

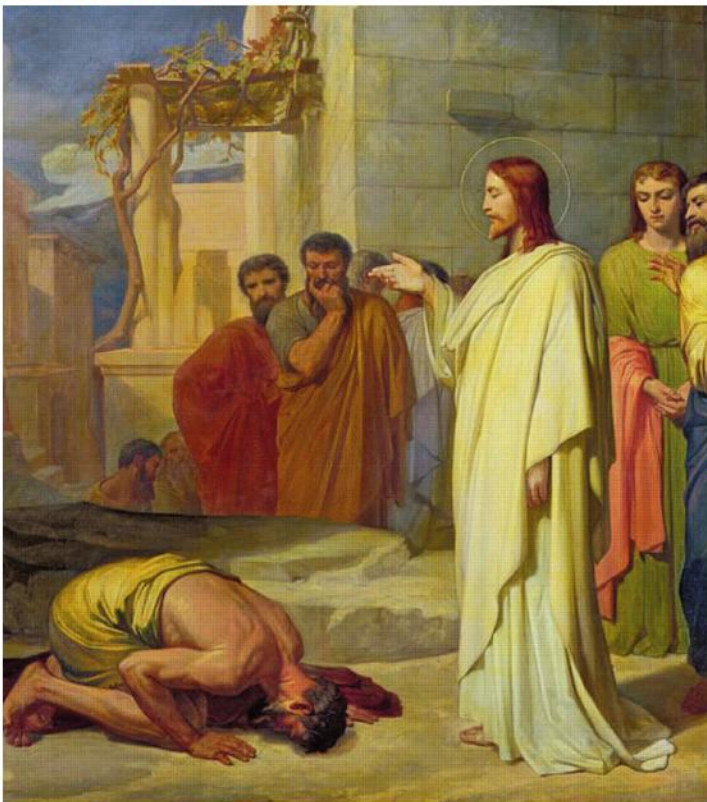
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SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

February 11, 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SIXTH 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 stpacc.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 after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

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

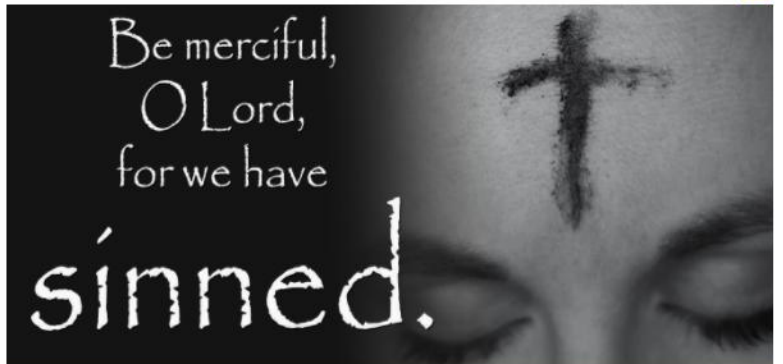
Monday - Friday–3 PM

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.

Featured

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is February 14 and is the beginning of the holy season of Lent as we prepare for the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. During Lent we increase our works of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These three have at their foundation Faith, which is a gift from God. How will you and your family grow in your faith and prepare your hearts for Easter? Our Lenten schedule can be found on page 10.



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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Worship Hymnal Readings – 1125

Hymns

Entrance - Alleluia Sing to Jesus #953

Offertory - Amazing Grace #650

Communion - Draw Near #935

Choir Anthem Lyrics may be found in this bulletin.

Gloria

All:
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.

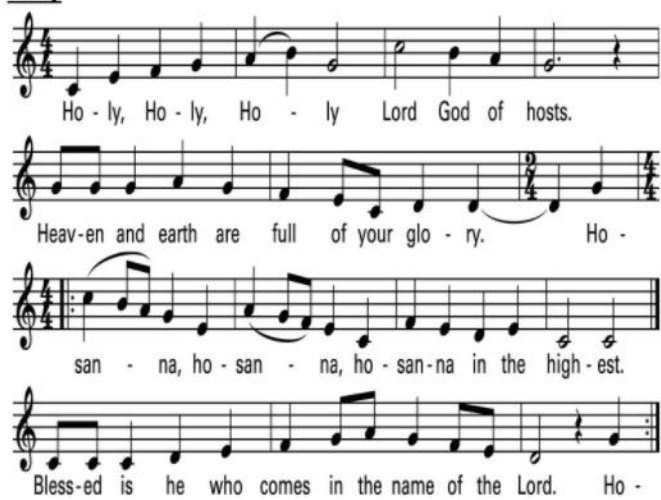
Choir (Congr. ad lib):
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

All:
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Holy



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

Mystery of Faith



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

Amen



A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem – Psalm 121

I lift my eyes unto the hills from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade on your right hand, the sun shall not harm you by day nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
He will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth, forever more, amen.

Canticle of Praise – Ave Verum Corpus

Ave, verum corpus	Hail, true body
natum de Maria Virgine	born of the Virgin Mary,
Vere passum immolatum	Who truly suffered, sacrificed
in Cruce pro homine,	on the Cross for man,
Cujus latus perforatum	Whose pierced side overflowed
unda fluxit et sanguine,	with water and blood,
Esto nobis praegustatum	Be for us a foretaste
in mortis examine.	In the test of death.

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to stpacc.org/flocknote or text STPACC to the number 84576.



Ash Wednesday and Lent:

The holy season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024. This special day is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. Check out our website or page 10 of this bulletin for a complete list of our Ash Wednesday Masses and Services.

Women's and Men's Conferences:

It is not too late to register for the upcoming Catholic Women's Conference (columbuscatholicwomen.com) that will take place on Saturday, February 17 and the Catholic Men's Conference (catholicmensministry.com) on Saturday, February 24. Both conferences will be held again this year in Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center.

Interior Work in Our Church:

You may recall that back in November, we began some necessary insulation work on the church ceiling and then took a break on the project during the holiday season. We have resumed the insulation project and work will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays for much of this month. Nonetheless the church will remain open for Mass and prayer throughout the week; no work will take place on the weekends.

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](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

SPREAD THE WORD

by supporting our parish offertory

Fill out and return your offertory commitment card today to help us continue to be inspired by Saint Paul and spread the Gospel to the far reaches of our community.



Scan here or visit stpacc.org/fund-the-mission to submit your card online

Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM † Eric Letke

**10:00 AM † Theresa Spaulding

12:00 PM † John Kneibies

5:00 PM † Connie Ream

Monday, February 12

Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13

6:40 AM † Mary Lou Del Bianco

8:30 AM † Dennis Kairis

Tuesday, February 13

Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

8:30 AM † Suheil Hijazeen

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17;
2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:40 AM † Mary Jean Rizek

8:30 AM † Bruno Ciotola

7:00 PM People of St. Paul the Apostle

Thursday, February 15

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 AM † Spencer Smith

6:15 PM † Mary and Hugo Yanon

Friday, February 16

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

6:40 AM † Cecilia Guzzo

8:30 AM † Nick Schroeder

Saturday February 17, Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

8:30 AM † Dennis Kairis

First Sunday in Lent (anticipated)

4:00 PM † Alberto Aufiero

Sunday, February 18, First Sunday in Lent

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

8:00 AM † Mary Yannon

**10:00 AM † Mario Romanelli

12:00 PM † Jim Imperata

5:00 PM † Mary Yannon

**Mass with incense.

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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TO 84576



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 stpacc.org/rcia.

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 stpacc.org/ministries

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. stpaulk-8.org

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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 worshipping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos 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; stpacc.org/shop

Bulletin

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

Important Contacts

Parish Office	614-882-2109
St. Paul School	614-882-2710
Preschool	614-394-9731
Parish School of Religion	614-882-5045
Prayer Line	stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org
St. Vincent DePaul Helpline	614-973-9772
Young Professionals	StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com
Spirit of Peace Counseling	stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center	614-251-0200
Birthright	614-221-0844
PDHC	614-444-4411
Mommies Matter	614-723-9308
Option Line	optionline.org 1-800-712-4357
Stowe Mission, Columbus	614-445-8400
Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County	740-417-9358

THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



I Wouldn't Do That If I Were You

One of my favorite novels is *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde, a 19th-century classic of English literature. In this masterpiece, Dorian becomes increasingly enamored with the idea of eternal youth and beauty, expressing a desire for his self-portrait to age instead of him. He inadvertently makes a Faustian (von Goethe is for another time) bargain when he wishes that the portrait would bear the consequences of his actions, leaving him free to indulge in a life of decadence without physical consequences. As Dorian engages in a series of immoral and destructive behaviors, the portrait ages and bears the marks of his sins. Dorian, however, remains untouched by the passage of time and the consequences of his sins.

For Dorian, he had the portrait that was being painted of him to take the brunt of his sins. His portrait can be likened to our souls in the non-fiction world where we live. The Greek word for sin is "hamartia," literally, "to miss the mark." When we sin, we miss the mark of perfection, and our souls take the brunt of our actions.

In the Catholic Church, sin is generally understood as any thought, word, deed, or omission that goes against the divine law revealed in the Scriptures and taught by the Church. Sin is seen as a departure from God's will and a failure to live by the moral principles outlined in the Ten Commandments and other teachings of the Church.

We distinguish between two main sin types: mortal and venial. Mortal sin is a severe and grave offense against God's law that involves full knowledge and deliberate consent. Mortal sin separates the soul from God's grace, leading to spiritual death. To be forgiven for mortal sin, a person must confess it in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

For a sin to be considered mortal, three conditions must be met. Grave matter: According to moral teaching, the act itself must be inherently serious or considered a grave matter. Grave matters typically involve actions that are fundamentally contrary to the moral law, such as murder, adultery, blasphemy, or theft. Full knowledge: the person sinning must have complete knowledge and awareness that the act is wrong. This means they understand the sinful nature of the action and the potential consequences for their relationship with God. Deliberate consent: despite knowing that the act is gravely wrong, the individual must freely and deliberately choose to sin. This implies a willful decision to go against God's commandments. Once confessed and forgiven, we can be partakers of divine life.

Venial sin is a less serious offense that does not meet the criteria for mortal sin. While venial sins do not lead to the separation of the soul from God, they are still considered harmful to the soul and can impede spiritual growth. We are also encouraged to confess venial sins, but they can be forgiven through other means, such as prayers, acts of contrition, and participation in the Eucharist.

For the forgiveness of sins, Confession is necessary. In Confession, we come face-to-face with what separates us from God. In the book, Dorian could see the deterioration of his soul in the portrait. We are not so lucky. We cannot physically see what sin does to our souls. At the end of the work, Dorian decides that only a full confession will absolve him of his many misdeeds. For us, too, only a full confession of our sins will restore our lives with Christ.



JOIN THE CREW

Become A VBS Volunteer Today!

Make a splash this summer!



Join Us

**VBS IS
JUNE 10-
14 2024**



NEED MORE INFO??

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT VBS AND THE ROLE YOU CAN PLAY THIS SUMMER! INFORMATION MEETING IS IN ROOM LL1, ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH, 7:00 PM

Roles available:

- Station Leaders
- Room leaders
- Set up/tear down, craft prep
- Decoration team
- Teens get service hours!!

For any questions and to RSVP for April , Contact Sarah Price

stpaccvbs@gmail.com

This Week in Our Parish Sunday, February 11

**St. Vincent de Paul Monthly
Pantry Collection**

7th Grade Butterbraid Sales

**11:00 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**

The Youth Choir program begins in September and ends with its service at the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass. 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.

**6:30 PM – High 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. Ends at 8:30 PM. stpacc.org/ym

Monday, February 12

**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 stpacc.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. stpacc.org/wwwp

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

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Lower Level Room 3 (Church)**
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**2:30 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal
Choir Classroom**

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

**7:00 PM - Handmaids of the Eucharist
Parlor 1**

Wednesday, February 14

**Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
Day of Fasting and Abstinence**

No PSR Classes

**6:40 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass
Church**

**8:30 AM - Ash Wednesday Mass
Church**

**12:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Service
Church**

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

**5:30 PM - Ash Wednesday Service
Church**

**7:00 PM - Ash Wednesday Solemn Mass
Church**

**7:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous
Parish Office Room 2**

Thursday, February 15

**6:30 AM – That Man is You!
St. Peter Room**

**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.

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

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

**7:00 PM – Adult Choir Rehearsal
Church**

**7:00 PM - Young Adult Bible Study
Lower Level Room 1 (Church)**

Young Adults 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. stpacc.org/ypm

**7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus
Lower Level Room 3 (Church)**

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

Friday, February 16

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

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

**5:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Fish Fry
Miller Hall**

**7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross
Church**

Friday, February 16

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church

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

Saturday, February 17

Columbus Catholic Women's
Conference
Ohio Expo Center Kasich Hall

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

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7th Grade Butterbraid Sales

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Choir Classroom

6:00 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous
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6:15 PM – Middle School Youth Ministry
Klinger Center

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stpacc.org/ym



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CARPOOL

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

Save the Date

Sabbatical Presentations

On February 21, Father Wilson will hold two sessions to present highlights and experiences from his 2023 sabbatical. The first session will be held at 9:30 AM in Lower Level Room 3. The second session will be held in the Kinger Center at 7:00 PM.

Rosary Making Group

All who are interested in sharing the gift of the rosary are invited to join the Rosary making group at St. Paul's. No experience or knowledge of making rosaries is required and anyone can be easily taught to make them! All materials for rosary making will be provided and finished rosaries will be sent to missions across the world. Meetings will be held once a month in Lower Level Room 2 on second Tuesdays at 7pm. First meeting is on March 12

Please reach out to Dominica Bean (614-271-9450, dominicabean13@gmail.com) with any questions."

Opportunities to Serve

Altar Linens Ministry Help Needed!

We are looking for one to two people interested in helping out with cleaning and ironing the altar linens, corporals, and other linens used during mass. No experience is required, you will be trained. Commitment is one month per year. Please contact Amy San Filippo at sanfilippo_amy@yahoo.com for more information.

JOIN Special Collection

Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, JOIN, is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office, located at 578 E Main St. in downtown Columbus. Sharing God's love and word through the assistance provided to our brothers and sisters is our daily aspiration.

Because of the generosity, throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We can also assist with more complicated issues such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificates and transportation.

The Ash Wednesday collection of your church and others, is instrumental in our mission to serve our neighbors with these various needs and more. All donations go directly to improve the quality of life for those we serve. It is a modest but significant way to begin Lent, for you and the community.

On behalf of all of us here at JOIN, and from the neighbors we serve, thank you for all you do through your ministries that serve our brothers and sisters. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time 614-241-2530 or lkeita@columbuscatholic.org.

God bless you with His grace and Peace!



LENT 2024

"Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy on us,
for we have sinned against thee..."

ASH WEDNESDAY · FEBRUARY 14

+ 6:40 AM · 8:30 AM · 7 PM | Holy Mass with Ashes +
12 PM · 5:30 PM | Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

FRIDAYS OF LENT

+ 5-7:30 PM | Fish Fry · Miller Hall +
7:30 PM | Stations of the Cross

PENANCE SERVICES

+ Wednesday, March 13 · 7 PM +
Wednesday, March 20 · 7 PM

PARISH MISSION · MARCH 17-19

+ Rev. Pawel Rytel-Andrianik, SSD, DPhil +
Sunday, March 17 – Tuesday, March 19 · 7-9 PM

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

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Attendance	Collection
January 7	3,186	53,197.15
January 14	3,139	85,827.50
January 21	3,425	68,944.03
January 28	3,280	54,798.28

Year to Date Collection Summary through January 28, 2024

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

Summary for Week # 30	Actual	Budget	Difference	Last Year Actual	Prior Year +/-
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 2,156,810	\$ 2,347,269	\$ (190,460)	\$ 2,048,358	\$ 108,451
Christmas	\$ 86,204	\$ 85,000	\$ 1,204	\$ 83,552	\$ 2,653
Easter	\$ 923	\$ -	\$ 923	\$ 757	\$ 166
Major Collection Totals	\$ 2,243,937	\$ 2,432,269	\$ (188,332)	\$ 2,132,667	\$ 111,270
Prior Week Totals	\$ 2,117,755	\$ 2,269,027	\$ (151,272)	\$ 1,852,772	\$ 264,983

Special Collections To Date Include:

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 55,496
WARM \$ 46,594
Missionary Appeal \$ 16,855

*Church Building Fund Envelopes:

\$ 56,016
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.





**WESTERVILLE
COUNCIL 5776**

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING
LENT
5:00PM-7:30PM
MILLER HALL




- Adult Meal - \$15.00**
- Seniors (65+) - \$12.00**
- Children (6-11) - \$6.00**
- Family - \$50.00**
(Parents + 3 or more kids)
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The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org or contact your parish priest.

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Reflecting on the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 11, 2024

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2; 44-46; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

In the Old Testament, Leviticus 14, God gave Moses a purification rite to be used for those who were cured of leprosy. This detailed rite that spanned several days was used to reintegrate a healed leper back into society. After Jesus healed the leper in today's Gospel passage, He ordered him to "go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." Thus, Jesus not only healed the man but instructed him that he was ready to be restored to the community.

At that time, leprosy was a horrible disease, not only for its physical effects, but also because the leper was not permitted to be a part of the society. This was because leprosy was quite contagious. By keeping those infected separate, the disease did not spread as easily to others.

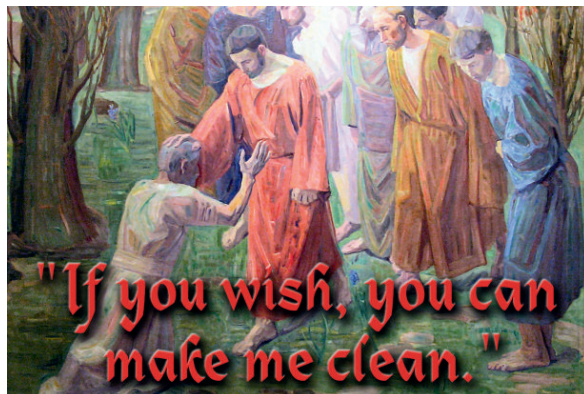
As we ponder this healing, try to imagine not only the pain caused by the leper's disease, but especially the pain caused by his isolation. Obviously, there were no phones at that time, no video chatting, and no means of communication from a distance. Therefore, isolation would have meant a complete loss of the person's relationship with his family and friends, as well as his former livelihood, home and all that was a part of his life.

On a spiritual level, the various illnesses that Jesus cured are, in part, to be seen as symbols of sin. In the case of leprosy, we should see this illness as a symbol of the effects of mortal sin. And mortal sin, unless it is cured by God's forgiveness, has the effect of completely isolating a person from the life of grace. One becomes cut off from a relationship with God, as well as every other relationship that is centered in Christ. When one commits mortal sin and remains in that sin, that person is not capable of true love, since all grace is gone from their life. Therefore, their relationships become self-centered, demanding and unholy.

For those who have fallen into mortal sin, this leper is a symbol of the way out. First, he came to Jesus and knelt down before Him. He humbled himself before our Lord, acknowledging that Jesus was the answer to his ailment. He then begged Jesus for help. But the way he begged Jesus is also revealing: he did not demand a healing but instead simply professed his faith in the fact that Jesus could heal him. And then he knelt there in trust and hope. This leper teaches us the perfect way to approach our Lord when we struggle with serious sin.

Reflect, today, upon this leper. Try to understand his isolation and loss. Try to understand his humility and faith. And seek to imitate the way that he comes to our Lord. Do not be afraid to humble yourself before God as you acknowledge the sins and other needs you have. Profess your faith in His almighty power and love, and place yourself into His hands of merciful love. He will not let you down.

Most merciful Lord, You desire all of Your children to be healed of the many sins that keep them from communion with You and with Your people. Please give me the faith and trust I need to always be able to humble myself before You so as to receive the restoration to Your grace I so desire. Jesus, I trust in You.



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