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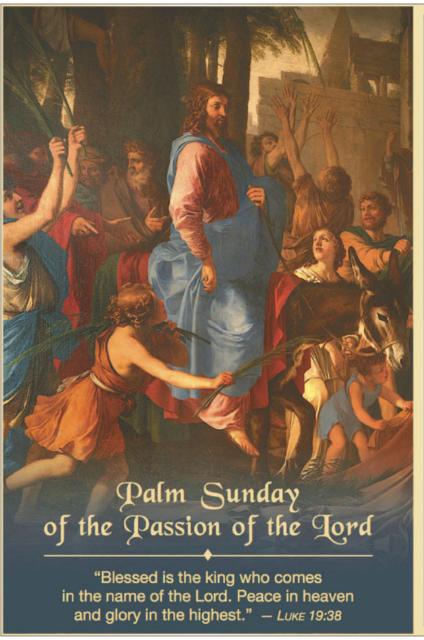
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## + Weekly Liturgies + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

#### Monday, April 11

Saint Paul, 5:00 p.m.

+ Monsignor William Watson by Mike & Mary Beth Watson

#### Tuesday, April 12

No Mass Scheduled

Wednesday, April 13

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

+ Marge Bellot

by Janet & Matt Theis

Thursday, April 14 - HOLY THURSDAY
Saint Paul, 6:00 p.m., followed by Adoration

+ Priests and Seminarians

Friday, April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena Saint Paul, 3:00 p.m. Passion with Veneration of the Cross Saint Paul, 3:15 p.m.

Tenebrae - Saint Patrick, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Saturday, April 16 - HOLY SATURDAY

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

+ Intention of Celebrant

Sunday, April 17 - EASTER SUNDAY

Saint Paul, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sacred Heart, 9:30 a.m.

+ Intention of Celebrant

Saint Patrick, 10:30 a.m.

+ Intention of Celebrant

SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Scripture Reading

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. — ISAIAH 50:6

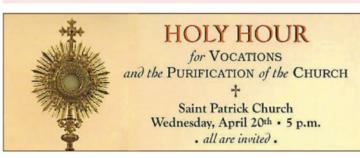
#### Weekend Distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass

Only available to those still dispensed from attending Mass for both Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

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

#### \_ Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion \_

"... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or 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.



#### † Special Collection on Good Friday

On Good Friday, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contributions will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and help protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

#### SAINT PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

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The 7th and 8th grades have begun their preparations for the annual Stations of the Cross. We watch *The Passion* movie and go over the stations as a way to prepare ourselves to respectfully and heartfully depict Jesus' Passion. The performance will be April 8<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 a.m. mass at Saint Paul and at St. Patrick's at 6:30 p.m. In Reading, we have begun *Number the Stars* to accompany our study of World War II in History. Finally, the 7th and 8th graders continue their study of commas and other punctuation rules in their pursuit of becoming better writers! The 5th and 6th graders continue their novel study of *A Wrinkle in Time*, and they are ending their unit on narrative writing about their peers. — Mrs. Lovell

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — GALATIANS 6:9

**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.



#### Sewardship Reflections

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

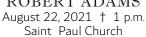
I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me. — Luke 22:34

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

#### 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
  - Tuesday, April 12th, Reconciliation will not be offered. —

Memorial Mass for ROBERT ADAMS





# STEWARDSHIF

#### Collections from April 2/3 **SAINT PATRICK** Sunday Collection ...... \$3129 Building Fund ......\$779 Candles ...... \$18 Food Pantry ......\$145 Easter Flowers ......\$155 Saint Paul School Stewardship ......\$90 Sacred Heart - Chapel of Ease ......\$10 Bukoba ......\$550 USCCB - Ukraine ..... \$50 **SAINT PAUL** Sunday Collection ......\$2317 Maintenance ......\$120 Saint Paul School Stewardship ......\$225 Easter Flowers ......\$115 Holy Thursday ......\$10 Easter Sunday ......\$30

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#### **Supreme Question**

April 2022

It has worked this way for ages. Boy sees girl, or sometimes it's the girl who sees boy. Whether it's immediately or down the road, something starts to click. The dance begins. Like turns to love; then love turns to marriage. From two come others. Families grow. The cycle repeats. It's really such a beautiful thing.

What keeps it from happening is sometimes just a matter of shyness, of starting that first conversation. There are always those pickup lines used in bars. You know, the stuff like, "And I thought the beer here was good," or maybe, "You owe me a drink. I dropped mine when I walked past you." For most people, they're way too embarrassing and probably a turn-off to anyone with class. But the fact of the matter is that one way or another, conversations need to start, particularly those about truly important matters.

Like the right to life. Abortion has become a forbidden topic of conversation at every family gathering, church service, and political event. Oh, there are those sound bites, code words like "freedom of choice" or "reproductive health." But there's no meaningful discussion. Perhaps it's because the topic is so visceral, and people get so emotional, that no one wants to dredge up the hostilities that always seem to follow. And so people just keep to themselves about it. That's such a shame. Abortion is like an elephant in a room; an elephant that keeps growing bigger because no one will admit to seeing it.

But something happened recently that offered an opportunity for a meaningful conversation about abortion. A couple months ago, long-time U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer announced his retirement effective in June when the Court concludes its current term. Under our Constitution, President Biden has the right to nominate Breyer's successor, who will be confirmed with the advise and consent of the Senate.

Since the Constitution was ratified in 1789, there have been about 170 nominees for a seat on the Court. For almost two centuries, confirmation was no big deal. A relatively few nominees ran into problems, but by and large, the nominees have sailed through the process. And they sailed through even though the political party not in power would rather have confirmed someone more in its liking. As for the public, it generally had no interest in who would sit on the Court.

But it all changed in the mid-1980s. Hearings became contentious, expensive, and ugly. At a hearing led by then-senator Biden, Robert Bork, a legal giant and decent man, was essentially accused of being a racist and woman-hater. Current Justices Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh were accused of being sexual harassers and abusers. The charges, all false, were smokescreens meant to hide the elephant in the room—legal abortion. Democrat senators were hellbent on preserving Roe v. Wade, no matter who they hurt in the process.

Once Justice Breyer announced his retirement, now-president Biden lost no time in revealing his plans: his nominee would be a black woman. People may legitimately question whether a nomination should be based on race or sex rather than legal ability. But there is no question that Ketanji Brown Jackson is well qualified. She is a former law clerk to the justice she may replace on the Court. She currently serves as a judge on the prestigious District of Columbia court of appeals—a steppingstone for many SCOTUS justices. When nominated for that judgeship, Republican senators confirmed her.

There is also no question that she supports legal abortion. Biden previously stated that support for legal abortion was his litmus test for a nominee. As a practicing lawyer, Jackson took pro-abortion positions. Republicans promised that unlike the three-ring circuses orchestrated by Democrats opposing Republican nominations, Judge Jackson's hearing would be dignified. And it was. Still, questions needed to be asked—and they were.

But the most important question wasn't asked: "Should a woman have a Constitutional right to kill her unborn baby by abortion for the sole reason that the baby's father is black?" Not because the woman was raped by a black man, or the victim of incest by a black relative, or because she and her partner broke up—none of which happened. Only because a woman does not want another black person in the world.

We need to have a national conversation about this question, because abortion is the ultimate contradiction about what we stand for as a nation. We profess freedom and equality for all. At the federal, state, and local levels, we outlaw discrimination in all its forms—as well we should. Yet, when it comes to human life, we tell our women that they have a super-legal right that no one else enjoys. We tell them that they may kill their unborn babies at any time in the process, for whatever reasons they want. Including race. Including disability. It makes such a mockery not only of our laws but also of our core beliefs.

It's far past time to have an honest conversation about who we are as a people. About the disconnect between our beliefs and actions. Judge Jackson will be confirmed. But in the end, we will have missed a golden opportunity to talk. And talk we must.

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#### 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.



Sessions 1 and 2 will be held at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign, Illinois. Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives.

Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. Online registration will open April 1, 2022.

Session 1: June 10-12, 2022

St. John's Catholic Newman Center Champaign, IL

Session 2: June 24-26, 2022

St. John's Catholic Newman Center Champaign, IL

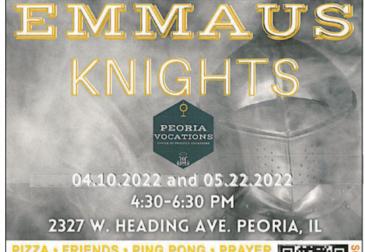
Sessions 3 and 4 will be held at Peoria Notre Dame High School. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate frisbee and card games.

Session 3: July 17-20, 2022

High School Freshmen & Sophomores Peoria Notre Dame High School

Session 4: July 20-22, 2022

Seventh & Eighth Graders Peoria Notre Dame High School

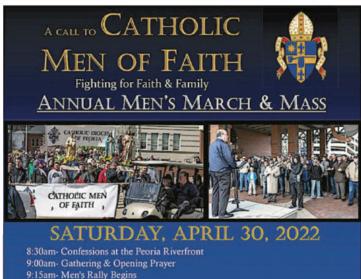


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~ Contact Father Haake or the Office of Vocations ~

"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."



9:45am- March to Cathedral

10:30am- Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St. Mary

11:45am- Fellowship & Food Following the Mass at Spalding Pastoral Ctr.



#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

#### FOR VOCATIONS - MAY 8, 2022

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



#### **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.

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**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, Doug Masching, 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

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

Wed. 04/13 No CCD - Holy Week

Altar & Rosary meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6:15 p.m.

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

Fri. 04/15 OFFICE CLOSED: Good Friday

Sun. 04/17 HAPPY EASTER!

Mon. 04/18 OFFICE CLOSED: Easter Monday

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

Tue. 04/19 Dwight Knights of Columbus meeting, Saint Patrick

Hall, 7 p.m.

Wed. 04/20 No CCD

Thu. 04/21 Saint Nicholas on Wheels, see box at left

Sacramental Life meeting, Saint Patrick Hall, 6 p.m.

04/23-04/24 Blessing of Motorcycles following all Masses
Mon. 04/25 Mobile Food Pantry, St. Lawrence Church, South

Wilmington, 4 p.m. till the food runs out

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

#### **EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

April 17th bulletin items were due by noon on Friday, April 8th Thank you for your helping us meet our early shipping deadlines.



Congratulations to Saint Patrick CCD students and Saint Paul School students who were Confirmed on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Cathedral of Saint Mary, Peoria:

Joey Groves, Zach Legner, Kit Connor, Ethan Marques, Paityn Schmidberger, Noah Davis, Joe Duffy, Addison Eggenberger, Luke Josefik, Hunter Paulsen, Coe Peters, Nolan Weis, Evan Wolf and Graham Wolf.

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

Sign up sheets are located in the vestibules of both churches for liturgical ministries, and to sit with the Lord in our Gardens of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday (15-minute increments), as well as for the bus for the Pilgrimage to our three Gardens.

### PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Patricia Schott

AND

Robert Adams

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

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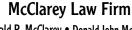
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