

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 1/22	Third Monday of Ordinary Time 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 NO 12:15 PM MASS (IT)
Tuesday 1/23	St. Vincent 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 1/24	St. Francis de Sales 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 6:00 PM MASS (IT) – Orzolek Family
Thursday 1/25	The Conversion of St. Paul Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18 10:00 AM MASS (IT) 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM - ADORATION (IT) 6:00 PM MASS (IT)
Friday 1/26	St. Timothy & St. Titus 2 Tm 1:1-8/Mk 4:26-34 9:00 AM MASS (PE) + Rob Stew
Saturday 1/27	St. Angela Merici 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 5:00 PM CONFESSIONS 6:00 PM MASS (IT)
Sunday 1/28	Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 9:00 AM MASS (PE) – Bishop Gruss 11:00 AM MASS (IT)
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Jan 27	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Ann Franich
Sun., Jan 28	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Cliff Thelen
Sun., Jan 28	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Dan Drolett
USHERS	
Sat., Jan 27	6:00 PM Mass (SP): John Franich
Sun., Jan 28	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Jan 28	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Todd Crawford, Chris Barancik
GREETERS	
Sat., Jan 27	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Gary & Marty McDaid
Sun., Jan 28	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Jan 28	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Stacy & Dane Longanbach

PARISH ADDRESSES

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Dear Parish Family,

I'm pretty sure I have written about this prior, but it is an important matter that is worth an annual reminder.

As October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. I do not need to inform you of just how misused, abused, and mocked the name of Jesus is in the current culture. It happens so often, and with such little regard that we can often forget that it is a grave and mortal sin to take the Lord's name in vain. It is so commonplace that it can end up as part of our vocabulary by osmosis and become habitual without us ever realizing it.

Habits are difficult things to break, and setbacks in breaking them can lead to frustration which leads to quitting. Through my experience in the confessional, and through the advice of priests far wiser than me, I have found the following practice to be quite helpful in breaking the habit of misusing the Lord's Holy Name. Even if it is not a sin with which you struggle, I still recommend this practice as a means to make amends for the sin whenever we experience it.

When you find yourself abusing the Lord's name, or when you hear it abused, make a simple and silent prayer in your heart that gives glory and honor to his Holy Name. Below are a few suggestions; many of which are found in Sacred Scripture. As you employ these prayers, and make a strong purpose to amend your habits, you will receive grace from God to quit this habit. Make sure you are also going to confession on the regular, and fostering a daily prayer life.

Jesus I bless your name.

Blessed is the name of Jesus.

Praised be the name of Jesus.

Holy is the name of Jesus.

Holy is your name. (Luke Ch. 2)

Hallowed be thy name. (Matt Ch. 6; Luke Ch. 11)

Our help is in the name of the Lord (Psalm 124)

I ask we all try to foster this devotion. The power of praising the Name of Jesus far exceeds that of any evil from taking it in vain.

prayers,

Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART
ST PAUL PARISH: 1/7/2024: \$2,363.85
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	
Sat 2/3/24	Next Mystery for Living Rosary
Sat 2/3/24	Rosary – 30 min Before Mass
Sun 2/4/24	Rosary – 30 min Before Mass

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Below is a QR Code for those who would like to join our Children’s Choir!



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Family Sunday School for the 2023-2024 season has begun! Classes will be held at both church locations on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 AM. Still time to enroll. We will update you with more information as it becomes available.



QR CODE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Above is the QR code with a form to sign up for our Religious Education classes for 2023-2024. All are welcome! Family, friends & parishioners! If you feel more comfortable, we can also provide a paper copy of the form.

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Our Lenten study opportunity is titled, *The Search*. Why is happiness fleeting; the things we expect to fulfill us don’t? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing? If you have a good grasp on the answers to these questions, The Search will help you deepen it. If you know someone who is grappling with these questions, bring them along. This is a great series to share with them. Group sessions will begin at **St. Paul Parish Hall, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2:00 pm** (to get home for 6:30 Super Bowl – all other Sunday sessions are at 6:00 PM.) and **Tues., Feb. 13, 9:00 am**. CAFÉ Committee members will be in the vestibules **Jan. 27/28 through Feb. 11/12** selling books and answering questions.