

ST. PAUL the Apostle Congregation



They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the SKY? This JESUS who has been taken up from you into heaven will RETURN in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

ACTS 1:11

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*We, the Catholic Parishes of St. Sebastian & St. Paul the Apostle, working together, are **challenged** by our Baptism, **nourished** in the Eucharist and **committed** to ongoing transformation to bring the person of Jesus Christ to individuals, families, and society.*

6400 SPRING STREET, RACINE, WI 53406

MAY 24, 2009
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Weekly Worship & Daily Prayer

Mass Intentions

Liturgy of the Ascension of the Lord

4:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul

Sunday, May 24th, Liturgy of the Ascension of the Lord

8:30 a.m. † Sam D'Aquisto (Angie Marano)

10:30 a.m. † All Souls

Monday, May 25th, St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII and St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

8:15 a.m. NO MASS - Communion Service

Tuesday, May 26th, St. Philip Neri

8:15 a.m. NO MASS - Communion Service

Wednesday, May 27th, St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:15 a.m. † James & Lucille McDonald (Family & Friends)

† Joseph Hrpcek (Lucille Hrpcek)

Thursday, May 28th, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Bill Hall (Carol Hall)

Friday, May 29th, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † All Souls

Saturday, May 30th, Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Wanda Weisbrod (Family)

Liturgy of Pentecost

4:30 p.m. † Eugene Molinaro (Joe & Elvie Toter)

Sunday, May 31st, Liturgy of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. † All Souls

10:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Monday through Saturday prior to the Mass or Communion Service at 7:50 a.m.

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday following the Mass or Communion Service.

Prayer Requests

In addition to our Book of Prayers, you may anonymously write your prayer request and place it in the wooden box on the west table in the gathering area. Feel free to contact Bernice Davis at 637-2959 or Sue Douglas at 884-9095 for anonymous prayer also.

St. Paul Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday:

8:15 a.m.

Communion Service on Tuesday

Confessions - Each Saturday:

After 8:15 a.m. Mass & at

10:00 a.m.

St. Sebastian Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday:

8:00 a.m.

No Mass on Friday

Confessions - Each Saturday:

3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacraments at St. Paul

Baptism - Parents must be registered with the parish three months prior to Baptism. Please call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism preparation session.

Marriage - Couples call the pastor, at least six months before the desired date.

Anointing - First Friday of every month after 8:15 a.m. Mass or by request.

Fr. Bill's

40th Anniversary of Ordination

Please join the Staff, Parish Council and Fr. Bill's family in celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, May 31st, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, we will host a reception in Fr. Cox Hall to honor and celebrate with Fr. Bill. There will be a basket for you to drop cards and well wishes in for Fr. Bill, but he has requested "No Gifts, Please!"

Parish Council Elections

In today's bulletin, you will find our Parish Council Nomination Guide. Please take this home and spend some time learning about the people who have accepted the call to leadership. Our Parish Council elections will take place on June 6th & 7th. Please plan some time before or after Mass that weekend to cast your ballot. Absentee ballots are available in the Parish Office beginning Tuesday, May, 26th and will be available through Friday, June 5th.

Weekly Scripture Synopsis

May 24th ~ Feast of the Ascension

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

The message of the Ascension is that each believer is commissioned to go out and proclaim the Gospel to all we meet.

Readings for the Week of May 24, 2009

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 The first Christian Pentecost

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 There are different gifts, but the same Spirit.

John 20:9-23 The Holy Spirit will guide you.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Eppers and Thomas Cotteleer whose funerals were held this week and of Robert Grant who recently passed away. *May their souls rest in eternal peace.* Please keep Mary, Thomas, Robert and their families in your prayers.

Parish Calendar & Information

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, May 24th
No Activities Planned

Monday, May 25th ~ Memorial Day
No Activities Planned

Tuesday, May 26th
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church
6:30 p.m. Women's Book Club - Fr. Esser Library
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Fr. Cox Hall

Wednesday, May 27th
6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Church
6:30 p.m. Tri-Parish Catechist Appreciation Dinner - Off Site
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday, May 28th
No Activities Planned

Friday, May 29th
10:00 a.m. Moms & Tots Group - Nursery

Saturday, May 30th
8:45 a.m. Confession
10:00 a.m. Confession

Sunday, May 31st
10:30 a.m. Celebration of Fr. Bill's 40th Anniversary of Ordination - Church
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the World - Gathering Area
11:30 a.m. Celebration of Fr. Bill's 40th Anniversary of Ordination - Fr. Cox Hall

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Lord,
on this day, we remember those
who have served us by protecting our freedoms.
When we celebrate our long weekend
with our friends and family, help us remember,
that our freedom to speak of you,
and our freedom to worship you,
and our freedom to do that which we ought to do,
have all been bought at the price and sacrifice
of many lives.
Your Son died for our eternal life in heaven.
So too, your children died protecting us here on earth.
Help us be mindful this weekend and always
of the sacrifices made by those in uniform
for all our freedoms.
Amen.



Memorial Day Mass 2009

All parishioners and guests are invited to the Racine Catholic Cemeteries Annual Memorial Day Mass. This year the liturgy will be celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1525 Erie Street on Monday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m. Rev. John Aiello will be the celebrant for this special Mass. Please join the Catholic community of Racine as we join in prayer and recognition of the sacrifices made by our armed forces in the name of freedom. We will also pray for all of our brothers and sisters who are buried in our cemeteries. *"They will see You face to face and in Your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for You live and reign forever and ever. Amen."*

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 25th so that our staff can enjoy Memorial Day with their families. There will be no Mass or Communion Service.

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Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer travel. Before you leave home, log onto www.masstimes.org and find a Mass in the area you will be visiting. When you visit a new parish, bring back a copy of their bulletin....we always like to see what is happening in other areas of the state or country. Blessings to all for safe summer travels!



YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Which is Paul's most important letter?

Without a doubt many would say Romans. Christians through the ages have recognized the content of this letter as one of the greatest summaries of Christian teaching ever assembled. Romans demonstrates Paul's critical thinking skills, his expertise at expressing clearly his faith, his vision of the impact of Jesus Christ on the world, and his ability to persuade his audience with great conviction.

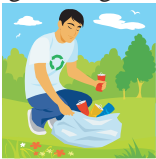
All of Paul's letters are important and theological. The letters to Corinth give hints about ordinary Christian life in Paul's day. They give us a glimpse of early Christian traditions such as the celebration of the Eucharist, the functions of charisms, the importance of the resurrection, or a theology of reconciliation. Taken together Paul's letters provide the single greatest testimony of the influence of this one apostolic figure who shaped the course of Christian history. "Taken from Ronald D. Witherup, *101 Questions & Answers on Paul* (Paulist Press, New York/Mahwah, NJ, 2003) Used with permission. www.paulistpress.com"



Scripture & Friendship Sharing

Be Kind to Our Environment

With spring finally here, it is time to get outside and spruce things up. You can be kind to our environment, but giving a few hours of your time working on the Church grounds. Join Jerry Hipper and the Building & Grounds Committee on Saturday, June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to spruce up our parish facility and clean up our beautiful grounds. Bring a rake, shovel, and some garden gloves or wheel barrow



and we will put you to work! Meet new friends and enjoy the spring weather.

DOOR COUNTY IN JUNE!

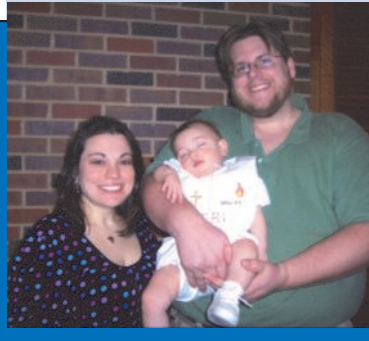
There are a few spots left on the bus trip to Door County! Call the Parish Office today, if you are interested in going along on this fun-filled summer getaway!

Safeguarding All God's Children Session

There will be a Safeguarding All God's Children Session on Tuesday, June 2nd from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul the Apostle in Fr. Cox Hall. Please register by calling your Parish Office. If you plan to volunteer and work with children, you must attend one of these sessions.

Food Pantry Volunteer Needed

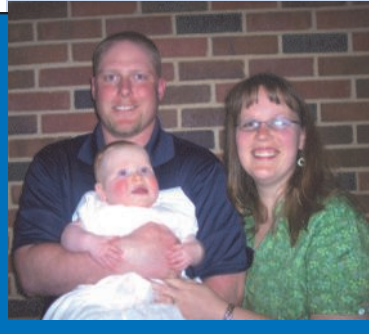
The food pantry is in need of a volunteer to assist on the third Tuesday of every other month from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. beginning July 21st. If you have been looking for a way to give one hour each month, this is your opportunity. Please call Kathy at 672-9713 for more information.



Ian Thomas Homs, son of David & Amy: *"In the most trying times in our life, our faith has provided solace, understanding, and strength. We want to pass this priceless gift to our child."*



Addison Leigh Medeck, daughter of John & Rebecca: *"We want Addison's Baptism to be the beginning of her Christian journey. We look forward to having the support of our Catholic community to help us raise our daughter with strong Christian values and that she may live a life free of original sin."*



Thomas Joseph Wilfert, son of Joseph & Martha: *"We have brought Thomas to be Baptized to free him from original sin and to join God's family."*

St. Rose Meal

The hungry are still among us. Our Parish is hosting the St. Rose Meal on Tuesday, June 2nd. Our Lord has been most generous to us and it is with the spirit of generosity of our parishioners here at St. Paul the Apostle that the hungry are fed at the St. Rose Center. Please consider providing some food or serving at the site. Sign-up sheets and pans can be found in the gathering area. Deliver food to St. Paul's (canopy entrance) between 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. or to St. Rose Center (1032 Grand Avenue) between 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Helpers, please be at St. Rose by 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your continuing response. If you have any questions, please call Bettyanne at 554-6240.



Faith in Our Future

Our Commitment Weekend gatherings were very well received and attended. Special thanks to the Parish Life Activities Committee, Staff and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make these events so very nice! We will continue to accept commitment cards for the next several weeks. Extra cards and envelopes are on the tables in the gathering area. Just complete the card, put it in the Faith in Our Future envelope and drop it in the collection. All information is kept confidential. Your participation and commitment are greatly appreciated!

Faith in Our Future – I have a question!

We will continue to answer questions and address concerns that are submitted to us regarding Faith in Our Future. We often hear comments that surfaced in parking lot conversations that are not accurate, so we will try to spell out the correct information over the next several weeks. If at any time you are confused about something or need clarification, please call the Parish Office or submit a question to us. We will do our very best to answer your questions and concerns accurately and honestly.

It seems that there is some confusion regarding the portion of our case statement that relates to facility projects. We have earmarked 44% of donations received to be used on this portion of our case. The figure of \$200,000 next to facility projects was the amount that would be set aside only if our parish meets its goal of \$750,000. The Parish Council, Staff and committees all discerned and prioritized the items to be included in our case statement. Just because something is listed, does not mean it will happen.

One of the projects that warrants clarification is the redesign of our parish office space. When we moved into this facility six years ago, we furnished the offices for our Pastor and Directors. We purchased new computer equipment, a new copier and installed very nice cubicle space at the front office for our Parish Life Secretary, but the remainder of the office space was never finished. Since that time, as our staff has grown, we have dragged old steel desks and filing cabinets up from the basement or east wing classrooms. These desks came from our old church at 5700 Washington Avenue and are not equipped for modern computer equipment and keyboards. We hope to use a portion of our funds to finish the front office space with ergonomic and efficient work spaces. By redesigning this space, we will be able to accommodate more work stations for future growth of our staff and office volunteers. We certainly have no plans to redo anything that was part of the building of our new church.

Another important part of the facility projects will be looking to the north at future land purchases and expansion of our parking lot. As many of you have experienced on Sunday mornings and Holidays, finding a parking spot can be difficult and cars often line our entrances, as well as Emmertsen Road. More handicap parking spots are also needed. In the coming years, portions of our existing parking lot will also need to be repaired or replaced. And lastly, as in any building, old or new, storage is always an issue, which is why an outdoor storage building was included in the case statement.

Please keep in mind that just because these items are on the parish case statement, it does not mean they will automatically be purchased. All purchases and projects will be approved through the Parish Council and Finance Committee. We are very fortunate here at St. Paul to have fiscally responsible individuals on both of these leadership committees.



Parish Nurse

Peggy is not available through the end of May. Please continue to check the bulletin for more details.

Union Grove Area Foodbank's Annual Spring Used Clothing Sale

The sale will be held on Thursday, May 28th from 8:45 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday, May 29th from 8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at St. Robert's Church Hall on Highway 45 (Main Street) in Union Grove. All clothing items priced 50¢ or less. \$3.00 bag sale on Friday at 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Foodbank. Call 262-853-4144 for further information.

Senior Companion Program NEEDS YOU!

This wonderful organization, that serves seniors in our community, is constantly seeking volunteers who have a few hours each month to spend visiting or calling on an older person who is homebound. The program's mission is to enhance the quality of life for older adults through friendship, socialization and advocacy. This is a Ministry of the Racine Dominican Sisters. Please call the Senior Companion Program office at 639-4100, ext 1299. Your time can be a priceless gift to someone!

Singles Memorial Day Picnic

Tomorrow, May 25th from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Greenfield Park, Area #3A there will be a Singles Picnic. Bring your favorite dish to pass. Brats, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and beverages will be provided. The cost is \$6.00 with a dish to pass and \$9.00 without a dish. This picnic is open to *singles* - (single, never-married, widowed or divorced). Greenfield Park is located at 124th Street and Lincoln Avenue.



Please call Cathie at 886-9257 with any questions.

“Sowing the Seeds” Life-Long Faith Formation

Child & Youth Ministry News

End-of-Year Celebration a Hit

A big thank you to all students and their parents who attended the End-of-Year Potluck Celebration last Wednesday evening. Four banquet tables of food were filled with your delicious homemade dishes and amazingly, there were no leftovers! Now that's a success! Enjoy your summer and we'll see you next year.

2009-2010 R.A.R.E.

High School Program Orientations and Registrations for Grades 9 and 10

All students who will be freshmen and sophomores in the fall of 2009 should attend one of the following orientations and registration sessions. If you plan on attending the R.A.R.E. (Racine Area Religious Education) Sunday night option this coming fall, please attend the orientation/registration on Sunday, August 30th at 2:00 p.m. in St. Catherine's High School Cafeteria. If you choose this option, please contact David Kenny at 886-0530.

If you plan on attending the R.A.R.E. Wednesday night option at St. Joseph's this coming year, please attend the orientation/registration on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's School on Erie Street. Please enter through the front doors of the school. If you choose this option, please contact Sue Gehrig at 633-9005.

Students who are currently in a Catholic school but who will be entering a public school in the fall of 2009 should also attend.

Young Adult Ministry News

Summer Cookout for College Students - Young Adults:

All college students and young adults age 18-35 are invited to a summer cookout on Thursday, June 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Rita's Church grounds, by the soccer field. The Young Adult Ministry group from the tri-parish “Sowing The Seeds” collaborative program is looking forward to seeing you. Please R.S.V.P to David Kenny at 886-0530 or dkeny71@gmail.com and bring a friend. Any parishioners from St. Paul the Apostle, St. Rita and St. Sebastian who would like to donate food items or soda for this event can also contact David Kenny at the above phone number or email.



Vacation Bible School

Summer Vacation Bible School brochures are now available! Register your child to participate in both one week and two week options. VBS opportunities are: **Son Rock Kid's Camp** - June 22- July 2 at St. Paul the Apostle (hosted by St. Joseph, St. John, St. Paul, St. Rita & St. Sebastian); **Group's Power Lab** - July 6-10 at St. Mary's by the Lake; AND July 27-31 at St. Catherine's High School (hosted by the Catholic Parishes of Racine, working with the Teen Summer Work Camp). Cost is only \$15 per child. Call 639-6280 for more information.

Local Summer Workcamp

Attention all teenagers: A local summer workcamp will take place for Middle and High School students (Grades 6 -12) from July 27th - 31st, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The host site will be St. Richard Parish. Teens choose a work site for the week when they sign up. Registration forms have been distributed during Christian Formation classes and the deadline to sign up is June 15th. If you have any questions, please call David Kenny at 886-0530.



Marty Meetings



All those who have signed up to travel to Marty, South Dakota are expected to attend the following meetings to be held at St. Paul the Apostle.

Monday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m. meeting in Fr. Cox Hall

Saturday, July 18th at 4:30 p.m. Mass & Blessing

Sunday - Saturday, July 19 - 25 Group in Marty, South Dakota

Adult Ministry News

Bible Series Cancellation Reminder

Just a brief reminder that the “Women in the Bible” workshop, which had been scheduled to be held at St. Sebastian on June 2nd, has been postponed until fall. Watch the bulletin in late summer for the rescheduled date.

graduation Blessing

Dear Lord,
the life that you have given us has many stages.
Please bless these young people today,
as they leave one stage of life and begin another.
Guide them as they finish this chapter
in the story you have written for them,
and begin a new one, written on a fresh page.
Help them to make the right choices, Lord.
May they always remember
that past choices need not sully a bright future,
nor good choices in the past
ensure that tomorrow will be carefree and easy.
Most of all, remind them, Lord,
that no one's story is fully lived
unless you are allowed to be its one, true author
by those who live it.
Amen.



Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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www.masstimes.org (A good resource for travelers.)

OUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP:

Watch your stewardship letter for communication about our monthly contributions of stewardship and offertory.

