

SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Masses

Saturday (Anticipated)-4 PM Sunday-8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 5 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday-6:40 AM Monday - Saturday-8:30 AM Thursday-6:15 PM

We livestream Sunday 10 AM, Saturday 4 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpace.org/livestream.

Mass Times for Holy Days

Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays at 9:15 AM (after the 8:30 AM Mass) until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

Rosary

After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses
Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church
First Saturdays at 7 PM at stpacc.org/onlinerosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday - Friday-3 PM

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 5 of this bulletin.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Featured Ministry -

Walking With Purpose

Are you looking for a community with women at St. Paul? Our Walking with Purpose ministry meets on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings. We socialize, study scripture, pray together, and support each other on our faith journey. There is always room at the table for one more. If you are looking for a community of women in the parish, come for a visit. Get information on upcoming events on pages 10/11.



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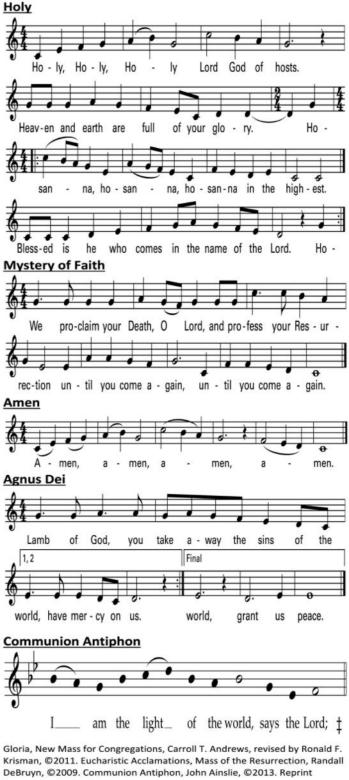
Worship Hymnal Readings - 1116

Hymns

Entrance - Christ the Way We're Called to Follow #762 Offertory - You Call to Us Lord Jesus #775

Choir Anthem Lyrics may be found in this bulletin.





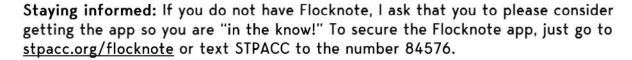
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The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,





Respect Life: Monday, January 22, the day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Join others at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Cathedral (212 E. Broad St., Columbus) for a Respect Life Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Fernandes. Following the Respect Life Mass, Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse (West Lawn). Information about the Roe Remembrance can be found at www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

Register to attend the Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences: The mission of both conferences is provide opportunities for women and men to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, to grow in their realization of their dignity as Catholics, and to strengthen their commitment to truly be disciples of Christ. There is still time to register to attend the conferences that will be held next month at the Ohio Expo Center. The Women's Conference will take place on Saturday, February 17; the Men's Conference on Saturday, February 24. See page 9 of this bulletin for registration information.

Our Sunday Offering: I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. Numerous parishioners have found that WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to the number 800-950-9952 or go online to www.stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

8:00 AM † Diana Whightsel

**10:00 AM † Duke and Mary Yannon

5:00 PM † Patricia Ann Sivinski

Monday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

6:40 AM + Charles White

8:30 AM † Frances Kijowski

Tuesday, January 23, Memorial of Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr and Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

8:30 AM Gemma Rose Taylor (Living)

Wednesday, January 24, Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

6:40 AM † Patricia Fox

8:30 AM † Terry Keating

Thursday, January 25, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

8:30 AM † Mary Jean Rizek

6:15 PM + Christopher Jobst

Friday, January 26, Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

6:40 AM + Mary Yannon

8:30 AM † Magdalene Danaraj

Saturday, January 27, Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

8:30 AM + Al Mansour

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anticipated)

4:00 PM + Ann Rizzo

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

8:00 AM Betsy King (Intentions of)

**10:00 AM † Mary Yannon

12:00 PM + Susan Molnar

5:00 PM † Eddy Lott

**Mass with incense.

Choir Anthem Lyrics Offertory Anthem By Your Mercy

By Your mercy find in me Your image, Lord, that I may be a true reflection of Your face, by Your mercy. By Your mercy speak to me clear words of hope and victory; Your loving voice assuring me of Your mercy.

Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne where I may stand by faith in Christ alone; not by any merit of my own, but by Your mercy.

By Your mercy set me free in child-like faith to trust and see Your truth in radiant robes displayed, robes of mercy.

Your righteousness exalts me to Your throne...

<u>Canticle of Praise-Bless the Lord O My Soul</u> Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.

Blessed art thou, O LORD,

Bless thou the LORD, 0 my soul.

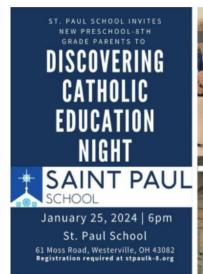
Bless the LORD and forget not all His benefits: Bless thou the LORD, O my soul,

and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness. He will not always be chiding nor keepeth He,

His wrath forever. His wrath forever.

Bless thou the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name.
O blessed art Thou. O Lord.





Applications Open January 5



New to St. Paul?

Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Welcome Home

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!



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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; and style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style

Get Involved

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at style="color: blue;">style="color: blue; where can be found at style="color: blue;">style="color:

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. style="color: blue;">style="

Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at

stpacc.org/register.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos in the Parish Office at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit stpacc.org/weddings to begin planning.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30



PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30–6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; www.stpacc.org/shop

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

Parish Office	614-882-2109
St. Paul School	614-882-2710
Preschool	614-394-9731
Parish School of Religion	614-882-5045
Prayer Line stpaulpray	yerline@stpacc.org
St. Vincent DePaul Helpline	

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center: 614-251-0200

Pregnancy Decision Health Center: 614-444-4411

Birthright: 614-221-0844

Mommies Matter: 614-723-9308

Option Line: https://optionline.org/ 1-800-712-4357

Stowe Mission, Columbus: 614-445-8400



The Catechetical Corner



What Has Athens to Do with Jerusalem?

I frequently come across people from different walks of life and faith. It seems that today, it is becoming more and more common to encounter people with little to no faith. This lack of faith stems from many different places. Maybe these people grew up in a household with no faith system. Perhaps they had a traumatic event in their lives, and they are questioning "why." Maybe they have a scientific mindset and do not see any room for God in science. Many of these doubting people have the same comment when pressed on the issue. "Well, what about the big bang.?.?" I always smile when they ask this because the Big Bang Theory (not the show, but the actual theory) was founded by a priest, Fr. Georges Catholic Nevertheless, there is still a struggle to embrace both faith and reason. Even the title of this article exemplifies this struggle. The title is a quote from Tertullian, who is wondering what does philosophy/reason (Athens) have to do with religion/faith (Jerusalem). It must not be faith vs. reason, but faith and reason.

As Catholics, we are called to embrace faith and reason, the pillars guiding our understanding of the world and our place within it. We must recognize that they complement each other in our pursuit of truth and knowledge. Faith, rooted in our belief in God's revelation, invites us to trust the unseen and accept divine truths beyond our comprehension. Faith is believing in what you cannot see. Through faith, we acknowledge the existence of God, his infinite love for us, and his divine plan for humanity. It gives us hope meaning, guiding us through This, however, is the major uncertainties. stumbling block for rationalists. If they cannot see it and/or touch it, they do not believe it exists. Just as we cannot be rationalists, we cannot fall into the trap of fideism, where faith is independent of reason.

On the other hand, reason is the gift of intellect bestowed upon us by God. It allows us to explore, analyze, and comprehend the physical, visible world. We engage in critical thinking through reason, using our faculties to examine and understand the natural order, seeking to uncover the truths that govern our existence. We can ask "why" through reason and then see, touch, and smell the answer. In our faith journey, we are called to integrate reason, using our intellect to deepen understanding of God's revelation. Reason helps us to interpret Sacred Scripture, grasp the teachings of the Church, and engage in dialogue with the world around us.

The Catholic Church has always upheld the harmony between faith and reason. Ss. Augustine and Anselm famously used the expression, "Faith seeks understanding." This means that our faith does not contradict reason but invites us to delve deeper into the mysteries of God and creation. Pope St. John Paul II also emphasized the importance of faith and reason in his encyclical "Fides et Ratio," highlighting that they are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to contemplate truth. I strongly encourage reading this encyclical.



The Catechetical Corner (continued)

At times, we may encounter conflicts between faith and reason. It is essential to approach these challenges with humility, recognizing the limitations of our understanding. In such moments, we are invited to prayerfully seek guidance, trusting that faith and reason, when properly aligned, ultimately lead us to a more profound comprehension of God's truth. We should strive to cultivate a harmonious relationship between faith and reason. We must embrace our Catholic faith wholeheartedly while nurturing our intellect, using reason to deepen our understanding of God's creation and his divine plan. By doing so, we can grow in wisdom and become beacons of light, reflecting the beauty of God's truth to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Andrew T Burson Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry



Parish School of Religion (PSR) Help Needed

We are looking to hire someone to work in the PSR Office as the Coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-2 through the end of the school year.

The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic who knows and understands the Catholic Church and its mission. We are looking for someone with a background in education, religious education, or a related field.

Responsibilities include implementing the Religious Education Curriculum for grades K-2 with extra guidance for preparing First Holy Communion and working with catechists who deliver weekly instruction to students.

Candidates should possess computer and organizational skills. This position is part-time and flexible, up to 20 hours per week, with attendance required at Wednesday afternoon/ evening PSR classes.

Those interested in learning more about this position should contact Susan Streitenberger, Director of Religious Education, at <u>sstreitenberger@stpacc.org</u> or 614-882-5045.

Thank You!

This past weekend we had so our St. Vincent de Paul Conference monthly pantry collection. As you Neighbors helping neighbors."



know, this collection benefits the St. James the Less Food Pantry and Holy Family Soup Kitchen, which feeds the homeless. The response was tremendous. In addition to the donated food products, we received a large amount of candles, socks and various other items that will be put to good use.



Pastor, Rev. Jonathan F. Wilson stpaulchurch@stpacc.org

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Antony Varghese avarghese@stpacc.org

Parochial Vicar, Rev. Daniel Olvera dolvera@columbuscatholic.org

Parochial Vicar Emeritus, Rev. David Gwinner Retired Chaplain, Navy

Deacon, Rev. Mr. Joe Ciaciura 740-549-2116

Deacon (Retired), Rev. Mr. Mickey Hawkins 614-890-2468

Director of Parish Ministry, Andrew T. Burson aburson@stpacc.org

Director of Rel. Ed., Susan Streitenberger sstreitenberger@stpacc.org

Director of Parish Admin., Rev. Mr. Dean Racine dracine@stpacc.org

Parish Business Analyst, Aron Aziz aaziz@stpacc.org

Pastoral Associate, Jeff Adair jadair@stpacc.org

Coord. of Marriage & Family Life, Dr. Laurie Navin Inavin@stpacc.org

Stewardship Director, Andrea Lopez alopez@stpacc.org

Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Nathan Forsthoefel nforsthoefel@stpacc.org

Principal, Andrea Pore apore@stpaulk-8.org

Asst. Principal, Stephanie Speed sspeed@stpaulk-8.org

Asst. Principal/Dean of Students, Luke Patterson lpatterson@stpaulk-8.org

Music Director, John Bryan jbryan@stpaulk-8.org

Parish Accountant, Deb Hawking dhawking@stpacc.org

Parish Secretary, Pat Kitzler pkitzler@stpacc.org

Parish Office Manager, Dee Shomo dshomo@stpacc.org Communications Professional, Andy Long along@stpacc.org

Census Coordinator, Annette Ramos aramos@stpacc.org

Marian Gift Shop Manager, Ellen Sullivan mariangiftshop@stpacc.org

Facilities Mgr., Michael Larkins mlarkins@stpaulk-8.org

St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Attendance	Collection				
December 17	3,361	\$225,251.63				
December 24	2,921	\$49,425.93				
December 31	3,136	\$148,949.09				
January 7	3,186	\$53,197.15				

Year to Date Collection Summary through January 7, 2024 (Jan 14/21 will be reported on Jan. 28)

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 27	Actual	Budget	Difference	Last Year Actu	ıal	Prior Year +(-)	
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 1,949,161	\$ 2,112,542	\$ (163,382)	\$ 1,852,772	\$	96,388	
Christmas	\$ 86,036	\$ 85,000	\$ 1,036	\$ 83,122	\$	2,915	
Easter	\$ 873	\$ -	\$ 873	\$ 757	\$	116	
Major Collection Totals	\$ 2,036,070	\$ 2,197,542	\$ (161,472)	\$ 1,936,651	\$	99,419	
Prior Week Totals	\$ 1,919,281	\$ 2,034,300	\$ (115,019)	\$ 1,810,799	\$	108,481	

Special Collections To Date Include:

St. Vincent DePaul \$51,246 \$ 46,394 WARM

\$ 16,855 Missionary Appeal

*Church Building Fund Envelopes:

54,469

Church Loan Balance: \$3,668,005 *Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$7,750 Savings Deposit to our Emergency Fund of \$ 7,900

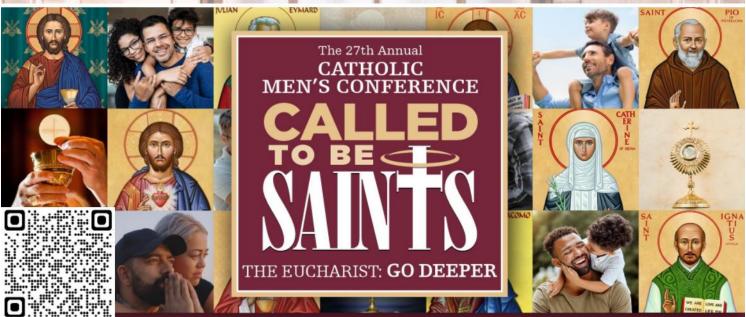


Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.









Saturday + February 24, 2024 + Kasich Hall + Columbus, OH

Register here: www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 21

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Miller Hall

The Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast after all morning Masses in Miller Hall. Everyone is invited.

2:30 PM-Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

The Youth Choir program begins in September and ends with its service at the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass. This choir is open to students in grades 4 through 8 from our Day School and Parish School of Religion. stpacc.org/ministries/youth-choir

6:00 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Alcoholics Anonymous holds twice-weekly Sundays and Fridays in Room 2 of the Parish Office.

6:15 PM-Middle School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. stpacc.org/ym

Monday January 22

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at stpace.org/chaplet

6:30 PM - Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

6:30 PM — Walking With Purpose Lower Level Room 3 (Church) Walking with Purpose (WWP), the heart of our women's ministry, is our parish-based Bible study program for adult women. The

program incorporates an at-home Scripture study, weekly small group discussion, and monthly talks on relevant study material. stpacc.org/wwp

7:00 PM - Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Nar-Anon holds weekly meetings Monday in Room 1 of the Parish Office.

Tuesday January 23

9:15 AM - Walking With Purpose Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

2:30 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - EMHC Training Church

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training will take place in the church on Tuesday, January 23 and Tuesday, January 30, at 7:00 PM. These training sessions are required for current and new EMHCs. stpacc.org/emhc.

Wednesday January 24

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM -PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. stpace.org/psr

4:45 & 6:45 PM - The Chosen Parlors

6:30 PM - That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM
That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers.

stpacc.org/tmiy

6:45 PM - High School Youth Ministry Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is a Fellowship of Individuals who, through shared experiences, strength and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating and compulsive food behaviors.

Thursday January 25

6:30 AM — That Man is You! St. Peter Room Rosary at 6:30 AM; meeting at 7:00 AM

9:15 AM - Confessions

Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession. stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

10:00 AM — Prayer Shawl Ministry
Lower Level Room 4 (Church)
The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets four times
a month on the first and third Saturdays
and the second and fourth Thursdays. Join
us for knitting or crocheting, even if you
don't know how to do either, we will gladly
teach you! stpace.org/prayershawl

3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

6:00 PM — Discovering Catholic Education Night

St. Paul School

6:30 PM- Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting

Westerville Council 5776 has more than 300 members and actively supports our clergy, our parish, and our community. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man 18 years or older.stpacc.org/kofc

7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM Young Professionals Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church) Young Professionals is a group of young

Young Professionals is a group of young Catholics looking to grow in faith and fellowship. Anyone ages 18 to 40 is welcome to join us for our meetings. <a href="style="style-to-style-sty

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)



This Week in Our Parish (continued) Friday January 26

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Saturday January 27

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study St. Peter Room

We invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy

2:30 PM - Confessions Church

5:00 PM-Knights of Columbus Free **Throw Contest**

St. Paul School Old Gym The Knights of Columbus, Westerville Council 5776, will be holding its Annual Free Throw Contest on Saturday, January 27, from 5 - 7 PM.

All girls and boys, ages 9 - 14, are encouraged to participate! There is no fee to enter, and winners will receive an official Knights of Columbus basketball. Also, winners will be able to represent our Council at the District Competition! Questions?

scott.zacherl@outlook.com.

Sunday, January 28

11:30 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at stpacc.org/rcia

2:30 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

6:30 PM - High School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

This may not be a complete list of upcoming meetings. Please refer to our parish website

(stpacc.org) or call the Parish Office (614-882-2109) to learn about our many parish ministries.

Save the Date

Walking with Purpose At Walking with Purpose, we believe that relationships matter, truth matters, and you matter.

Are you looking for a community with women at St. Paul? Our Walking with Purpose ministry meets on Monday nights and Tuesday mornings. We socialize, study scripture, pray together, and support each other on our faith journey. There is always room at the table for one more. If you are looking for a community of women in the parish, come for a visit.

We have two more Connect Coffee meetings. These are meetings where we watch a video together and discuss it. If you would like to learn more about WWP, this is a great place to start! Join us for either of the upcoming Connect Coffee meetings:

Monday, February 12 (6:30 - 8 PM) or Tuesday, February 13 (9:15 – 11 AM) Reaching Your Child's Heart Monday, March 18 (6:30 - 8 PM) or Tuesday, March 19 (9:15 - 11 AM) Set the World on Fire

Questions? Deb Levy at deblevy7@gmail.com, or 614-404-7667

Worldwide Marriage Encounter February 9-11

Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! The next weekend is February 9-11 2024 in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org. Early registration is highly recommended.

Pilgrimage to France May 31-June 9

Join Bishop Fernandes, Father Wilson, and Emily W. Jaminet on a Jubilee pilgrimage to France to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Paray-le-Monial. Celebrate daily Mass at some of the most significant Churches in our Faith tradition; walk in the footsteps of many great Saints including, St. Therese the Little Flower, St. Bernadette, St. John Vianney, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Margret Mary Alacogue: savor traditional French cuisine and wine; and deepen your love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

To learn more, about this pilgrimage, please simply go to www.ctscentral.net.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Heading to the conference on February 17th? Meet up in front of Mary, we will head out at 7:00 am. Bring your van or big car for others that need rides!

More Information: Contact Sarah Price

(614) 371-7021 sarahmprice.22@gmail.com



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Over 24,000 babies saved since 2007, 148 abortion clinics have closed, 256 abortion workers have quit! You can make a difference!

The Spring 2024 40 Days for Life campaign is nearly upon us, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and running through Palm Sunday, March 24 in over 1000 cities and towns across the U.S. and 63 nations around the globe. St. Paul Parish will once again join dozens of Catholic parishes and other Christian churches throughout the Columbus area in standing up for unborn children as part of this life saving campaign.

In addition to 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to the scourge of abortion, St. Paul Parish has again committed to providing prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood, 3255 E. Main St, Columbus, on Saturday, March 9 from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

Please consider joining over two dozen of your fellow St. Paul parishioners who joined us in the Fall 2023 campaign for two hours of prayer in a non-confrontational environment. Those who are unable to attend are asked to pray and fast for an end to abortion. To stand up for the innocent preborn babies, or to learn more, please contact St. Paul's 40 Days for Life volunteer coordinators Gary Anderson (614-402-3842, garyanderson5656@gmail.com) or Yvonne Blegen (614-284-1757, yblegen@gmail.com). Thank you!

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



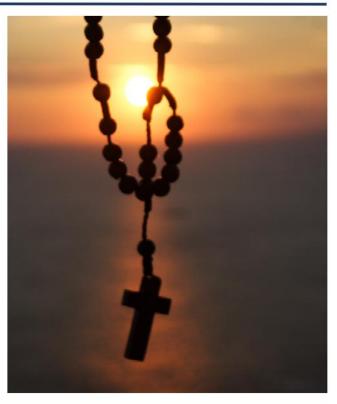
Blood Drive St. Paul Catholic Church

Miller Hall 313 N. State Street Westerville, OH 43082

Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code; SaintPaulCC

Share your heart! Come give in Feb. for a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. See roblood.org/heart



Around the Diocese of Columbus

Respect Life Mass

Monday, January 22, 2024, 10:30 AM St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad Street, Columbus. On this day of the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision, our diocese will join all dioceses of the United States in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Principal celebrant and homilist is Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. All are invited. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

Roe Remembrance at the Statehouse Monday, January 22, 2024, Noon to 1 PM Greater Columbus Right to Life will sponsor the annual Roe Remembrance at the Ohio Statehouse (West Lawn) following the 10:30 a.m. Respect Life Mass at St. Joseph

Cathedral. For additional information, visit www.gcrtl.org/roe.html.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, February 2, 2024 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon to award the 2024 Catholic Man of the Year. The award will be presented by Bishop Earl Fernandes. The luncheon is sponsored by The Order of Foresters, a Catholic Fraternal Benefit Life Insurance Society since 1883. More information is available at www.catholicforester.org or contacting Mike Dippold at (614) 847-0649.

If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foley513@gmail.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Bishop Fernandes' presentation of the award. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon is Friday March 1, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Michael Fry about Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

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Saint Francis de Sales and the Character of a Christian: Devotion (Part 1 of 4)

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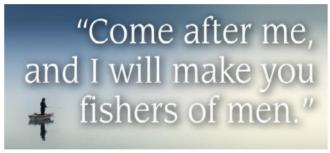


Connecting the Word of God to Our Lives

Reflecting on Today's Gospel...

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Gospel: Mark 1:14-20



Jesus begins His public ministry immediately after being tempted by the devil while in the desert for forty days. As He begins His ministry, He declares: "This is the time of fulfillment." First, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry was, historically speaking, the "time of fulfillment," in that the new era of the Gospel and grace had just begun. But the "time of fulfillment" of which Jesus speaks also refers to each and every time that we hear the Gospel and respond. We do this by sincerely repenting of our sins and by

becoming a fuller member of God's Kingdom. But ponder for a moment the specific word "fulfillment." What does this mean?

The word "fulfilled" can be contrasted with its opposite "unfulfilled." To be unfulfilled is always undesirable. In this world, many people find themselves unfulfilled and try to fill this void with many things. Interestingly, the three temptations that Jesus had just experienced in the desert are among the temptations that so many people give into during their search for fulfillment in life.

First, Jesus was hungry, and the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread to satiate that hunger. This is a temptation to fleshly fulfillment. Second, the devil tempted Jesus to throw Himself off the pinnacle of the Temple to prove He was the Son of God. This is a temptation to fulfillment by pride-pride to convince another of one's importance and identity. Third, the devil showed Jesus all the nations of the world and promised them to our Lord if Jesus worshiped him. This is a temptation to fulfillment by obtaining earthly wealth and power. Of course, Jesus rejected all three temptations as a way of showing that none of these truly fulfill us. And He did this just prior to the beginning of His public ministry so as to then go forth preaching the true message of fulfillment. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

True fulfillment is only found in the Gospel, the message of Truth that Jesus shared during His three years of public ministry and then brought to completion by His sacrificial death and resurrection. Only those who heed His words and open themselves to the grace poured forth from the Cross are able to find the fulfillment that they seek.

Reflect, today, upon your own interior desire for fulfillment in life. How do you try to satiate this desire? Do you allow the evil one to trick you into thinking that fleshly desires, pride or wealth are the answer? Reject those temptations with our Lord and then immerse yourself in His Gospel message, which is the only source of fulfillment in life.

Lord of true fulfillment, You and You alone are the source of the fullness of life. I believe that with all my heart. Please give me the grace I need to reject all temptations in life and to cling only to Your holy Word and the grace given to all who follow You. Jesus, I trust in You.



Preparing for Next Sunday's Mass...

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

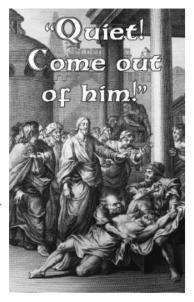
It's interesting to note that this unclean spirit immediately knows Who Jesus is. This is because each of two opposites emphasizes the other very clearly. For example, the color black is most clearly seen when it is placed in front of something white. Or something hot is most noticeable after experiencing something very cold. And a loud noise is most jarring when someone is sitting in silence. And so it is with Jesus and evil. Jesus, the Holy One of God, is most clearly seen when He comes in contact with an unclean spirit.

This fact gives us some wonderful insights into our journey toward the heights of holiness. Oftentimes, when one experiences a profound and transforming conversion, it is because they were first living a life of sin. When one who is living in sin encounters the saving grace of God, it is quite noticeable. And that is good.

But there is also another spiritual insight we can take from this. To further the analogy, it is also true that when the color black is put next to something dark blue, or something hot is touched after holding something quite warm, there is less notice taken. So it is with the spiritual life. When we are striving to obtain true holiness of life, and when we are already living the many virtues to which we are called, the next step closer to God might not be nearly as noticeable. Instead, growth in perfection for one who is already striving for perfection will be very subtle. And that is also good.

This is important to understand because sometimes, when a person has gone through a powerful conversion earlier in life, they want to return to the experience they had when they initially converted. But that should not be our goal. Instead, we should continually strive to experience these more subtle changes that take us from a life of holiness to one of even greater holiness. In this case, if you do not sense a powerful contrast of spiritual experiences within you, that may be simply because there are no serious sins you are trying to overcome. Thus, the ideal for every Christian is to eventually experience less contrasting spiritual experiences and more that are gentle and subtle as our Lord continues to gently perfect you in many ways.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual journey toward holiness. If you do see serious sin in your life, know that God wants to profoundly free you and draw you through a major conversion. If you do not see serious sin in your life and if you already strive daily to become holy, then rejoice if your spiritual consolations and communications from God are much more subtle and, at times, undetectable. Keep working at perfection and rejoice that you are on the correct path.



Lord of all holiness, please continue to draw me into the life of perfection. Help me to grow in every virtue and to continually be aware of every gift of grace I am given. Please help me, especially, to be attentive to every small and subtle grace and to respond to those graces with a truly open and grateful heart. Jesus, I trust in You!

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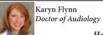
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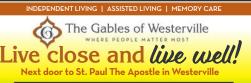
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