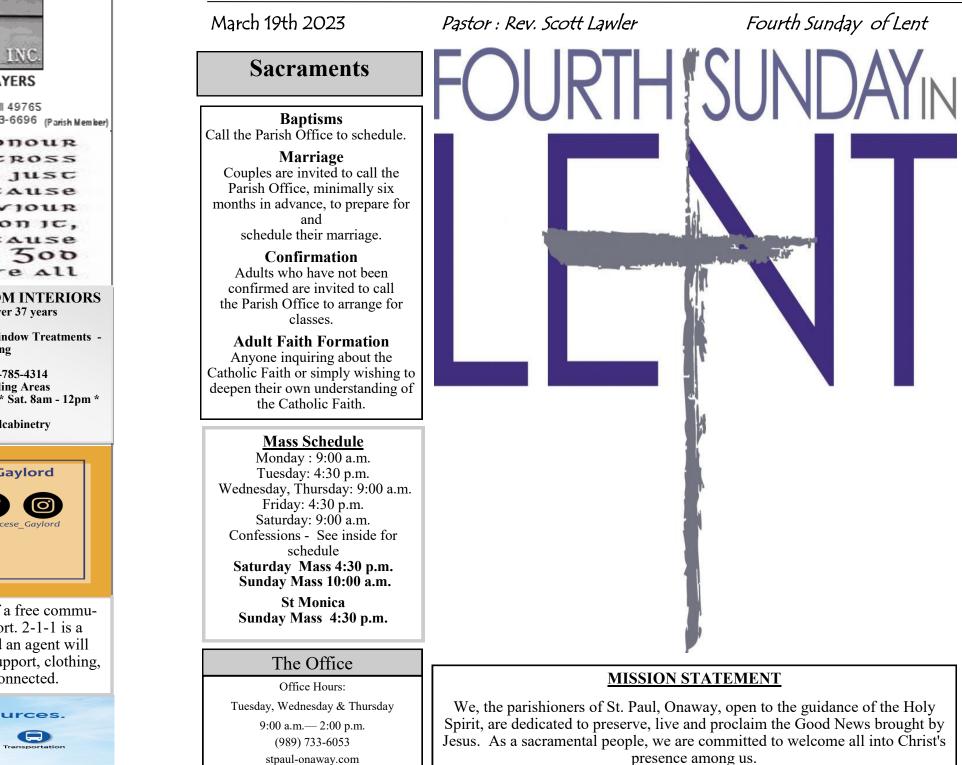


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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear All.

I was reading some reflections from Bishop Robert Barron and this one struck me as being worth sharing with you all for meditation/thought/prayer.

(Tuesday of THIRD WEEK OF LENT)

MATTHEW 18:21–35

Friends, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable that illustrates God's mercy. The Latin word for mercy is misericordia, which designates the suffering of the heart, or compassion—cum patior (I suffer with).

Mercy is identical to what the Old Testament authors refer to as God's hesed, or tender mercy. It is the characteristic of God, for God is love. The love that obtains among the Trinitarian persons spills over into God's love for the world that he has made.

Think of a mother's love for her children. Could you ever imagine a mother becoming indifferent to one of her offspring? But even should she forget, we read in the prophet Isaiah, God will never forget his own. Consider the fact that nothing would exist were it not willed into being by God. But God has no need of anything; hence, his sustaining of the universe is an act of disinterested love and tender mercy.

There is no greater manifestation of the divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins. When G.K. Chesterton was asked why he became a Catholic, he answered, "To have my sins forgiven." This is the greatest grace the Church can offer: reconciliation, the restoration of the divine friendship, the forgiveness of our sins.

As we continue on our journey this Lent, stay the course. God bless, Father Scott.



Faith Formation: Classes: Canceled for March 26th and April 2nd

St. Paul's Christian Service Group is taking up a collection for CLEAN gently used towels, bed sheets &/or blankets.

Please drop off at the Church Hall or the vestibule of the church.

Also collecting socks, mittens and hats until April 2nd. Thank you



\$15 Adults \$10 Children 6-12 Free under 6

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 20th @ 9:00 a.m. Priest's Intention

Tuesday, March 21st @ 4:30 p.m. Michael Lynch & Family Reg. St. Paul Parish Followed by Adoration & Confession

Wednesday, March 22nd @ 9:00am + In Memory of Jeanne Maher Reg. Tom & Barb Ellenberger Prayers for Priests following Mass 6:00 p.m. - St. Paul Stations of the **Cross with Adoration & Confession**

Thursday, March 23rd @ 9:00 a.m. + In Memory of Mary Leonard Reg. Butch & Sharyl Leonard

Friday, March 24th @ 3:00 p.m. St. Monica -Stations of the Cross with Adoration & Confession 4:30 p.m. - Mass

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Saturday, March 25th @ 9:00 a.m. **Priest's Intentions** 4:30 p.m. - Mass

+ In Memory of Ida Szczerowski Req. Bob & Norma Ellenberger

Sunday, March 19th @10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Monica

St Monica Mass Sunday, March 19th @ 4:30 p.m. +In Memory of Wilbur & Bernetta Crawford Req. Barbara Crawford

St. Monica will have envelopes placed in the back of the Church for Memorial Easter flowers. Envelopes can be dropped in the collection basket. Deadline is March 28,2023

Ann Bandish **Debbie Bandish** Marqi Berry **Ron Bischer** Dorothy Brama Jeannie Brewbaker **Evelyn Canales**

Robert Carter Jr Donna Diller Louise Dorton Elvin Eaaleson Marie Freel Jackie Fry William Ellenberger **Brianne Giddis** Donna Giessinae Vicki Giessinger Alberta Gaber Vicki Goscinski **Rodney Harris Denise Harris**

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-11 Jn 11:1-45

PLEASE Check the schedule for Mass, Adoration and Confession Dates & Times.

Stations of the Cross St. Paul Wednesday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. St. Monica Friday during Lent at 3:00 p.m.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, March 21st 8:00 p.m. - AA Hall (Rm. 1) Thursday, March 23rd 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. Confession Friday, March 24th 8:00 p.m. - AA Hall (Rm. 1)

Readings for Week of March 20th

Mon: 2Sm7:4-5a,12-14a,16 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a Tues: Ez 47:1-9,12 Jn 5:1-16 Wed: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30 Thurs:Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47 Fri: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 Sat: Is 7:10-14;8-10 Heb 10: 4-10 Lk

Sun: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8

Memorial Easter Lilies

Envelopes can be found in the vestibule. Lilies will be \$15.00 each. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket or stop by the office.

Deadline March 28,2023

Those in need of our prayers...

Donna Harrison Maraaret Lawler Butch Leonard Marv Lemmon Nancy Madison Dick Manners Brittany Maynard <u>Bless you for your Stewardship</u>

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Marian Candle **Our Lady (Blue candle)**

Week of March 19th -March 25th

> St. Paul Intention: Fred Bourdeau

St. Monica Intention: **Barbara Gotz**

If you would like to sponsor a Marian Candle.

> Please contact the office. \$5.00 – per week

WANTED: Extra unused greeting cards for church ministry. Please drop off in church vestibule or church office.

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