



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
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MASSES: SAT EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 & 10:30 A.M.
TU, WED, FRI: 8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
TUES, WEDS, FRI: 7:30-7:45 A.M.
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRI 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

The Week Ahead

Saturday, February 26, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Melanie Bechtold

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Rupp, Vance Reed

Acolytes: Evan & Colby Leatherman

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris & Sam Bechtold

Sunday, February 27, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jeannine Nix

Eucharistic Ministers: Melinda Woll, Mel Nix

Acolytes: Bailey Shidler, volunteer

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris Morgan, Jeff Gibson

Sunday, February 27, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Lector: Mike McClain

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Cochran, Ingrid McClain

Acolytes: Arianna & Isabella Smith

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

Collections for February 13, 2022

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| Offering Envelopes | \$ 2908.50 |
| Loose | 699.36 |
| Repair | 190.00 |
| Candles | 24.00 |
| Religious Ed | 73.50 |
| Total in pew | \$ 3,895.36 |

Online Collections (February 7-13)

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| Reg. Envelopes | \$ 2,616.00 |
| Repair | 619.00 |
| Religious Ed | 50.00 |
| Total Online | \$ 3,285.00 |

THANK YOU

We the Knights of Columbus want to THANK all of the parishioners that made this last benefit breakfast a grand success. From the people who donated, worked, and help advertise this event. The generosity of this parish came through once again. We made \$1,200 for the benefit of the education and support of our Seminarians.

“Be thankful for your precious trials, both interior, and exterior; it is thus that the garden of Jesus is adorned with flowers, that is, with acts of virtue!”

~St. Paul of the Cross~



February 20 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. (Sat.) † Andy Lowe

8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † Parishioners

10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Deceased members of the Robert Senesac Family

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

(Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)

February 21 Monday: Weekday

No Mass

February 22 Tuesday: Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00 a.m. † Richard Dalton

February 23 Wednesday: Saint Polycarp

8:00 a.m. † Jim Brady

February 24 Thursday: Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Justin Hinen

February 25 Friday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jim Brock

February 26/27 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 26

5:00 p.m.: † Parishioners

Confession: 3:45-4:45

Sunday, February 27

8:00 a.m.: † Dick Miller

10:30 a.m. : † George Haggengos

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Homebound Ministry of the Sick.

There are parishioners who are not able to make it to church due to health reasons; maybe they are in the hospital, in an assisted care or nursing home. Maybe they are confined to home for health reasons and can't make it to church. Maybe you have been in one of these positions yourself. Did you contact church to let us know? Could you receive communion? Did someone from St. Paul of the Cross visit you? If not, maybe it was because the church office didn't know, or maybe....there was not a parishioner available to come visit. **WE NEED YOU!** Help us visit the sick and distribute communion. The more help that we have the less time it will be for all. This is one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. So, if you have the calling, and I think that you do, contact Joe Cochran, or Jeanne in the church office. Don't be afraid; we will give you simple instructions and God will guide you and give you many graces.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Mercy is at the root of why we continue to exist and worship. Because of our sinfulness, Heaven was closed for us. There is no comparison with any other relationship, in our human experience, of how great our offense to God was in comparison to any other offense directed to any human person; the consequences of our offense toward God (which we call sin) are infinite. The only way that effective reparation would have been made in order for us to be redeemed was if a sacrifice was offered to God which was proportionate to God himself. For instance, it is not the same to injure a guilty person than an innocent child. Likewise, it is not the same to offend the Creator of the Universe (ourselves included) than to offend any random person.

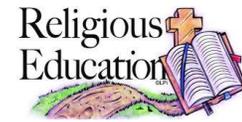
“Well, it is impossible for us creatures to redeem ourselves,” you may respond. And I would respond to you that “you are right,” because there is nothing that we poor sinful creatures could accomplish by our own merits that will ever reconcile us to God. Therefore, it was a blessing that God, in His infinite Providence, became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ and He made that sacrifice for us... in our place, out of sheer grace... thanks to His infinite mercy.

When we look around the Church, we see how the new painting of the Divine Mercy is beautiful. It serves as a reminder to us, as a parish community, that we are to be a people of mercy— here and outside this church building. In today’s Gospel Jesus says, “Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.” Mercy looks at the misery of the suffering heart and moves us to have compassion on the other. We are to put ourselves in their place and try to see how we would want help if we were in similar circumstances. In Christ, God did exactly that, He saw the misery of our sinfulness and He redeemed us by rescuing us from eternal damnation, which we call “hell.” However, we must accept this infinite mercy, freely. The more we receive mercy, as we do in the sacraments (especially reconciliation/confession), the more we are capable of becoming persons of mercy who are constantly sensitive to the suffering of the poor, sick, and lonely, but does something about it. Morally, the greatest manifestation of mercy is resumed in one word: “forgiveness.”

May we learn to be merciful as Christ was merciful; He who from the cross said: “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do” (Lk 23:34).



Please bring in your palms from last year so they may be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. There is a box provided in the narthex . There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for ministers to help with Ash Wednesday Masses.



There will be a Candidate and Sponsor meeting on Sunday, February 27th at 6 pm in the church. All Candidates and Sponsor are expected to be present. If a sponsor is not able to be in attendance then a parent is asked to please be there in place of the sponsor.

INTO THE DEEP

Into the Deep is back again and will present: Building a Domestic church & Living Liturgically. If you’ve ever wondered, “What are these and why are they important?” or “How do I implement this in my own home?” Come join us on Sunday, February 27 from 9:15 a.m.-10:00 in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center. We will learn how to keep our lives focused on Christ by following the Church’s liturgical seasons, planning Catholic family events, and creating a prayerful home environment. There will be take home activities, prizes, and interactive planning. All are welcome!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Our Lenten Bible Study will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the narthex on February 20th.

YEAR END GIVING STATEMENTS FOR ONLINE GIVING USERS

Online Giving switched to a new platform in March and our census software had a new platform switch in September. For whatever reason neither of these months exported or imported. You can log into your Online Giving account and print your year-end giving report from there. We are sorry for this inconvenience.

If you used your envelopes for in pew giving, you may pick up your statement in the office during office hours or call and we will mail it to your home. I will be out of the office February 16, 17, 18 and the 22nd. Thank you.
~Jeanne~