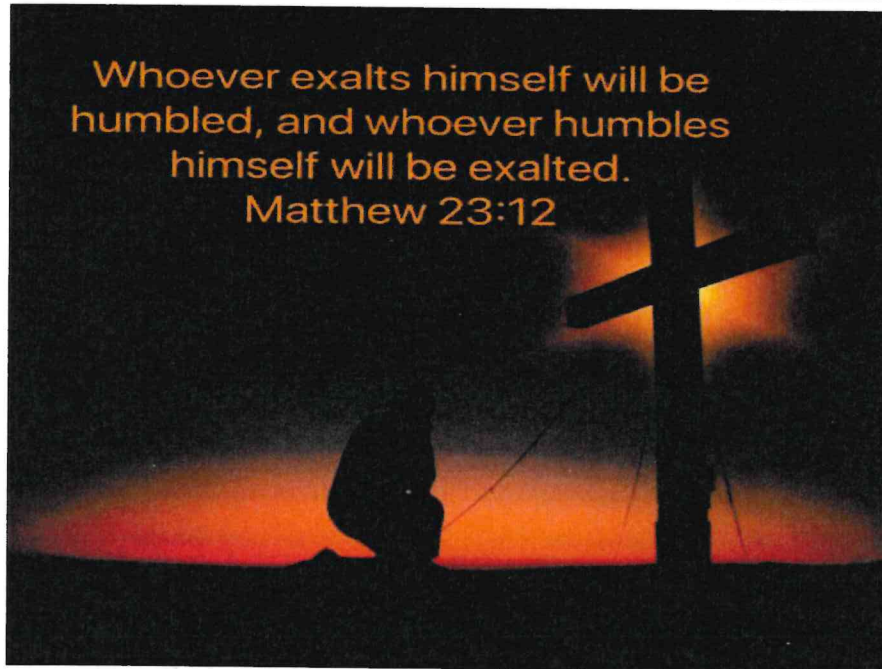


The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5th, 2023

Whoever exalts himself will be
humbled, and whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.
Matthew 23:12



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Regular Weekly Liturgies

(see inside for details)

Wednesday: Communion Service
at 8:30 am

Thursday: 5:00 pm*
Holy Hour and Rosary for
Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday: 7:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

*Thursday: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Contact Information

Finance Council Chair:
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Care Ministry Coordinator:
Linda Golla

Cemetery Coordinator:
Phill Butler

Funeral Luncheon Coordinators
Cathy Kaminski and Betty Burns

Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight: Bob Benes
Meeting: 1st Tuesday of
month - 6:00 pm



Parish Council of Catholic Women
President: Ann Hintz
Meetings: 2nd Monday of January,
April, July, October

St Paul's Mission Team
Bernie Sherman
Work Meetings: 1st Wednesday of
month

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 5th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Mass

For the People "Pro Populo"



Monday, November 6th

No Mass

Tuesday, November 7th

No Mass

Wednesday, November 8th

8:30 am: Word and Communion Service

Thursday, November 9th

No Mass

5:00 pm: Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, November 10th

No Mass

Saturday, November 11th

No Mass

Sunday, Nov. 12th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am: Mass

For † Al and Karen Frasch

Dates to Remember

Nov. 7 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:00 pm

**Nov. 8 - Word and Communion Service at 8:30 am
Lectio Divina at 9:00 am**

Religious Education Classes

**Nov. 9 - Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood at 5:00 pm
Lectio Divina at 6:00 pm**

Nov. 15 - Religious Education Classes

Nov. 18 - Fundraiser Dinner for St. Paul Cemetery

DEACON SPEAKIN'

It is likely that most of us have heard and/or said something along the lines of "Practice what you preach!" At the core of every life is the Love of God who not only created each one of us; that same God sent his only Son to redeem us. That same God sends the Holy Spirit into each one of us to help us to continually recognize the gifts God has given us. As Christians, we are called to not only recognize the many gifts God gives to us by saying, "Thank you!" We are called to share God's Love through what we say AND through what we do.

A Bite of the Gospel to Chew On

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23:12



If you would like to donate a plant in memory of a loved one to be a part of our Christmas Poinsettia decorations in church, please contact Lily Pad Floral & Gifts (715) 335-4262. After you place your order, please let the church office know so we have a correct listing of the names for these memorial gifts. It is very important to place your order as soon as possible so enough plants are reserved to fill all the orders.

CEMETERY NEWS

Mark your calendars for the evening of **Saturday, November 18th**. Supporters of St. Paul Cemetery will be hosting a fundraising dinner with an international theme.

Also, a St. Paul Cemetery Committee is in the process of being developed. This committee will provide input and guidance that will help to ensure St. Paul Cemetery continues to be well-maintained and that information about the cemetery is easily accessible. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Deacon Jim.

J. M. J.



Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

We continue this week with more from Bishop Ricken's letter to us, *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist...*

May God bless you!

Fr. Aladele

Preparation For Mass

Any important event requires preparation, and the Mass (as we have seen) is the most important event of all. Applicants don't just show up for a job interview. They prepare. Buyers don't just show up to close on the purchase of a house. There's much to do in advance. Well, since the dawn of Christianity, believers have been preparing for Mass in one important way: the sacrament of reconciliation. The instruction in the Didache, from the first century, could not be clearer: "But every Lord's day gather yourselves together, and break bread, and give thanksgiving after having confessed your transgressions, that your sacrifice may be pure." We still do this today.

We need to do this, because we all sin and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23), and even the righteous fall quite often (Proverbs 24:16). We should consider going to confession monthly if we would like to grow in holiness, and the Church obliges us to go at least once a year. It is important for priests to use their homilies to remind the faithful of this tradition — to make themselves available generously to hear confessions — and to take advantage of the sacrament themselves. When we go to Mass, we are approaching the holy of holies, the judgment seat of heaven, the real and substantial presence of God. We should prepare ourselves accordingly. "The obligation to attend Mass each Sunday, the Lord's Day, on which we commemorate the Resurrection of Jesus, and on other holy days of obligation, is therefore a vital expression of our unity as members of the Body of Christ, the Church" ("The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," no. 28).

The Mass is a powerful prayer. We are obligated to attend it every Sunday and on certain other holy days specified by the Church. Catholic tradition gives us many ways to enkindle and renew the fire of eucharistic devotion and there are five practices that I want to mention. These "five alive" practices will help us to come truly alive in the Mass.



We are in need of some items to add to the Children's Raffle and so looking forward to the craft and sewn items for the Bazaar.

Any items brought in can be put in the far east cubical in the church hall. Please mark items "Bazaar".

Thank you once again for all your help, volunteer time and talent!

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW)



**Knights of
Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus' principals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism serve as the basis of the Order's core values

which are Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect.
learn more, camera shot the code link or contact Bob Benes at
bob_benes@ameritech.net.



To

Greeting Cards made by St. Paul's Mission Team

Check out the variety of greeting cards, including **Thanksgiving Cards**, available on the card rack located on the north side of the Hall next to the double doors leading to the portico. All proceeds are donated to support the Salvatorian Mission. As a result of our support and that of so many others, we were informed that this year, at the end of July, they had already shipped 15 containers of supplies to places in need. This is compared to a total for the whole year of 2022 of 20 containers. They expressed their gratitude for this and another prayer answered in the funding for their roof project. Because of so many generous donors they were able to replace 16,000 square feet of the roof over the Mission Warehouse. They feel extremely fortunate for all the donors who support them and contribute regularly, allowing them to continue their work.

Lectio Divina is an ancient practice of not only reading, but praying, Sacred Scripture. We offer these sessions each Wednesday at 9:00 am and Thursday at 6:00 pm. The session lasts approximately 20 minutes and is facilitated by Deacon Jim. People can participate in person or virtually by means of Zoom. Contact Deacon Jim or visit the Lectio Divina page on St. Paul Parish's website at: saintpaulplainfield.org for more information.



THANK YOU to all who support our RaiseRight Program! When you purchase a cash card through RaiseRight, a rebate comes back to the parish. We keep an inventory of the most popular purchases and try to have those cards available each week. To place a special order, check out the list of the participating businesses which is available at the RaiseRight table. **If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Kate Drmolka or speak with someone at the RaiseRight table after Sunday Mass.**

St. Paul's Sacramental Information



Baptisms: Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months prior to setting a baptismal date, and must complete the baptismal preparation class. Classes will be held at a time that is mutually convenient for the parents and instructor. Please contact the parish office to set a baptism date and register for a class.



Marriage: Couples are asked to notify the parish office at least *six* months in advance. Catholics must be confirmed and active in the faith. Wedding times are to be scheduled no later than 1:00 pm. Even if a couple plan to choose their own vocalist, they are still required to meet with the priest at least six months in advance.



Anointing of the Sick: Due to medical privacy laws, family members are encouraged to notify the parish of any family members needing a visit, especially anointing of the sick.