

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

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

Fr. Don Geyman

Mass Schedule

TUESDAY Feb. 24th
4:30pm William Tola
Req/Bev and George Heron

THURSDAY Feb. 26th
9:00am +Pat Harman
Req/Pat's Family

SATURDAY Feb. 28th
4:00pm +Rhodie Lynch
Req/Bill Ellenberger
*Confession 3-3:30pm

SUNDAY Mar. 1st
11:00am Parishioners of
St. Paul & St. Monica

The 1st Sunday of Lent invites reflection on human weakness and God's saving grace. It shows the struggle with temptation and the hope of new life through Jesus.

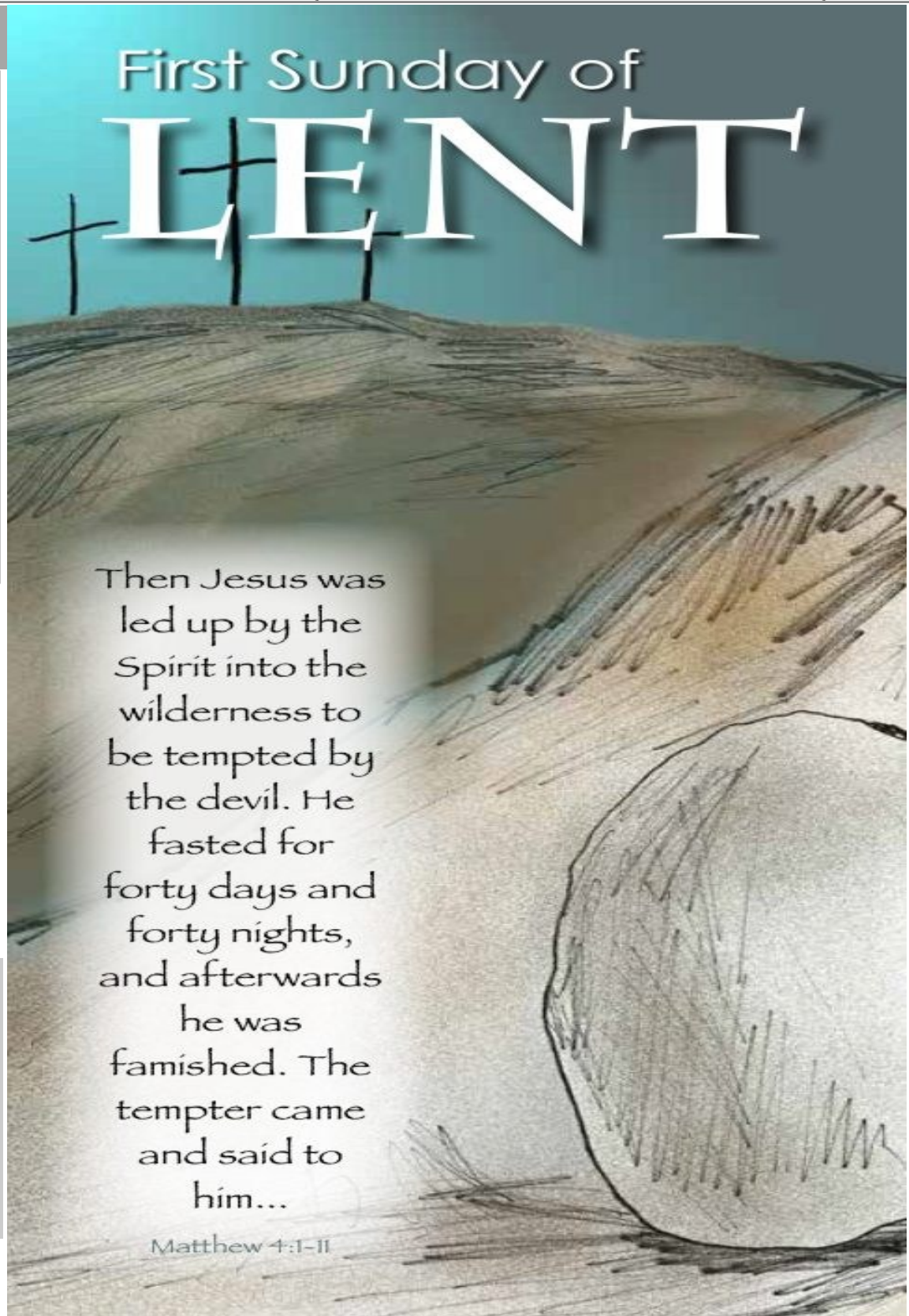
Mass Times

TUESDAY: 4:30pm
THURSDAY: 9:00am
Confession 9:30am

SATURDAY: 4:00pm
Confession 3-3:30pm

SUNDAY: 11:00am

Adoration every Thursday
10a—4p



Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him...

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.

Matthew 4:1-2

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

Absolute Catholic is excited to present the 2026 **Catholic Men's Conference** "Be a Man. Be a Saint." with Keynote Speaker, John Heinen. John is the Owner and Executive Director of The Catholic Gentleman, one of the most recognizable online men's apostolates, which reaches over a million individuals each month, with the mission to inspire holiness in men.

Register now for early bird rates: \$30
Regular rates begin 2/28: \$35
Clergy & men under 20 years: Free

When: Mar. 14, 2026

Time: 9 am - 2:30 pm

Where: St. Francis High School Auditorium,
Traverse City

Bishop Walsh is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15+) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please visit gaylordvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Walsh, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

BELIEVE
God's
PROMISES,
EMBRACE
silence.

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



POPE LEO XIV

Prayer for Vocations

**Heavenly Father,
Bless our Diocese
with an abundance of priests
and seminarians who
radiate Your love;
religious sisters who choose
you as their spouse;
devoted deacons who inspire us
to greater service;
faithful husbands and wives
who reflect Christ's love
for the Church;
and single men and women who
love you above all else.
Open our hearts to the
whisper of Your voice and the
transforming power of
Your grace.
Amen**

**Bible Study
Feb. 23rd @ 6pm
St. Paul hall**

First session will focus on a history of the Bible and its place with respect to tradition and the sacred magisterium. Latter sessions will be split between a brief history followed by discussion of the readings for that week's Sunday mass, emphasizing context. A lecture is not intended. Rather, to encourage participation of attendees, a Q&A format will be fostered. The New American Bible, from which all mass readings are taken, will be the main but not sole reference.

The National Eucharist Congress - Manna, is hosting THE HEART OF PRAYER, the newest series for small groups or for individuals. THE HEART OF PRAYER, in partnership with the Augustine Institute, "leads the viewers through 8 sessions of teaching on prayer and its place on our spiritual life. Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth" The HEART OF PRAYER will launch on Ash Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026. It is accessed through **formed.org** as well.

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ST. PAUL-ST. MONICA HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:

Mass 6:00pm

Good Friday:

Passion of the Lord 1:00 pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil 6:00pm

Easter Sunday

11:00am

**The Diocese of Gaylord is looking for a
Director of Worship & Liturgy**

This is a full-time position in
Gaylord, MI. Please access the Diocese
website for more information or to apply
dioceseofgaylord.org



**Don't wait
until you go
to Heaven
to see Jesus.
Visit Him in
Adoration.**

Sacraments

Baptisms: Marriages:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule. Couples requesting marriage must call at least six months in advance.

Confirmation OCIA(RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Roman Catholic or to inquire about our faith ..please call the Parish office.

**OCIA /Faith Formation
Registration forms in back of
Church.**



Faith Formation Sundays 9:45-10:45am in the Church Hall.

Office Hours
Open Tues/Weds/Thurs 9a-2p
989*500*6053

We are still in need of a Sunday morning organist. If interested, please call the office.
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ST. MONICA/AFTON WILL BE RECITING THE ROSARY ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH @ 11:30a.....FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK LUNCH. EVERYONE IS WELCOME...PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS!
2/27...Stations of the Cross
3/2...Rosary
3/6...First Friday
3/13...Stations of the Cross
3/20...Rosary
3/27...Stations of the Cross

*"The measure of love is to love
without measuring."
-St. Augustine-*

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. Amen

Week at a glance

Mon@6pm Bible Study-Hall
Tue@8pm AA(rm 1)Hall
Thurs@10am-4pm Adoration
Fri@3pm Stations of the Cross
4-7pm Parish Fish Fry
8pm AA(rm 1) Hall

*Marian Candle
Our Lady (Blue Candle)*

Week of February 22nd

Bud Hanel

If you are interested in sponsoring a candle, the cost is five dollars and burns for one week...please contact the office.



Remember that if school is closed due to weather conditions...morning Mass will be canceled.

ST. PAUL PARISH FISH FRY



Starting Friday Feb. 27th at 4-7pm until Friday March 20th.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Fried or steamed Cod, hush puppies, baked potato, mac & cheese, coleslaw, rolls, desserts & beverages!!

Also 50/50 raffle /drawing

\$18 per adult

\$10 per child

6 and under free

Take out orders \$15

The office will be closed the week of February 23rd

Readings for the week of Feb. 22nd

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: Dt26:16-19/Mt5:43-48

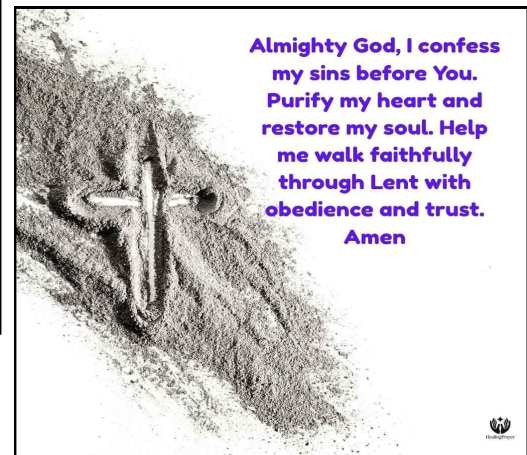
Sun: Gn12:1-4/Ps33:4-5,18-22/2Tm1:8-10/Mt17:1-9

Heavenly Father, please comfort and strengthen those who are struggling. Guide them with your love and provide for their needs, both seen and unseen.

Amen



Friday @ 3pm
throughout Lent



Almighty God, I confess my sins before You. Purify my heart and restore my soul. Help me walk faithfully through Lent with obedience and trust. Amen

Those in need of our prayers...

Roger Bendel
Ron Bischer
Dorothy Brama
Jim Burkhardt
Evelyn Canales
Lowell Cousino
Klydeigh Curtis
Kay Dowker

Alfred Drago III
Elvin Eagleson
Marie Frezel
Jackie Fry
Bill Ellenberger
Scott Ellenberger
Brianna Giddis
Donna Giessinger

Vicki Giessinger
Alberta Gaber
Vicki Goscinski
Joe Gotz
Lareesa Haggerty
Alissa Hanel

Denise Harris
Rodney Harris
Donna Harrison
Kiera Janeczko
Lori LaLonde
Daniel Lawler
Margaret Lawler
Marv/Chery Lemmon

Mark McGuiness
Ellen McGuire
Brittany Maynard
Crystal Monthei
Patrick Mousseau
Alina Nemarundwe
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Bentley Shann

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