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Nov. 26, 2017

Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke

Christ the King

Sacraments

Baptisms

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage

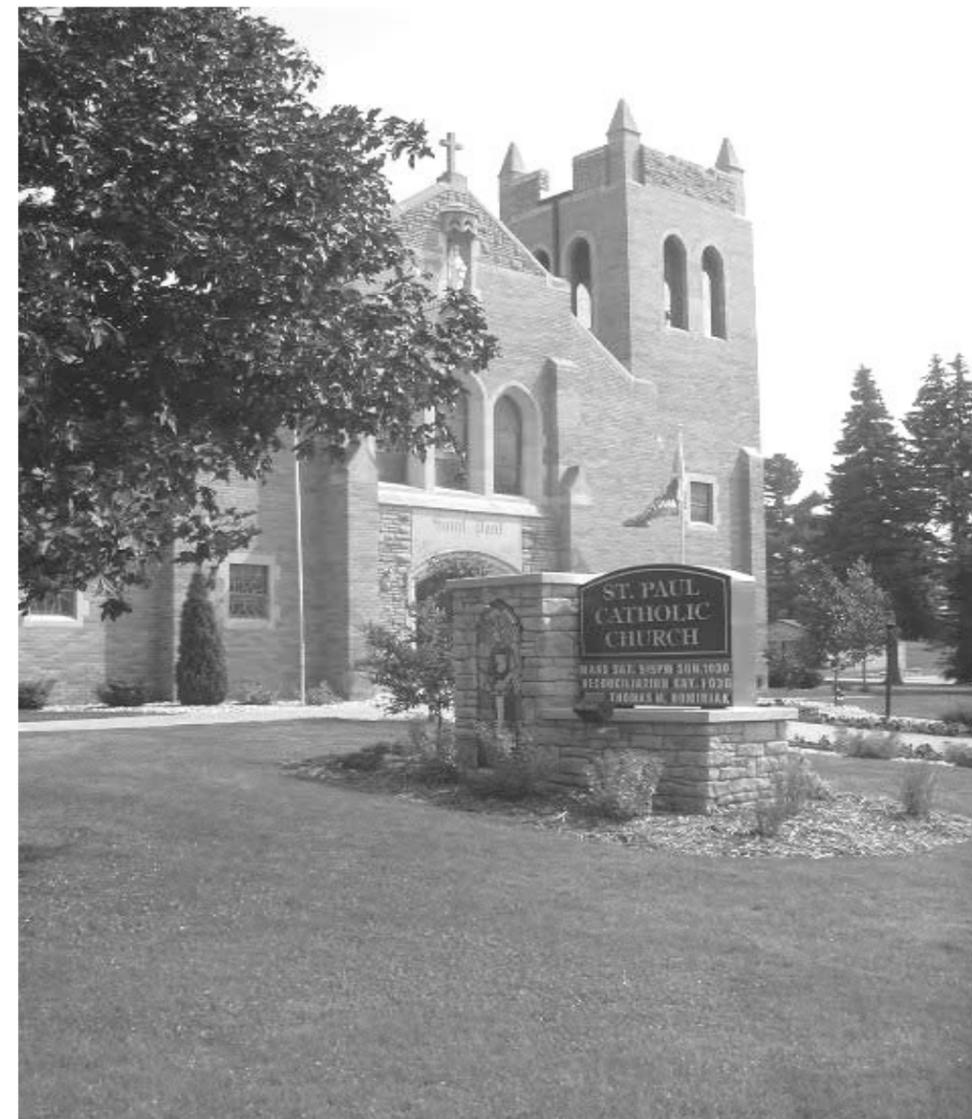
Couples are invited to call the
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the Parish Office to arrange for
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Adult Faith Formation

Anyone inquiring about the
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the Catholic Faith.



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.

The Holy Father's Catechesis

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good morning!

Today we begin a new series of catecheses, which will point our look on the "heart" of the Church, namely, the Eucharist. It's essential for us Christians to understand well the value and meaning of the Holy Mass, to live ever more fully our relationship with God. We can't forget the great number of Christians that, in the entire world, in two thousand years of history, endured unto death to defend the Eucharist; and how many again today risk their life to take part in Sunday Mass. In the year 304, during Diocletian's persecutions, a group of Christians of North Africa were surprised, while celebrating Mass in a home, and were arrested. In the interrogation, the Roman Pro-Consul asked them why they did it, knowing that it was absolutely prohibited. And they answered: "We can't live without Sunday," which meant: if we can't celebrate the Eucharist, we can't live, our Christian life would die.

In fact, Jesus said to His disciples: "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54). Those Christians of North Africa were killed because they were celebrating the Eucharist. They left the testimony that one can give up earthly life for the Eucharist, because it gives us eternal life, making us participants in Christ's victory over death. A testimony that challenges all of us and calls for an answer on what it means for each one of us to take part in the Sacrifice of the Mass and approach the Lord's Table. Are we seeking that source that "gushes living water" for eternal life? Which makes of our life a spiritual sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and makes us one body with Christ? This is the most profound meaning of the Holy Eucharist, which means "thanksgiving": thanksgiving to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, which involves us and transforms us in their communion of love.

In the forthcoming catecheses I want to answer some of the important questions on the Eucharist and the Mass, to rediscover, or to discover how the love of God shines through this mystery of the faith. Vatican Council II was strongly animated by the desire to lead Christians to understand the grandeur of the faith and the beauty of the encounter with Christ. Therefore, it was necessary first of all to carry out, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, an appropriate renewal of the Liturgy, because the Church lives continually of it and is renewed thanks to it. A key subject that the Conciliar Fathers stressed is the liturgical formation of the faithful, indispensable for a true renewal. And this is, in fact, the purpose of this series of catecheses that we begin today: to grow in knowledge of the great gift that God has given us in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is a wonderful event in which Jesus Christ, our life, makes Himself present. To take part in the Mass "is to live once again the redemptive Passion and Death of the Lord. It's a theophany: the Lord makes Himself present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world" (Homily in the Holy Mass, St. Martha's Residence, February 10, 2014). The Lord is present there with us. We go there so often, we look at things, we chat among ourselves while the priest is celebrating the Eucharist . . . and we don't celebrate close to Him. But it's the Lord! If the President of the Republic came here today or a very important person of the world, it's certain that we would all be close to him, that we would want to greet him. But think: when you go to Mass, the Lord is there! And you are distracted. It's the Lord!

We must give thought to this. "Father, it's because the Masses are boring" – "But, what are you saying, that the Lord is boring?" – No, no, not the Mass, the priests" – Ah, the priests must be converted, but it's the Lord who is there!" Understood? Don't forget it. "To take part in the Mass is to live once again the Passion and Death of the Lord." Let's try now to ask ourselves some simple questions. For instance, why is the sign of the cross and the penitential act made at the beginning of the Mass? And here I would like to make another parenthesis. Have you seen the way children make the sign of the cross? You don't know what they are doing, if it's the sign of the cross or a design. They do this [he makes a confused gesture]. It's necessary to teach children to make the sign of the cross well. Thus the Mass begins, thus life begins, thus the day begins. This means that we are redeemed with the Lord's cross. Look at the children and teach them to make the sign of the cross well. And those Readings in the Mass, why are they there? Why are three Readings read on Sunday and two the other days? Why are they there, what does the Reading of the Mass mean? Why are they read and what do they offer? Or why at a certain point does the priest who presides over the celebration say: "Let us raise our hearts?" He doesn't say: "Let us raise our phones to take a photograph!" No, it's an awful thing! And I tell you that it makes me so sad when I celebrate here in the Square or in the Basilica and I see so many phones raised, not only of the faithful, but also of some priests and even of Bishops. But please! The Mass isn't a show: it's to go to encounter the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. That's why the priest says: Let us raise our hearts" What does this mean? Remember – no telephones.

It's very important to turn to the fundamentals, to rediscover what is essential, through what one touches and sees in the celebration of the Sacraments. The question of the Apostle Saint Thomas (Cf. John 20:25), to be able to see and touch the wounds of the nails in Jesus' body is the desire to be able in some way to "touch" God to believe Him. What Saint Thomas asks the Lord is what we are all in need of: to see Him, and touch Him to be able to recognize Him. The Sacraments come to meet this human need. The Sacraments, and the Eucharistic Celebration particularly, are signs of God's love, the privileged ways for us to encounter Him. Thus, through these catecheses, which we begin today, I would like to rediscover, together with you, the beauty that is hidden in the Eucharistic Celebration and that, once revealed, gives full meaning to each one's life. May Our Lady accompany us in this new stretch of the way. Thank you.

[Original text: Italian] [ZENIT's translation by Virginia M. Forrester]

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, Nov. 28th @ 9am

+ Deceased Parish Pastors
req. The Parish

Wednesday, Nov. 29th @ 6pm

Tim Robbins and Family

Thursday, Nov. 30 @ 9am

Thanksgiving For

Friday, Dec. 1st @ 9am

+ Mike Vickory
req. Father Peter

Saturday, Dec. 2nd @ 5pm

+ The Cleary Family
req. Bill Ellenberger

Sunday, Dec. 3rd @ 10am

Parishioners of St. Monica / St. Paul

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

Readings for Week of Nov. 27th

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 / Lk 21:1-4

Tues: Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 /
Lk 21:12-19

Thurs: Rom 10:9-18 / Mt 4:18-22

Fri: Dn 7:2-14 / Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Dn 7:15-27 / Lk 21:34-36

Sun: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 / Ps 80 /
1Cor 1:3-9 / Mk 13:33-37

Week at a Glance

Tuesday, November 28th

Ladies Study Group 4:30pm
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, November 30th

Soup Kitchen 2:30– 5:30pm
Karate 6pm

Friday, December 1st

Adoration 9:30am
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Saturday, December 2nd

Food Bank Collection

Sunday, December 3rd

Food Bank Collection
Parish Christmas Party



K—12 Faith Formation

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



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.

Having myself been found by divine mercy, what will I do during Advent to seek those in need? Are they already right here in front of me?

Mark your Calendars

Tues. Dec. 5th—Ladies Study Group

Wed. Dec. 6th—Knights Meeting

Thurs. Dec. 7th—Immaculate Vigil Mass

Fri. Dec. 8th—Immaculate Mass

Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Dorothy Conners	Vicki Giessinger	Nancy Madison	Ann Osantowski	Walter Szymoniak
Deb Bandish	Evelyn Connors	Vicki Gosinski	Mike Marx	Anya Pecova	Dave Tesmer
Colleen Berry	Theresa Czajka	Catherine Green	Brittany Maynard	David Riley	Sue Tesmer
Mary Bower	Donna Diller	Chuck Hart	Dennis McGuire	Roger Rivard	Shirley Traflet
Bill Breed	Louise Dorton	Pat Harman	Sid Merchant	Diana Rogers	Bob Turney
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St. Paul

Income \$61,390.73

Expense \$48,802.71

Net Income \$1,588.02

St. Monica

Income \$4,182.45

Expense \$5,400.97

Net Loss (\$1,218.52)



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

Thank you to all whom made our parish rummage sale a success. To those who brought in items, those who put them out, those who worked the day, and to those who purchased items. We could not have done it without all of you. Thank you!



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.