

St. Paul the Apostle Church

18 Woodlawn Avenue

www.stpauljoliet.com

Joliet, Illinois

It is I, I, who wipe out,
for my own sake, your offenses;
your sins I remember no more.

— Isaiah 43:25

Seventh Sunday Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

Parish Office: 815-725-1527
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Rev. George Klepec, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs, Pastor x240
Rev. John Belmonte, S.J., Resident x230
Rev. James Lennon, Weekend Celebrant
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Lynne Passarella, Parish Secretary x200
Denise Rowan, Finance Manager x203
Larry Olenek, Facilities Manager x310
Mary Kay Robbins, Principal x401
Sr. Karen Marie Lanigan, O.S.F., D.R.E. x301
Jeremy Hylka, Liturgical and Youth Minister x320
Tanya Rand, Dean of Devel.&Mrktg. x201

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Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday 7:30 AM (Tues, 8:30 AM during school year)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: Variable-check bulletin.

Reconciliation: (Confessions): Saturday 3-4 or by appointment.

Baptisms: Usually the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass; a preparation meeting for parents is mandatory. Call the parish office before making any arrangements.

Weddings: Engaged parishioners must contact the parish office at least 6 months before intended date. Call the parish office before making any arrangements.

Homebound: Regular sacramental visits are provided to homebound parishioners upon request; please call the parish office.

Hospital: Father makes regular sacramental visits to Provena St. Joseph Medical Center; please notify the hospital of your parish at registration.

RCIA: Classes from September to Easter for those interested in becoming Catholic.

Becoming a Parishioner: Please contact the parish office to register; **All Are Welcome!**



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Saturday, February 18
4:30 PM Mary & Barney Bottino

Sunday, February 19
7:30 AM John & Teresa Vidican
9:00AM Rosemary Colonna
Evelyn Davis
10:30 AM The People of St. Paul the Apostle

Monday, February 20
7:30 AM Bernard Wrona

Tuesday, February 21
8:30 AM John Bene

Wednesday, February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
6:30 AM Bob & Eva Chignoli

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9:00 AM Robert Louch
7:00 PM Donald Malinowski

Thursday, February 23
7:30 AM Bernard Wrona
John Kane

Friday, February 24
7:30 AM Agnes Furdek

Saturday, February 25
4:30 PM Harry Bourg

Next Sun. February 26 Eighth Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Joseph Lukowski
9:00 AM The People of St. Paul the Apostle
10:30 AM Rosemary Merriman

NEXT WEEKEND'S LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

TIME	LECTORS
Saturday, February 25 4:30 PM - K. Sawyer/A.Devine	
Sunday, February 26 7:30 AM M.Hornung/L.Hoffman	
9:00 AM - A.Theobald/T.Ciesla	
10:30 AM B.Bodach/M.L.Crossen	

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

R. Lemke, Dr. Pultorak, N. Pultorak, J. Stofko, A. Stiff, P. Larranaga, P. Wilda

S. Stukel, C. Lukoski, C. Schultz, L. Deiss, C. Lehman, J. Peceniak, A. Prock, P. Bowden, M. Gross, D. Gross, J. Nahas, R. Jahas, P. Gimbel, C. Sinwell, T. Berkos, C. Berkos, S. Hobbs, M. Knorr, J. Hatfield, D. Fonza, R. DiGiulio



Next Weekend's Servers:

Saturday, February 25
4:30 PM - P & R Kosheimer/ S & L Serrato

Sunday, February 26
7:30 AM - K. Sears/T. Sarcletti/J. Kollross
9:00 AM A. & Z Bebar/B. Hinkleman
10:30 AM - E. Molnar/C. Alejos/C. Castillo/J. Bolek

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 22, 2012

6:30 AM
9:00 AM
7:00 PM

**Athletic Board Fish Fry
Dinner Served
4:00-7:00PM
Activity Center A 4**

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Reflection on Stewardship
Embracing a simpler lifestyle enables us to live more generously.
February 5, 2012 \$18797.00
(This amount includes Direct Donation.)
Budgeted per week: \$20,500.00

This weekend, The Buza Family will carry the gifts at 4:30pm, The Kaminski family 9:00am and the Mejia family at 10:30 am.

Next weekend February 25-26 The Ohlson Family at 4:30 pm, The Limacher Family at the 10:30 am.

March 3-4 weekend, The Johnson Family at 4:30 pm, The Thompson Family at 9:00am, The Sharp Family at 10:30am.

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Seventh Sunday
Ordinary Time
February 19, 2012

The New Mass

After 35 articles dealing with the new translation of the Mass, beginning about three years ago, we finally come to the last article in the series! The priest's invitation to receive Holy Communion invites the people's response, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

The previous translation said, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you," which certainly sounded more natural than "entering under my roof," so one might wonder why the change to such an unusual phrasing. Of course, as with all of the new translation, it's to make it more accurate to the original Latin text...but why does the Latin say this rather unusual phrase?

So much of the Mass, as we have seen, is Scriptural, practically a mosaic of quotes from the Bible, assembled together in a framework of meaning to help us pray deeply. This response before coming forward to receive the Eucharist is almost a word for word quote from Luke 7:6 which recounts the words of the centurion who asked the Lord to heal his servant. Why this particular quote right before Communion?

The story of the centurion stands out because of the remarkable faith of this Roman who was not of the Chosen People of Israel. Jesus himself exclaimed, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith!" The centurion had professed his faith in Jesus' divinity. While everyone else thought of Jesus as a merely gifted rabbi, the centurion remarked that even the powers of nature are as fully under Jesus' command as his lieutenants were under his military command. It's really just another way of saying, "I know that you're God."

What a perfect response for us to say right before coming forward to receive the Eucharist! We profess that this seemingly ordinary piece of bread is actually God himself. In fact, this is one of the reasons why non-Catholics are not invited to receive the Eucharist: only those who profess their faith in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist are worthy to receive this sacred gift. To come forward worthily to receive the Eucharist, one must be able to say along with the centurion, "I know that this is God!"

Finally, for those who do accept the truth of this miracle, that this really is God in our midst, the Eucharist brings about the healing of the soul. While the centurion's servant was healed of a physical sickness, we are healed spiritually. When Christ enters into a worthy soul, he heals it of sin and selfishness, he strengthens it against temptations, and he soothes it with his warming grace. Through the Eucharist, our souls are made whole.

Fr. Gregory

Parish News



St. Paul's Youth Ministry (FOLLOW)

New members are always welcome.
You must be confirmed and/or in high school!
Contact Youth Minister Jeremy Hylka at
815-730-8599 or stpaulsyouth@sbcglobal.net
Website: www.stpaulyouth.com
Facebook: St. Paul's Youth Ministry Joliet

FOLLOW Night Tues., Feb.21 6-7pm Social,
7-9PM FOLLOW

**Eucharistic Adoration and
Focus on the Cross Night!**

Rosary & Hang Out Wed.,Feb.22 4-6PM.
Retreat Prep Meeting Wed., Feb. 22 6:15-8PM
Youth Mass and Open Gym Sat.Feb.25 3-8 PM



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**After 7:30am Mass on Monday,
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday,**

**LENT IS A PERFECT TIME TO HAVE A
CONVERSATION WITH THE LORD. ASK
AND HE WILL ANSWER.**



**PRAY FOR
OUR MILITARY
ALL OVER THE WORLD**

R. E. P. NEWS

**In need of information about
Our Religious Education Program?
Please call the REP office at
815-725-6927**

There are no REP classes on Monday,
February 20, 2012. REP classes resume on
Monday, February 27, 2012 at 5:45pm in the
school.

Families of First Communicants are encour-
aged to participate in the Mass as gift bearers.
There are openings at man of the Masses par-
ticularly later in the Spring. Please call the
REP office to sign up.

Dear Father Rothfuchs,

As we complete the 2011 Catholic
Ministries Annual Appeal, I am de-
lighted to inform you that St. Paul the
Apostle Parish has surpassed its appeal
goal. Parishes that surpass their goal
receive a check for 50% of the funds raised and paid
in excess of their goal.



Enclosed please find a check in the amount of
\$5,572.50 for your parish. On behalf of all those
who have and will continue to benefit from the many
fine ministries of our diocese, I ask you to extend
our personal thanks and appreciation to the generous
people of St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

Sincerely,

Michael Bava
Chief Financial Officer



Calendar News



Sunday, February 19

7:30am	Sunday Mass	Church
8:00am	Festivale Clean-up	ALL A C
9:00am	Sunday Mass	Church
9:30AM	Hospitality (coffee donuts)	Tower Room
10:00am	RCIA (Convent)	Comm. Room
10:30am	Mass	Church
1:00pm	Liturgy Committee	Church

Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS DAY

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Tuesday, February 21

8:30am	School Mass	Church
3:00pm	Day care	School Hall
6:30pm	Boy Scouts #15	SH

Wednesday, February 22



6:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
9:00am	Mass	Church
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
4:00pm	Fish Fry	A 4
6:00pm	Basketball Games	Gym
6:00pm	Rainbows	School Rm 106

Thursday, February 23

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
3:00pm	Children's Choir	Church
6:00pm	Adult Choir	Church
6:00PM	Basketball Games	Gym

Friday, February 24

7:30am	Mass	Church
8:00am	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
2:15pm	Childrens Statons of the Cross	Church
3:00pm	Day Care	School Hall
4:00pm	Fish Fry	A 4
5:30pm	Girl Scouts (Underhill)	A 2
6:00pm	Girl Scouts (Wendel/Molnar)	School Hall

Saturday, February 25

8:00am	Basketball Games	Gym.
3:00pm	Confessions	Church
4:00pm	Boy Scouts Troop #15	A 4
4:00pm	Youth Ministry Rosary	Church
4:30pm	Vigil Mass	Church
5:30pm	Music Ensemble	Church
5:30pm	Youth Ministry	Gym

Sunday, February 26

7:30am	Mass	Church
9:00am	Mass	Church
10:00am	RCIA (Convent)	Comm. Room
10:30am	Mass	Church
4:00pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor	School Hall

For the most current calendar information please go to www.stpauljoliet.com

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers who are seriously ill or who are suffering from long-term illnesses:



Patricia Balla
Erin Bartel
Mason Briese
Patricia Burda
Cathy Buza
Noemi Canales
Gerald Colagrossi
Laura Criel
Jim Escoe
Jean Fabich
Mary Patricia Fischer

Fr. Marty Gabel
Judith Gahala
Harn Family
Bernie Hastings
Sandy Hathway
Sami Henderson
Jack Jackson
Rev. George Klepec
Ann Juhlmann
Helen Locher
Carol Malnar

Shirley Max
Mary Modlin
John Mowbray
Jeanie Nunue
Eugene Oetter
Kurt Palmer
Kay Prock
Amy Remallard
Marie Richards
Cathy Rodway
Lisa Savero

Barbara Schreiner
Richard Schreiner
Fran Schultz
Tony Simone
Louis Toka
Nicholas Veghts
Nancy Zimmer

LENTEN ALMSGIVING "BIRTHRIGHT"

Birthright is a center for crisis pregnancy. The staff consists of volunteers. All services, pregnancy testing, counseling, baby clothes, diapers and formula are free and confidential. Your monetary donation will enable all mothers who seek the services of Birthright to be able to clothe and feed their babies. Your monetary donation may be placed in the basket on the step of the Altar. **THANK YOU!!!**

PAULITES

Date: Wednesday, March 7th, 2012
Time: 5:30 P.M.
Place: St Paul the Apostle Parish Center
130 Woodlawn Avenue
Joliet, IL 60435
Cost: \$ 8.00 Member
\$ 9.00 Non-Member - (Guest)
Menu: **Corned Beef & Cabbage For St. Patrick's Day**
Hot and Cold Drinks
St Patrick's Day Cake

Entertainment: **Joliet Central Jazz Band**
under the direction of
Mike Fisk

Payment must be made by: Wed, February 29th, 2012

Name _____ Pd _____

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Annulment Support for Annulment Petitioners, **February 25, 2012**

This support day is designed for those who have petitioned the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to begin the annulment process by submitting the Matrimonial Fact Sheet but who have not completed their long questionnaire which they received from the Tribunal.

The day starts at 8:30 and runs until 4:30 and takes place at St Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. There will be time for prayer, questions and input, a talk on relational issues, and private time to work on the questionnaire. A team of pastoral ministers will be available for private consultation. The suggested donation is \$25 which includes lunch and materials. People who have attended this workshop in the past have found it extremely helpful. Please call 815-838-5334 by February 20th to register or for more information.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Soon, our diocese will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions.

In addition to pastoral projects, scholarships, and other initiatives, the Collection supports Catholic organizations that work to ease the burdens facing those who live in the region. Many elderly residents of the former Soviet region of Georgia awoke one morning to find their pensions and life savings gone. Former doctors, lawyers, and musicians now find themselves with the equivalent of \$50 a month to live on. This stipend doesn't even cover the cost of one loaf of bread per day, leaving nothing to pay for transportation, clothing, or medicine. Collection funds are essential to keeping medical dispensaries and shelters open and ensuring that religious and lay ministers are available to help those in need.

In the neighboring Republic of Azerbaijan, Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Sisters of Charity run a homeless shelter with aid from the Collection. In addition to providing bread, medical care, and transitional housing at the shelter, the sisters visit the poor and elderly who are bedridden or too sick to travel to the city, helping to bring the light of Christ to those living in the darkness of poverty, illness, and loneliness. The sisters combat the destruction brought on by 70 years of state atheism, which undermined Christian ideals and contributed to increased alcoholism and deterioration of the family unit.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe where ***Christ, the Light, continues to illuminate the way.*** Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.



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Contact: Andrea Bird, MA
Hands of Hope Counseling Services
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
(815) 937-0478
abird@cc-doj.org

Are You Struggling to Raise a Challenging Child?

Learn how to build a strong, trusting relationship with your child, shift the child from negativity to positivity, and become a more confident, successful parent! Hands of Hope Counseling Services (a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet) is offering "Nurtured Heart Approach" in Joliet starting on Wednesday, February 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The program runs for six weeks and will help bring peace to your household. For seminar rates and to register call Germaine at 1-800-240-7011. For more information about the programs and services offered by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

FAT TUESDAY DONUT/SLOVENIAN KROFI SALE

The St. Joseph Slovenian Catholic League Is sponsoring a Fat Tuesday Doughnut/ Slovenian KROFI (BISMARCK) Sale on Tuesday, February 21st at St. Joseph Park. All Doughnuts will be freshly-made and are available for \$6.00/dozen. Phone orders will be taken from Sunday, January 29th through Sunday, February 19th @ 815-726-3521 (Lillian) or 815-727-9378 (Rectory). **All Doughnuts must be pre-ordered** and will be available for pickup at St. Joseph Park. Specify pickup time: 8-10am, 10-12pm, 12-2pm, or 2-4pm when ordering. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to fill a few positions for seasonal cemetery workers. A seasonal cemetery worker will do general cleanup of cemeteries of leaves, broken branches and other debris and assists with the placement and removal of seasonal grave decorations and maintenance of grass, bushes and trees. (See job description at www.dioceseofjoliet.org under employment) Qualifications: Must be a high school graduate with a valid Illinois Drivers license and be physically able to do lawn maintenance work. This is a seasonal position only with no benefits, with a normal work-week of 40 hours. Qualified and interested applicants send resume to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org, Office of Human Resources, St. Charles Pastoral Center, 101 W. Airport Rd., Romeoville, IL 60446