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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH -AFTON

September 29, 2024

Rev. Fr. Scott Lawler

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

MONDAY Sept. 30th
9am Priest's Intentions

TUESDAY Oct. 1st
4:30pm +Pat Harman
Req/Pat's Family
*Adoration/Confession following

WEDNESDAY Oct. 2nd
*Confession 8-8:45am
9am Denny Bauer
Req/Altar Society
Prayers for Priests following

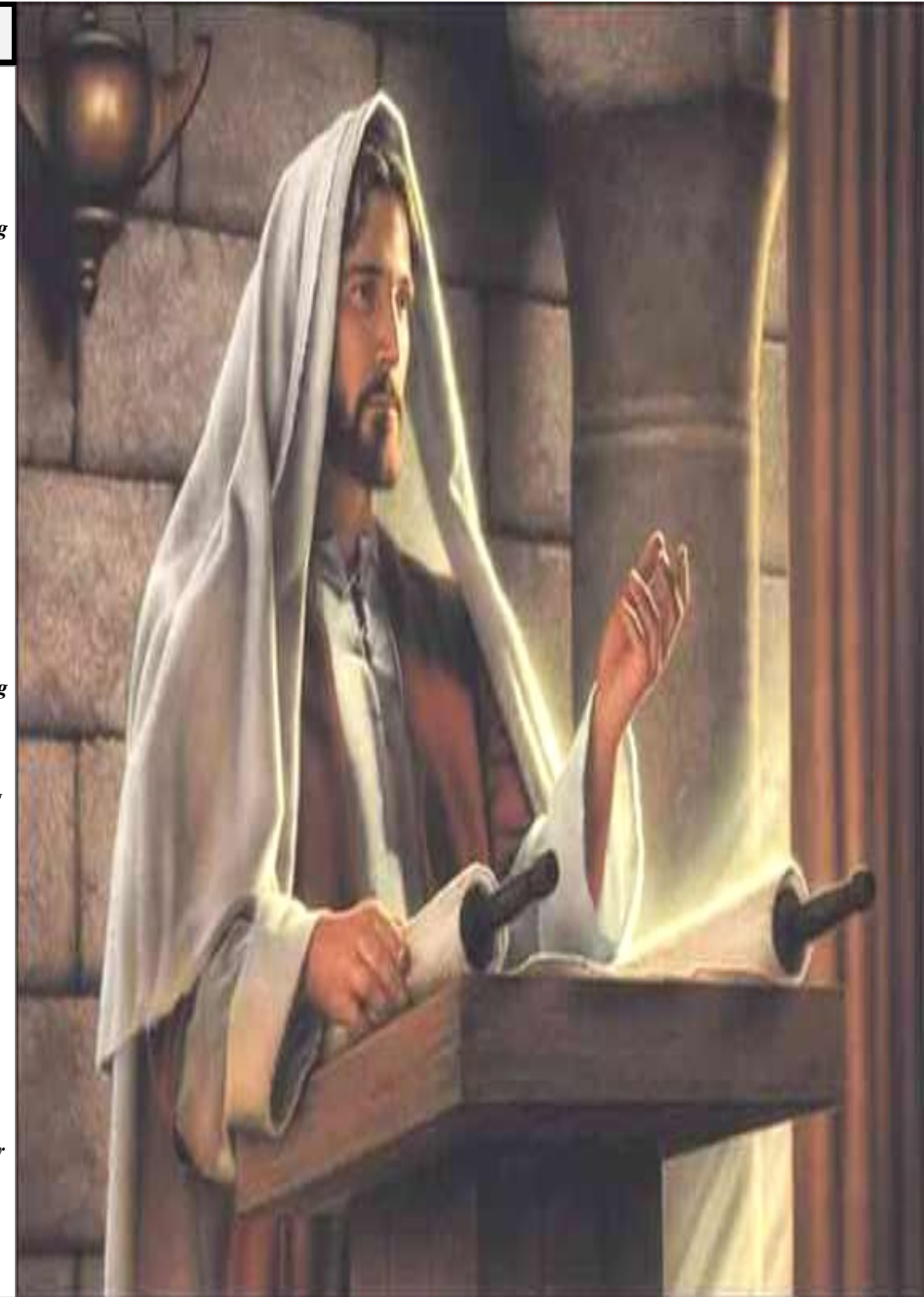
THURSDAY Oct. 3rd
9am +Helen & Norris Horrocks
Req/Ron & Jean Horrocks
*Adoration 10-4pm

FRIDAY Oct. 4th
St. Monica @ 9am
+Donna Hanel
Req/Bud Hanel
*Adoration/Confession following
St. Paul @ 4:30pm
+Thomas Hrynik
Req/Mike Smigielski
*Adoration/Confession following

SATURDAY Oct. 5th
9am Carole Draheim
4:30pm +Gary Castonia
Req/John & Mary Green
*Adoration/Confession 1 hr prior

SUNDAY Oct. 6th
St. Paul @ 10am
+Harold & Andrea Bauman
Req/Allison & Matthew Richter
Family
*Adoration/Confession 1 hr prior

St. Monica @ 4:30pm
Parishioners of St. Monica &
St. Paul



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This has been a difficult year for many people in our community. I want to remind you of a free community resource that I encourage everyone to use if they find themselves needing extra support. 2-1-1 is a public service number for all non-emergency needs. You can call it any time, any day and an agent will connect you with whatever it is you're looking for - food, financial assistance, housing support, clothing, transportation... All you need to do is dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 to get connected.

Dear all,

In view of much of what we all face in life and recent reflections from my own prayer life. I have shared this article with you all. I pray that it will be useful.

God bless, Father Scott

The Meaning of Suffering

The Catechism of the Catholic Church guards us against sound bites – there is no quick answer which suffices to respond to the question of suffering. It is only our Christian faith as a whole which provides the answer (cf.CCC309). The following are some talking points for beginning or deepening discussion of suffering. The Framework: The following excerpt from the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers a framework for understanding suffering. Talking points are elaborated below.

“God is in no way, directly or indirectly, the cause of moral evil. He permits it however, because he respects the freedom of his creatures and mysteriously knows how to derive good from it (CCC 311).”

1. God Does Not Cause Evil: “God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living...It was through the devil’s envy that death entered the world” (Wis 1:13, 2:24)
Natural Disaster: Suffering as a Consequence of Original Sin. The harmony that man had with creation was broken when sin entered the world. The Catechism tells us that visible creation has become alien and hostile to man. Due to man’s sin, creation is subjected to bondage and decay (cf. CCC 402 and Rom 8:21). This makes sense when you consider the profound relationship between God and man. Man (read: humanity) is created intelligent and free. Man can receive and recognize the great gift of creation and as its steward can praise God in thanksgiving. When man sinned, this profound relationship between God and man was broken, and all of creation became subject to the same forces of death that man is.
2. God Permits Evil because He Respects Creaturely Freedom: In order to offer to humanity the ability to love, God gave freedom. This freedom is exercised toward its rightful end when we choose to love, but God will not force us to love. The choice we have to freely is one God will not take away. When we sin (that is, when we choose against love) God permits the evil and suffering that come from our sinning because He refuses to overpower, control, or destroy our freedom (and consequently, our ability to love).
3. God Derives Good from Suffering: “God writes straight the crooked lines.”

a) Suffering has New Meaning in Christ: Because our God has become man and suffered, all suffering has taken on a redemptive value: “Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus” (CCC1521). We are not passive in the drama of salvation – God gave us the dignity of being involved in our own salvation and that of others. We can offer up our suffering in reparation for our sins and those of the whole world.

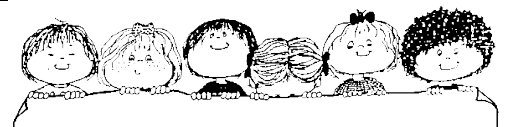
b) This Life is Not All: Many people will suffer greatly in their earthly life, and if there were no afterlife it would scarcely be possible to understand co-existence of God and suffering. But, not only does God draw good out of misery, He also points us to a future life where inequalities are rectified and sorrows come untrue. We are not to set our hopes entirely upon this life, but to live this life with an eye toward the eternal happiness we are called to in the afterlife.

Take courage...
“The world we live in often seems very far from the one promised us by faith. Our experiences of evil and suffering, injustice, and death seem to contradict the Good News; they can shake our faith and become a temptation against it” (CCC164), but take courage for each person is held gently in the palm of the Father’s hand.

Sacraments

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Our Food Bank Collection is the first weekend of each month. All non-perishable food items & personal items are welcome. Drop-off at Church or the Parish Hall

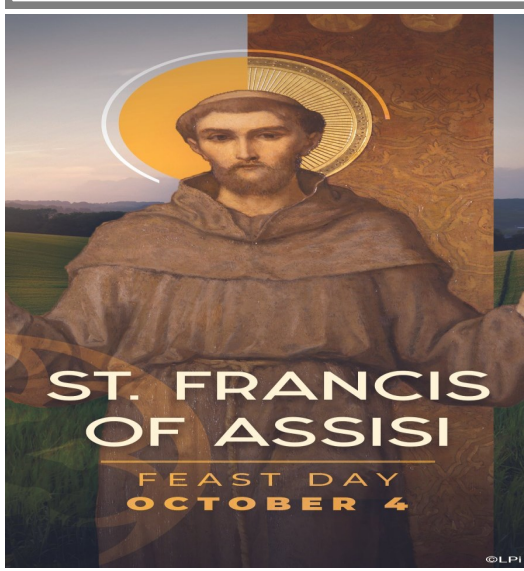
If you are aware of someone that can be taken off...or added to ...our prayer list... or if someone needs an in-home visit... please let us know at the office . 989-500-6053. Thank you

Week at a glance

Tue@10am Prayer Shawl Mtg
@8pm AA(rm 1) Church Hall
Wed@6 KofC Rosary followed by mtg
Thurs@10 Adoration
Fri@8pm AA (rm 1) Church Hall
Sat.@5pm Onaway Area Historical Dinner

Readings for the week of Sept. 29th

Mon: Jb1:6-22 Lk9:46-50
Tues: Jb3:1-3,11-23 Lk9:51-56
Weds: Jb9:1-16 Mt18:1-5,10
Thurs Jb19:21-27 Lk10:1-12
Fri Jb38:1,12-21;40:3-5 Lk10:13-16
Sat Jb42:1-6,12-17 Lk10:17-24
Sun Gn2:18-24 Ps128:1-6 Heb2:9-11
Mk10:2-16



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Our Lady (Blue Candle)**

Week of September 29th

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Helen & Norris Horrocks

St. Monica Intention:
Carole Draheim

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If rained out...Oct. 16th. Everyone is welcomed.

ST MONICA

Will have a cemetery work bee on

Oct. 8th @ 9am

Any & all help will be appreciated.



Those in need of our prayers...

Denny Bauer	Elvin Eagleson	Alberta Gaber	Andrea Knoke	Jackie Morillo-Delerme	Ray Rathbun
Chris Bednark	Marie Freel	Vicki Goscinski	Daniel Lawler	Patrick Mousseau	Maci Stowe
Mangi Berry	Scott Ellenberger	Lareesa Haggerty	Margaret Lawler	Deb Nash	Joey Travilla
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Dorothy Brama	Patti Gallagher	Rodney Harris	Marv/Cheryl Lemmon	Braxton Porter	Bob Turney
Evelyn Canales	Brianne Giddis	Denise Harris	Nancy Madison		Chloe Walker
Audrey Casari	Donna Giessinger	Donna Harrison	Brittany Maynard		Kathy Weber-Carter
Robert Carter Jr	Vicki Giessinger				Daniel Yeppez
Lowell Cousino					
Klydeigh Curtis					

