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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am

DAILY MASS

Weekdays 7:45am

HOLY DAYS

Please consult the bulletin

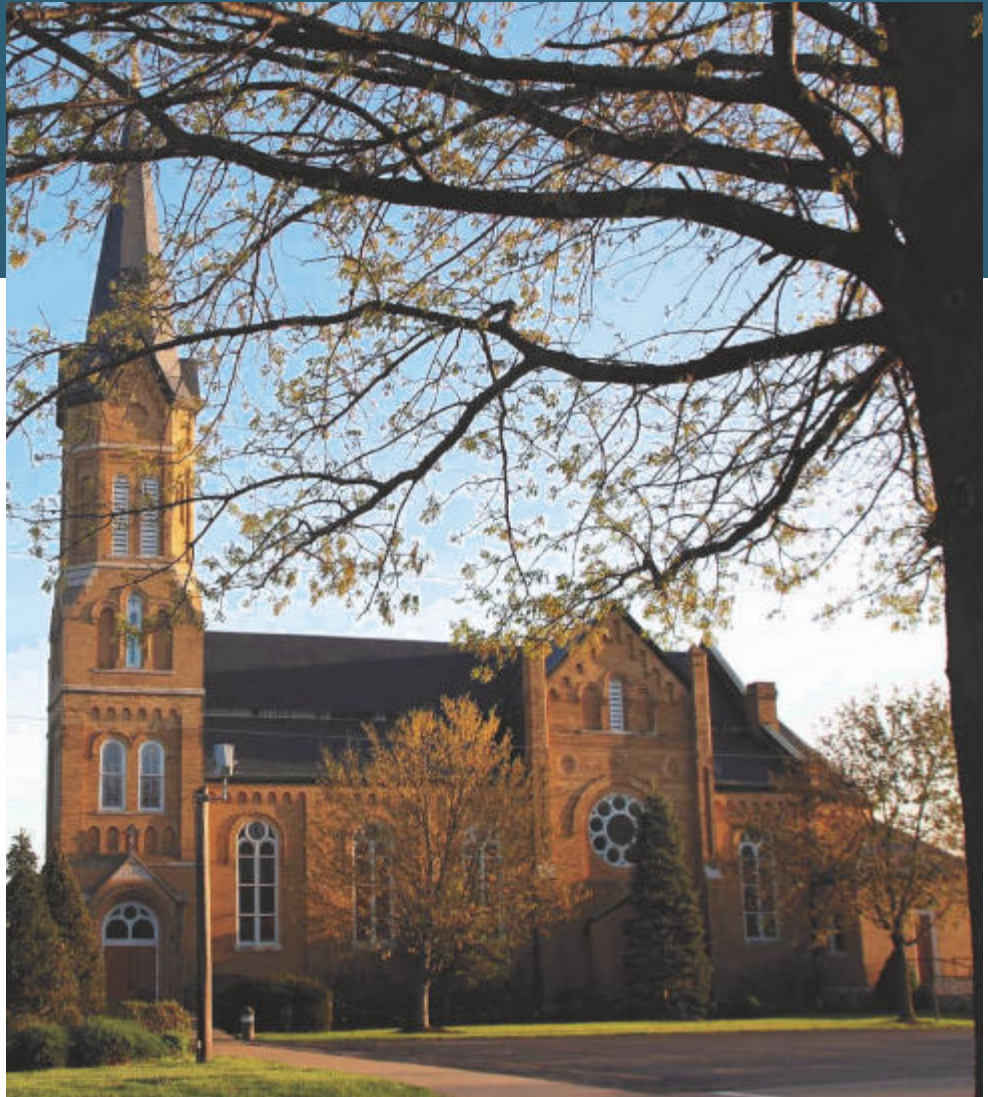
NEW TO ST. PAUL CHURCH?

Contact or visit the Parish Center
for registration information.

PERPETUAL HELP

DEVOTIONS

after Tuesday morning Mass



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation | by appointment. Please call the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Baptism | Please contact the Parish Center to arrange for date and time.

Sacrament of Marriage | Please contact the Parish Center six months in advance to make arrangements.

Sunday
May 17, 2020



Restart of Public Masses - Frequently Asked Questions

As we continue our efforts to protect one another from the serious effects of the coronavirus, these FAQs are offered to assist the faithful in understanding the instructions promulgated by Archbishop Robert J. Carlson. All official information is available on our website. Please continue to refer to archstl.org/coronavirus for the latest updates—including a condensed version of all directives for parishes—from the Archdiocese of St. Louis regarding COVID-19.

When can we go back to Mass like normal in our parish?

Public Masses, with appropriate social distancing for many parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis are set to resume on Monday, May 18, 2020. This date was chosen after discussion with government, health care professionals, and others.

But it will take time for things to “get back to normal.”

Important safety measures will be required in order to help protect congregants from infection and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

What should we expect when we come to Mass at our parish?

First, anyone who is ill, symptomatic, or has been exposed to someone else with the coronavirus within 14 days cannot enter the church. This is in accord with national, state, and local health directives. We also ask everyone to check their temperature at home before deciding if you are coming to Mass. You can find the current symptoms of the coronavirus at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s website www.cdc.gov.

Archbishop Carlson has instructed parishes to ensure all pews are wiped down with disinfectant; that all hymnals and missalettes are removed; and that all surfaces used frequently (restroom facilities, door handles, etc.) are sanitized before each service.

Everyone attending Mass is obligated to wear a mask or other facial covering. The only exception during Mass is when we are seated in the pew and when receiving Holy Communion.

You’ll be asked to observe social distancing – staying at least six feet from people not in your household.

You’ll find the holy water fonts are empty and that there is hand sanitizer available.



A few weeks ago I let you know that we are continuing with the installation of a new handicap ramp. As I stated, the cost is in our budget. However, people have asked about making a donation toward the ramp. In light of the downturn in collections since the discontinuance of public Mass and the uncertainty of our fundraisers for the coming year, your donations would indeed be appreciated.

“Come aside and rest a while” – Mark 6:31
St. Paul Women’s Retreat
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Thursday, July 23 – Sunday, July 26
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 314-640-0265 or lwortmann@st-paulchurch.org
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(limited space is available)

When you arrive at church, please follow the instructions provided regarding which doors to use to enter and leave, where to sit, and the six-foot distance to maintain when you receive Holy Communion. Be sure to keep at least six feet between your family and others while in the pews.

Some parishes may have to limit attendance to assure compliance with public safety guidelines.

You’ll notice there will be no offertory procession, no sign of peace, and no passing of the collection basket. You can drop your donation in a stationary basket, or continue to use the online or ACH opportunities provided by your parish.

Can we receive Holy Communion?

Yes, but only the Most Precious Body and only by hand. This is in keeping with the advice of state health officials to avoid any possible contact with another person’s saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants’ mouth onto the ministers’ fingers.

For the distribution of Holy Communion, ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line. Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Holy Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.

Communion ministers must be masked, sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.

When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask or other facial covering below their chin and present one hand resting on the palm of the other. After responding “Amen,” the communicant reverently places the Eucharist in his or her mouth and immediately replaces their mask or other facial covering.

And what about coffee and donuts after Mass?

Please leave Mass together as a household, wearing your masks or other facial covering and observing six feet of distance from others. Your pastor and others will not be able to greet you after Mass, and bulletins or other materials should not be distributed after Mass. And no receptions or social gathering following Mass can be held.

I’m in the choir or a lector. What should we do?

Choirs are not allowed to assemble; cantors are acceptable to lead music at mass.

Lectors and all lay ministers are obligated to wear masks and maintain the social distance of six feet as much as possible.

When should children wear masks?

Parents should determine when a child is old enough to attend Mass and can abide by the safety guidelines.

What about other celebrations, such as first Communions, Confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc.?

Your pastor, parochial administrator, or parish life coordinator has been given authority to schedule these -- unless the local authorities are restricting public worship services -- in keeping with the requirements of public safety.

It’s just not possible for me to come to Mass. What can I do?

Archbishop Carlson has dispensed all of the faithful from the obligation of Sunday Mass until further notice. Parishes are being encouraged to continue livestreaming Masses, including daily Mass, to allow parishioners to maintain a spiritual connection with their local church.

Can we resume other meetings? Your pastor, parochial administrator, or parish life coordinator has been given authority to allow meetings, as long as the requirements of six-foot social distancing and the wearing of masks or other facial coverings and gloves (or frequent handwashing) can be observed. Conferencing by telephone or Internet is another option being used by many parishes.

Can we plan for social gatherings?

Social gatherings will be allowed as soon as possible. Currently social gatherings are still forbidden to help ensure the health and safety of all parishioners.

What about our employees and regular volunteers who are staffing our parishes and programs?

The Center for Disease Control offers these general guidelines for us to keep ourselves and each other healthy:

- If you feel sick, you should stay home.
- Continue to practice good hygiene, including:
 - Washing hands with soap and water, or using hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid touching your face.
 - Sneezing or coughing into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
- Avoid socializing in groups that do not allow for appropriate social distancing.
- Minimize travel to the extent possible.



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for the Celebration of Mass

GENERAL GUIDELINES/REMINDERS

- **Dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues until further notice.**
- **Parishioners who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to another with the virus should not come to church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives.**
 - **Attendees should take their temperature at home before determining whether they should attend Mass.**
- **Anyone over 60 years-old and those with underlying health complications are encouraged to participate in Masses *via live-stream only*.**

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND HYGIENE

- Appropriate cleaning of high-use areas within the church is completed before and after each service.

CAPACITY/ATTENDANCE

- Gathering of congregants where Mass is celebrated is *limited to* the following:
 - For churches of less than 10,000 sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 25% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.
 - For churches of 10,000 or more sq. ft., the number of all those present at each Mass is limited to 10% or less of the fire or building code maximum occupancy.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- **The faithful are obliged to wear a mask during the celebration of Mass, except for the brief moment of receiving Communion.**
- Ushers and other volunteers will wear masks and gloves (when gloves are not available, frequent handwashing will be necessary) throughout the celebration of Mass.
- Specific PPE practices are required for Eucharistic ministers. More details are included under “Holy Communion” below.

OFFERTORY

- **Stationary baskets** will be used for donations from the assembly and are to be monitored by the ushers until the donations are collected
- Collection baskets should not be passed, nor will ushers take up the collection from the congregation.
- **Please consider giving your offertory online.**

SIGN OF PEACE IS SUSPENDED



Guidelines for Observing Social Distancing and other Health Requirements for Holy Communion

HOLY COMMUNION

- **Communicants are to receive the Host in the hand** in keeping with the advice of state health officials and thereby to avoid the Communion minister's fingers coming into contact with saliva or particles exhaled from the communicants' mouth onto the ministers' fingers.
- **Communion ministers must be masked**, must sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Communion, and when at all possible, should utilize a disinfectant wipe or purificator dipped in a sanitizing solution (at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol) to sanitize their fingers when incidental contact is made with the communicant.
- **Distribution of Holy Communion from the chalice is prohibited to the assembly. For those who suffer from celiac disease, special arrangements are to be made with the pastor.**
- **When approaching the Communion minister, the communicant is to pull their mask below their chin in order to prepare to receive Communion as above. The communicant immediately replaces their mask after consuming the Host.**
- Ushers or other volunteers who are masked and gloved will ensure six-foot distancing in the Communion line.
- **Floor markings shall be placed six feet apart in the aisles in which the congregation approaches the sanctuary for Communion to facilitate proper social distancing.**
- Maintaining a **single-file** is necessary for the distribution of Holy Communion for each Communion minister and communicant to maintain social distancing. Multiple Communion ministers may be used as long as one-way traffic patterns are observed.



NEW PARISHONERS

**TIM AND LINDSAY KIELY
AND FAMILY**

MONTHLY CASH GIVEAWAY

Tickets for the 2020 Monthly Cash Give Away are now available at the Parish Center and in the back of church. Each \$50 ticket gives you 7 more chances to win \$500!!

NEXT DRAWING JUNE 1ST



Due to concerns with COVID-19, we have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School this year. We thank you for your past support of this great program and look forward to VBS in 2021. Have a safe, happy, healthy and blessed summer!



The Parish Center will resume regular hours, 7:30am - 4pm, on Monday, May 18th.



While the Adoration Chapel is closed, we would like to offer an opportunity for our Parishioners to submit prayer requests for their fellow parishioners and family members. The requests will be posted on the parish website.

Prayer requests should be sent to lwortmann@st-paulchurch.org. Please provide the person's name and your family relationship. We ask that requests be limited to 25 words or less.

Please check the website regularly and offer a prayer for the posted intentions of our parishioners.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

Mass Information & Stewardship

MONDAY MAY 18

7:45am Dan Kemper

TUESDAY MAY 19

7:45am Mike Henningfeld

WEDNESDAY MAY 20

7:45am Sr. John Mandeville

THURSDAY MAY 21

7:45am Steve Bouchie

FRIDAY MAY 22

7:45am Priest Memorial Mass

SATURDAY MAY 23

4:30 pm Betty Meier

SUNDAY MAY 24

7:00 am Charley Grabenhorst

9:00 am Our Parish Family

11:00 am Jack Ziegemeier

DUE TO GUIDELINES SET FORTH FOR MASSES LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND SERVERS WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 2020

SUN 5/17	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21
MON 5/18	Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
TUE 5/19	Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
WED 5/20	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
THR 5/21	Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
ASCENSION	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
FRI 5/22	Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
SAT 5/23	Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28
SUN 5/24	ASCENSION: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Just like the parable of the mustard seed or the scene from the miracle of the loaves & fishes, God can do wonders with all gifts.

MASS RESOURCES

Daily Holy Mass can be viewed on online at:

<http://www.catholicv.org/>,

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/podcasts/daily-mass-ENMASS>,

<https://www.catholicfaithnetwork.org/>

From the Cathedral Basilica, daily Mass at 8am, Perpetual Help Devotions following Mass, and Rosary at 3pm. Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 5 and 7pm. Sunday Mass at 10am.

http://cathedralstl.org/live/?fbclid=IwAR2Fe4JS0XQ0jg1qgXSasbAuOSDpNYOIHQeeAcsrN5dG_UrxV3ESGnPSyo

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Daily Holy Mass can also be viewed on TV - channel 147 on Spectrum, channel 730 on Direct TV, channel 261 on Dish

Sunday Holy Mass can be viewed on TV at:

KPLR channel 11 at 8:30am

KTVI channel 2.2 (antenna TV) at 9am or

watch anytime online at: www.HeartoftheNation.org

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 Peter 3:17)

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS

Offertory Contributions

05/10/2020	Fiscal Year-to-Date	
Regular (week 45)	\$9,685	\$461,488
Online Giving	\$3,402	\$140,957
Holy Days	\$0	\$18,131
Actual Total	\$13,087	\$620,576
Budget	\$13,000	\$635,000
Over (Under)	\$87	\$(14,424)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Tuition Aid	\$55
Parish Improvements	\$75
Parish Endowment	\$25
School Endowment	\$25
Catholic Communications	\$150
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100
Gift towards Handicap Ramp	\$300

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