

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

March 16, 2025

Rev. Fr. Don Geyman

Second Sunday of Lent

## Mass Schedule

**TUESDAY Mar. 18th**

**4:30pm** +Patrick Maas  
Req/Maas Family

**THURSDAY Mar. 20th**

**9am** +Ron Draheim  
Req/Altar Society  
\*Confession 9:30am  
Adoration 10am-4pm

**SATURDAY Mar. 22nd**

**4:00pm** +Shirley Cancade  
Req/Chris Gaynor  
\*Confession 3:00-3:30pm

**SUNDAY Mar. 23rd**

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

Morning Mass will be canceled if  
schools have a snowday.

On the second Sunday of  
Lent, we move from Jesus'  
retreat to the desert and  
temptation by the devil to  
the glory shown in Jesus'  
Transfiguration

### MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: 4:30PM

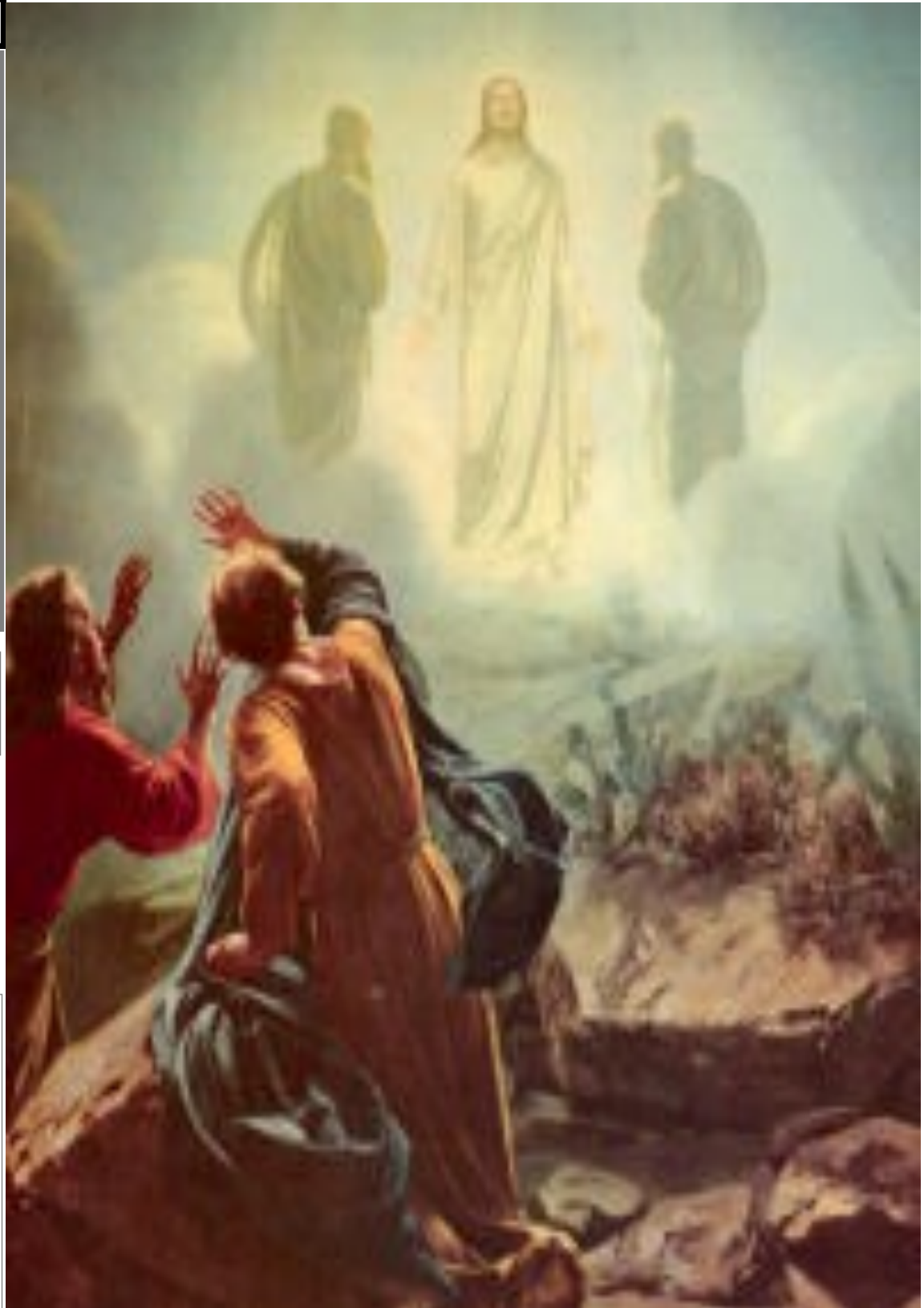
THURSDAY: 9:00AM

Confession: 9:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00PM

Confession: 3:00-3:30pm

SUNDAY: 11:00AM



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The 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C teaches us about the importance of faith. Like Abram, we need to trust God's plan for us. Even when we cannot see the future, we must believe that God is faithful. His promises are sure, and His covenant is everlasting.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
begin March 7th at  
noon...throughout Lent  
at St. Monica-Afton

Starting March 16th, and every 3rd Sunday following, there will be Fellowship after the 11:00am Sunday Mass. Please come enjoy connecting with your St. Paul/St. Monica Parish.

**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



**ALTAR SOCIETY  
MEMORIAL LILY**



The lilies honor our loved ones and enhance the Altar environment for Easter!

Deadline: April 6th

Envelopes are in the vestibule, side entrances or the office. The cost is \$20 per plant.

**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.



**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**



*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.*

**Pilgrims  
of Hope**



JUBILEE 2025



St. Joseph March 19th

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

**Protecting our Children**

**Diocese Promise** to protect; pledge to heal in an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. In fact, many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact Larry LaCross at (989) 705-9010."



## 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**  
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**March 29th** 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](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## Week at a glance

**Sun@12** Fellowship after Mass  
**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

**Our Church is always in need of Volunteers. Offer your talents...your time as well! Many hands are needed to maintain all areas of our Parish. Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers are also needed. Stop in at the Office, call or email!**

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They help us to draw into communion with the Living Christ.

*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*

St. Patrick



IT'S MARCH 17

*Happy Feast Day of  
St. Patrick*

## Readings for the week of March 16th

**Mon:** Dn9:4b-10/Lk6:36-38

**Tues:** Is1:10,16-20/Mt23:1-12

**Weds:** 2Sm7:4-5a,12-14a16/Rom4:13, 16-18,22/Mt1:16,18-21,24a

**Thurs:** Jer17:5-10/Lk16:19-31

**Fri:** Gn37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/Mt21: 21:33-43,45-46

**Sat:** Mi7:14-15,18-20/Lk15:1-3,11-32

**Sun:** Ex17:3-7/Ps95:1-2,6-9/Rom5:1-2, 5-8/Jn4:5-42/Ps103:1-4,9-8,11/ 1Cor10 :1-6,10-12/Lk13:1-9

**Marian Candle  
Our Lady (Blue Candle)  
Week of March 16th**

**St. Paul Intention:**

*Mary Jo Leach*

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



**DCCW Day of Reflection**  
St. Augustine Center in Conway  
with Father James Siler, Speaker.  
March 18th  
9am—3pm  
For more information contact the office!

We are still in need of a Sunday morning organist/cantor. If interested, please call the office.  
989-500-6053

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  
Robert Carter Jr  
Lowell Cousino  
Klydeigh Curtis

Kay Dowker  
Elvin Eagleson  
Marie Freel  
Jackie Fry  
Bill Ellenberger  
Scott Ellenberger  
Patti Gallagher  
Brienne Giddis

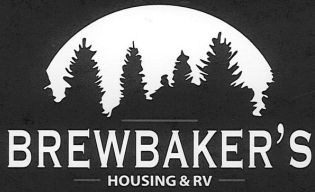
Donna Giessinger  
Vicki Giessinger  
Alberta Gaber  
Vicki Goscinski  
Lareesa Haggerty  
Alissa Hanel  
Rodney Harris  
Denise Harris

Donna Harrison  
Don Horrocks  
Kiera Janeczka  
John Kirila  
Virgil Kirila  
Andrea Knoke  
Daniel Lawler  
Margaret Lawler

Marv/Cheryl Lemmon  
Mark McGuiness  
Ellen McGuire  
Brittany Maynard  
Butch Leonard  
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Braxton Porter  
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