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# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH—AFTON

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Nov. 19, 2017

Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sacraments

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Call the Parish Office to schedule.

### Marriage

Couples are invited to call the  
Parish Office, minimally six months  
in advance, to prepare for and  
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Adults who have not been  
confirmed are invited to call  
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## The Office

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Paul, Onaway, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are dedicated to preserve, live and proclaim the Good News brought by Jesus. As a sacramental people, we are committed to welcome all into Christ's presence among us.

# From the Pastor's Desk

In the first reading (Proverb 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31) this weekend we find the word "fear" mentioned ".....the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised". The responsorial psalm ( ps 128) says "Blessed are those who fear the Lord." In the gospel reading (25:14-30), the word "fear" is also mentioned by the third servant who was given one talent "Master, I know that you are a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter, so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground."

What is the difference between the "fear of the Lord" and the "fear" mentioned by the third servant? The "fear of the Lord" is sometimes misunderstood because of the word "fear." "Fear of the Lord" is not a servile fear whereby a person serves God simply because he fears punishment, whether some sort of temporal punishment in this life or the eternal punishment of hell. A genuine relationship with God is based on love, not fear. Therefore, this "fear of the Lord" is a filial or reverential fear that moves a person to do God's will and avoid sin because of love for God, who is all good and deserving of all of our love. In a similar way, a child should not be motivated to obey a parent simply because of fear of punishment, but because of love and respect; a person who loves someone does not want to disappoint or to break the other person's heart. One should fear hurting a loved one and violating that person's trust more than one should fear punishment. Nevertheless, one should have a healthy sense of fear for the punishment due to sin, including the fires of hell, even though this should not be the motivating factor for loving God.

The fear of God is quite different from being afraid as alluded by the third servant. The fear of God must be learned: "Come, my children, listen to me," the Psalmist says, "I will teach you the fear of the Lord" (33:12); being afraid, on the other hand, does not need to be learned at school; it overtakes us suddenly in the face of danger; the things themselves bring about our being afraid. But the meaning itself of fearing God is different from being afraid. It is a component of faith: It is born from knowledge of who God is. This fear is often called "the beginning of wisdom" because it leads to making the right choices in life. Indeed it is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit! (cf. Isaiah 11:2).

As always, the Gospel does not only illumine our faith but it also helps us to understand the reality of everyday life. Our time has been called "the age of anxiety" (W.H. Auden). Anxiety, which is closely related to being afraid, has become the sickness of the century. The cause of this anxiety is the diminishing — if not the complete disappearance — in our society of the holy fear of God. "No one fears God anymore!" We say this sometimes jokingly but it contains a tragic truth. The more that the fear of God diminishes, the more we become afraid of our fellow men! Forgetting God, we place all our confidence in the things of this world, that is, in the things that Christ says "thieves can steal and moths consume" — uncertain things that can disappear from one moment to the next.

The decline in fear of God, rather than liberating us from worry, gets us more entangled in worry. Look at what happens in the relationship between children and parents in our society. Fathers no longer fear God and children no longer fear fathers! The fear of God is reflected in and analogous to the reverential fear of children for parents. The Bible continually associates the two things. But does the lack of this reverential fear for their parents make the children and young people of today more free and self-confident? We know well that the exact opposite is true. The way out of the crisis is to rediscover the necessity and the beauty of the holy fear of God. God does not want us to be afraid of him but to have confidence in him. It is in this way that respect is nourished: admiration, confidence, everything that falls under the name of "holy fear." A person respects God as God, trusts in His will, and anchors his life in Him. He approaches the Lord with humility, docility and obedience. He believes in His promises of forgiveness of sin and eternal life in heaven. Also, this gift is the launch pad for the other gifts. As sacred Scripture attests, "Happy the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commands" (Ps 112:1).

Know you are Loved,  
Father Peter

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, Nov. 21st @ 9am**  
+Theresa Parenteau  
req. Corriveau / Cryderman Families

**Wednesday, Nov. 22nd @ 6pm**  
+ Mike Vickory  
req. Father Peter

**Thursday, Nov. 23rd @ 9am**  
+ Parish Volunteers  
req. The Parish

**Friday, Nov. 24th @ 9am**  
+ Jim Kloosterman  
req. Pat Kloosterman

**Saturday, Nov. 25th @ 5pm**  
+Lawrence Veihl  
req. Lois Veihl

**Sunday, Nov. 26th @ 10am**  
Parishioners of St. Monica / St. Paul

## Readings for Week of Nov. 19th

**Mon: 1Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 / Lk 18:35-43**

**Tues: 2Mc 6:18-31 / Lk 19:1-10**

**Wed: 2Mc 7:1, 20-31 / Lk 19:11-28**

**Thurs: Sir 50:22-24 / Ps 145 / 1Cor 1:3-9 / Lk 17-11-19**

**Fri: 1Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 / Lk 19:45-48**

**Sat: 1Mc 6:1-13 / Lk 20:27-40**

**Sun: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 / Ps 23 / 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 / Mt 25:31-46**

## Week at a Glance

**Tuesday, November 21st**  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

**Wednesday, November 22nd**  
Soup Kitchen 2:30– 5:30pm  
Karate 6pm  
Men's Study Group 7pm

**Friday, November 24th**  
Office Closed  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

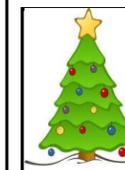
**Saturday, November 25th**  
Adoration 4pm

**Sunday, November 26th**  
Adoration 9am  
K-12 Faith Formation 11am  
Raffle Drawing



K—12 Faith Formation

Nov. 19th, 26th,  
Dec. 3rd—Parish Christmas Party



Parish Christmas party is December 3rd following mass. Bring your favorite dish, a sign up sheet can be found in the vestibule.



Faith Formation is looking for any white fabric or sheets that can be used for angel costumes. If you have either and would like to donate the fabric. Please just drop it off at the office. Thank you.

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 met. Thank you. Just give us a call at 733-6053

## Bless you for your Stewardship

**St. Paul: 11/12/17**  
Reg. \$1,505.00 + Loose \$337.00 + Fuel \$32.00 = \$1.87400

2nd Collection \$170.00

**St. Monica: 11/12/17**  
Reg. \$50.00  
Fuel \$0.00 = \$50.00

## Financial Position as of 10/31/17

St. Paul	
Income	\$61,390.73
Expense	<u>\$48,802.71</u>
Net Income	\$1,588.02
St. Monica	
Income	\$4,182.45
Expense	<u>\$5,400.97</u>
Net Loss	(\$1,218.52)

## May they rest in Peace.

Please pray for the following who has entered eternal life.

**Carol Skaggs**

## Mark your Calendars

Fri. Dec. 1st—Adoration  
Sat. Dec. 2nd.—Food Bank Collection  
Sun. Dec. 3rd.—Food Bank Collection  
- Parish Christmas Party



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one and help adorn the altar for Christmas, envelopes can be found in the vestibule or you can contact the parish office. They can be purchased for \$10.00.

## Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Dorothy Conners	Vicki Giessinger	Nancy Madison	Ann Osantowski	Ray Stiles
Deb Bandish	Evelyn Connors	Vicki Gosinski	Mike Marx	Anya Pecova	Walter Szymoniak
Colleen Berry	Theresa Czajka	Catherine Green	Brittany Maynard	David Riley	Dave Tesmer
Mary Bower	Donna Diller	Chuck Hart	Dennis McGuire	Roger Rivard	Sue Tesmer
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Abel Canales	William Ellenberger	Harry Hopkins	Kathy Merrick	Carol Skaggs	Lois Veihl
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