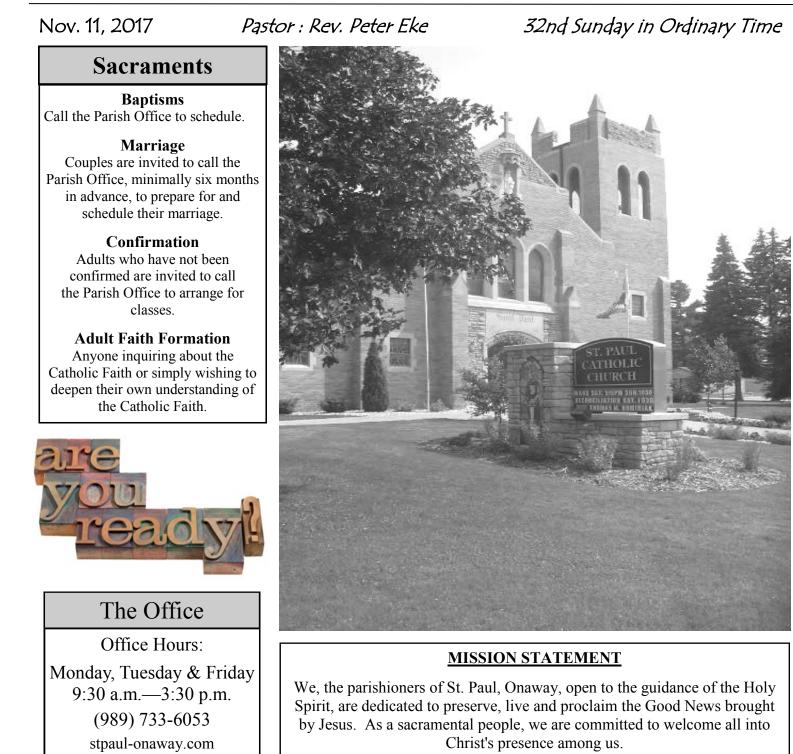


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From the Pastor's Desk

Venerable Solanus Casey will be beatified on Saturday, November 18, Mass at Ford Field in Detroit. Fr. Solanus, a Capuchin priest died in 1957. Known for his great faith, attention to the sick, and ability as a spiritual counselor. Born on November 25, 1870 as Bernard Casey. He was the sixth child of 16 born to Irish immigrants in Wisconsin. At age 17 he left home to work at various jobs, including as a lumberjack, a hospital orderly, and a prison guard. Re-evaluating his life after witnessing a drunken sailor brutally stab a woman to death, he decided to act on a call he felt to enter the priesthood. Because of his lack of formal education, however, he struggled in the minor seminary, and was eventually encouraged to become a priest through a religious order rather than through the diocese.

In 1898, Fr. Solanus joined the Capuchin Franciscans in Detroit and after struggling through his studies, in 1904 was ordained a "sacerdos simplex" - a priest who can say Mass, but not publicly preach or hear confessions. During the course of his priestly ministry he was very close to the sick and was highly sought-after throughout his life, in part because of the many physical healings attributed to his blessings and intercession. He was a co-founder of Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen in 1929. He faithfully served the people of Detroit, MI, Huntington, IN, New York City and Yonkers, NY by providing soup for the hungry, kind words for the troubled, and a healing touch for the ill. Wherever he served, people (Catholics and non-Catholics) would line up for blocks for a moment with Fr. Solanus.

For 21 years he was porter at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. As porter he met thousands of people from every age and walk of life. He earned recognition as "The Doorkeeper." He was always ready to listen to anyone at any time, day or night....and to encourage everyone to "thank God ahead of time." He is also known for his fondness for playing the violin and singing, although he had a bad singing voice because of a childhood illness which damaged his vocal chords. Even in his 70s, Fr. Solanus Casey remained very active, and would even join the younger religious men in a game of tennis or volleyball. He died from erysipelas, a skin disease, on July 31, 1957, at the age of 87.

Because of Fr. Solanus' holiness, Pope John Paul II declared him Venerable in 1995. A miracle attributed to Venerable Casey's intercession was recognized by Pope Francis on May 4, 2016. The upcoming beatification on November 18, will allow public veneration of him as being a saintly and holy person and with that he receives the title of "Blessed." With this declaration, he is acknowledged as one who is in heaven, and in union with God. Another approved miracle after that will advance the Cause finally to sainthood.

Fr. Solanus' holiness is inspiring. He had incredible faith and he was a holy man. Often, people think that holiness is unattainable. But Fr. Solanus demonstrated that an ordinary person can live an extraordinarily faithful life. Pilgrimages to the Solanus Casey Center lead the pilgrim to discover that we are all capable of living a faith-filled life.

On November 18, I will join a few from our parish and from the diocese in the Eucharistic celebration for the beatification of Fr. Solanus. The Faith Formation team will be organizing a pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Soup Kitchen next year as part of our parish evangelization outreach. More information will be provided in the months ahead. A pilgrimage to the Solanus Casey Center is a trek to reenforce or re-discover our faith and love for God.

Know that you are loved

Fr. Peter

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Nov 14th @ 9am + Euretta Lemire req. Pat Kloosterman

Wednesday, Nov. 15th @ 6pm + Carol Bauer req. Denny Bauer

Thursday, Nov. 16th @ 9am + Charlie Schaar req. Sally Schaar

Friday, Nov. 17th @ 9am + Earl & Lillian Bandish req. Dick & Marilyn Manners

Saturday, Nov. 18th @ 5pm Parishioners of St. Paul / St. Monica

Sunday, Oct. 19th @ 10am + Joey LaFave req. Bud Hanel

Tuesday, November 14th Ladies Study Group- 4:30pm AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, November 15th NO Soup Kitchen

Friday, November 17th AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Saturday, November 18th Parish Rummage Sale 9am-2pm

Sunday, November 19th K-12 Faith Formation 11am

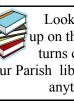
K—12 Faith Formation

Our Parish Rummage Sale is Saturday Nov. 18. We are now taking donations Drop off items anytime the office is open. Please no tvs or clothes

Thank you to all of you who continue to bring your returnables to help support Faith Formation.

Readings for Week of Nov. 13th Mon: Wis 1:1-7 / Lk 17:7-10 Tues: Wis 2:23-3:9 / Lk 17:7-10 Wed: Wis 6:1-11 / Lk 17:11-19 Thurs: Wis 7:22b-8:1 / Lk 17:20-25 Fri: Wis 13:1-9 / Lk 17:26-38 Sat: Wis 18:14-16: 19:6-9 / Lk 18:1-8 Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 / Ps128 1Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30





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Ann Bandish	Dorothy Connors	Catherine Green
Deb Bandish	Theresa Czajka	Jackie Hanel
Colleen Berry	Donna Diller	Chuck Hart
Wayne Berry	Louise Dorton	Pat Harman
Mary Bower	Elvin Eagleson	Yolanda Harrison
Bill Breed	William Ellenberger	Jim Hayes
Sandra Bunk	Martha Frost	Harry Hopkins
Abel Canales	Donna Giessinger	Marlene Hopkins
Gary J. Castonia	Vicki Giessinger	Starr Ittu
Bob Carter	Vicki Gosinski	Nancy Madison

Week at a Glance

Nov. 12th, 19th, 26th



St. Paul Parish Family Welcomes all deer hunters. Good Luck to All! Have a safe & successful hunting season.

Looking for a good book to curl up on the couch with as the weather turns cold? Come and check out our Parish library in classroom 5. Stop by anytime office is open.

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Mike Marx Brittany Maynard Dennis McGuire Sid Merchant Bob Merrick Kathv Merrick Carolyn Mousseau Patrick Mousseau Ann Osantowski **Brent Passino**

Anya Pecova David Riley Roaer Rivard Diana Rogers DJ Sayers Norma Schoolcraft Carol Skaggs Frank Sobieralski Karen Sobieralski **Ray Stiles**

<u>Bless you for your Stewardship</u>

St. Paul: 11/5/17 Reg. \$2,743.00 + Loose \$305.00 + Fuel \$36.00 + Mission Sunday \$10.00 = \$3.094.00

2nd Collection \$167.94

St. Monica: 11/5/17 Reg. \$187.00

Yearly Comparison as of 9/30/17

St. Paul

Income 9/30/17 49,354.03 Income 9/30/16 42,212.35

St. Monica

Income 9/30/17 3,972.22 Income 9/30/16 4,316.94

Mark your Calendars

Tues. Nov. 14th-Ladies Bible Study Tues, Nov. 21st-Ladies Bible Study Sat. Nov. 25th—Adoration Sun. Nov. 26th-Adoration

- Raffle Drawing

Parish Christmas party is December 3rd following mass. Bring your favorite dish

If you know of someone whom we can put on the prayer list or someone who can be taken off. Please let us know at the office. We want to make sure everyone's needs are being meet. Thank you. Just give us a call at 733-6053

> Adam & Cristna Sova & their Baby Walter Szymoniak Dave Tesmer Sue Tesmer Shirley Traflet **Bob Turnev** Lois Veihl **Randy Veihl** Randy Weber