

St. Teresa of Avila

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

Dec. 9, 2018

Pastor : Rev. Patrick Maher

Sacraments

Baptisms Call the Parish Office to schedule.

Marriage Couples are invited to call the Parish Office, minimally six months in advance, to prepare for and schedule their marriage.

Confirmation Adults who have not been confirmed are invited to call the Parish Office to arrange for classes.

Adult Faith Formation Anyone inquiring about the Catholic Faith or simply wishing to deepen their own understanding of the Catholic Faith.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

The Office

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (989) 733-6053 stpaul-onaway.com Fr. Patrick (989) 701-4077



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.

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Second Sunday of Advent

MISSION STATEMENT

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

History of the Advent Wreath (Continued):

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptions include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food. A traditional prayer service using the Advent wreath proceeds as follows: On the First Sunday of Advent, the father of the family blesses the wreath, praying: O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." He then continues for each of the days of the first week of Advent, O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The youngest child then lights one purple candle.

During the second week of Advent, the father prays: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who livest and reignest forever. Amen." The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle.

JESUS IS COMING!!!

And Remember:

You Are Loved, Father Patrick

Mass Intentions Tuesday, I Tuesday, Dec. 11th @ 5pm AA 8 pm, 1 + Charlie Schaar req. Sally Schaar Wednesda Soup Kitch Wednesday, Dec. 12th @ 9am Karate 6pm + Patricia Gosinski req. Arthur Gosinski Family Friday, De AA 8 pm, 1 Thursday, Dec. 13th @ 9am Saturday,

req. Joseph & Elaine Woolhiser

Friday, Dec. 14th @ 9am + Keith Hought req. Ron & Carol Pomorski

+ Bill Breed

Saturday, Dec. 15th @ 4pm + Lawrence Veihl req. Lois Veihl

Sunday, Dec. 16th @ 10am Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Paul

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

Readings for Week of Dec. 10th

Mon: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tues: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wed: Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12-1-6a, 10ab / Lk 1:26-38 Thurs: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sun: Zep 3:14-18a / Is 12 / Phil 4:4-7 / **L**k **3:10-18**



Audrey Badgero	Dorothy Connors
Ann Bandish	Charles Crawford
Deb Bandish	Adam Cripps
Andrea Bauman	Theresa Czajka
Dorothy Brama	Donna Diller
Nancy Brama	Louise Dorton
Jeannie Brewbaker	Elvin Eagleson
Mike Butler	Barb Ellenberger
Sandra Bunk	William Ellenberger
Abel Canales	-

Debra Flynn Donna Giessinger Vicki Giessinger Vicki Gosinski Joe Gotz **Catherine Green** Jim Haves Harry Hopkins Jim Thimmes



Week at a Glance	Bless you for your Stewardship	
Tuesday, Dec. 11thAA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)Wednesday, Dec. 12thSoup Kitchen 2:30pm—5:00pmKarate 6pmFriday, Dec. 14thAA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)	St. Paul: 12/4/18 Reg. \$1,554.00 + Loose \$190.22 + Utilities \$99.00 = \$1,843.22 Restoration \$20.00 St. Monica: 12/4/18 Reg. \$120.00	
Saturday, Dec. 15th Mass Change 4pm	<u>Financial Position</u> (as of 10/31/18) St. Paul	
K-12 Faith Formation:	Income \$ 61,644.75 Expenses \$ 46,105.50 Net Income \$ 15,539.25	
Parish Christmas Party Dec. 9th, Class Dec. 16th, no class Dec. 23rd 8 Dec. 30th	St. Monica Income \$ 6,229.76 Expenses \$ 4,798.96 Net Income \$ 1,430.80	
Parish Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 9th following Mass Bring your favorite dish an join our parish celebration.	Parish Penance ServiceThis Sunday, Dec. 9th at 5pm	
We are very close to our CSA goal, but not quite there. There is still time to make your pledge to get us there. Thank you to all who have already made their pledge.	The Best Gifts to Give :	
Envelopes are available in the vestibule or in the office. They will be \$10.00 again this year. What a	To your friendloyalty To your enemyforgiveness To your bossservice To a childa good example To your parentsgratitude & devotion To your matelove & faithfulness To all men and womencharity And To Godyour life	
Those in need of our prayers	ntrick Moussenu Ray Stiles	

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Pam Kolasa	Ann Osantowski	Miram Stoloque-Handtick
Nancy Madison	Anya Pecova	Pete Szala
Mark Marx	Bev Rathbun	Walter Szymoniak
Brittany Maynard	Barbara Reinard	Dave Tesmer
Dennis McGuire	Diana Rogers	Sue Tesmer
Bob Merrick	Bernice Sage	Shirley Traflet
Kathy Merrick	Norma Schoolcraft	Bob Turney
Carolyn Mousseau	Leaton Stevens	Randy Veihl
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