



WELCOME TO
St. Paul
of Tarsus
CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite, inspire and invigorate
all people to a closer relationship
with Christ and His Church.



Mission Statement

We, the Catholic family of Saint Paul of Tarsus, with
the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
are a visible sign of God's Kingdom.
We welcome all of God's people
and offer assistance to those in need.
We will do this with open and loving hearts.

Our focus is centered on
Word, Eucharist, and providing hope
by living our Catholic Faith.

We strive to continue the work of Jesus Christ
through love, education, and evangelization.

∞ Story of Our Holy Spirit Window ∞

Gazing upon the window, your attention is drawn to a dove in the inner circle. The dove which is most often used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, is traveling downward, yet moving into the Eye of Heaven. The number seven is a prominent symbol seen throughout the window. As sunlight shines through the window, seven rays reach out from the inner circle. Seven columbines – columbine being derived from the Latin word for “dove” columba, - symbolize the descent of the Holy Spirit. Winged shaped doves holding seven lamp stands are seen in the seven outer flames. Together the doves with the lamps represent another symbol of the Holy Spirit, oil. Visible are seven Tongues of Fire which relate to Pentecost and the enlightenment of the disciples. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are depicted in the flowers or blooms: “and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

My Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parishioners we welcome you to the faith community of St. Paul of Tarsus. Thank you for choosing to be with us in giving honor and glory to God as we gather to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in both word and Sacrament.

It is our hope that you will find participating in our weekend liturgies to be uplifting and a means to grow in holiness. St. Paul of Tarsus is a vibrant community of believers and we look forward to your participation and involvement.

Hopefully this Welcoming Booklet will introduce you to the broad scope of activities provided by our parish community. We are called to share the gifts, talents, and abilities the Lord has given us as a way of building up the Kingdom of God.



It is my hope to be able to meet you personally and to get to know you. When you have the chance, please take a moment to introduce yourself to me so that we can become better acquainted. Do not hesitate to contact me, or any member of our parish staff, if we can serve your spiritual needs in any way. We are all on a journey of faith in the years that God gives us here on earth and we look forward to growing in faith, hope, and love as members of the Body of Christ. We are here to serve you in any way that we can.

Blessings and Peace,

Fa. Jerry Slowinski

Father Jerry Slowinski, Pastor
St. Paul of Tarsus Parish

Peace
be with
 *you*

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To all current parishioners:

Please note that our new and improved website at www.stpauloftarsus.com has a wealth of information which includes any form that you would need to register for our parish, request a prayer, or even volunteer for a ministry! You can just fill out the form and submit it. Its that easy! Please check out the website for any need you may have!

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”
Galatians 6:10*

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL OF TARSUS

As parishioners of St. Paul of Tarsus we have not only created a memorable history of ourselves, but are also trusted with a home that has had a significant impact on the development of Clinton Township.



In the late 18th century, Moravian missionaries arrived to the area after having been forced to flee their Ohio settlement during the American Revolution. Their new settlement, situated on what is now Moravian Drive, was called New Gnaden Hutten (New Tents of Grace). The Moravians set right to work on the infrastructure for the area, building a twenty-three mile route from Gnaden Hutten to Tremble's Grist Mill on Conner Creek, the first inland road built in Michigan.



For the next two hundred years, the Christian faith continued to grow in this area. In the spring of 1984, one hundred and fifty local Catholic families submitted a petition to the Archdiocese of Detroit, asking for the establishment of a new church in Clinton Township. Three months later, the Archdiocese responded by designating the area a "parish in formation" and appointing Rev. Francis A. Zielinski as its pastor. Father Zielinski was asked to determine the viability of a new parish and

organized a number of exploratory meetings with local pastors and leadership. It became apparent very quickly that the area was ready and eager for a new parish and the Archdiocese dedicated eleven acres of land on the corner of Romeo Plank and Canal Roads for a new parish.

The first Mass of St. Paul of Tarsus was celebrated in July 1984 at Chippewa Valley High School. Sixty people were in attendance on that day. Within two years the parish expanded to over nine hundred families, and a groundbreaking was held for a new church on September 27, 1987. The new church was dedicated on March 5, 1989. Father Zielinski remained pastor until 1990.



In 1990, Father Lou Grandpre was appointed and served admirably until his retirement in 2003, when Father Ron Essman was appointed. Renovation planning began in 2006 under Father Ron. The Church was turned sideways and pews replaced the chairs. The Church can seat up to 1000 people today. After his retirement in 2017, Father Ron remained at St. Paul of Tarsus as the weekend assistant. He was appointed to that role by our new Pastor, Father Jerry Slowinski, who was selected to shepherd St. Paul of Tarsus and appointed on November 13, 2017. Father Jerry's installation mass took place on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. We continue to evolve as a parish and look forward to serving the future generation of parishioners for many years to come.

Meet Our St. Paul of Tarsus Heavenly Staff



Fr. Jerry Slowinski
Pastor
586-228-1210 ext. III

I was born in Detroit on August 13, 1953 and attended Wayne State University and Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth Township, and earned a licentiate in canon law at the University of Ottawa/St. Paul University in Ontario, Canada. I was ordained June 9, 1990, and celebrated my first Mass at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church in Detroit. I was the associate pastor at Holy Family Parish, Novi (1990-93), St. Patrick Parish, White Lake (1993-94), and St. Anne Parish, Warren (1996-2005). I became pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish in Sterling Heights in 2005. I was also the temporary administrator of St. Ephrem Parish in Sterling Heights from 2014-15. Most recently, I was appointed here as your pastor effective November 13, 2017, and look forward to serving you.



Fr. Ron Essman
Weekend Assistant

I was ordained to the priesthood June 1, 1980 and recently celebrated my 35th anniversary of ordination. On my 23rd anniversary, June 1, 2003, I was privileged to begin serving as pastor here at St. Paul of Tarsus and found parishioners very welcoming. That welcoming attitude continues today as new members tell me they chose this lively faith-filled community because of the friendliness and warmth of the people here. I am thrilled to continue my ministry after my retirement here at St. Paul of Tarsus as the weekend assistant.



Deacon Marc Rybinski
586-228-1210 ext. II3
deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com

I served the people of Clinton Township for twenty-five years as a police officer. I was a "secular servant-leader" protecting lives, property, and "teaching" the law by enforcing it. I was then called to another similar vocation, the permanent diaconate. I am called to serve by continuing to help the poor, marginalized, and victimized, not only in a physical way but in a spiritual way as well. I am "teaching" not by enforcing, but by loving, by example, and by preaching the Word of God in so many different ways. I, as deacon, am called to serve not by being front and center but insuring that Christ is. He provides the grace and blessings. It is my wish to return the blessings that I have received back to the Lord in serving others.



Peggy DeClercq
Parish Catechetical Leader
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I look forward to ministering within this wonderful, welcoming, faith filled community. I have experience in the faith formation side of ministry as well as liturgy and worship. I have been married to my wonderful husband Bill for 32 years. I enjoy gardening, bike riding and spending time with our daughter, son and daughter-in-law.

Carol Hackstock
Religious Education Secretary
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carol_hackstock@stpauloftarsus.com

I am blessed to be the secretary for Religious Education and Faith Formation for over 25 years. I enjoy ministering to our families and visitors. Please stop in, say “Hi,” and help yourself to my almost-always-full candy dish.



Kathy Andrzejewski Religious
Education Secretary
586-228-661 ext. 2
kathya@stpauloftarsus.com

Warmest greetings! I feel privileged to be a part time secretary in our Evangelization-Catechesis Department for over 20 years.. My office is right next to Carol's, which explains why her candy dish is only half-full. May God bless you and guide you on your journey of faith! St. Paul of Tarsus is the perfect place to help you along.

Erika Domsic
Youth Minister
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Hello, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Erika Domsic and I am the high school Youth Minister here at St. Paul of Tarsus. My husband Tom and I have lived in the area for 28 years. We have two adult children, Stephanie and Kirsten. I began my ministry journey as a catechist 25 years ago. I have taught every grade level from preschool through Confirmation. I started volunteering in Youth Ministry ten years ago which led to becoming the Youth Minister at St. Isidore in 2015. God has led me to this new venture in ministry and I am very blessed to be able to be part of the St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Community.

Monica Thimms
Business Manager
586-228-1210 ext. 116
@stpauloftarsus.com

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Monica Thimm and it is my pleasure to be serving you, the parishioners of St. Paul of Tarsus, with Fr. Jerry and the rest of the staff. I (will begin/began) my duties as the new Business Manager on April 29th.

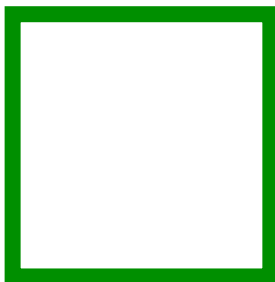
I have been married for 31 years and have two grown children, one of whom will be getting married in a few short weeks. St. Kieran is our home parish and we have been parishioners there since we moved to Shelby Township in 1998.

I look forward to the challenges this new opportunity presents and getting to know the wonderful people of St. Paul of Tarsus.



Amy O'Gara
Parish Secretary
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Let me introduce myself. My name is Amy O'Gara. I've had a long and varied career prior to joining St. Paul of Tarsus. I've been a computer programmer, elementary school and adult-ed teacher, stay at home mom, technology coordinator, self-employed graphic and web designer, administrative assistant, and now... parish secretary of St. Paul of Tarsus! My husband and I have three grown children, and are striving to do the most important work of all, being joyful missionary disciples. I'm very happy to be part of the team here and I look forward to serving the good parishioners and staff at this wonderful and growing parish.



Bookkeeper
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Phyllis Bengry
Minister of Music
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I have been at St. Paul's for about eight years. It has been my honor to lead the congregation in worship music at our liturgies. I have been blessed to work with an amazing Choir Director, Sue Catanese, who leads our dedicated, hard-working and wonderful adult choir. St. Paul of Tarsus Parish is a singing, praising, loving community, and one which takes the commands of Christ to heart in action through its many works of evangelization, charity, and feeding the hungry in this area. I hope to serve the people at St. Paul's as Music Minister for many years to come.



Darlene Seifert
Food Pantry/Crisis Outreach
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I started at St. Paul's food pantry in 2012 as the Pantry Coordinator. Our pantry was founded by 2 sisters over 30 years ago in an effort to relieve the hunger in a few hurting families in the community. Over the years we have grown to serving about 200 families per month utilizing the efforts of 75 volunteers putting in about 400 volunteer hours. We are always welcoming new parish members should their hearts be drawn to serving the poor and needy in our community. I love this church!



Jason Scanlan Maintenance
586-228-1210 ext. 121

Hello my name is Jason Scanlan and I am your new maintenance personnel. I would like to thank everyone for the warm and friendly welcome I have received and the opportunity to serve the community here at St. Paul of Tarsus. In my spare time I enjoy fishing and gardening. I have been married to my amazing wife for 22 years and we have a daughter who is currently attending Grand Valley State.

SHARE YOUR TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE...



*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10*

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The focus of the Parish Council is centered on Word, Eucharist, and providing hope by living out our Catholic faith. We strive to continue the work of Jesus Christ through love, education and evangelization. The Parish Council serves as an advisory council to the pastor. If you would enjoy being a liaison from other parishioners to the pastor, please consider applying for a seat on the parish council.

Meets:

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm/2nd Thursday (September – May)

Contact:

Mike Lauretti at email: milauretti60@gmail.com

THE FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council has as its primary purpose to support the parish participation in the fourfold mission of Jesus Christ: celebrate faith, proclaim the Gospel, build community, and serve the needy. The Finance Council has as its responsibility, in communion with the pastor and the Parish Council, the obligation of long-term planning and providing for and supervising the financial affairs and the physical properties of the parish. It is concerned with the budget, stewardship, church support, and the effective utilization and maintenance of the parish campus. If you are knowledgeable about financial management, accounting, general administration, banking, investment counseling, insurance or public relations and are committed to the work of the church, consider being a member of the Finance Council.

Meets:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm/3rd Thursday of the month

Contact:

Tom Loria at email: thomasaloria@aol.com

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

By our Baptism, we are all called to evangelize; to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. We at St. Paul of Tarsus do this as Christ Himself did. We welcome all: fallen-away Catholics by assisting them in their return to the Church; practicing Catholics by encouraging their continued spiritual growth; and non-Catholics by guiding them in their exploration of the Catholic faith. If you would like to be a part of this exciting ministry, inviting all, initiating programs, and spreading the Good News, please consider joining us.



Meets:

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on the 1st Thursday of every month

Contact:

Peggy DeClercq 586-228-6651 or at email: pdeclercq@stpauloftarsus.com

WELCOME MINISTRY

The Welcome Ministry is a group of caring parishioners who enjoy introducing newcomers and visitors to our parish. A committee member hosts our Welcome Center in the Gathering Area before and after Mass to answer any questions and provide resources for visitors or newly registered parishioners. Although we are a large and growing parish, the Welcome Ministry shows each new member that they are an important part of our extended family at St. Paul of Tarsus. Would you enjoy getting to know new people and assisting them in learning about our parish?

Contact: Peggy DeClercq at 586-228-6651 or pdeclercq@stpauloftarsus.com



✧ WORSHIP MINISTRIES ✧

THE WORSHIP COMMISSION

The Worship Commission is an advisory group to the pastor. The commission actively assists in planning, organizing, and preparing liturgical celebrations in accordance with Church teaching. This includes liturgical ministers, music, and our worship space environment. We, through our efforts, encourage “Mass appeal.” Consider being a light that draws others to Christ through the liturgy.

Meets:

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm / 1st Wednesday of the month from Sept. - May (except December)

Contact:

Christine Bonkowski at email:
christinebonkowski@wowway.com



ALTAR SERVERS



Parishioners of any age, who have celebrated their First Holy Communion, are invited to a closer relationship with Jesus by assisting the priest during Mass.

Meets:

Call Kim to schedule training.
Serve at a Mass of your choice.

Contact:

Kim Heiss at email: kheiss@wowway.com

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE
WE WILL
Serve the Lord
JOSHUA 24:15

ENVIRONMENT

The role of the Worship Environment Ministry is to create a setting conducive to meaningful worship by decorating the church according to the liturgical season. If you want to be a part of a lively group dedicated to creating a welcoming environment, please consider joining us!

Meets:

Approximately six times per year according to liturgical seasons

Contact: Linda Rogala at email: lindarogala48@gmail.com.

HOLY DUSTERS

Cleanliness is next to godliness! Come join us to dust and polish our sanctuary area to make our church shine!

Meets:

Volunteers rotate 8:30 am – 9:30 am – one Tuesday every other month

Contact:

Bea Galaska or Dorothy Radtke at email: galaska@att.net.

GARDENERS

We celebrate God's gifts in nature and beautify the church grounds, maintaining the gardens and providing a welcoming invitation to enter our church. You don't need a green thumb, just a willingness to get your hands dirty!

Meets:

Twice a month during the Summer

Contact:

Carmelo Cupelli at ccupelli@gmail.com



LECTORS

The Lector Ministry facilitates the congregation's public prayer in proclaiming God's Word during Mass so that Christ speaks to the assembly fully, consciously and actively through each lector. If you have a reverent joy for the Word of the Lord, please prayerfully consider committing to this ministry.



Meets:

Call Phyllis Bengry for training. Serve at a Mass of your choice.

Contact:

Phyllis Bengry at 586-228-1210 or at email: phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Following Christ's example, our Hospitality Ministers warmly greet all that come to worship with us. We make people feel welcome here at St. Paul of Tarsus and are an important 'first impression' of our church. What a wonderful opportunity to open your heart as you open doors and get to know other parishioners!

*Everytime you smile at someone,
it is an action of love, a gift to that
person, a beautiful thing.
— Mother Theresa*

Meets:

As needed one to two times per year. Serve at a Mass of your choice.

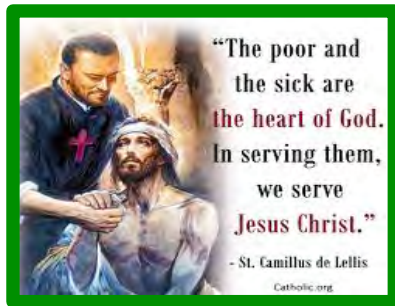
Contact:

Clara Loria at email: cploria@hotmail.com

CLEANING THE ALTAR CLOTHS

This invisible, yet essential ministry is responsible for cleaning and pressing the altar linens and purificators that are used each week during Mass. This brief service to our church reflects on the importance of reverently caring for altar linens. This ministry is time-flexible and performed at home.

Contact Phyllis Bengry at 586-228-1210 or at phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com



*Make me a point of contact, Lord,
whereby the Holy Spirit may enter into
those I touch, whether by the word I say,
the prayer I pray, or the life I live.
Irish Missal*

SACRISTANS

The starting point for all sacristans is a deep love for the Eucharist. Some duties include: preparing the wine, water and bread for the celebration, ensuring all liturgical positions are filled and returning the vessels to the sacristy at the conclusion of the Mass. Is your love of the Eucharist calling you to actively serve St. Paul of Tarsus as a sacristan?



Meets:

Call Deacon Marc Rybinski for training.

Contact:

Deacon Marc Rybinski 586-228-1210 Ext. 113
or email: deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the assembled faithful. Any parishioner who has celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation is invited to experience the joy of this ministry.

Call Sally Gryniewicz for Training. Serve at the mass of your choice.

Contact:

Sally Gryniewicz at email: msgryniewicz@wowway.com



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Cantors: A cantor proclaims the Word of God by leading the parish in the singing of the Responsorial Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word. To be a cantor you should have a solo quality voice, and have some musical knowledge, training or background as well. You should also be comfortable singing alone at the ambo in the front of the worship space. It involves a rehearsal prior to the scheduled liturgy, and a cantor usually sings once a month.



Rehearsal:

On the Thursday prior to scheduled service at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Contact:

Phyllis Bengry 586-228-1210 ext. 122 or at email: phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir usually sings at the 9:30 am Sunday liturgy from September to June. They also sing at major feast days of the Church including Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter. To be a member you should be able to match pitch with other singers in a group, have some musical knowledge, training or background, and a strong desire to lead the congregation in liturgical music. The Adult Choir facilitates the community's song-prayer. They are not there to perform a concert during the liturgy; rather, they are there to enhance and enrich the prayer life of the Body of Christ, our parishioners. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Adult Choir at St. Paul of Tarsus, please contact our Music Minister, Phyllis Bengry, to set up an audition.

Meets:

7 pm – 9 pm on Thursday (Sept – June)

Sings at 9:30 am Mass on Sundays (Sept – June)

Contact:

Phyllis Bengry 586-228-1210 ext. 122 or at email: phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com

*.... So my heart rejoices: with my
song I praise my God.
Psalm 28:7*



Resurrection Choir: The Resurrection Choir assists with the singing at funeral liturgies. They are there to support the family members and friends of the person who has passed into eternal life. It is a ministry of compassion and empathy, a quiet, gentle voice supporting those who are grieving, and a witness to the support of the community of St. Paul of Tarsus. There is no required audition or rehearsal to be a member of this group. If you are interested in joining the Resurrection Choir, please give your name and contact information to Phyllis Bengry, our Music Minister. Members are notified of dates and times of funeral liturgies through a phone fan-out as soon as the information becomes available.



Meets:

As needed for funeral liturgies @ St. Paul of Tarsus

Contact:

Phyllis Bengry 586-228-1210 ext. 122 or at email: phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com

Worship Ensemble: We would be developing a group of trained, capable musicians that will rehearse as needed and provide music monthly at the 11:30 am Sunday liturgy, as well as some feast days of the church, including Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact Phyllis Bengry to set up an audition.

Meets:

To be determined

Contact:

Phyllis Bengry 586-228-1210 ext. 122 or at email: phyllis@stpauloftarsus.com

❧ CHRISTIAN SERVICE MINISTRIES ❧

AMERICAN HOUSE ROSARY GROUP

The American House Rosary Group consists of volunteers who minister to the residents every Friday morning on a rotating schedule. Our presence at American House involves praying the rosary, sharing readings and meditation for the day, and distributing Holy Eucharist. If you want to energize your faith, consider joining this ministry.

Meets:

Each two-person team is scheduled approximately once a month

Contact:

Bev Gattari at email: gattgo1@wowway.com

CLINTON-AIRE

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion represent our parish family to the residents of Clinton-Aire Nursing Home by serving the Precious Body of Our Lord, and sharing our prayers, kind words, bright smiles and gentle touch.

Meets:

Distribute Communion after the 7:45 am Sunday Mass
(approx. 8 times per year)

Contact:

Ron Perfetto at email: habs_93@att.net

DONUT MINISTRY

Serving donuts may not seem like evangelizing, however, Jesus loved gathering with people and breaking bread with friends. And what about those serving? Didn't Jesus come to serve and not be served? Please come join us as we evangelize in our own way.



Meets:

After most Sunday Masses (7:45 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am)
September through May

Contact:

Lori Finn at mfinnfam@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

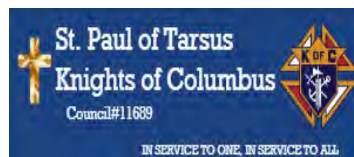
Would you like to share our parish life with those who are not able to join us at Mass?
Please consider bringing the Holy Eucharist to a homebound parish member.

Contact:

Deacon Marc Rybinski 586-228-1210 ext. 113 or at email:
deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Knights of Columbus are committed through our words and actions to promote our four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism in our parish and community. May our actions inspire Catholic gentlemen to join in our mission.

Meets:

2nd Monday of every month

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm/free will offering meal and socialization

7:30 – 9:00 pm/meeting

Contact:

Mike Hartel at mhartel5054@wowway.com





THE JOURNEY MEN

An opportunity for Catholic men to come together for scripture, prayer, discussion and inspiration. Get spiritually fit. Two or more people fused in the name of Christ, who are not afraid or ashamed to declare explicitly to one another their desire to love God, but who actually make of this unity in Christ their ideal, are a divine power in the world. Please consider joining us on our journey.

Meets:

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm/2nd Thursday of the month and
8:00 am/1st & 3rd Saturday of the month

Contact:

Guy Infante at gpinfante@comcast.net

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group of St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church provides an atmosphere encouraging fellowship among all men of the parish. The Men's Group strives to strengthen family life through its leadership and presence throughout the parish. As men of faith, we support our parish in its religious/social activities and assist other groups as needed. As Christian men, we are driven to visibly promote service and spirituality within our parish community by living the Gospel.



Meets:

6:30 pm/3rd Monday of every month

Contact:

Jim Lundberg at jlundberg@gmail.com

PARISH NURSES

The ultimate goal of the Parish Nurses is to empower members of the parish to live fully abundant and healthy lives as God intended. You do not have to be a health professional. If you feel called to minister to your fellow parishioners physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually, please consider joining us.

Meets:

Meetings are as needed

Contact:

Rosalie Liddell at email: spotparishnurse@gmail.com



FOOD PANTRY

We are committed to providing a wide selection of food to the poor and needy throughout our community. Discussions are held with each client when they visit our pantry to assess their immediate/future needs in an effort to move them towards independence. If you would like to join us in offering hope and prayer to our pantry clients please consider joining this ministry.

Pantry Hours:

Mondays and Thursdays open 10am-12pm Wednesday open 10am-1:45pm

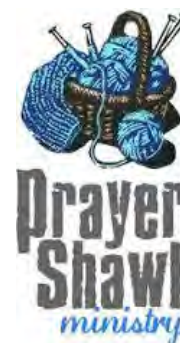
* Closed if Chippewa Valley Schools are closed for inclement weather

Contact:

Darlene Seifert 586-228-1094 or at email: dseifert@stpauloftarsus.com

PRAYER SHAWL

The Prayer Shawl Group is for anyone who would love to give out hugs from the Lord. We meet at church in fellowship and prayer to lovingly knit or crochet shawls for those that need to be strengthened by the power of prayer and our Lord's love. Our shawls are given to anyone who is in need of comfort during difficult or stressful times, many times due to illness.



Meets:

10:00 a.m. – Noon/1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month

Contact:

Deacon Marc Rybinski 586-228-1210 or at email:

deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com

SANDWICH SATURDAY

Sandwich Saturday volunteers make 150-200 lunches on the second Saturday of every month after the 4:00 pm Mass. These lunches are delivered to the Sisters of Christian Love who distribute them to the homeless men, women and children who live around the area of the Eastern Market. If you can spare an hour one Saturday a month, please help us to feed “the least of my brothers”.

Meets:

5:00 pm – 2nd Saturday of the month after the 4:00 pm Mass

Contact:

Sue Rybinski at email: sandwichsaturday@comcast.net

RESPECT LIFE

The Respect Life Ministry actively promotes the right to, and respect for, life from conception to natural death, through acts of prayer, public vigils, education, support of Respect Life legislation and participation in Respect Life events. We invite you to be the presence of all the gentle and helpless persons on the earth.



Meets:

Will be notified when Respect Life events are scheduled

Contact:

Mary Fiorani at email: marytfiorani@aol.com

BEFORE *I Formed You*
IN THE WOMB
I KNEW YOU,
BEFORE *You Were Born*
I SET YOU APART
-JEREMIAH 1:5

VIGIL SERVICE

The Vigil Service Ministry leads prayer at a scripture service or prays at a scriptural rosary on the eve of the Mass of Resurrection at a funeral home. We are there to offer the Church's consolation for the family's loss and to assist the family to recall the life of the deceased. It takes a special person to be able to minister at a scripture service or rosary; one who is compassionate, caring, and able to completely focus on the needs of the family without regard to themselves. It is a true blessing to be able to be Christ for others in their time of loss. Let Christ fill your heart as you fill the hearts of these families with hope.



Contact:

Deacon Marc Rybinski 586-228-1210 ext. 113 or at email:
deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com



☞ FAITH FORMATION MINISTRIES ☞

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/FORMATION COMMISSION

The Christian Education/Formation Commission facilitates spiritual, social and service opportunities for all adults, youth and children to develop an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ through lifelong catechesis.

Contact:
Religious Education office at 586-228-6651

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Regardless of your background or experience, we have something for you. Our parish offers programs for all God's children, from pre-school through adult, including a variety of Sunday morning, weekday afternoons or evenings, and summer programs depending on your age and needs. We also offer Sacrament preparation for every age and every stage of faith. If you are a Confirmed Catholic, we have a volunteer opportunity for your unique talents and abilities. Catechist formation programs are offered to deepen your own relationship with God and to help you to

bring your faith alive in your own heart and the hearts of others.



Meets:
Varies based on need

Contact:
Peggy DeClercq 586-228-6651 ext. 4 or at
email: pdeclercq@stpauloftarsus.com

*Let no one look down on your youthfulness,
but rather in speech, conduct, love,
faith and purity, show yourself an
example of those who believe.
1 Timothy 4:12*

VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE (VBE)

The annual summer adventure is a week-long event for children age 5 to 11. Adult and teen volunteers lead children in Bible stories, song, creative activities and snacks. This fun, Scripture-based program is an evangelizing effort of faith formation open to all in the community regardless of faith. Parish involvement is encouraged through active participation and donations to the supplies on the wish list.

Meets:

One week in Summer (varies per year/usually in June)

Contact:

Janice Krygowski or Teresa Szypa at
586-228-6651 ext. 120 or at email:
faithform@stpauloftarsus.com



*Children, let us love not in word
or speech but in deed and truth.
1 John 3:18*

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jesus went out to meet people where they were. Imitating His example, our Youth Ministry program educates and inspires high school teens to faith in action, giving them a firm foundation of faith based on Catholic Church teachings. This ongoing formation offers theology, service, leadership, support, prayer, community and belief in a fun, faith-based environment. Join us for food, fun and faith!!



Meets:

Every other Sunday 6:15 pm – 8:15 pm
(*see church bulletin for specific dates)

Contact:

Erika Domsic 586-228-1210
ext..118 or email at
edomsic@stpauloftarsus.com

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Our parish is blessed to have a beautiful library free to all parishioners. It offers a wonderful collection of books and DVDs for all ages. The Library is located in the office suite (See hours listed below.) The library materials will inform and inspire us on our faith journey. Please consider becoming a Parish Librarian to help us organize and maintain our collections.



Library Hours:

Weekdays during normal business hours (except Monday mornings)
Weekends before, during, and after Masses.

Library Committee Meets:

9:30 am – Noon/1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

Contact: Linda Watkins at email: linjoe@comcast.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism: Infant to “Age of Reason”

Through the water of Baptism, your child will be welcomed into the Catholic Church. The parents and godparents prepare by participating in a Baptism Preparation Session in which they review the sacrament, share in discussion of the teachings of the Church, as well as traditions and family life within the Church. One preparation session is required prior to the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Adults are encouraged to participate in this ministry by facilitating or by setting up for the baptisms.



Baptism: Age 8 to Adult

Children are prepared for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; through a series of catechetical sessions specifically designed for their individual needs in the formation of faith. This preparation is scheduled to allow full understanding and commitment to our Catholic faith and reception of the sacraments at Easter Vigil.

First Penance, First Communion, Confirmation

Parents walk the journey of faith with their children preparing for the celebration of these sacraments. Sessions are scheduled throughout the year. A strong desire to live out your Baptismal promise and to convey the Catholic faith by word and example is the number one requirement for this exciting ministry with young people.



Contact:

Peggy DeClercq 586-228-6651 ext. 4 or at
email: pdeclercq@stpauloftarsus.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -R.C.I.A.

The rite of Christian initiation is designed for adults, who after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. By God's help and the added support of the RCIA Team, adults will be strengthened spiritually during their preparation and at the proper time will receive the sacraments fruitfully. The RCIA process meets regularly on Monday evenings beginning in September. Individuals will participate in Rites both here at the parish and at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Become a part of this ministry to share your faith and experience the joy of being an evangelizing disciple.



Contact:

Peggy DeClercq 586-228-6651 ext. 4 or at email: pdeclercq@stpauloftarsus.com

Marriage Preparation

In answering God's call to evangelize and be guided by the Holy Spirit, the Marriage Preparation Ministry seeks to prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. This ministry helps engaged couples transition to married life by keeping Christ at the center of their marriage.

Meets:

To be determined between volunteer, engaged couple and Deacon Marc

Contact:

Deacon Marc Rybinski 586-228-1210 ext. 113 or at email: deaconmarc@stpauloftarsus.com



*Marriage
Preparation*

∞ SOCIAL MINISTRIES ∞

BOOK CLUB



This club is for individuals with an interest in reading and discussion. Books are primarily fiction obtained from the Clinton Township Library through their Book Club Kit service to the public. Groups consist of ten members who decide on the book selection and meet monthly at St. Paul of Tarsus. The small groups may meet at various times depending on parish scheduling availability.



Meets:

2nd Thursday at 1:15 pm in the St. Paul of Tarsus Library.

Contact:

Carol Hackstock 586-228-6651 ext. 5 or at email: carol_hackstock@stpauloftarsus.com

SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Group is a group of seniors who meet the third Monday of each month in the parish social hall. We are a social club who gather for refreshments, a brief meeting, and spend the rest of the afternoon playing bingo, pinochle or other card games. We reach out to those who would enjoy a friendly afternoon with other seniors.



Meets:

Noon/3rd Monday of every month

Contact:

Barb Novak at email: lbnovak56@wowway.com

ADDITIONAL GROUPS THAT MEET AT OUR PARISH

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:23



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS & AL-ANON

Alcoholics Anonymous is a 12 step meeting that deals with those who are afflicted with the disease of Alcoholism. Al-Anon is a 12 step meeting that helps those with family members or loved ones that are struggling with alcoholism.



Meets:

8 pm, every Friday of the month

Contact:

Tom Murray at email: tommurray2013@gmail.com



St. Paul *of* Tarsus CATHOLIC CHURCH



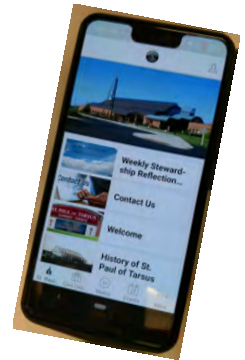


ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



While we are blessed with a vibrant Catholic Community, we are always open to discussing new ministries if your heart takes you in that direction. Contact Deacon Marc if you have some thoughts on starting new ministries here at St. Paul of Tarsus.

Since contact information may change, if you are unsuccessful in reaching a contact person, please visit “Ministry Contacts” at www.stpauloftarsus.com or contact our parish office at 586-228-1210.



ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS

St. Paul of Tarsus Parish is committed to providing a safe environment for all, especially children and vulnerable adults. All volunteers must complete an application for a criminal background check and attend the Protecting God’s Children workshop, which is offered at area churches throughout the year. High School teens who have been confirmed in the faith, but are under 18 are required to attend the Called to Serve workshop.



St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church

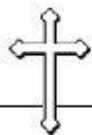
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Website: www.stpauloftarsus.com

Registration also available on our website



Thank you for your interest in St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church. We look forward to meeting you and we invite you to join us for Mass.

Whether you are searching for a faith community, just starting out on your faith journey, or coming home to the Catholic church, you will find St. Paul of Tarsus Catholic Church a safe and welcoming place to further your faith and allow you to grow closer to God!

Jesus always helped others and calls us to do the same. St. Paul of Tarsus offers many ministries where you can share your time and God-given talents. There are opportunities for all ages and all lifestyles, because everyone has something to give, and there is a need for every gift.

“Prayer in action is love, and love in action is service. Try to give unconditionally whatever a person needs in the moment. The point is to do something, however small, and show you care through your actions by giving your time. . . We are all God’s children so it is important to share His gifts. Do not worry about why problems exist in the world just respond to people’s needs. . . We feel what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean, but that ocean would be less without that drop.”

Mother Teresa



Integrating the Faith into Everyday Life

Lay faithful are called to use their gifts and talents in service to the Church, world

Personal Vocation

"It is essential for us to understand that Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name — by Jesus!"

— Blessed John Paul II during a June 1982 Mass in Glasgow.

Talents

"The parable of the talents emphasizes our responsibility to use wisely God's gifts, making them bear abundant fruit. Here I would ask the many young people present to be generous with their God-given talents for the good of others, the Church and our world."

— Pope Francis during his general audience on April 24.

World

"Followers of the Lord Jesus live their discipleship as spouses and parents, single adults and youth, employers and employees, consumers and investors, citizens and neighbors. ... By our Baptism and Confirmation every member of our community is called to live his or her faith in the world."

— U.S. bishops' *Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice*

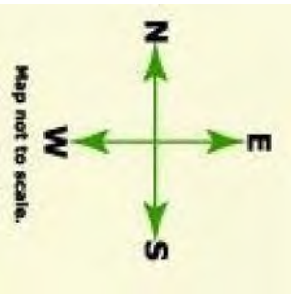
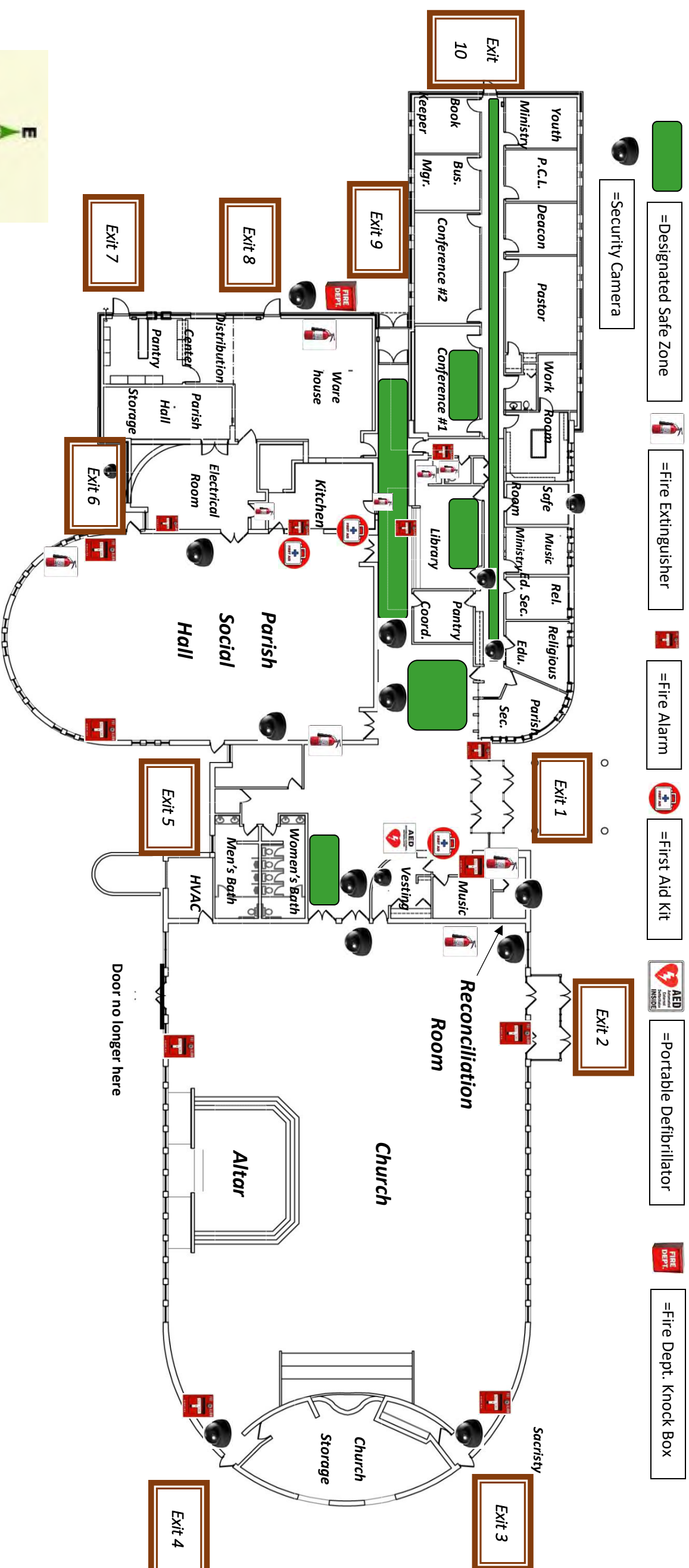
Church

"The ministries which exist and are at work at this time in the Church are all, even in their variety of forms, a participation in Jesus Christ's own ministry as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep, the humble servant who gives himself without reserve for the salvation of all."

— *Christifideles Laici*, No. 21



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☞ Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:45 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00 pm

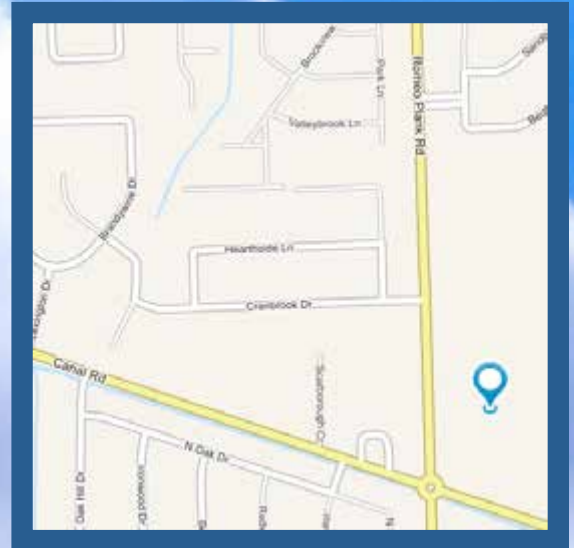
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Holy Days

8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 am – 1st Saturday of every month



☞ Reconciliation

Tuesday Evenings 5:30 pm-6:30pm and also by appointment

☞ Rosary

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Saturday 3:30 pm

☞ Parish Office Hours

General office hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

(* closed when Chippewa Valley Schools are closed for inclement weather)