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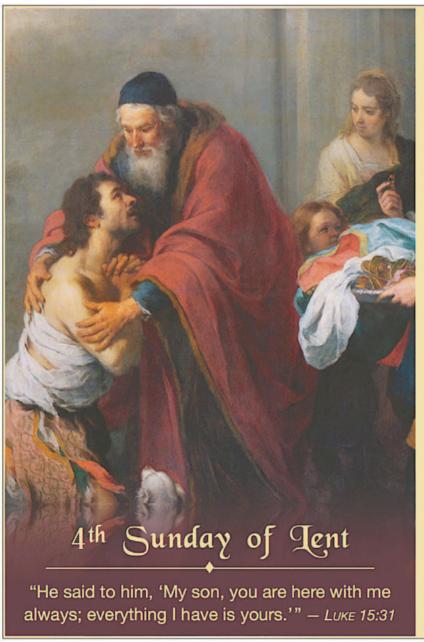
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- † Weekly Liturgies † Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 26

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ Ed Krischel

by Jim & Mary Gschwendtner

Sunday, March 27

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Ed & Ruth Rinn

by Mike & Barb Fogarty

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

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

Monday, March 28

Saint Paul, 5 p.m.

+ Ron Hoegger by Tom & Kathy Fraher

Tuesday, March 29

Saint Patrick, 6 p.m.

+ Father James Rickey

by Mike & Mary Carpenter

Wednesday, March 30

Saint Paul, 8 a.m.

+ Marge Bellot

by Kevin & Sharon Mackinson

Thursday, March 31

Saint Patrick, 8 a.m.

+ Ron & Rosemary Wilder by Theresa McNamara

Friday, April 1

Saint Paul, 8:30 a.m.

+ Mary Verdun

by Ron & Cathy Masching

Fifth Sunday of Lent

<u>Saturday, April 2</u> - Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

+ Ray Krischel

by Jim & Mary Gschwendtner

Sunday, April 3

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Edward J. Verdun

by Joanne Hoegger

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

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

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Scripture Reading

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. — JOSHUA 5:10

Weekend Distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass

Until further notice, available outside shortly following both Masses at Saint Patrick and shortly following Mass at Saint Paul in small vestibule.

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

. Fourth Sunday of Lent .

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood or 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.

~ CEMETERY CLEAN UP ~ SAINT PAUL CEMETERY

Please remove anything you want to keep by April 10, 2022.

 $oldsymbol{\mathcal{J}}$ he Holy Spirit is anything but comfortability and instant gratification." — FATHER MATT WILLIAMS



Please bring your palms and other burnable blessed items and place them in the marked containers in the vestibules of either church.

Easter Flower Offerings

Please turn in your envelopes on or before Wednesday. April 6th, to have your "In Memory/In Honor" names listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.





St. Nicholas Charity on Wheels

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



Spring 2022 Pre-School Screenings

(Birth to 5 years)



School Phone 815-998-2272 Odell #435 April 7

Parents of all birth to 5 year olds within the Livingston County Special Services Unit Co-op are invited and encouraged to have their children screened.

EMPOWER ILLINOIS A donation made to Saint Paul School, or the Diocese of Peoria re: Schools (SPS/DoP), via Empower Illinois (EI) provides the donor an Illinois Tax Credit or taxes due that year of up to 75% of the donation. For example, if one owes/paid \$100 in Illinois State Tax (IST) and makes a \$100 donation to SPS via EI, the donor will receive a \$75 tax credit/back respectively. If they owe/paid \$200 in IST and donate \$100 as above, they will receive a \$75 credit/back respectively. If donor owes/pays \$300 in IST and donates \$200 via EI, the donor will receive a \$150 credit/back respectively. Of course, the tax credit could then be donated to Saint Paul School!

Please contact SPS for more information and assistance in donating via EI. A \$1 for \$1 match is being made up to \$10,000 = \$20,000 over 5 students full, or several more partial tuition scholarships for Saint Paul School! This provides more funds via tuition for the school!

Thank you in advance for your financial support of Saint Paul School, especially through Empower Illinois and, of course, vour praver.

Catch the



Spirit!

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES March 30th

Last 7 Commandments: Love of Neighbor

For information:

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

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

Additional Reconciliation Time: Wednesdays, 5:10 - 5:50 p.m.

— Note: On Wednesday, March 30th, two priests will (hopefully) be available during Light of Mercy Holy Hour. -



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Collections from March 19/20 SAINT PATRICK

\$1299
\$78
\$27
\$258
\$300
\$500
\$44
\$75

SAINT PAUL	
Sunday Collection	
Maintenance	\$15
School Support	\$65
Saint Paul School Stewardship	

~ THANK YOU ~

for your continued and generous support of our parishes.

2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal

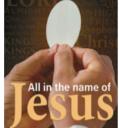
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Saint Paul Parish

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If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so as soon as possible. **If you** are unable to give this year, please let us know by returning the card, either in



the collection basket or to the parishes office, and write \$0 in the amount. Even the smallest pledges help us meet our goals, and anything over our Pledge Goal our parishes may keep.

.... Scripture and Saintly Inspirations.....

E-ORDERED LIVES: The mark of discipleship is denial of self. A life in which I no longer live for myself, but for Jesus Christ. Lent is the ultimate reminder of that way of life. Prayer and fasting give us proper sight, re-ordering our lives away from the fleeting moments in this world, and fixating our eyes on the glory and redemption that awaits us (if we so choose) in the next. Allow this Lent to be a time of spiritual renewal in your walk with Jesus. The graces He desires to give you are abounding. Friends, be confident in Christ's mercy and love.

— Jon Leonetti

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."

- SAINT GIANNA MOLLA

Meditation: "Jesus trembled and shuddered as He stood before the pillar, and took off His garments as quickly as He could, but His hands were bloody and swollen. The only return He made when His brutal executioners struck and abused Him was to pray for them in the most touching manner: He turned His face once toward His Mother, who was standing overcome with grief; this look quite unnerved her: she fainted, and would have fallen, had not the holy women who were there supported her. Jesus put His arms around the pillar, and when His hands were thus raised, the archers fastened them to the iron ring which was at the top of the pillar; they then dragged His arms to such a height that His feet, which were tightly bound to the base of the pillar, scarcely touched the ground. Thus was the Holy of Holies violently stretched, without a particle of clothing, on a pillar used for the punishment of criminals; and then did two furious ruffians who were thirsting for His blood begin in the most barbarous manner to scourge His sacred body from head to foot."

- BLESSED ANNE CATHRINE EMMERICH

"Place your hopes in the mercy of God and the merits of our Redeemer; say often, looking at the crucifix: There are centered all my hopes."

- Saint Paul of the Cross

Hope is nothing other than Christian optimism. It allows man to remain firm in the faith, fully assured by God's promises. In hope, God is the guarantor of my future and of my serene stability.

— ROBERT CARDINAL SARAH, from his book God or Nothing

"Zesus may not always show up when you think he should, but he's never late."

- KRIS FRANK

"O Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of eternal life, Your Heart is a glowing furnace of Love. You are my refuge and my sanctuary."

- St. Gertrude the Great

"At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

— 1 CORINTHIANS 13:12-13

Meditation: "The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man? How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with the graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way? Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agenda for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object? The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – He's alive!"

-VINNY FLYNN

Saint Faustina's Diary ~ THROUGH LOVE AND MERCY ~

MEDITATION:

September 25, [1937]. When I learned how great are the difficulties in this whole work, I went to the Lord and said, "Jesus, don't You see how they are hindering Your work?" And I heard a voice in my soul: **Do as much as is in your power, and don't worry about** the rest. These difficulties prove that this work is Mine. Be at peace so long as you do all that is in your power (Diary, 1295).

The Lord said to me, It should be of no concern to you how anyone else acts; you are to be My living reflection, through love and mercy. I answered, "Lord, but they often take advantage of my goodness." That makes no difference, My daughter. That is no concern of yours. As for you, be always merciful toward other people, and especially toward sinners (Diary, 1446).

My PRAYER RESPONSE:

Lord Jesus, in difficulties in my work and relationships, may I rejoice and do what is in my power with peace. May I always be merciful.

MEDITATION

~ WHEN THE STORMS RAGE ~

Then I heard the words, **Do not fear; I am with you.** When I left the altar, an extraordinary peace and power filled my soul, and the storm that was raging broke against my soul as against a rock; and the foam of the storm fell on those who had raised it. Oh, how good is the Lord, who will reward each one according to his deed! (Diary, 1150).

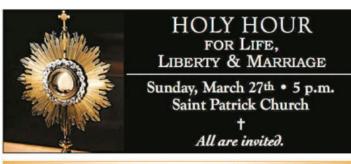
June 23, [1937]. As I was praying before the Most Blessed Sacrament, my physical sufferings ceased suddenly, and I heard this voice in my soul: You see, I can give you everything in one moment. I am not constrained by any law.

June 24. After Holy Communion, I heard these words: Know, My daughter, that in one moment I can give you everything that is needed for the fulfillment of this task (Diary, 1153).

My PRAYER RESPONSE:

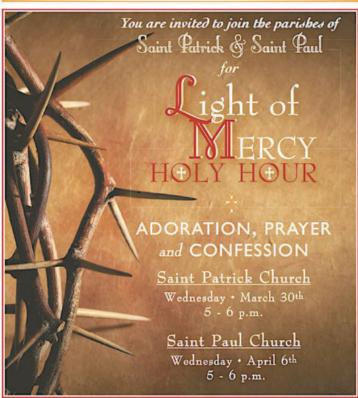
Thank You, Lord, for Your faithful word and grace when a storm of conflict or of physical suffering strikes me. In You, I am at peace.

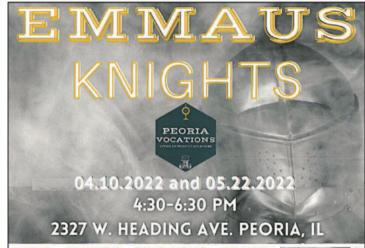
*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type











SEE YOU SUNDAY!



LET US KNOW YOU'LL BE THERE!
~ Contact Father Haake or the Office of Vocations ~

"Fathers (Fatherly figures) and sons, you are invited to contact Father Haake to make arrangements to participate in Emmaus Knights: an opportunity for dads to engage other dads and boys/young men — 7th through 12th graders

— to engage with others, including priests, about discerning God's calling for them: their vocation. The event includes prayer, fun, food, discussion."

God's Law Would Ban Abortion

We Americans are so blessed to live in the United States. And yet, there are those who abuse the privilege time and time again. That's not the way God wants us to live.

He wants us to live in peace with one another. Review the Ten Commandments because one day each one of us will be judged by them.

The most important one is to love God and the rest will fall in place; honor your parents, do not kill, do not commit adultery, and do not steal. These are but a few of them.

What gives anyone the right to steal from someone else? Their property, car and identity are theirs only. Then we come to shalt not kill. What is so hard to understand about that? It simply means you don't kill anyone.

Unfortunately, we have a law that is contrary to God's law. This law allows abortion of our tiniest, little human beings. There are some who say it is just tissue. Any woman who has had a baby knows this is not true - it is a human being, a God-given baby.

We need to defund Planned Parenthood and have our president, judges, senators and representatives make a new law condemning abortion. We should all be pro-life, not pro-death. We need elected leaders in Washington - our Republicans and Democrats to come together for the good of the country on this issue and on all of our country's issues. May God have mercy on us."

— RUTH WEBER, DAVENPORT, IOWA

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." — Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may Wed. 04/06 Light of Mercy Holy Hour, with opportunity for change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the sick and suffering of Saint Patrick, Saint Paul, our relatives, friends, and our communities, especially: Shannon Badder, Robert Bash, Barb Basham, Jonathan Becker, Darlene Bellis, Brad Bossert, Rick Bower, Mark Buettner, Molly Cull, Darlene DeSutter, Austin Eggleston, Bill Ehman, Barb Foley, Steve Francisco, Christine Gravesen, Marsha Haake, Mike Haake, Jordan Patrick Haigh, Carol Hartley, Frank Hemker, Karen Jahn, Bianca Kelly, Bill Legner, David Louis, Ray Masching, Darlene McCarthy, Cosette Miles, Leona Myers, Brian Naretto, 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.

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN COMMITTEE

Gerry Salzburg 584-2830 or Peg Watters 252-5393

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. 03/27 Holy Hour for Life, Marriage & Liberty, Saint Patrick Church, 5 p.m.

Mon. 03/28 Men's Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 03/29 Stations of the Cross, Saint Patrick Church, following 6 p.m. Mass

Wed. 03/30 Light of Mercy Holy Hour, with opportunity for Reconciliation, Saint Patrick Church, 5 p.m.

CCD classes, Saint Patrick Hall, 5 p.m. RCIA, Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m.

Thu. 03/31 Saint Patrick Finance Council meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m.

Fri. 04/01 Stations of the Cross and First Friday Devotions, Saint Paul Church, following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Sun. 04/03 Viewing of The Passion of Christ, the Mel Gibson film, 3:15 p.m., following the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m., Saint Patrick Hall

Mon. 04/04 Men's Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 04/05 Saint Patrick Parish Council meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m. (Note: Mass will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross)

Reconciliation, Saint Paul Church, 5 p.m. RCIA Retreat, Saint Patrick Hall, 7 p.m.

Thu. 04/07 Odell Knights of Columbus meeting, K of C Hall, 7 p.m.

Saint Paul School - Living Stations of the Cross, Fri. 04/08 Saint Paul Church, 9:30 a.m.;

Saint Patrick Church, 6:30 p.m.

April 3rd bulletin items are due by noon, Monday, March 28th.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

April 10th bulletin items are due no later than noon on Friday, April 1st

April 17th bulletin items are due no later than noon on Friday, April 8th

PLEASE send all bulletin items as early as possible to facilitate the bulletin editors in meeting our shipping deadlines. We thank you for your help!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY'S ~

4:30 to 7 p.m. in Saint Patrick Parish Hall parking lot, all Fridays of Lent except Good <u>Friday</u>. Serving Baked Cod, Fried Pollock and Deep Fried Shrimp, with sides and a dessert. Adults/high school, \$12 each; grade school, \$5



each. For faster service, orders may be called into the parishes office, 815-584-3110, beginning at 4 p.m. each Friday.

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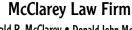
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