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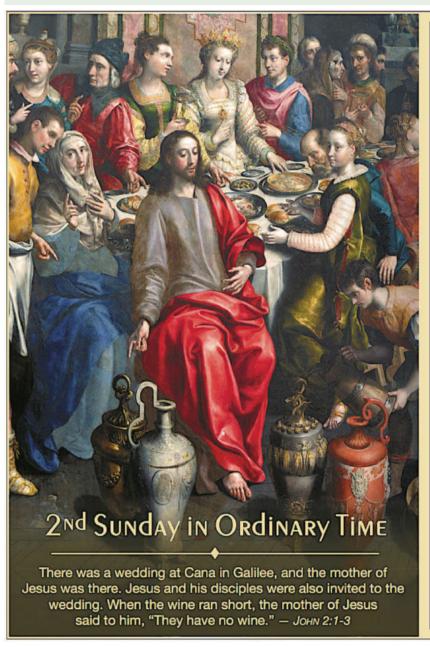
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— † Weekly Liturgies † -

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 15

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ *Pro Populo* (for the People of the Parishes)

Sunday, January 16

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Bob & Lorraine Simpson by Catherine Verdun

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ Jim Drach

by Jim & Margie Ehrhardt

Monday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot Saint Paul, 5 p.m.

+ Jim Rinn

by Mike & Barb Fogarty

Tuesday, January 18

No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, January 19

No Mass Scheduled

Thursday, January 20 - Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr

No Mass Scheduled

<u>Friday, January 21</u> - Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr No Mass Scheduled

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 22

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ Phyllis Gschwendtner

by Jim & Mary Gschwendtner

Sunday, January 23

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Pro Populo (for the People of the Parishes)

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ Special Intention

by the Connor Family

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please welcome Father James McLoughlin

who is supplying for Father Haake the weekends of January 15th -16th and January 22nd and 23rd while he is on vacation.

Scripture Reading

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. — JOHN 2:11

Outside Distribution of Holy Communion

Immediately following both Masses at Saint Patrick (until further notice), and following Mass on Sunday at Saint Paul.

FLOCKNOTE: SAINT PATRICK https://SPDSPO.flocknote.com/SaintPatrick SAINT PAUL https://SPDSPO.flocknote.com/SaintPaul ONLINE BULLETIN: www.parishesonline.com • FACEBOOK: Parishes of Saint Patrick, Dwight and Saint Paul, Odell • FORMED.ORG

_ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time _

"Behold the Lamb of God." Could it be that you are being called to be a shepherd for the Lord as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Director of Vocations for Recruitment, via telephone at (309) 671-1550 or via email at fr_hilgenbrinck@cdop.org; or Father Haake. To serve as a permanent Deacon, contact the Office of the Diaconate at the number above or Father Haake. To serve in Holy Matrimony, contact Father Haake.

Sewardship Reflection, second sunday in ordinary time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." — 1 Corinthians 12:7

Saint Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

HELP WANTED

- Office Coordinator/Administrative Professional for the Parishes of Saint Patrick and Saint Paul.
- **Custodian for the Saint Patrick Parish Hall.** Please contact Father Haake at the Rectory, 815-584-5178. He will be available February 1st.

Saint Paul Church Christmas

Decoration 4 will be taken down on Wednesday, January 19th at 8 a.m. *All are invited to assist.*

Catch the HOIY Spirit!

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
Session 11: January 19th

Celebrating the Paschal Mystery
Through the Liturgy and the Sacraments
INFORMATION

Deacon George, 815-848-3147 (RCIA), or Father Haake, 815-584-5178 (general information).

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

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Brother-in-Law to June Enger

AND Michael Foley

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Eternal Rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

~ In & Around the Diocese ~

MEN'S RETREAT

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Retreat Master: Father Gregory Jarzombek, OSB



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Mail Fraud

January 2022

"Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." These days, the message has been modernized: We deliver. Though much maligned, the postal system is an incredible machine delivering millions of letters and packages every day. For the price of a stamp, we can send messages all over the world. Who doesn't enjoy opening a letter from a dear friend?

But the ease of sending mail makes the system subject to abuse. In 1920, Charles Ponzi played on international postal reply coupons, promising a 50% return on investment in just 45 days. Ponzi confounded postal inspectors by paying off earlier investors with money defrauded from later ones—the infamous Ponzi pyramid scheme. It fetched him \$15 million in eight months. In 1971, Clifford Irving bilked a book publisher out of \$750,000 by forging documents supposedly written by billionaire reclusive Howard Hughes. Televangelist Jim Bakker of PTL Club fame made millions through fraudulent promises of lifetime vacations at his resort. Eventually, the government caught up with all of them. They were convicted of mail fraud.

The government's pursuit of mail fraud perpetrators is not limited to ending financial scams. As it should, the federal Food and Drug Administration has taken an active role in protecting public health and safety. As one of its "top priorities," the FDA has targeted products falsely claiming to improve health or treat disease. It recently obtained mail-fraud guilty pleas from three corporate managers who included unlabeled ingredients in a weight loss dietary supplement. In another case, a Florida man pled guilty to mail fraud for distributing dietary supplements containing unapproved and illegal drugs. In a third case, the sales manager of a Chinese company pled guilty to mail fraud for putting synthetic stimulant ingredients in a weight loss supplement. The message from prosecutors is consistent: "Americans should be able to trust the products they consume are safe."

And they should, which makes what's now happening so disturbing. The mails are being used to distribute a product being fraudulently touted as safe and effective for women. In fact, it has directly caused the deaths of numerous women nationwide. Thousands of women have suffered life-threatening or severe injuries from it, with many more to come. Statistics like that should be setting off alarms throughout the FDA. They should be causing Congress to immediately investigate. But they aren't, and at least for now, they won't. Why?

Because, sad to say, the federal government is behind the fraud. The product is RU-486. Its purpose is to kill. And that suits the Biden Administration just fine. RU-486 is a combination of two pills used to produce a chemical abortion. The first pill—mifestiprone—cuts off a pregnant woman's supply of the hormone progesterone, which causes a breakdown of the lining of her uterus and so deprives her unborn baby of blood and food. The baby starves to death. The second pill—misoprostol—is taken 24-48 hours later. It causes severe cramping, contractions, and often heavy bleeding as a woman expels the dead baby.

Any product that has killing as its object cannot be made safe. It's why President Biden's recent action is so absolutely reckless. The FDA has permanently eliminated the requirement that a women see a doctor before obtaining RU-486. Now, a woman can receive the pills through the mail, no questions asked.

But questions need asking. The FDA warns that mifestiprone should not be used in cases involving ectopic pregnancy (baby implanted outside the womb), problems with adrenal glands, long-term steroid use, allergic reactions to the RU-486 or "similar" drugs, bleeding problems, use of anticoagulants, or inherited porphyria. Detecting an ectopic pregnancy requires an ultrasound. A woman would not know "similar" drugs, let alone allergic reactions to them. Nor would she know the signs of problems with adrenal glands (near her kidneys) or inherited porphyria. Mifestiprone should not be taken beyond ten weeks of pregnancy. What if a woman doesn't know the week? Now, consider that the pill is being marketed to poor and uneducated women as well as to women in rural areas often lacking easy access to medical care.

The tragic effects of RU-486 is alarming. Chemical abortions are four times riskier than surgical abortions. An almost nine-year study documented 3,197 complications, including 20 deaths, 529 life-threatening, 1,957 severe, 151 moderate, and three mild complications. They include failed abortions, incomplete abortions (baby parts or placenta remaining in the womb), and massive hemorrhages. Expect more—39% of all abortions are now chemically caused.

There is another risk to women: dangerous men. Around the country, men have been <u>convicted of slipping girlfriends abortion drugs</u> <u>when they refused abortions</u>. With men's easier access to the abortion drug by mail, women will be subject to greater risk.

Why is this happening? Because the Biden administration puts profits over women's safety. When abortionists profit, politicians like the president and members of his party score money for their war chests. That's how the fraud works. Women are their victims.

In case anyone forgot: we elected them.

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EVENGELIUM VITAE

(THE GOSPEL OF LIFE)

Pope John Paul II, 1995

Pope John Paul II released the encyclical Evangelium Vitae on March 25, 1995. It deals with the most basic of all principles – the value and sacredness of human life. Our duty to protect life is central to the Christian message. The encyclical is broken into four main chapters which discuss contemporary threats to life, the Gospel's message regarding life, God's law, and hope for a new culture of life.

The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message to humanity - he came so that we have eternal life. Even in the most disturbing of times, human life is sacred from its very beginning until the end.

Since the beginning we are called to love one another and to not be like Cain who murdered his own brother. Life has been threatened by poverty, hunger, diseases, violence, and war for centuries - but new threats to human life are emerging quickly.

New scientific and technological processes represent new attacks on the dignity of human life - especially the weak and defenseless. The

Church was not silent about the injustices at the end of the last century, and it must continue to speak out about the most grievous forms of injustice and oppression.

Disregard for the sanctity of human life and a contraceptive mentality have led humanity to a crisis of culture. Today life is greatly threatened in its earliest and final stages - children in their mother's womb and the sick and elderly. These attacks are no longer considered "crimes"; paradoxically they are considered "rights."

Disturbing decisions are being made on the basis of defending personal freedoms. "The life which could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs,

"All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor...deserv[e] the utmost reverence and respect."

- POPE FRANCIS

and abortion becomes the only possible decisive response to failed contraception." (Paragraph 13) Equally unsettling threats confront the incurably ill and dying. The hastening of death is seen as a solution to resolve the problem of suffering.

These threats to the dignity of all human life increase as the sense of God as creator is lost. The blood and death of Christ demonstrates how precious humanity is to God. Jesus' death gives meaning to the lives of all peoples.

Human life is always good, even murderers retain their human dignity. We are entrusted to defend and promote, love and revere life. There is no moment of human life from the unborn to those nearing death that shouldn't be protected. We are to love God and one another - God's law commands us to follow his commandments including the prohibition on killing.

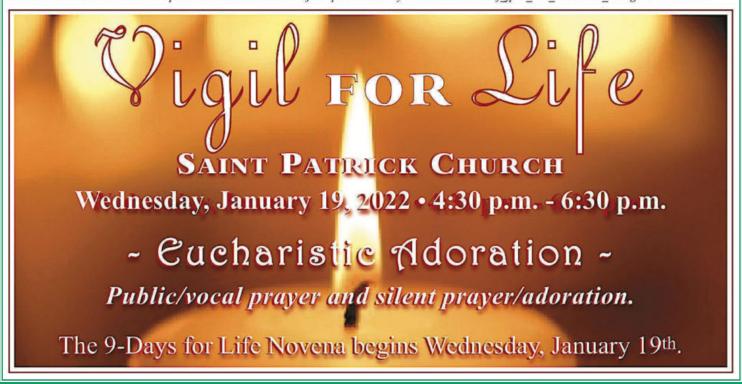
No reasons, however serious and tragic, "can ever justify the deliberate killing of an innocent human being." (Paragraph 59) All people, including doctors, nurses, healthcare administrators, legislators, cannot overlook this calamity.

Similarly, the elderly and those close to death are threatened when life is valued only for one's own fulfillment. Suicide is also to be considered murder of one's self, and the rejection of God's gift of life.

It is the role of the church to preach the good news of Jesus Christ and the Gospel of life to all peoples. The family plays a unique and important role in serving as the sanctuary of life.

A transformation of humanity is necessary to preserve and maintain a culture that respects and protects all life. The protection of life is central to the Gospel and the struggle between good and evil in our world.

LINK TO: EVANGELIUM VITAE: https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf jp-ii enc 25031995 evangelium-vitae.html



RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

- Tuesday: 5:00-5:40 p.m., Saint Patrick, Dwight
- Wednesday: following 8:00 a.m. Mass, Saint Paul, Odell
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m., Saint Patrick, Dwight
 - No Reconciliation the weeks of January 16th and January 23rd. **For Sacramental emergencies** while Father Haake is on vacation, you may contact Saint Mary, Pontiac at **815-844-7683**, or **Immaculate Conception**, **Morris** at **815-942-0620**, or another nearby parish.

NOTE: The address for all correspondence to the Parishes Office is 114 W. Mazon Avenue, Dwight, IL 60420.



St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

Thank you for your generosity to this project! Parish donation for the month of January is baby wipes. Containers are located in the church entry and parish hall for contributions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. 01/16 Confirmation Class, Saint Patrick Hall, 1 p.m. Tue. 01/18 Dwight Knights of Columbus meeting,

Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m.

Wed. 01/19 Vigil for Life, Saint Patrick Church, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. CCD classes, Saint Patrick Hall, 5 p.m.

CCD Teacher meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:15 p.m.

RCIA, Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m.

Thu. 01/20 Saint Paul Education Commission meeting,

Saint Paul School, 5:15 p.m.

CECS meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m.

Sacramental Life meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m. Sat./Sun. 01/22-01/23 Candles for Life Procession at all Masses

Mon. 01/24 Mobile Food Pantry, Saint Lawrence Church parking lot, South Wilmington, 4 p.m. till the food runs out

Wed. 01/26 CCD classes, Saint Patrick Hall, 5 p.m.

CCD / Parent meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 5 p.m. RCIA, Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m.

Thu. 01/27 Saint Patrick Finance Council meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m.

Sunday, January 30th - Friday, February 4th - Catholic Schools Week January 23rd bulletin items are due by noon, Monday, January 17th



9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Join thousands of Catholics in the annual Respect Life Novena, Wednesday, January 19th through Thursday, January 27th. Copies of the Novena are at Church entryways. We will pray the first day of the Novena at Vigil for Life on Wednesday, January 19th.

Please use the following link for the novena: https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life.

• Other resources are available at: 9 Days for Life: Leader Resources | Respect Life AND Respect Life Month

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the sick and suffering of Saint Patrick, Saint Paul, our relatives, friends, and our communities, especially: Candy Abry, Shannon Badder, Robert Bash, Barb Basham, Becca Battle, Jonathan Becker, Darlene Bellis, Rick Bower, Janet Brady, Mark Buettner, Molly Cull, Darlene DeSutter, Matt Drach, Austin Eggleston, Bill Ehman, Barb Foley, Steve Francisco, Christine Gravesen, Marsha Haake, Mike Haake, Carol Hartley, Frank Hemker, Karen Jahn, Bianca Kelly, Ray Masching, Darlene McCarthy, Alex McWilliams, Cosette Miles, Leona Myers, Phyllis Neumann, Tony Noonan, Livy Noles, Maria Ortiz, Father Mike Pakula, Amy Petrovich, Michelle Petrovich, Lesley Seabert, Kristi Spandet, Martha Spandet, Clark Stewart, Max Sulzberger, Mike Thiege, Phyllis Tjelle, Ann Tovar, Lenny Tryner III, Marion Verdun, Arlene Wright, Laura Wright, Jalene Woolford, and all with COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Please inform Father Haake or the Parishes Office of Saint Patrick and Saint Paul (they will forward to Father) of the names of those for whom you would like us all to pray.

Please pray for all those that are homebound, in nursing homes, in hospitals, in hospice; those with COVID-19. Of course, remember in prayer deceased loved ones and those not remembered. Especially remember those serving our country and that those who are in foreign lands will return home safely to their families. Pray for an end of all crimes against humanity: war, terrorism, murder/abortion, euthanasia, slave trafficking, bigotry, racism...

GUIDELINES DURING the PANDEMIC: Please contact Father Haake (Rectory phone number) as he may be able to administer the sacraments during the pandemic even if not an emergency. Individual Hospital protocols determine whether or not Father may visit parishioners and / or offer the sacraments.

Please update your parish membership with emergency contact information ASAP by contacting the parishes office.

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Gerry Salzburg 584-2830 or Peg Watters 252-5393



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