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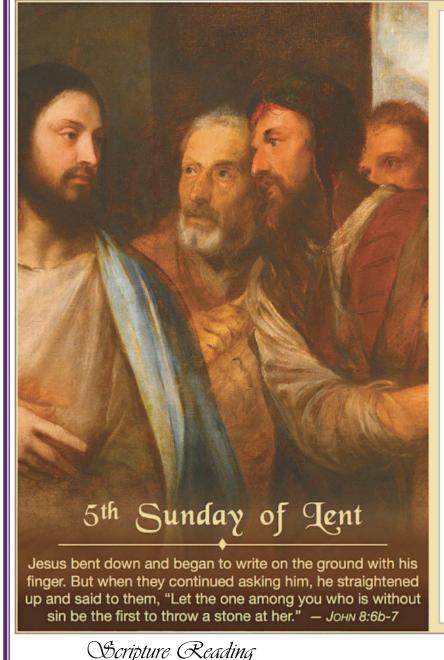
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See, I am doing something new! Now it springs

forth, do you not perceive it?

+ Weekly Liturgies + Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 2 - 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)

Monday, April 4 - Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saint Paul, 5 p.m.

+ Father Jerry Verdun by Jim & Carol Fraher

Tuesday, April 5 - Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Saint Patrick, 5:30 p.m.

+ Special Intention by the Connor Family

Wednesday, April 6

Saint Paul, 8 a.m.

+ Biddy Bannon Phillips by Daniel Drinan

<u>Thursday, April 7</u> - Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Saint Patrick, 8 a.m.

+ Ed Leskanich by Larry & Kathy Ferguson

Friday, April 8

Saint Paul, 8:30 a.m.

+ Ed Masching by the Family (Saint Mary's)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 9

Saint Patrick, 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, April 10

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Joanne Ribordy

by Angela Ross

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ Special Intention

by the Connor Family

NOTE: Tuesday, April 5th, Weekday Mass time is changed to 5:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered.

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

— Isaiah 43:19

_ Fifth Sunday of Lent _

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Are you called to bring the joy of Christ to His people as His Ordained Priest? 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.



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.



Please volunteer for the various liturgical ministries for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Sign up sheets are located in the vestibules of both churches.

SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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We are looking forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. Congrats to Noah, Joe, Addison, Luke, Hunter, Coe, Nolan, Evan, and Graham as they celebrate on April 2nd at the Cathedral in Peoria. The fifth and sixth grades have been studying the Books of Kings in Religion. Fifth grade is multiplying and dividing fractions. Sixth grade has been learning about percentages. The seventh and eighth grades have also been working on percentages. In Science, we are learning about human influence on the environment. The seventh and eighth grades are studying DNA.

— Mrs. Josefik

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, your prayer.

Catch the



Spirit!

RCIA/ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES April 6th CHRISTIAN PRAYER

For information:

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

"What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God." — HANS URS VON BALTHASAR

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

<u>Additional Reconciliation Time</u>: Wednesday, 5:10 - 5:50 p.m. during Light of Mercy Holy Hour

— Tuesday, April 5th, Reconciliation will not be offered. —



School

Odell #435

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(Birth to 5 years)

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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. See church bulletin boards for additional information.

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STEWARDSHIP

Collections from March 26/27

SAINT PATRICK Sunday Collection \$1880 Building Fund \$70 Candles \$18 Food Pantry \$145 Maintenance Fund \$128 Easter Flowers \$300 Saint Paul School Stewardship \$40 Mount Olivet Cemetery \$335 Saint Patrick's Feast Day \$20 SAINT PAUL Sunday Collection \$1224 Maintenance \$20

Easter Flowers \$60 ~ THANK YOU ~

School Support\$20

Saint Paul School Stewardship \$45

for your continued and generous support of our parishes.









Paschal Triduum and Easter Mass Schedules

Holy Thursday, April 14th

Saint Paul Church - Mass of the Last Supper, 6 p.m.
Pilgrimage of the "Gardens of Gethsemane" - our three
worship sites of NE Livingston County following
Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper until 10 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15th

Saint Paul Church - Divine Mercy Novena, 3 p.m. Passion of our Lord, 3:15 p.m.

Saint Patrick Church - Stations of the Cross, 9 a.m.; Tenebrae, 8 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16th

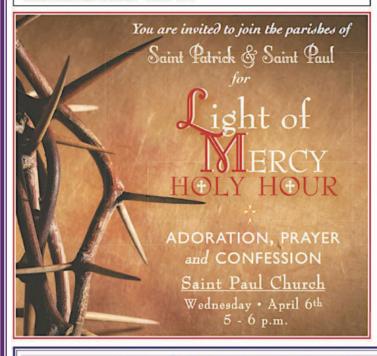
Saint Patrick Church - Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

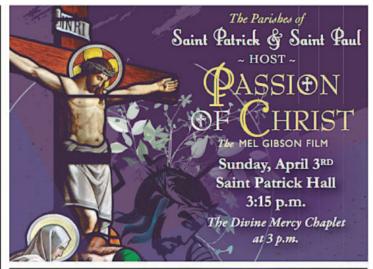
Easter Sunday, April 17th

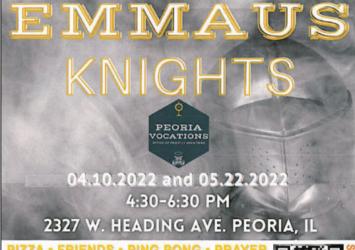
Saint Paul Church - 8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church - 9:30 a.m.

Saint Patrick Church - 10:30 a.m.







SEE YOU SUNDAY!





~ 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."

Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments

A woman's right to "choose"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.

While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable.

Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death---a live baby, or a dead one.

Consider this hypothetical situation. A group of young men have just started a "Right to Rape" organization. They argue that they have the right to choose to rape women. The real question, they tell us, is, "Who decides, us or the government? We believe that the government should stay out of this very private matter." Furthermore, they want the state to set up tax-funded centers where they can rape women in a safe, legal fashion.

Clearly, our response would be, "Absolutely not; rape is wrong!"

Note carefully that the real and overriding question is not, "who decides" but a question about the action itself. We must first ask ourselves, "Is rape right or wrong?" Only then can we answer the question of who has the right to choose to do it.

And so it is with abortion. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity.

— PRO-LIFE ARTICLES



DIVINE MERCY DAILY

Reflections from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

~ MY MERCY ON BEHALF OF SINNERS ~

MEDITATION:

Today Jesus said to me, I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion. Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. This is the prayer: (Diary, 186).

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us, I trust in You." (Diary, 187).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, may I fulfill Your desire and come to know more deeply Your burning love for souls in Your Passion by meditating on it. Thank You for the Blood and Water, which gushed forth from Your Heart as a fount of mercy for us.

~ HEARTS OPEN TO MY MERCY ~

MEDITATION:

Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy (Diary, 1577).

MY PRAYER RESPONSE:

Lord Jesus, help me to be more present to Your presence in my heart. I pray for the grace of Your mercy that I may persevere in keeping my heart open to You. And I pray that the hardened hearts of sinners may be softened for conversion, which is also a grace of Your mercy.

~ BOUNDLESS TRUST IN MY MERCY ~

MEDITATION:

Let souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy. I desire that these souls distinguish themselves by boundless trust in My mercy. I Myself will attend to the sanctification of such souls. I will provide them with everything they will need to attain sanctity (Diary, 1578).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I am striving for perfection, but I really need more of Your mercy. I am nothing without You. Teach me and all souls striving for sanctity how to adore Your mercy and to trust in You still more!

~ THE DEMAND FOR DEEDS OF MERCY ~

MEDITATION:

My daughter, if I demand through you that people revere My mercy, you should be the first to distinguish yourself by this confidence in My mercy. I demand from you deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to excuse or absolve yourself from it (Diary, 742). I am giving you three ways of exercising mercy toward your neighbor: the first — by deed, the second — by word, the third — by prayer. In these three degrees is contained the

fullness of mercy, and it is an unquestionable proof of love for Me. By this means a soul glorifies and pays reverence to My mercy (Diary, 742).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to respond to Your demand for deeds of mercy. Fill me with Your love for my neighbor. Help me then to show my love for You by exercising mercy toward my neighbor in three ways: by deed, by word, and by prayer.

~ ADORE MY MERCY ~

MEDITATION:

Jesus looked at me and said, Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. Secretary of My mercy, write, tell souls about this great mercy of Mine, because the awful day, the day of My justice, is near (Diary, 965).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Jesus, for Your stern warning about Your gift of the Feast of Mercy. By a sovereign act of Your Mercy, draw mankind to adore Your great mercy — lest they perish for all eternity. Have mercy, O Lord!

~ HEAVENLY PROTECTION ~

MEDITATION:

16 [August 1937]. After Holy Communion, I saw the Lord Jesus in all His majesty, and He said to me, My daughter, during the weeks when you neither saw Me nor felt My presence, I was more profoundly united to you than at times [when you experienced] ecstasy. And the faithfulness and fragrance of your prayer have reached Me. After these words, my soul became flooded with God's consolation (Diary, 1246).

When I heard how dangerous it was to be at the gate these days because of revolutionary disturbances and how many evil people have a hatred for convents, I went in and had a talk with the Lord and asked Him to so arrange it that no evil person would dare come to the gate. Then I heard these words: My daughter, the moment you went to the gate I set a Cherub over it to guard it. Be at peace (Diary, 1271).

MY PRAYER RESPONSE:

Jesus, You are always with me even when I do not experience You. Thank You for Your presence and protection.

~ COMPLETE PARDON ~

MEDITATION:

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy. Then He said to me, My daughter, fear nothing. I am always with you, even if it seems to you that I am not. Your humility draws Me down from My lofty throne, and I unite Myself closely with you (Diary, 1109).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, draw all souls, especially poor sinners, to turn to Your mercy on the Feast of Mercy and receive complete pardon! Help us to fear nothing and place our trust in You.

*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

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 Saint Patrick Rectory, 815-584-5178.



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.

RECEIVE THESE NEW ITEMS:
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TOOTHBRUSHES AND TOOTHPASTE • BABY CLOTHES

NOTE: April change of schedule - Tuesday, April 21st. Saint Paul, 2 p.m. (school parking lot), Saint Patrick, 3 p.m. (church parking lot).

Fill out an application every month as needed at http://cdop.org/catholic-charities/
Scroll down to "mobile pantry tab"

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, Doris Gliwa, 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. 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. No Reconciliation.)

Wed. 04/06 Light of Mercy Holy Hour, with opportunity for Reconciliation, Saint Paul Church, 5 p.m. CCD classes, Saint Patrick Hall, 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. Fri. 04/08 Saint Paul School - Living Stations of the Cross,

Saint Paul Church, 9:30 a.m.; Saint Patrick Church, 6:30 p.m.

Mon. 04/11 Men's Prayer Group, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Tue. 04/12 No Weekday Mass Wed. 04/13 No CCD - Holy Week

Thu. 04/14 St. Nicholas on Wheels moved to April 21st, see box at left

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

April 10th bulletin items were due by 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. Thank you for your help!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ FINAL DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY ~

4:30 to 7 p.m. in Saint Patrick Parish Hall parking lot. 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.

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Lavern Hemker Uncle to Father Chris Haake

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

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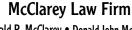
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