ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

~ St. Charles Borromeo, Haiti, Sister Parish ~

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US TO BE A UNITED PEOPLE TO SERVE OUR GOD

April 11, 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday : 4:00 pm & 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am
10:00 am

DAILY MASSES
Mon.—Fri: 7:00 am
T & Th: 8:20 am School Mass

CONFESSIONS
Saturday: 3:00-until all are heard
OR Anytime by appointment

Our Mission

Embrace the God who loves you;
Engage in our community that journeys with you;
Serve the world that needs you.
This is the heart and soul of what we are about as faithful followers of Jesus Christ at St. Paul Parish in Highland, Illinois.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday:
8:00 am—4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—3:00 pm

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Fr. Pat's Pen

Fr. Pat Jakel, Pastor

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

CONGRATULATIONS to our new Catholics! We welcome Shelby Ruemmler, Elise Thompson, Everett Thompson, Brooke Magary and Michael Henschen to our parish family!

CONGRATULATIONS to our newly Confirmed, who also received their First Eucharist this weekend. What a blessing to have 46 fully initiated Catholics in our family. We pray for all these servants of the Lord Jesus, that they be fully engaged in the life of the Lord and His Church.

ENVIRONMENT & MUSIC Thanks to all who worked so hard to provide a beautiful worship space for the Easter Season, and to those who provided music for prayerful celebrations of the Holy Triduum and Easter. To all who are involved in various liturgical ministries. Thanks! Your dedication does not go unnoticed!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS Thanks to all who donated money for Easter Flowers. We especially remember your deceased loved ones in prayer.

CATECHUMENATE THANKS TO those providing snacks, being sponsors, to the team or to those who have prayed; to all who have helped guide and form our new Catholics, I am grateful!

CONTINUATION OF LIVE-STREAMING Even though Bishop Paprocki lifted the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass, we plan on continuing to live-stream our Masses for the homebound. Thanks to Braden and Frank for managing the streaming.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE THE BEST! Thanks to the KCs for hosting two of our Easter Masses, especially to Martin Klostermann for the preparations!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina, entry 699, in her *Diary*.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

WooHoo!!

PERMISSION GRANTED

It is with great excitement that I inform you that Bishop Paprocki has granted permission for St. Paul Parish to enter into contract with the Korte Company for our campus building and renovation project. We have also been extended a 5-year construction loan from the diocese, if needed, to bridge the gap from now to the time when pledges are fulfilled. The date for the groundbreaking is yet to be determined.

I take this opportunity to thank all who have pledged and contributed generously to our ***"Growing Our Family; Growing Our Faith"*** Campaign. Your sacrificial gifts have allowed God to work through us to build the church of the faithful in Highland. Thank you! Also, thanks to Terry (Judy) Zeisset for leading us in this faith-filled effort.

In order to complete the funding of our project, we need all households in our parish to help make this happen. We will be asking parish families soon, who have not yet made a commitment to the campaign, to make a sacrificial gift to our **"All Aboard" campaign.** It is our right and duty to support our parish and make sacrifices to the Lord. No gift is too small!

We are not looking for equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. Ask yourself, "How can I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"

OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS REINSTATED

Effective **April 10/11,** the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation expired. There are exceptions such as:

- Those 65 years of age or older;
- Women who are pregnant;
- Those at risk due to underlying medical conditions;
- Those who care for the sick, homebound, or infirm;
- The sick, those with a fever, the flu or COVID-19.

Otherwise, most Catholics are now obligated to attend Mass. For more information refer to your *Catholic Times* or visit www.dio.org/backtomass. So, welcome back to the banquet of the Word and the Eucharist!

Come join us!

Business Office

Dineen Czar
Executive Manager

Laurie Scott
Accountant

What's the Buzz?

For school parents wishing to apply for tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year, we understand that, with the filing deadline for 2020 tax returns extended to May 17, 2021, you may not have your 2020 return available to upload at the time of application to meet the April 30, 2021, grant & aid filing deadline. If this is the case, please upload your 2019 return, explain that your 2020 return is not available at this time, and advise if there are any changes in income (increase or reduction) from 2019 to 2020 of which we should be aware. Although the extended tax filing date is only is a couple of weeks beyond the grant & aid application deadline, we ask that your tuition assistance application be timely filed, as it greatly assists us in calculating the total need for the available funds and allows us to begin reviewing applications and determining grant amounts in early May. As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have.

A big BUZZ of gratitude to the St. Paul School Educational Foundation and its donors, who provide the financial resources for the tuition assistance program for St. Paul Catholic School.

A Catholic education is something that your children will have with them forever. Thanks to our St. Paul School parents and the St. Paul Educational Foundation, our students will take their faith with them into the world after graduation and will continue to. . .SHINE ON!!!

Growing Our Family; Growing Our Faith

Green = Received
Red = Pledges (pledged & non-pledged contributions)

Financial Stewardship
March 28, 2021 & April 4, 2021

WEEKLY REPORT FOR:	MAR. 28, 2021	APR. 4, 2021
PARISH SUPPORT		
Church Envelopes	$10,830	$16,616
Online Giving	4,431	4,123
Loose Collection	265	1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	887	624
Children's Collection	0	46
Easter Decorations	448	104
Easter Offering	83	4,227
TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT	**$16,944**	**$26,740**
NEEDED FOR BUDGET WEEKLY	**$20,510**	**$20,510**
OTHER COLLECTIONS		
Sister Parish	$842	$843
St. Paul Parish Outreach	$273	$2,415
Catholic Times	60	125
Catholic Charities	5	0
Catholic Relief Services	35	103
Operation Rice Bowl	206	83
Misc Past Diocesan Collections	10	0
Holy Land	178	1,009
Seminarians	13	731
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	13	67
TOTAL OTHER COLLECTIONS	**$1,635**	**$5,376**
TOTAL SUPPORT	**$18,580**	**$32,116**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

WEEKLY REPORT FOR:	MAR. 28, 2021	APR. 4, 2021
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN		
TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	**$7,500,000**	**$7,500,000**
Pledged (incl. non-pledged contributions)	$7,011,670	$7,022,635
Received	$4,915,751	$4,930,723
Expenditures:		
Capital Campaign Expense	334,900	334,900
Phase 1 (School West Wing Reno)	621,489	621,489
Phase 2 (Parish Center & Gym AC)	330,980	330,980
Phase 2.5 (Windows, Ramp, Auto Doors)	521,840	521,840
Phase 3 (New Bldg. & Church Reno.)	253,266	253,266
Total Expenditures	$2,062,475	$2,062,475

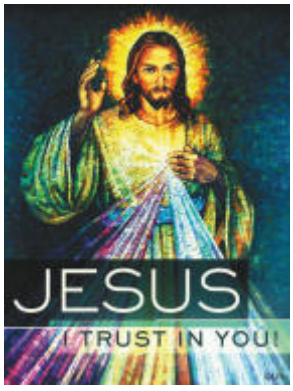
St. Paul Catholic School

Haidee Todora
Principal

DISCOVER St. Paul Catholic School:

Business Model: Logic
Teaching Model: Touching hearts, teaching minds, fostering faith
Passion: Caring for God's children
Growth: Rebirth and forgiveness
Opportunity: Listen and be present
Study: Goodness and Glory of God
Belief: Christ is our Light and our Hope
Prayer: Jesus I Trust in You!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is open now! Please visit the school's website at www.stpaulhighland.org to complete an application, take a virtual tour of the classrooms, or schedule a private tour by contacting the school office at 654-7525.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Immaculate Conception
April 11, 2021

Program schedule:

12:30 pm Rosary
2:00 pm Mass

3:00 pm Adoration, Confession & Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:45 pm Litany & Benediction

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your supporting our students during the Apex Fun Run. This event was a great success! The funds raised will be used for a Library Scanner Management System, Media Center Additions, Updated Library Resources, and Updated Educational Materials.

Pastoral Associate for Pastoral Care and Spirituality

Lorraine Senci

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) – April 11

So Many Catch Phrases Today. "The doors were locked." "Peace be with you." "There was no needy person among them." "His mercy endures for ever." "His commandments are not burdensome." Locked doors cannot keep Jesus away. He speaks peace to us, even in these Covid-19 days. Because he **is** peace among us – no one has need.

Because he is full and overflowing with mercy – nothing is a burden.

- How will I manifest peace, be peace this Easter week?
- How will I show mercy, be mercy this week?
- Whose burden will I ease?

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY AT 12:00 pm.

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Rosary for Healing and Protection – April 28, 12PM

Join the Office for Safe Environment in praying the Rosary with special intentions for the healing and protection of those affected by childhood abuse.

As we offer our prayers for their healing and the protection of all children, we ask for the intercession of the Holy Family to bless our efforts as we strive to help children around us live the full and abundant life God desires for them.

Please join us in lifting their needs in prayer. *Where to join in person?* Location: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception | *Where to join virtually?* Livestream at www.dio.org/live, Facebook at www.facebook.com/diospringfield or YouTube at www.youtube.com/diospringfield.

Apr 17-18	Saturday, 4 pm	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 7:00 AM (Church)	Sunday, 8:30 AM (Church)	Sunday, 10:00 AM (Church)
Server	Andrew Capelle Chase Korte Reece Korte	Amelia Beer Joseph Goring Camden Runge	Daniel Goring NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Dallas Hemker Lynzie Huelsmann Kori Huelsmann	Clayton Hopfinger Leah Hopfinger Samuel Kukowski
Lector	Dan Grandame	Tom Hill	George Whaley	Debbie Vance	Peg Bodinet
Extraordinary Minister	Pat Korte	Angel Lappe	Lee Trame	Jane Holtgrave	Laura Hollenkamp Heidi Kukowski
Hospitality Minister	Beth Eller Tim Eller Jerry Klostermann Ray Korte	Scott Abbott Rick Aholt Phil Decker Gregory Venarsky	Randy Erwin Rick Ringwald Monica Toennies Mark Voegele, Jr.	Jean Gall Louise Hemann Brad Huelsmann Ceil Kloss	Kathy Luitjohan Darrell Luitjohan Jeff Munie Kathleen Quitmeyer

Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

Deanna Harlan

Congratulations and Welcome!

Our parish was enlarged and enriched by the addition of 5 newly initiated members last Sunday! We welcome, with great joy, our neophytes: Shelby Ruemmler, Elise Thompson and Everett Thompson, who celebrated the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

As well, we welcome our new faithful: Michael Henschen & Brooke Magary, who were brought into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

These seven fully initiated Catholics have been filled with and empowered by the Holy Spirit to help fulfill the mission of the Church. God bless them as they go forth!

Please offer congratulations and a warm welcome as you see them!

RCIA...*What now?!*

This is just the beginning...on to Mystagogy!

What is Mystogogy? It means "mystery" and therefore is a time for the newly baptized, newly received and...the **St. Paul Parish family,** to "grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in the eucharist, and doing the works of charity."

What does that mean for our 5 new brothers and sisters?... They will be reflecting on what they have experienced and gaining a deeper understanding of the Scriptures through their participation in the sacraments. They will start to have an understanding of what it means to live those sacraments, to *live their new faith.* Sacraments not just received but *LIVED!*

What does this mean for YOU?... As we the parish, godparents and priests, are called upon to nurture and support these novices, our own faith is renewed, inspired and grown. Our new family members are counting on and deserve, an "experience of full and joyful welcome into the community..." As we enter into closer ties with these new faithful, we should recognize that the Body of Christ has been transformed and is "new".

WOW! Our family has grown!
We've been waiting for YOU!

Quotes taken from the RCIA.

Pre Jordan (Baptism class)

Pre Jordan classes are held every other month. **They are typically held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the second floor All Saints room in the Parish Center.** The next class will be: May 6th. Pre Jordan class is required for each child you want to have baptized. You must call Deanna Harlan to register for the class: 654-2339 x217.

Pre Jordan is held in a large room that allows for social distancing and masks will be required.

BAPTISM OF BABIES If anyone asks, or if you yourself are wondering, a good age to baptize infants in the Catholic Church is anywhere from three weeks to three months old. This is why it is important to attend the Pre-Jordan session during the pregnancy. You are strongly encouraged to have your baby's baptism before 3 months old. We want to give our children the gift of Jesus and the promise of salvation in Jesus as soon as possible. However, please be assured that we will baptize your child whenever you bring him/her to us.

Pastoral Associate for Youth Faith Formation

Molly Cowgill

PSR CALENDAR- APRIL

***Wednesday, April 7th*: PSR in-person 6-7:15 pm**

***Wednesday, April 14th*: PSR in-person 6-7:15 pm**

***Wednesday, April 21st*: PSR in-person 6-17:15 pm**

***Wednesday, April 28th*: PSR Closing Mass- 6pm**

REPEAL OF PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF ABORTION LAW

Illinois House Bill 1797 & Senate Bill 2190 seek to dismantle current law requiring an adult family member be notified when a minor girl seeks an abortion. Our Illinois bishops have written a letter to Catholics across Illinois, urging them to contact their state lawmakers and tell them to vote "no" on HB 1797 and SB 2190. Read the letter and email or call your state lawmakers by visiting

www.ilcatholic.org

Or, scan here with your smartphone

Catholic Conference of Illinois

FAITH AND JUSTICE INTERNSHIP

THE OFFICE FOR PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL MINISTRIES IS OFFERING A PAID INTERNSHIP FOR CATHOLICS. THE INTERNSHIP IS TO PROMOTE THE DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND HOPE PROGRAM AND GAIN EXPERIENCE WORKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE IN POVERTY. THE INTERNSHIP WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS AND REFLECT ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING. THE INTERNSHIP IS FROM SEPTEMBER 2021 TO MAY 2022 WITH AN HOURLY RATE OF $14/HOUR. CATHOLICS WITH GOOD WRITING ABILITIES, WILLING TO SPEAK PUBLICLY, ABLE TO DRIVE, AND WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. VISIT WWW.DIO.ORG/PLASM TO DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION. APPLICATION AND RESUME MUST BE SUBMITTED BY APRIL 19TH. CONTACT DONNA MOORE WITH ANY QUESTIONS: DMOORE@DIO.ORG, 217-321-1161.

Safe Environment Program

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number
(217) 321-1155

CONGRATULATIONS

CONFIRMATION & FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2021

Bowman, Melia
Box, Braxton
Chalfant, Gwendolyn
Clayton, Boston
Cureton, Seth
Daley, Emerson
Davis, Delaney
Deatherage, Ashleigh*
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Eilers, Tatum
Elliott, Burke
Elliott, Chloe
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Grapperhaus, Blake
Henrichs, Halle
Jackson, Thomas
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Koeneman, Easton
Lappe, Anderson
Lawson, Ailey Jo
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Meyer, Ava Jo
Meyer, Jeff*
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Rinderer, Cassidy*
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Robertson, Easton
Robertson, Kylee
Seger, Kristian
Senci, Logan
Spalding, Beckett
Starks, Lilyana
Stoddard, Lucas
Thompson, Elora
Venarsky, Gregory*
Venarsky, Isabella*
Venarsky, Samuel*
Venhaus, Katherine
Voss, Delaney
Wernle, Cruz
Winkeler, Camille
Zinda, Garrett

*Indicates reception of Confirmation only

Go forth and share the Good News!!

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING:

With great power the apostles bore witness
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great favor was accorded them all.
(Acts 4:33)

PSALM:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good,
his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the
Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father
loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

GOSPEL:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
(Jn 20:21)

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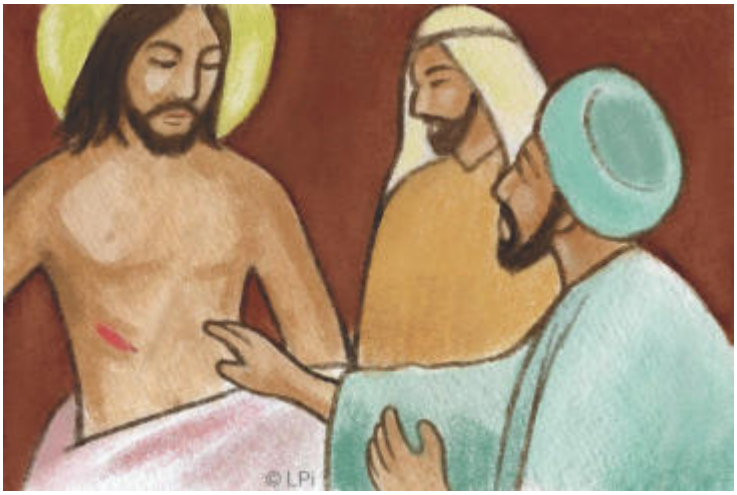
GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.



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Mass Intentions †

Monday, April 12
7:00 am Mass — † **Richard Bowman**

Tuesday, April 13
7:00 am Mass — † **Sr. Julia Marie Isert**
8:20 am St. Paul School Mass — † **Dave Vosholler**

Wednesday, April 14
7:00 am Mass — † **Don Lohman**

Thursday, April 15
7:00 am Mass — † **Sam Schwarztrauber**
8:20 am St. Paul School Mass — † **Paul Talleur**

Friday, April 16
7:00 am Mass — † **Buddy Poettker**

Saturday, April 17
4:00 pm Mass—† **Living & Deceased members of Herbert & Marie Talleur**
5:30 pm Mass—† **Jim Jacober**

Sunday, April 18
Mass — 7:00 am † **Cyril & Dolores Weis & The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish**
8:30 am † **Rick Bloemker & † Living & Deceased members of Joe & Rose Bellm family**
10:00 am † **Milton & Lucille Heim & † August & Bernetta Rehkemper & † Larry Schmidt**

**(Holy Communion after 10:00 am Mass)

Happy Anniversary

HAPPY **60th** WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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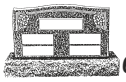
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