

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

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Sixth Sunday In Ordinary

presence among us.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

We hear our Lord tell us: "Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no, anything else is from the Evil One!." What does this mean for us? from: Author: Father Matthew Kaderabek, LC | Source: Catholic.net

"1. So Help Me, God! An oath is a solemn invocation of God to witness the truth of what one asserts to be the case or the sincerity of one's undertakings in regard to future actions. Most Christians have acknowledged the importance and appropriateness of oath-taking on occasions of great importance. We see the President take an oath of office; we see men and women of the military swear an oath to faithfully serve and defend our country; we see people who take the stand in a courtroom place their hand on the Bible, raise their right hand, and take an oath that they will tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth ... and they end by saying, "So help me, God." All of the above are calling on God to help them be true to their word because what they are swearing to do is a humanly difficult task, one which needs divine assistance in order to remain true.

2. Base Your Mutual Relationships on Truth: In Christ's time, the making of sworn statements was so frequent and the casuistry surrounding them so intricate that the practice was being grossly abused. All this meant great disrespect for the name of God. Jesus lays down here the criterion that his disciples must apply in their lives. It is based on re-establishing mutual trust, nobility and sincerity. The devil is "the father of lies" (John 8:44). Therefore, Christ's Church must teach that human relationships cannot be based on deceit and insincerity. God is truth, and the children of the Kingdom must, therefore, base mutual relationships on truth. Jesus consistently condemned hypocrisy in his teachings, and he praised sincerity as one of the finest of virtues.

3. Anything More Is from the Evil One: Would it be reading too much into the words of Our Lord — to say simply "yes" if we mean yes, and "no" if we mean no — to apply them to the origins and intentions of lying in our lives? Jesus affirms that anything obscuring what we ought to say, or anything meant to mislead, cover up or falsify by false emphasis, "comes from the Evil One". He shows us that insincerity is how political and economic life become and remain alienated from truth, become destructive of the kingdom of God, of the kingdom of him who was, and remains, "a sign that is spoken against" (Luke 2:34). Am I honest with my family members and work colleagues?

Conversation with Christ: You see it all, Lord, and you read my heart. You look on in sorrow as I allow myself to play by the rules of the Evil One. Help me to re-commit myself to living in the light, doing away with all falsehood. From now on, my "yes" will be yes, and my "no" will be no."

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit we have received give us everything we need with God's grace to live according to Jesus' commands!!!

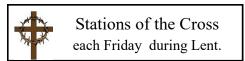
And remember,

You are loved.

Father Patrick

**\*\*Office will be closed \*\*** Tuesday, February 18 -February 25, 2020 (Inclusive)

**Regular Office Hours will presume** Wednesday February 26, 2019. Thank you



**Benefit Spaghetti Dinner** For Pat Preseau Saturday, February 22, 2020 4 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Onaway United Methodist Church** 3647 N. Lvnn Street Proceeds going to help with medical treatment expenses.

## **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, February 18th @4:30 pm All Priests and Religious

Wednesday, February 19th@ 9:00am Souls of Purgatory

Thursday, February 20th @ 9:00am No Mass

Friday, February 21st @ 9:00a am No Mass

Saturday, February 22nd @ 4:00pm Adam Cripps **Req. Sandy Breed** 

Sunday, February 23rd @ 10am Parishioners of St Paul & St Monica



Class February 23 & March 1, 8

## **Readings for Week of February 17th**

Mon: James 1:1-11 / Mk 8:11-13 Tues: James 1:12-18 / Mk 8:14-21 Wed: James 1:19-27 / Mk 8:22-26

Thurs: James 2:1-9/ Mk 8:27-33 Fri: James 2:14-24, 26 / Mk 8:34-9:1 Sat: 1 Peter 5:1-4 / Mt 16:13-19

Sun: Lev 19:1-2, 17-18 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48



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Carrie Badgero	Lyle Diller	Brianne Giddis
Ann Bandish	Louise Dorton	Donna Giessinger
Deb Bandish	Elvin Eagleson	Vicki Giessinger
Dorothy Brama	Ted Elick	Vicki Gosinski
Jeannie Brewbaker	William Ellenberger	Catherine Green
Mike Butler	Ū	Susie Heron
Sandra Bunk		Jim Hayes
Abel Canales		Jim Thimmes
Robert Carter Jr		
Dorothy Connors		

Monday, February 17th **Presidents Day** Tuesday, February 18th AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1) Thursday, February 20th (Rm 1) Wood Carving Class 10:00 - 12:00 Friday, February 21st AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1) Saturday, February 22nd **3:00** Adoration Sunday, February 23rd 9:00 Adoration



All you can eat cod, steamed or fried. Potato, Veggie, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Coffee, Punch and Homemade Desserts. Come join us for dinner and help support the Knights & all they do.

Potato Pancakes, Pork Sausages, Pacczki, Coffee, Juice TIME: 4:30-6:30 p.m. WHEN: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 WHERE: Knights of Columbus Hall 9840 N. Straits Hwy Cheboygan, MI

## WEEK AT A GLANCE



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Every Friday during Lent February 28th March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th April 3rd from 4pm—7pm

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

St. Paul: 2/9/20

Reg. \$1,471.00 + Loose \$293.00 = \$1,764.00

## **St. Monica 2/9/20**

Reg. \$115.00 Loose \$0.00 = \$115.00

#### **Financial Position** (as of 01/31/20)

St. Paul <i>YTD 0</i>	1/31/2020	YTD 01/31/2019
Income	93,105.68	104,522.85
Expenses	<u>87,545.30</u>	85,226.19
Net Income	5,560.38	19,296.66
St. Monica YTD 2019		YTD 2018
Income	6,669.76	8,848.73
Expenses	<u>6,959.89</u>	5,871.27
Net Income	- 290.13	2,977.46

## Mark your Calendar

Thursday, February 20th -No Mass Friday, February 21st—No Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES February 26, 2020 at

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

#### FAT TUESDAY Menu

GOODWILL OFFERING 4th Degree Knights of Columbus #498

## eed of our prayers...

Starr Ittu James Leonard Glenn Lunceford Brittany Maynard Dennis McGuire Bob Merrick Carolyn Mousseau Patrick Mousseau Robin Mousseau

Ann Osantowski Anya Pecova Bev Rathbun Diana Rogers Gary Shepherd Jenna Shiel Leaton Stevens

Dave Tesmer Sue Tesmer Teddy Turner Griffin Turner Bob Turney Randy Veihl Randy Weber Warren Weber Richard Witulski **Dorothy Ziots**