/6	St Paul Miki & Companions Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Fr. Ramil</i>
Tuesday 2/7	Fifth Tuesday of Ordinary Time Gn 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 2/8	Fifth Wednesday of Ordinary Time Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23 5:30 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Lori Becker</i>
Thursday 2/9	Fifth Thursday of Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30 10:00 ADORATION ENDING WITH 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>Parish Staff</i>
Friday 2/10	St Scholastica Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>+Pope Benedict XVI</i>
Saturday 2/11	Fifth Saturday of Ordinary Time Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10 5:00 p.m. MASS (IT): <i>+Jeanine Czape</i> **Mass location: Pins Event Center**
Sunday 2/12	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): <i>pro populo</i> 11:00 am MASS (IT): <i>Jen & Michael Muller</i>
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Feb 11	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Ann Franich
Sun., Feb 12	9:00 am Mass (PE): John Pohl
Sun., Feb 12	11:00 am Mass (IT): Tom Collins Tony Huntoon
USHERS	
Sat., Feb 11	6:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., Feb 12	9:00 am Mass (PE): Todd Walden
Sun., Feb 12	11:00 am Mass (IT): Dane Longanbach Todd Crawford
GREETERS	
Sat., Feb 11	6:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., Feb 12	9:00 am Mass (PE): Todd Walden
Sun., Feb 12	11:00 am Mass (IT): Mikulka Family

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.

****SATURDAY NIGHT MASS IS HELD AT PINS BOWLING/EVENT CENTER – PARK IN BACK PARKING LOT****

1091 E. CENTER ST., ITHACA, MI

Dear Parish Family,

February is dedicated to the honor of the Holy Family. Below is reflection given by Pope Benedict XVI in St. Peter's Square on December 31, 2006.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters,
On this last Sunday of the year we are celebrating the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. I address with joy all the families of the world, wishing them the peace and love that Jesus brought us in coming among us at Christmas.

In the Gospel we do not find discourses on the family but an event which is worth more than any words: God wanted to be born and to grow up in a human family. In this way he consecrated the family as the first and ordinary means of his encounter with humanity.

In his life spent at Nazareth, Jesus honored the Virgin Mary and the righteous Joseph, remaining under their authority throughout the period of his childhood and his adolescence (see Lk 2: 41-52). In this way he shed light on the primary value of the family in the education of the person.

Jesus was introduced by Mary and Joseph into the religious community and frequented the synagogue of Nazareth. With them, he learned to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem, as the Gospel passage offered for our meditation by today's liturgy tells us.

When he was 12 years old, he stayed behind in the Temple and it took his parents all of three days to find him. With this act he made them understand that he "had to see to his Father's affairs", in other words, to the mission that God had entrusted to him (see Lk 2: 41-52).

This Gospel episode reveals the most authentic and profound vocation of the family: that is, to accompany each of its members on the path of the discovery of God and of the plan that he has prepared for him or her.

Mary and Joseph taught Jesus primarily by their example: in his parents he came to know the full beauty of faith, of love for God and for his Law, as well as the demands of justice, which is totally fulfilled in love (see Rom 13: 10).

From them he learned that it is necessary first of all to do God's will, and that the spiritual bond is worth more than the bond of kinship.

The Holy Family of Nazareth is truly the "prototype" of every Christian family which, united in the Sacrament of Marriage and nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, is called to carry out the wonderful vocation and mission of being the living cell not only of society but also of the Church, a sign and instrument of unity for the entire human race.

Let us now invoke for every family, especially families in difficulty, the protection of Mary Most Holy and of St Joseph. May they sustain such families so that they can resist the disintegrating forces of a certain contemporary culture which undermines the very foundations of the family institution.

May they help Christian families to be, in every part of the world, living images of God's love."

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

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

ST PAUL PARISH: 1/22/2023: \$1,970.00

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 2/9	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

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. Donations will not 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

This week, during WFC, the kids learned about St. Mary Magdalene. Especially about her strong bond with Jesus after her confession to Him. The focus of this month is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Big word, even bigger meaning! The kids did a few activities to help them understand the sacrament in a concrete way.

NEXT MEETING – February 19th 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

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

The book we will be reading this Lent will be, "Real Suffering, Finding Hope & Healing in the Trials of Life," by Dr. Bob Schuchts. Through videos and a free booklet, we will cover the suffering of Mary, and of St. Peter. It will help us deal with the reality of our, and our loved ones, suffering. Committee members will be in the vestibules of both churches Feb. 4/5, 12, and 18/19 for questions or to register.

DESSERTS! DESSERTS!! DESSERTS!!!

Sara Walden is organizing the dessert table for the Valentine's Dinner Dance. We are asking people to bring their favorite dessert to share at the event. Please call or email Sara at 989-330-2277 or email her at waldens@fultonpirates.net and let her know what you will be bringing! **THANK YOU**

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.