

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 4/17	St. Anicetus Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 12:15 p.m. MASS (IT)
Tuesday 4/18	St. Apollonius Acts 4: 32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday 4/19	St. Elphege Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3: 16-21 6:00pm Mass (IT) + Father Tom Sutton
Thursday 4/20	St. Agnus of Montepulciano Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 10:00 MASS/ADORATION ENDING WITH BENEDICTION AT 8:00 p.m (IT)
Friday 4/21	St. Anselm Acts 5: 34-42/Jn 6:1-15 9:00am MASS (PE)
Saturday 4/22	Sts. Soter & Caius Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 5:00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6:00 p.m. MASS (IT): + James Stehlik
Sunday 4/23	St. George Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21 9:00 a.m. MASS (PE): Pro Populo 11:00 am MASS (IT): Pro Populo
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., April 22	9:00 pm Mass (IT): Ann Franich
Sun., April 23	9:00 am Mass (PE): Joanne Donohue
Sun., April 23	11:00 am Mass (IT): Drew Endter Courtney Patrick
USHERS	
Sat., April 22	9:00 pm Mass (IT): John Franich
Sun., April 23	9:00 am Mass (PE): Paul George
Sun., April 23	11:00 am Mass (IT): Todd Crawford Chris Barancik
GREETERS	
Sat., April 22	9:00 pm Mass (IT): Marita & Doug Harkness
Sun., April 23	9:00 am Mass (PE): Paul George
Sun., April 23	11:00 am Mass (IT): Stacy & Dane Longanbach

Dear Parish Family,

April is the Month of the Holy Eucharist. Below is a beautiful reflection on the sacrament, its link to baptism, and its association with the Passion of Our Lord.

"If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors. If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.

If you desire further proof of the power of this blood, remember where it came from, how it ran down from the cross, flowing from the Master's side. The gospel records that when Christ was dead, but still hung on the cross, a soldier came and pierced his side with a lance and immediately there poured out water and blood. Now the water was a symbol of baptism and the blood, of the holy eucharist. The soldier pierced the Lord's side, he breached the wall of the sacred temple, and I have found the treasure and made it my own. So also with the lamb: the Jews sacrificed the victim and I have been saved by it.

There flowed from his side water and blood. Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the holy eucharist. Since the symbols of baptism and the eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam. Moses gives a hint of this when he tells the story of the first man and makes him exclaim: Bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! As God then took a rib from Adam's side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion,

so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.

Do you understand, then, how Christ has united his bride to himself and what food he gives us all to eat? By one and the same food we are both brought into being and nourished. As a woman nourishes her child with her own blood and milk, so does Christ unceasingly nourish with his own blood those to whom he himself has given life." - St. John Chrysostom

Rev. Edwin C. Dwyer, JCL

**NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT  
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART**  
**ST PAUL PARISH: 4/02/2023: \$5,452.00**  
**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	
Sun 4/16	Adoration/Divine Mercy Devotion 12:00pm-1:30pm Potluck Afterwards
Sun 4/16	Whole Family Catechesis 10:00am at both Parishes
Sat 4/29	Rosary before Mass
Sun 4/30	Rosary before Mass
Sat 5/06	Living Rosary

**CATHOLIC GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES BEGINS**

The Grief Support Series offers an opportunity to gather with others, walk through the stages of grief, learn skills for coping, and find support with the companionship of others who are on the same journey. On Monday April 24, the Series will begin at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish in Saginaw from 5pm to 7pm and will meet for seven Mondays. To register or for information, call JoAnn at 989-717-7360 or email at [tarnoskyj@hotmail.com](mailto:tarnoskyj@hotmail.com) or JoAnn at [jpogo78@gmail.com](mailto:jpogo78@gmail.com)

**TAX STATEMENTS**

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

**WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS**

This month, our lessons are focused on Holy Orders and Matrimony. Please feel free to begin reviewing the materials for the month with your children.  
**Next meeting – 5/7/2023**

**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!

**CHRIST'S MISSION APPEAL**

As of now, we are behind last year's benchmark for Christ's Mission Appeal. We have collected \$17,838.90. **That means we owe \$16,678.10** to the Diocese of Saginaw *before July 1st*. Although we have made great strides in developing programs in the parish in the last year, paying back this amount will make a huge dent in our ability to keep developing programs that benefit our evangelization outside and inside our parish. Please consider giving to this appeal today!

**DIOCESAN 2023-24 PRO-LIFE EVENTS**

The Office of Parish Life & Evangelization is pleased to announce the following pro-life events, including a pilgrimage to Washington D.C.!

**November 8, 2023--**Commemoration of the passing of Proposal 3. As we move forward in the fight against abortion, all are welcome to join a special March for Life in Lansing. This march is being organized by the National March for Life and Right to Life of Michigan.

**January 19, 2024—**National March for Life in Washington D.C. After a 4-year pause, the March for Life Pilgrimage returns! Bishop Gruss will join as we travel to stand with thousands of others to protect the dignity of life. Pilgrims will also attend a Students for Life Summit on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Dates to save are January 18-21, 2024. More details will be available soon. If you have any questions, you may contact Lori Becker at [lbecker@diosag.org](mailto:lbecker@diosag.org) or 989.797.6652