

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

October 27, 2024

Rev. Fr. Scott Lawler

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

MONDAY Oct. 28th

12pm +Norris & Helen
Horrocks
Req/Ron & Jean Horrocks

TUESDAY Oct. 29th

9am +Donna Diller
Req/Helen MacFalda

WEDNESDAY Oct. 30th

9am +Capt. Fr. Joseph
Kuczborski
Req/Michael Smigielski
Prayers for Priests
* Confession 8-8:45am

THURSDAY Oct. 31st

9am +Daniel Draheim
*Adoration 10-4pm

FRIDAY Nov. 1st

12pm @ St. Paul
+Herb Dowker
Req/Greg & Mary Diller
6pm @ St. Monica
+Donna Diller & +Deb Nash
Req/Delene Tiernan

SATURDAY Nov. 2nd

4:30pm +Jean Schmelter Schiel
Req/J. Rosser
*Adoration/Confession
3:30-4:15pm

SUNDAY Nov. 3rd

10 am @ St. Paul
Parishioners of St. Paul &
St. Monica
*Adoration/Confession 9-9:45am

4:30pm @ St. Monica
Mary Jane Stephens
Req/Tom & Deb Hutchinson

All
Saints Day



November, the month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

When I was young, the devotion to the Holy Souls was very popular. People offered Masses for the Holy Souls. On All Souls Day each Priest offered three Masses, people came in great numbers for the Masses and they visited the Church often during the day to gain indulgences by their prayers. During the month of November people would meet to pray the Rosary for the Holy Souls in cemeteries.

Even today relatives have Mass offered for their loved ones on their anniversary, birthday, Christmas and Easter. Sadly, however, prayer for the Holy Souls is not as popular as in times past. If I were to ask what is the best thing you can do for a loved one who has died what would you say? A funeral to talk about them? A nice grave and headstone? A tree, plant or a beautiful flower? Have a wonderful reception? Yes all those things are nice. But the best gift is prayer because that is the only thing that can help them on their journey to the Lord. Someone whom I know has had put at the end of their will, "Please don't spend time talking about me, spend time praying for me." *For it is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead that they may if in Purgatory, get to Heaven all the quicker.*

There is a War cemetery, that I once visited, where the allied soldiers who died during the War II are buried. Above the door of the Cemetery, it is written, "Tell them that we gave our today for your tomorrow." Like the soldiers of World War II, the memory of our near and dear ones is a reminder that we need to be grateful to them because what we are today is mainly due to their efforts and sacrifices. We are called on to offer our prayers and sacrifices for them. A Scottish poet once wrote, "If I have done anything in life, it is because I was able to stand on the shoulders of my dad." *Elias Dias in 'Divine Stories for Families,'* quoted by Fr. Botelho

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

As an act of love and kindness, pray this now and every day for all those who have gone before us.

Purgatory

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines purgatory as a "purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven," which is experienced by those "who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified" (CCC 1030). It notes that "this final purification of the elect . . . is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC 1031). *(The Catechism contains the essential and fundamental content of the Catholic faith in a complete and summary way. It presents what Catholics throughout the world believe in common. It presents these truths in a way that facilitates their understanding.)*

The purification is necessary because, as Scripture teaches, nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven (Rev. 21:27) and, while we may die with our mortal sins forgiven, there can still be many impurities in us, specifically venial sins and the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

It is entirely correct to say that Christ accomplished all of our salvation for us on the cross. But that does not settle the question of how this redemption is applied to us. Scripture reveals that it is applied to us over the course of time through, among other things, the process of sanctification through which the Christian is made holy. Sanctification involves suffering (Rom. 5:3-5), and purgatory is the final stage of sanctification that some of us need to undergo before we enter heaven. Purgatory is the final phase of Christ's applying to us the purifying redemption that he accomplished for us by his death on the cross.



Sacraments

**Baptisms
Marriage
Confirmation
OCIA(RCIA)**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.
Couples requesting Marriage must call a minimum of six months in advance.



OCIA / Faith Formation

Registration forms in back of Church.

Office Hours

Tues, Weds, Thurs 9:00am - 2:00pm
989*500*6053

For the month of November, there will be a Remembrance book for the names of loved ones that are deceased.

Do not be afraid.
Open wide the doors for Christ!
St. John Paul II

Beginning November 4th each Cemetery will have the rosary recited for the souls of the dearly departed.

St. Elizabeth on Mondays at 12 noon
St. Paul on Wednesdays after 9am mass
St. Monica on Fridays at 12 noon.

Week at a glance

Tue@8pm AA(rm 1) Church Hall
Thurs@10 Adoration
Friday Holy Day of Obligation
Fri@8pm AA (rm 1) Church Hall

Readings for the week of Oct. 28th

Mon: Eph2:19-22 Lk6:12-16
Tues: Eph5:21-33 Lk13:18-21
Weds: Eph6:1-9 Lk13:22-30
Thurs: Eph6:10-20 Lk13:31-35
Fri: Rv7:2-4,9-14 Ps24:1-6 1Jn3:1-3 Mt5:1-12
Sat: Wis3:1-9 Rom5:5-11 Jn6:37-40
Sun: Dt6:2-6 Ps18:2-4,47,51 Heb7:23-228 Mk12:28-34

St. Paul Church is looking for a musician for Sunday 10am Mass.
For more information, please contact the office....989-500-6053.

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers.

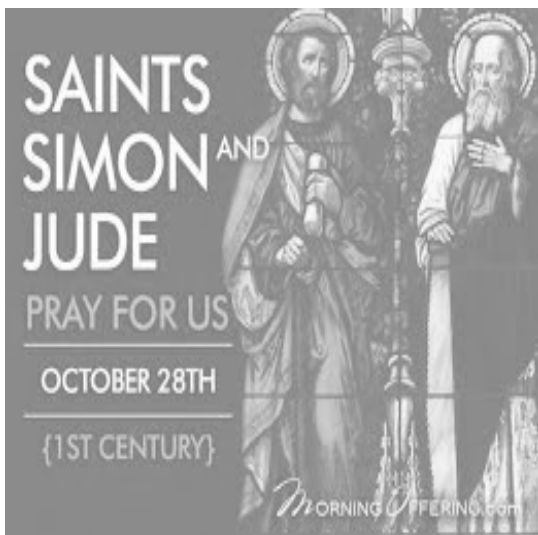
Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.

AMEN

BLESS YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul's		10/20/2024
	Regular	\$2,558.25
	Loose	\$625.25
	Fuel	\$35.00
	Hurricane Relief	\$200.00
	Mission Sunday	\$708.00
	Total Deposit	\$4,126.50

St. Monica's		10/20/2024
	Regular	\$705.00
	Loose	\$85.00
	Candles	\$71.00
	Total Deposit	\$861.00



Marian Candle
Our Lady (Blue Candle)

Week of October 28th

St. Paul Intention:
Nash Family

St. Monica Intention:
Jim Slivinski

If you would like to sponsor a Marian Candle, please contact the Office.
\$5 per candle



Take a spiritual journey to the St. John Vianney Seminary in St. Paul with Fr. Ben Rexroat.

If you are currently a high school senior through college-age man who has not completed undergraduate studies, are 18-30 years old and have ever attended the parishhood, here is an opportunity to experience a life of spiritual discovery.

Visit the St. John Vianney Seminary at:

- discover the next steps to a vocation
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- pray with the community
- meet the seminary

For more information contact vocations@diocesogaylord.org or call (989) 795-3582.

Spices in Transit. Register using the QR code or contact our office by Nov. 1. If you have registered directly with St. John Vianney, please contact the Director of Vocations in a separate form.

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2024
St. John Vianney Seminary
St. Paul, MN

DIocese of GAYLORD

Those in need of our prayers...

Denny Bauer
Margi Berry
Ron Bischer
Dorothy Brama
Evelyn Canales
Robert Carter Jr
Hannah Conner

Lowell Cousino
Klydeigh Curtis
Elvin Eagleson
Marie Freel
Scott Ellenberger
William Ellenberger
Patti Gallagher
Brianna Giddis

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Vicki Giessinger
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Vicki Goscinski
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Virgil Kirila
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989-500-6053

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.