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Mass and Confession Times
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm (Spanish), 5:30pm, 9:00pm

Weekday:
12:15pm Monday-Friday
5:30pm Monday and Wednesday
9:00pm Tuesday and Thursday
8:30am Saturday

Confession:
Monday-Thursday: 6:30-8:00pm
30 minutes before all Sunday Masses

Please note you must register online at hoosiercatholic.org to attend mass.

The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass has been extended to November 1. Those who are 65 years of age and older as well as all vulnerable and sick persons are encouraged to stay home during this time.
Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast arises from the tradition of St. Helena discovering the True Cross and the dedication date of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In religious orders, including the Dominicans, this feast day began what was known as the “Long Fast,” a period of penance and fasting that lasted until Easter.

On a more spiritual level, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is a reminder for us of the power and triumph of sacrificial love over the absolute worst torture, punishment, and death the world has to offer. The implement by which Our Lord and Savior, God made flesh, was tortured and put to death is now our throne, our symbol of victory and salvation.

During these days of the COVID-19 pandemic in the midst of civil unrest throughout the country, in the final weeks of an election year, the Cross, and the victory it offers to each of us, is a powerful reminder and symbol of hope. No matter how hard it is or how hard it gets, we have already won in Christ. These days are and will be, like the Cross, our means of victory. We don’t get to choose the cross the Lord gives to us. Like Jesus, who asked the Father to “take this cup from me,” we are afraid, confused, and intimidated by its weight, its severity. However, as St. Francis de Sales notes, there is something beautiful in the cross.

He writes: “The everlasting God has in his wisdom foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost Heart. This cross He now sends you He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with loving arms and weighed with His own hands to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His Holy Name, anointed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the All-Merciful Love of God.”

Increased Financial Challenges

The generosity of our parishioners and benefactors has been outstanding during this pandemic. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to pay all of our bills and our staff the past six months. I am truly grateful, from the bottom of my heart, for your support during these difficult times.

Unfortunately, the last two months we have seen a noticeable drop in Sunday collections. Thus far, we are more than 8% below our budgeted amount for Sunday collections. Compared to actual revenue from last year, our Sunday collections the past two months are 15% less than what we received during the same two months last year.

Over a few months, a drop like this is not catastrophic. However, we cannot continue down this path for very long. If this trend of decreased giving continues, we will face some very difficult decisions and adjustments.

Your generous support of St. Paul’s helps us to pay our bills and our employees, but, most of all, your support helps us to fulfill the mission of serving the poor, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and saving souls.

As we face these tough times together, I ask you to pray for us and, if you are able, to help us financially. If you have questions about giving to St. Paul’s, please contact Tori Fourman, tori@hoo-siercatholic.org

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Patrick

September 13, 2020, 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Worship

Mass Intentions

Weekend Masses September 12-13

Saturday 4:30pm † Robert Wagner

Sunday 8:30am † Erin McGarvey
          10:30am † Robert Wagner

(Spanish) 12:30pm St. Paul Parishioners

Sousa 5:30pm Jorge, Noelia, & Fr. Manuel

Weekday Masses September 14-September 18

Monday 12:15pm Alexandra Makris
         5:30pm Charlotte Sweet

Tuesday 12:15pm † Susan Colvin
          9:00pm St. Paul Parishioners

Wednesday 12:15pm † Young-Ja Park
           5:30pm St. Paul Parishioners

Thursday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners
         9:00pm St. Paul Parishioners

Friday 12:15pm St. Paul Parishioners
         5:30pm St. Paul Parishioners

During a time of prayer on Sunday or while viewing the Mass on TV or online, the faithful are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion. This beautiful devotional practice in the Church is a real source of grace in Communion with our Lord. To the right is an example of a prayer for Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

Novena Prayer Group

The Novena Prayer Group at St. Paul invites you to join us on a journey of prayer. We pray short and long Novenas all year round.
For more information, contact Anita Park at anipa-rk2004@yahoo.com.

Women’s Bible Study on Zoom

Women’s Bible Study continues to meet every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. We are studying the books of Tobit, Judith and Esther using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible series which we purchased on Amazon. If you are interested in joining us and/or have questions, contact anitawesterhaus@gmail.com

Prayers for the Sick of Our Parish

Names of the sick will be listed for four weeks at a time. If you wish for a name to remain on the list longer, please contact the parish office at 812-339-5561 or mreilly@hoosiercatholic.org


Pray for them, and for all who are elderly, infirm, and homebound.
Online Mass Signups

We are currently requiring that everyone register to attend mass at St. Paul. With students now on campus, we are likely to reach capacity at Sunday masses. Registering ensures you can attend and allows us to adhere to capacity guidelines for your health and safety. We also encourage everyone to arrive 5-10 minutes before mass begins to allow time for check-in. We thank you for your compliance during this unusual time!

The link to register to attend mass can be found on the home page of www.hoosiercatholic.org. If you are having trouble or need assistance filling out the online form, please call the office at (812)339-5561 and we can register online for you. The Sunday 10:30, 12:30 and 5:30 masses (as well as 12:15 Tuesday and Thursday, and 5:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) will continue to be livestreamed.

Do you miss being involved in the parish? Become an usher!

Who? You, potentially! We need 2-4 ushers for each mass.
When? All weekend masses! 4:30pm Vigil, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm Spanish, 5:30pm, 9:00pm
What? Volunteers are needed to check attendees in before mass, direct socially-distanced seating in the church, and lead traffic during communion at mass.
Why? With Indiana University students back on campus, our weekend masses have been nearly meeting capacity and we are looking for help in making sure everyone has a safe experience at Sunday mass.
To get involved, please contact Bridget McIntyre at bmcintyre@hoosiercatholic.org

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Check out RCIA classes

Whether you are interested simply in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a fully confirmed member of the Catholic Church, the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is for you. This class is also for you whether you have no religious background, are a baptized non-Catholic, or a Catholic seeking baptism and/or confirmation.

Classes this year will meet via Zoom on Wednesday evenings. Those interested should contact Deacon Ron at deaconron@hoosiercatholic.org.

Apply for the Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul’s Parish Pastoral Council is currently accepting applications until Sept. 14 for the 2020-2021 year. The Parish Council meets every third Monday of the month with meetings from 7:45-9:15pm.

You can find the application at http://www.hoosiercatholic.org/parish-council.html. If you have any questions regarding the application process please contact sammessier55@gmail.com.
Parish Information and News

Catholic Social Teaching Mini-Course

Fr. Dennis will be leading a six-week online faith formation class on Catholic Social Teaching. The dates the course will meet are September 16, 23, 30, and October 7, 14, 21 from 7:00-8:30pm. This course will be geared toward adults, but it would be suitable for those 13 and older.

Catholic Social Teaching is often described as the Church’s “best kept secret.” In an election year, during a pandemic, as we are having difficult conversations and protests on issues of racial justice, immigration, and so many other issues, our Catholic faith offers a treasure chest of resources that help to form us to respond as Christ in the world.

Fr. Dennis has worked extensively in areas of social justice throughout his priesthood. Consequently, he brings a wonderful range of experiences to this topic which will serve to benefit those who participate. If you are planning to attend this course or would like more information, please contact Fr. Dennis.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wozniak at mwozniak@hoosiercatholic.

New Office Hours

With the school year upon us, we have adjusted our office hours slightly.
Our new office hours are:
Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-2:00 pm;
3:00-7:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

PSALM:
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

SECOND READING:
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. (Rom 14:8)

GOSPEL:
Peter approached Jesus and asked him, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.” (Mt 18:21-22)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrow
Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

REFLECT
FIRST READING
The Jewish sage Sirach warns of the dangers of wrath, anger, and vengeance, urging rather forgiveness and pardon. How do you see this as the recipe for peace of mind?

SECOND READING
Paul urges Christians in Rome to “live and die for Christ.” How do you make Christ the ultimate concern in life?

GOSPEL READING
The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?
What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don’t we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares truth, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?


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