

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday 4/29	12:15 PM MASS (SP) – Cancelled
Tuesday 4/30	OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 5/1	6:00 PM MASS (SP) – Pro Populo
Thursday 5/2	10:00 AM MASS (SP) – Fr Jose Maria 5:30 PM Confessions (SP)
Friday 5/3	9:00 AM MASS (SM) + Lydia T. Maher
Saturday 5/4	5:00 PM Confessions (SP) 6:00 PM Mass (SP) – Archbishop George Lucas
Sunday 5/5	9:00 AM MASS (SM) +M. Eric Shepard 11:00 AM MASS (SP) – Christian Mothers
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., May 4	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Joyce Raduch & Dora Gaitan
Sun., May 5	9:00 AM Mass (SM): John Pohl
Sun., May 5	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Bev Bellinger
USHERS	
Sat., May 4	6:00 PM Mass (SP): John Franich
Sun., May 5	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Tim Donohue
Sun., May 5	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Todd Crawford & Chuck Wieferich
GREETERS	
Sat., May 4	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Doug & Marita Harkness
Sun., May 5	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Tim Donohue
Sun., May 5	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Courtney Patrick & 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,

“Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation.” — St. John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003.

I came across this quote again this week as I was making preparations for our upcoming Corpus Christi Procession (June 2). It is a remarkable reminder of the place small communities like ours have in the mission of the Church. At our humble, small town altars heaven and earth meet. There may not be many people in Gratiot County, but every human soul here matters. Every human soul here is loved by God. Every human soul here is desired by God to come to the Eucharistic Altar. It is our calling, our privilege, and our honor to invite others to this altar. What is stopping you from inviting someone (back) to this altar? This is the greatest gift Christ left us in this age, and he calls others to receive it. How else will one draw near to the Lord, if we, his flock, do not invite others?

I would like each of you to think of three individuals you know who may just need an invitation to come (back) to the Catholic Church. You don't even need to invite them to Sunday Mass. Sometimes they just need to come to the church for private prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. If you let me know ahead of time, I'll make sure the doors are unlocked at either location within reason.

Some will decline, but some will not.

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

Mon. April 29, 12:15 PM Pray the Rosary
Wed. May 1, 6:30 PM Children's choir practice
Wed. May 1, 6:45 PM Finance Council Meeting
Thu. May 2, 10:00 AM – Adoration
Sat. May 4, Pray the Rosary 30 min. before Mass
Sun. May 5, Pray the Rosary 30 min. before Mass
Wed. May 1, 6:45 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

We are looking forward to a partnership with Diocesan who will be helping us update the look of our Parish website and Bulletins as well as modernizing the way we handle our directory and record keeping. We may reach out to update contact/record information.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Hagerman at shagerman@stpaul.diosag.org

Michigan Young Adult Hiking & Rafting Pilgrimage 2024

A weekend pilgrimage adventure with young adults from across Michigan

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/michigan-young-adult-hiking-rafting-pilgrimage-2024-registration-846330155277?aff=oddtcreator>

Diocesan Day of Enrichment, Forming Intentional Disciples:

How can we transmit a living, personal Catholic faith to future generations? By coming to know Jesus Christ and following him as his disciples. All Catholics must make a conscious choice to know and follow Jesus before they can draw others to him. Our next Diocesan Day of Enrichment will focus on strategies for Forming Intentional Disciples with a special focus on reaching the missing generations who were raised Catholic but who are now disconnected from the Church. Nationally known keynote speakers Katherine Coolidge and Pete Burak join priests and staff of the diocese to discuss the thresholds of conversion leading to a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join us on June 1 from 8:00 AM to 3:15 PM, at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss St., Saginaw by registering at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6-1-24> or call 989.797.6654,

Eucharistic Procession

We will celebrate a Eucharistic Procession after the 11am Mass in Ithaca on Sunday, June 2. The procession will go around our church grounds, and include familiar songs, and prayers. It will take roughly 30-40 minutes to complete. Please plan ahead to be a part of this witness, and worship of our Blessed Lord.

