Saint John Paul II Parish

469 Shattuck Road | Saginaw, Michigan | 48604

Saturday 4:00 PM ◊ Sunday 9:30 AM

We, as the Body of Christ, in the faith community of Saint John Paul II, built on our combined histories and cultural diversity, are called to "open wide the doors to Christ" through evangelization, stewardship, and vibrant worship.

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday & Friday at 8:30 AM

Tuesday at 6:30 PM (per bulletin)

Sacramental Penance

Saturday at 11:00 AM

Sacraments/Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: Contact Parish Office 3 months prior

Marriage: Contact Parish Office 6 months prior

Anointing of the Sick: Available after weekend Mass

Visitation of the Sick and Homebound

If someone in your family would like a visit or would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the Parish Office.

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"Open Wide the Doors to Christ"

Today the Church celebrates the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Gospel account is another familiar one. As the *Sermon on the Mount* continues, we hear Jesus speaking the following words to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth…you are the light of the world." Can you imagine what they felt like upon hearing this? First of all, when Jesus shared the Beatitudes, they were surprised to hear how blessed they were in the kingdom of God It is not the rich and the powerful who take first place. That was wonderful news! Now they are told that they are the salt and the light – people who make a difference in the world and in the kingdom of God which is now at hand. Jesus reveals to them Good News which they must live and share. They must flavor the world with God's love and light the lives of those whom they touch with the truth that God has sent a visible, incarnate sign of his loving presence to them. Just as Jesus tells the disciples, so also he tells us: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly father." This week, let us reflect upon how we take to heart those words of Jesus, and how our lives exemplify his light.

This weekend or next, you will see a new tapestry hanging in the corner of church near the painting of Saint John Paul II. It is his coat of arms. "It features a gold cross set against a blue backdrop. The cross represents the central Christian Mystery of the Redemption. The vertical part of the cross is shifted slightly to the left to make room for a capital Majestic M, which reminds us of Mary's presence at Jesus' death on the cross. The motto of John Paul II, which accompanies his coat of arms and expresses his devotion to Mary, is the simple Latin expression, "*Totus Tuus*." It means "Totally Yours!" [*motto not included on the tapestry]* Located behind the pontiff's personal coat of arms are the symbols of papal authority: the tiara and the keys of Saint Peter…which represent those given by Christ to the apostle Peter…" (*copied from Ligourian.org).* The tapestry was given as a gift to the parish by one of our parishioners who prefers to remain anonymous. We are most grateful for that donation.

Blessings on your week!
Sister Chris Gretka, CSJ

Faith Formation

CATHOLICISM SERIES

Our Catholicism Series continues this **Monday, February 6**. It's never too late to join us! We will gather each week to view a 1-hour segment and have about an hour of informal discussion about the topics presented. This week's topic is: The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought. We meet every Monday until **March 27** from 6:30—8:30 PM at Saint John Paul II Parish Office Center, 3160 Carla Drive. Contact Amy for more information.

EXPLORING FAITH THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Explore how to best utilize our new myParish App, as well as other Catholic Apps, websites, social media, and more! Join us on **Tuesday, February 7** at 1:00 PM or **Thursday, February 9** at 6:30 PM at the Parish Office Center. Don't forget to bring your smartphone, tablet, or laptop!

Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REPORT FOR JANUARY 29, 2017

Sunday Collection	$	5,032.00
Collection Needed Each Week		6,700.00
Budget Year to Date		208,000.00
Actual Year to Date		184,501.00

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Jesus said to his followers, "You are the light of the world... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Christian stewards allow the light of Christ to shine through them to reach others. A good reflection question for this week: In what ways do we allow the light of Christ to shine through us?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Gn. 1:1-19; Mk. 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn. 1:20-2:4A; Mk. 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn. 2:4B-9, 15-17; Mk. 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn. 2:18-25; Mk. 7:24-30
Friday: Gn. 3:1-8; Mk. 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn. 3:9-24; Mk. 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir. 15:15-20; 1 Cor. 2:6-10; Mt. 5:17-37

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Please remember, our Food Pantry is still in great need of a few products such as:

> Canned tuna, chicken, ham, luncheon mean, spam, beef stew, and chicken and dumplings. Cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jam/jelly, canned potatoes, boxed potatoes, packaged potatoes, Knorr side dishes, Hamburger Helper, and any kind of snack or cookies

Donations may be dropped off at the entrances of church before and after Mass, or at the Education Center on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Knights of Columbus Council #4232 college scholarship applications are now available in our parish office. Those who wish to apply must be registered with Saint John Paul II Parish, accepted or attending an accredited college or university, and taking (or will be taking) a full-time student course load (12 hours or more).

Applications can be picked up at the Saint John Paul II Parish Office Center or the Knights of Columbus Council 4232, 4840 Shattuck Rd. Applications must be returned no later than **Thursday, March 30** to the Saint John Paul II Parish Office.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society meeting has been moved to **Thursday, February 16** at 12:00 PM. Please meet in the Meeting Room for lunch, hosted by Jan Pietrzak and St. Martha's Group. Donations for the Food Pantry are always welcome. Thank you!

DAILY PRAYER & LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 7 TUESDAY — **EVENING MASS – 6:30 PM**
Sacristan: Sister Chris
Altar Server: Diana Bismack
Lector: Margaret Gonzales
EM of Holy Communion: Sharon Gembrowski, Carole Inman

FEBRUARY 8 WEDNESDAY — **MORNING MASS – 8:30 AM**
Sacristan: Jim Haley
Altar Server: Art Anguiano
Lector: Pat Wachowicz
EM of Holy Communion: Connie Castañon, Lisa Del Valle

FEBRUARY 9 THURSDAY — **LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION 8:30 AM**

FEBRUARY 10 FRIDAY — **MORNING MASS – 8:30 AM**
MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA
Sacristan: Sue Haley
Altar Server: Jim Szynwelski
Lector: Sister Chris
EM of Holy Communion: Elaine Schnepf, Mary McPhee

FEBRUARY 11 — **NO CONFESSION**

FEBRUARY 11 SATURDAY — **VIGIL: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 4:00 PM**
Sacristan: Jim Szynwelski
Altar Servers: Jeffrey Mann, Ava Bierd
Lectors: Juanita Hadley, Gerald Brisette
EM of Holy Communion: *Ed Popielarz, Deb Popielarz*, Judy Rugenstein, Jenny Brissette, Pat Wachowicz, Carolyn Frank, Pat Gilginas, Ruth Gomez
Ministers of Hospitality: Paula Giltrop*, Marcella Jodway, Henry Hadley, Carole Inman, Tammi Schmitt+, Bill Schmitt+

FEBRUARY 12 SUNDAY — **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9:30 AM**
Sacristan: Sister Chris
Altar Servers: Adam Gembrowski, Lyric Marr, Allie Reidlinger
Lectors: Margaret Gonzales, Diana Bismack
EM of Holy Communion: *Lisa Del Valle, Sheila Del Valle*, Amy Dupuis, Peter Gembrowski, Jim Haley, Sue Haley, Karen Leaym, Joanne McCallum
Ministers of Hospitality: Darren St. Souver*, Andrew Pegley, Julie Hosmer, Mary Galarno, Ralph Gonzales+

Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound: Sue Haley & Carol Burr
Hospital Ministry: Margaret Gonzales

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

During the month of February, Confession is only scheduled once: First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 25 at 11:00 AM. Please see and save the Vicariate 3 Schedule for other opportunities.

Individual Confession Schedule: Vicariate III

Holy Family Church
3:15 – 3:45 PM Saturday

Christ the Good Shepherd Parish
Saint Helen Church Site
3:30 – 4:00 PM Saturday

Saint Dominic Parish
Saint Stephen Church
10:30 AM Saturday

Saint John Vianney Church
4:00 PM Saturday

Saint Thomas Aquinas Church
9:00 – 10:00 AM
2nd and 4th Saturday of the Month

CATHOLICISM AND OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS: 50 YEARS OF DIALOGUE

Exactly 500 years ago this October, Martin Luther lit the fuse to what would become the Protestant Reformation. It has now been over 50 years since Pope Paul VI, together with the Council bishops gathered at Vatican II, promulgated the Decree on Ecumenism. This document was monumental in that it signaled a positive step forward in the attitude of Catholics toward their Protestant brothers and sisters. This seminar will look back at developments in the area of Christian dialogue and cooperation in recent decades, plus offer an outline of the historical background, beliefs, and practices of other mainline Christian denominations. Seminar will be held on **Saturday, February 11**, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at the Diocesan Center for Ministry. Cost to attend is $35 (includes lunch). To register, call (989) 797-6607.

ATTENTION: PACZKI SALE

Due to a number of untimely and unexpected circumstances, the Paczki Sale will **not** be taking place this year.

Jim Szynwelski, Chairperson

ADDENDUM TO THE ABOVE

Several parishioners who never worked before (twenty at last count) yet desired to take part in the preparation of the paczki this year, signed up, thanks to efforts made through personal contacts by the Pastoral Council in November and December. They requested and were awaiting a date for a training session. Because some individuals who had worked in the past were not planning to work this year (due to various reasons), great effort was put into getting more people from the parish involved. I thank the Pastoral Council for their initiative and success in reaching out to others, and I thank those who volunteered to give of their time. Hopefully they will still be eager to help out next year. I only learned last weekend that some of our "seasoned workers" in key positions were unable to fulfill their roles this year due to some serious health issues and that there was not enough time to train new people for those key positions. Jim thought it was best to suspend the sale for a year and work hard to regroup in the upcoming months and train new people for those key positions. I supported Jim's decision and told him we needed to let people know right away. I also shared with him some other concerns regarding the kitchen that need to be taken care of before we do another Paczki Sale, so now it gives us a little more time to tend to those concerns.

Special thanks to all of you who planned on working this year. I am aware that many of you already knew about the suspension of the Paczki Sale before reading this. It is rather unfortunate that something was posted on Facebook this past weekend (that reaches the general public) before an official announcement was made to the parish. I received a few phone calls about it. So, I must apologize if you heard this news by reading a Facebook post or through a "rumor" that proved to be true.

Needless to say, there will be very many disappointed people who have purchased paczki from us for many years from various places. It is our responsibility to communicate to them that they need to make other plans for purchasing paczki this year.

Sister Chris

Saint John Paul II Parish February 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 12:00 PM Senior Luncheon – Education Center, Meeting Room 6:00 PM Faith Formation – Education Center	2 The Presentation of the Lord 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion – St. John Paul II Parish Church 10:00 AM Mass with Nouvel schools, Catholic Schools Week – St. Thomas Aquinas Church 7:00 PM Movie Night – Parish Office Center	3 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – Saint John Paul II Parish	4 11:00 AM Confession – St. John Paul II Parish Church Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Workshop for New Rite of Matrimony for Musicians – St. John Paul II Parish Church 4:00 PM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church
5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 AM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Night – Parish Office Center 6:00 PM Euchre Club – Education Center, Meeting Room	6 St. Paul Miki & Companions 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Catholicism Series Adult Faith Formation – Parish Office Center	7 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 1:00 PM Exploring Faith Through Technology – Parish Office Center 6:30 PM Evening Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church	8 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:00 PM Faith Formation – Education Center 6:00 PM Finance Council Meeting – Parish Office Center	9 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Exploring Faith Through Technology – Parish Office Center	10 St. Scholastica 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – Saint John Paul II Parish	11 No Confession Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church

12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 AM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Night – Parish Office Center	13 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Catholicism Series Adult Faith Formation – Parish Office Center	14 St. Cyril 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Evening Prayer – St. John Paul II Parish Church	15 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 5:00 PM Christian Service Meeting – Education Center, Meeting Room 6:00 PM Faith Formation – Education Center	16 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion – St. John Paul II Parish Church 12:00 PM Rosary Altar Society Meeting – Education Center, Meeting Room 7:00 PM Holy Hour with Bishop Cistone – Holy Trinity Church, Bay City	17 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – Saint John Paul II Parish	18 No Confession Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church Parish Mardi Gras Party
19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 AM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:00 PM Youth Ministry Night – Parish Office Center 6:00 PM Euchre Club – Education Center, Meeting Room	20 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Catholicism Series Adult Faith Formation – Parish Office Center	21 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 5:30 PM Worship Commission Meeting – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Evening Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church	22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting – Education Center, Meeting Room 6:00 PM Faith Formation – Education Center	23 St. Polycarp 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion – St. John Paul II Parish Church	24 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 8:30 AM Morning Mass – Saint John Paul II Parish	25 First Reconciliation Vigil: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church
26 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 AM Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church	27 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30PM Catholicism Series Adult Faith Formation – Parish Office Center	28 8:00 AM Rosary – St. John Paul II Parish Church 6:30 PM Evening Mass – St. John Paul II Parish Church				

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