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MASSES: SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 7:30 A.M.-7:45 A.M.
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 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, April 30

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Melanie Bechtold

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin Rupp, Vance Reed

Acolytes: Evan & Colby Leatherman

Ministers of Hospitality: Chris & Sam Bechtold

Sunday, May 1

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jeannine Nix

Eucharistic Ministers: Mel Nix, Melinda Woll

Acolytes: Bailey Shidler, Volunteer

Ministers of Hospitality: Jeff Gibson, Chris Morgan

Sunday, May 1

10:30 a.m.

Lector: Dorothy Cochran

Eucharistic Ministers: John Gilles, Brandi Duncan

Acolytes: Arianna Smith, Isabella Smith

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

Collections for April 24, 2022

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1700.00
Loose	543.17
Repair (Insulation)	190.00
Candles	18.00
Religious Ed	20.00
Total in pew	\$ 2,471.17
Home Missions	\$133.00

Online Collections

Regular	\$ 1,501.00
Repair & second collection (roof insulation)	208.00
Online	\$ 1713.00



CANTORS

All current cantors and anyone who is interested in becoming a cantor should plan on attending the Training Session for Cantors on **Sunday, May 15th after the 10:30 mass**. If you have considered serving as a cantor but are not sure you are ready to commit please still plan to attend. This will be a great opportunity to gain some information on what is required in order to participate in this important ministry, If you are a cantor and are not able to attend this training, please let Father José know.



April 30-May 1 Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m.(Sat.) † Corky & Becky Reed

8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † LeAnn Kevern

10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Parishioners

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

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

May 2 Monday: St. Athanasius

No Mass

May 3 Tuesday: Saints Philip and James

8:00 a.m. † Beverly Grote

May 4 Wednesday: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak

May 5 Thursday: Easter Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Jim Van Holten

May 6 Friday: Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Joan Hinen

May 7/8 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 7

Confession: 3:45-4:45

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

Sunday, May 8

8:00 a.m.: † George & Virginia Haggengjos

10:30 a.m. : † Parishioners

(rosary ½ hour before each Mass)

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church. Visit our church website today and sign up to get started. www.saintpaulcc.org We presently have 85 people who use this method of donating to the church.

Graduation Breakfast Sign-up



Don't forget to sign up if you will be attending the breakfast on Sunday, June 5th at 9 a.m. for all High school, college and post-grad students and their families. Please sign up by May 8th.

YOUTH GROUP GARAGE SALE

You may rent a 10X10 space for \$25, sell your items and keep all the money you raise or donate to the youth group to sell and donate the proceeds to their mission trip. Please do not drop items off until after May 2nd as our Community Center is used for voting on May 2nd. You may drop off items at the church in the preschool room after May 1st. Please contact Stephanie Hamilton for further information.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Following the Lord is an adventure of courageous love. Just as Simon Peter denied Christ three times, we too may deny Christ out of fear or ignorance when we sin. However, Jesus gives Simon Peter the opportunity to amend his mistake by asking him three times if he loved Jesus, to which Simon Peter claimed three times that he indeed had an unfailing love for the Lord. We too are given multiple opportunities to change our sinful lifestyle or mentality. But there is something beautiful of Christ's mercy with Peter. Jesus commissions Peter to feed the sheep. But they are not any random group of sheep but they are the Lord's sheep, because ultimately the Lord is our Shepherd.

This Sunday, we rejoice that eight of our children will receive the Eucharist for the first time at a special First Communion Mass at 1 p.m. How beautiful that the words that Jesus addresses to Peter are fulfilled every time the Church distributes Holy Communion to all through his ministers. The Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are: bishops, presbyters and deacons. The extraordinary minister of Holy Communion are: installed acolytes (such as Mr. Joe Cochran) and other lay persons commissioned usually annually by the bishop. Within this latter group, there are those who distribute Holy Communion at Mass (when there are not enough Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or Installed acolyte to distribute) and also those who distribute Holy Communion outside the Church building, including: at homes, nursing homes, jails, hospitals, etc.

I am grateful to all those who reverently and responsibly to this important apostolate of "feeding" Christ's sheep, especially to those who are most vulnerable and sick. After the 8 a.m. Mass this Sunday there is a training session scheduled for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who will specifically bring Holy Communion outside of the Church building. There are many graces that flow from a visit to the homebound, but to bring the Word of God to them, both by the reading of Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist, is a profound act of charity that the sick and vulnerable rightly appreciate.

Lastly, I would like to appreciate all who contribute with your generous donations. Recently, we were donated \$2,450 for a new keyboard. Also, we exceeded the \$10,000 goal for our ceiling insulation and we went over \$15,000 over the Bishop's Appeal which means that it will all return to our parish! We had also received a bequest of \$25,000 that helped us pay the \$14,000 debt that we had left for the new parking lot loan. We were also donated a \$7,300 shed by non-parishioner immigrants. We have also received numerous donations for the beautification of our Church, including our new St. Michael Statue that cost close to \$1,000. On top of all of this, many of you have contributed to refugee families from Venezuela by donating money and furniture to them directly. Thanks for saying "yes" to the Lord who invites us all to be part of this adventure of courageous love!



The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood drive will be **Sunday, May 15th at the Deacon Joe**

Center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM along with a breakfast. This will be the last one until the fall. Donating blood is also considered a corporal works of mercy by helping the sick.

Did you know that donating blood can be healthy for **YOU**, let alone save the life of the recipient of your blood? Yes, some people suffer from a condition called polycythemia. This is a condition where your body makes too many red blood cells. This condition if not corrected can cause tissue damage, lead to strokes or cause organ damage. One of the best no cost ways to correct this condition is to donate blood on a regular basis. On our last drive we had an individual come in that was literally scared to death of needles and donating blood. The only reason he came in to donate was because of doctors' orders to help with his high red blood cell count. He informed us of his fear upon check in. To help with the situation I went over to nurse Haley and explained the situation. Haley came over to talk to this individual and calmly explained the whole blood donation process before she even started. I personally knew this individual and Haley allowed me and another friend to stay with him the whole time. I was able to keep talking to him and perhaps telling a couple of jokes along the way and before he knew it, he was done. He said this was not too bad. I ran into this individual a week later and he said that he was feeling great! This is a common comment after making a blood donation.

A special **Thank You** goes out to our regular donors that show up at almost every drive. I don't want to mention names for fear of forgetting one but you folks know who you are. The Red Cross depends on regular repeat donors. Donation times have been filling up just before our drives, so sign-up **NOW** to get your preferred time slot.

The Red Cross would like **ALL** donors to sign-up online. Please sign-up online @redcross.org or use the Blood Donor App.

Get the free Blood Donor App by texting BLOODAPP to 90999. This will make signing up and filling out your rapid pass the day of your donation very simple.

Pick up an information card at the display in the Narthex.

If you have any question or need help, please feel free to call John Herrmann @ 260 229 5499.

Hope to see you on the 15th.

WOMEN'S EVENING

The next Women's Evening will be on Friday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center. The program will focus on the Rosary and our Mother Mary. No meal will be served, but dessert will be served at the end of prayer.

SAVE THE DATE

For those planning their summer vacations; please remember to save Sunday, August 14th for our annual Parish Picnic at Paiges Crossing.

