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Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them. Bless them and their families. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen



To whom should I go and how exactly can we share together the renewing presence of the Spirit's gentle love "resting" upon us?

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"Let nothing perturb you, nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change.
 Patience achieves everything."
 St. Teresa of Avila

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December 1, 2019

Pastor: Rev. Patrick Maher

First Sunday of Advent

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.

Mass Schedule
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday - Thursday - Friday 9:00 a.m.
 Confession 1 hour prior to Mass
 Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

The Office

Office Hours:
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
 (989) 733-6053
 stpaul-onaway.com
 Fr. Patrick (989) 701-4077



First Sunday of Advent

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

by Scott P. Richert

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term the coming includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday).

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

More to come,
And remember,

You are loved,
Father Patrick



- New doors for the church
- Replace furnace in hall
- Kitchen renovations
- Replacing ceiling tiles in hall
- Carpet cleaning in hall

Church Cleaning Bee
Saturday, December 14th @ 10:00 a.m.
Hope to see you all there!
Many hands make for light work!

Sir Knights & Widows of Sir Knights

4th Degree Christmas Dinner will be held this year with Cbe-boygan Council 791 on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/person with the exception of clergy, widows of 4th degree members and honorees. Please let Matt Blair (231-531-2468) or Greg Leis know if you are planning to attend before the absolute deadline of December 4, 2019. Hope to see as many Sir Knights and Council 791 Knights as possible.

Merry Christmas
K of C Christmas Party Committee

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 3rd @ 4:30 pm
Increase to Vocation to Religious Life

Wednesday, December 4th @ 9:00
Persecuted Christians

Thursday, December 5th @ 9:00am
+Patricia Goscinski
Req. Arthur Goscinski

Friday, December 6th @ 9:00a am
Sick Parishioner and their caregivers

Saturday, December 7th @ 4:00pm
Parishioners of St Paul & St Monica

Sunday, December 8th @ 10am
+ Hope Mitchell



K-12 Faith Formation:
Class December 15, 22, 29

Readings for Week of December 2

Mon: Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

Thurs: Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sun: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, December 3rd
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1)

Wednesday, December 4th
7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting

Friday, December 6th
Adoration following Mass
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1)

Sunday, December 8th
Parish Christmas Party & Potluck Luncheon
1:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing

YOUTH GROUP

Looking for furnishing in good condition.

Ex: Couch, chair, end tables and a couple of lamps.

If you are able to donate any of these items please Call Pam Willey @ 989-614-7467

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
Thank you

The Food Bank is taking donations for their Christmas Hampers.



Donations of personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, body wash /soap and dish detergent) would be greatly appreciated. Donation can be dropped off at the church or the office. Thank you

Bless you for your Stewardship

St. Paul: 11/24/19

Reg. \$2,128.00 + Loose \$433.00
= \$2,561.00

Restoration \$306.08

St. Monica 11/24/19

Reg. \$55.00+ Loose \$0.00
= \$ 55.00

Financial Position (as of 10/31/19)

St. Paul YTD 10/31/2019	YTD 10/31/2018
Income 54,951.58	61,644.75
Expenses <u>52,815.33</u>	<u>46,140.50</u>
Net Income 2,136.25	15,504.25

St. Monica YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Income 4,466.52	6,229.76
Expenses <u>5,024.23</u>	<u>4,798.96</u>
Net Income - 557.71	1,430.80

Thank you to all who brought items for our local food bank. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Parish Christmas Party and Potluck Luncheon Sunday, December 8, 2019

Sign up sheet is in the back of the church



Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Adam Cripps	Brianne Giddis	Jim Thimmes	Ann Osantowski	Dave Tesmer
Deb Bandish	Donna Diller	Donna Giessinger	Starr Ittu	Marty Osantowski	Sue Tesmer
Andrea Bauman	Lyle Diller	Vicki Giessinger	Madison Leonard	Anya Pecova	Teddy Turner
Dorothy Brama	Louise Dorton	Vicki Gosinski	Glenn Lunceford	Bev Rathbun	Griffin Turner
Jeannie Brewbaker	Elvin Eagleson	Catherine Green	Brittany Maynard	Diana Rogers	Bob Turney
Mike Butler	Ted Elick	Susie Heron	Dennis McGuire	Gary Shepherd	Randy Veihl
Sandra Bunk	William Ellenberger	Jim Hayes	Bob Merrick	Jenna Shiel	Randy Weber
Abel Canales	Marion Manners	Harry Hopkins	Carolyn Mousseau	Leaton Stevens	Richard Witulski -St
Dorothy Connors	Debra Flynn	Carol Horning	Patrick Mousseau	Pete Szala	Monica