

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

March 9, 2025

Rev. Fr. Don Geyman

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Schedule

TUESDAY Mar. 11th

4:30pm +Barb Ellenberger
Req/Tom Ellenberger

THURSDAY Mar. 13th

9am +Jerry Cryderman
Req/Helen Cryderman
*Confession 9:30am
Adoration 10am-4pm

SATURDAY Mar. 15th

4:00pm +Francis S. Miceli
Req/Kathy & Mike Tate
*Confession 3:00-3:30pm

SUNDAY Mar. 16th

11:00am Parishioners of
St. Paul & St. Monica

Morning Mass will be canceled if
schools have a snowday.

Lent provides us with the
opportunity to reflect, repent
and renew. Holy Spirit, help us
seek a conversion of heart as we
journey through the
Lenten season.

MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: 4:30PM

THURSDAY: 9:00AM

Confession: 9:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

Confession: 3:00-3:30pm

SUNDAY: 11:00AM



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Lent is a season of preparation for Easter, mirroring Jesus' forty days in the desert and also anticipating his passion, death, and triumphant resurrection: "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."



Church Potluck

SAVE THE DATE

**TUESDAY MARCH 11TH
AFTER 4:30 MASS**

**COME ENJOY A GREAT MEAL
AND FELLOWSHIP...
BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO
PASS...COFFEE WILL BE
SERVED**



ALTAR SOCIETY MEMORIAL LILY

Envelopes are in the vestibule.
The cost is \$30 per plant. The lilies honor our loved ones and enhance the Altar environment for Easter!

Deadline: April 6th

St. Monica

*Stations of the Cross begin
March 7th at noon...throughout
Lent.*

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence for Catholics

WHEN:

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence
Every Friday = Abstinence

WHO:

Catholics 14+ practice abstinence
Catholics 18-59 practice fasting

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal & two smaller meals ≠ full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat

A Prayer for Priests

*O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning **love** that will ever increase in the course of their ministry. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, guide them. In their temptations, defend them. In their failures, **restore** them.*

Amen



† LENT and Letting Go



Let go of bitterness.
Embrace forgiveness.



Let go of jealousy.
Embrace gratitude.



Let go of anger & hate.
Embrace charity.



Let go of pride.
Embrace humility.



Let go of lust.
Embrace purity.



Let go of sins.
Embrace GOD.



Starting March 16th, and every 3rd Sunday following, there will be

Fellowship after the 11:00am Sunday Mass. Please come enjoy connecting with your Parish family. Beverages and treats will be served.



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



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.

Having a Mass said for the needs of a special person, for a special request, or in thanksgiving has a long history in the Catholic Church. We are honored to pray with you for your intention. Your \$10 offering supports our church. Please contact the office.

Office Hours
Open Tues, Wed & Thurs 9-2
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Thank you to all the volunteers that give their time and talents to keep our Church and grounds clean and beautiful. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and is very much appreciated.

Week at a glance

Mon@7pm Women's AA/NA Church
Tue@8pm AA (rm 1) Church Hall
Thurs@10 Adoration until 10-4pm
Fri@12 Stations of the Cross at St. Monica
Fri@8pm AA (rm 1) Church Hall

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection.** Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you to all for giving so generously to our Food Bank Collection...and thank you Ray for pick up and delivery.

St. Monica will be hosting a Potluck Dinner on Monday March 10th. Please bring a dish to pass....coffee, tea and water will be offered. The Rosary will be recited at 5:30pm and dinner will follow!

We are still in need of a Sunday morning organist/cantor. If interested, please call the office.
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Readings for the week of March 9th

Mon: Lv19:1-2,11-18/Mt25:31-46
Tues: Is55:10-11/Mt6:7-15
Weds: Jon3:1-10/Lk11:29-32
Thurs: EstC:12,14-16,23-25/Mt7:7-12
Fri: Ez18:21-28/Mt5:20-26
Sat: Dt.26:16-19/Mt5:43-48
Sun: Gn15:5-12,17-18/Ps27:1,7-9,13-14/Phil3:17-4:1,/Lk9:28b-36

**Marian Candle
Our Lady (Blue Candle)
Week of March 9th**

St. Paul Intention:

Tara Clancy

if you are interested in sponsoring a candle...please contact the Office.



BLESS YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

	Deposits	3/2/2025
St. Paul's	Regular	\$1,758.00
	Loose	\$451.00
	Fuel	\$292.00
	Total Deposit	\$2,501.00
St. Monica's	Regular	\$370.00
	Fuel	\$5.00
	Total Deposit	\$375.00

We need only ask St. Joseph for the grace of graces:
our conversion
Pope Francis

Heal your servants, O Lord, who are sick, and who put their trust in you. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort them from your holy place. O almighty and everlasting God, hear us on behalf of your servants who are sick; for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy; that, their health being restored to them, they may render thanks to you. Amen.



Those in need of our prayers...

Roger Bendel
Chris Bednark
Ron Bischer
Dorothy Brama
Evelyn Canales
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Lowell Cousino
Klydeigh Curtis

Kay Dowker
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Brienne Giddis

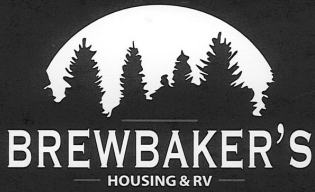
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