

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

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| Monday 4/15 | 12:15 PM MASS (SP) – Pro Populo |
| Tuesday 4/16 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Wednesday 4/17 | 6:00 PM MASS (SP) Pope Francis |
| Thursday 4/18 | 10:00 AM MASS (SP) + Fr Dan Smilanic 5:30 PM Confessions (SP) |
| Friday 4/19 | 9:00 AM MASS (SP) – Private Intention |
| Saturday 4/20 | 5:00 PM Confessions (SP) 6:00 PM Mass (SP) - For all with Chronic Pain |
| Sunday 4/21 | 9:00 AM MASS (SM) + Ron and Jean Zyzelewski 11:00 AM MASS (SP) – Pro Populo |

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

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| Sat., April 20 | 6:00 PM Mass (SP): Marty McDaid |
| Sun., April 21 | 9:00 AM Mass (SM): Cliff Thelen |
| Sun., April 21 | 11:00 AM Mass (SP): Courtney Patrick |

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| Sat., April 20 | 6:00 PM Mass (SP): John Franich |
| Sun., April 21 | 9:00 AM Mass (SM): Mike Braun |
| Sun., April 21 | 11:00 AM Mass (SP): Todd Crawford & Chris Barancik |

GREETERS

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| Sat., April 20 | 6:00 PM Mass (SP): Doug & Marita Harkness |
| Sun., April 21 | 9:00 AM Mass (SM): Tim Donohue |
| Sun., April 21 | 11:00 AM Mass (SP): Michelle Droett & Family |

PARISH ADDRESSES

(SP) St. Paul the Apostle – 121 N. Union St., Ithaca, MI 48847
(SM) St. Martin de Porres – 4010 W. Cleveland Rd.,
Perrinton, MI 48847

Dear Parish Family,

A few individuals have recently dropped off the "rice bowls" from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) on our parish property. We WILL do an accounting and send the funds to CRS with those that have been dropped off here. However, effective immediately, we will NOT handle any more rice bowls in the future.

CRS has a giant staff, and a giant budget. Our parish has neither, and we will no longer spend our time, energy, and payroll on behalf of CRS. Furthermore, most of the funds of CRS go to help those overseas. While this is important, I need not tell you about the poverty in our own community. I would rather our parish staff spend any charitable efforts on local persons who are struggling.

CRS takes donations online, and checks via snail mail. If you still wish to give to them, you can do so without the middleman of a parish staff. I will be discussing with the parish councils how we can budget and promote means of charity for this locality in the near future. If you have a rice bowl at home full of change, I suggest counting that change, and making an online, or snail mail donation directly to CRS.

Let me be clear, I am not putting down anybody's desire to give to those in need overseas, nor discouraging it. God calls us all to be generous, and it is up to the individual to discern where to be generous. As parish priest, I have discerned that it is best to keep our staff's energies on local charitable efforts, and that is what the staff will do henceforth.

If you have questions or concerns about this, please let me know. I am happy to have respectful conversations about such matters of prudence with men and women of good Christian will. I will make time for such conversations.

May God reward you all for your generousness, wherever that may land.

prayers,

Fr. ECD

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

ST PAUL PARISH: 3/24/2024: \$2,140.00

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

Thu, Apr. 18 10:00 AM – Adoration
Sat, Apr. 20 – Pray Rosary 30 min. before Mass
Sun, Apr. 21 – Pray Rosary 30 min. before Mass
Sun, Apr. 21 10 AM – (SP) WFC Community Meeting
Tues., Apr.23, 2:00 PM, CCW meeting

EASTER SEASON BOOK STUDY

Our Easter Season book study is titled, Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist. Group sessions will begin, Sunday, Apr. 14, 6:00 pm and Tues., Apr. 16, 9:00 am. CAFÉ Committee members will be in the vestibules April 6/7 and 13/14, selling books and answering questions.

SPRING FLING

Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction.

A special thank you to the volunteers, community members and local business who contributed their time or supplied a donation for the event. We couldn't have done it without you.

