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# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH—AFTON

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Sept. 10, 2017

Pastor : Rev. Peter Eke

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sacraments

### Baptisms

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

### Marriage

Couples are invited to call the  
 Parish Office, minimally six months  
 in advance, to prepare for and  
 schedule their marriage.

### Confirmation

Adults who have not been  
 confirmed are invited to call  
 the Parish Office to arrange for  
 classes.

### Adult Faith Formation

Anyone inquiring about the  
 Catholic Faith or simply wishing to  
 deepen their own understanding of  
 the Catholic Faith.



For where  
*two or three*  
 are gathered in  
*my name,*  
 there am I  
*among them.*  
 Matthew 18:20

## The Office

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.  
 (989) 733-6053  
 stpaul-onaway.com

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Paul, Onaway, open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are dedicated to preserve, live and proclaim the Good News brought by Jesus. As a sacramental people, we are committed to welcome all into Christ's presence among us.



# From the Pastor's Desk

“Go and point out his fault...”

Many years ago, I taught a Bible study class for adults. While comparing the differences between the Catholic Church interpreting the Bible from fundamentalist Christians, I made a snide and disparaging remark about a then popular television evangelist. A young man attending the class took offense at my comments and made an appointment with me. A few years prior he had some struggles in his life and while watching television, this same preacher spoke the words he needed to hear. He let me know his displeasure in a most thoughtful, kind and respectful way. He was right and I was wrong and apologized.

More importantly, he was right about the way he challenged me. He did not criticize me in front of others with hostility and abuse. Nor did he write an angry email knowing he would not have to face me. Rather, he requested some of my time and simply but plainly pointed out my fault.

Fast forward to a few years later in another assignment pastoring two parish communities. My second weekend at one of the parishes, I finished greeting parishioners at the end of Mass. Walking back to the sacristy, there was one man waiting for me in the church. When I approached to shake his hand, he refused my hand shake and instead proceeded in the strongest and with great hostility to criticize my assignment in that parish, particularly my preaching.

As he continued his diatribe and thinking back to the only other time I had preached in that parish, the topic was on domestic violence. As his hostility grew, it dawned on me that I had hit a bull's eye. I felt no regret or any need to apologize or even explain. When he finally stormed out of the church, never to return, I simply as the Lord says, “shook the dust from my sandals” and moved on.

In one way, both of these men had fulfilled what the Lord said in the gospel, “go and tell him his fault between you and him alone”. Though that is true, the moral value of their confrontations were entirely different.

It is never fun to receive criticism, but the necessity of giving and receiving valuable critical advice is important in the development of one's character, and one's soul. Confrontation and anger are two very difficult topics to discuss in a homily. Every wounded relationship presents its own particular circumstances that often defy applying moral principles universally. Therefore this weekend, with the issue's complexity the homily will share more principles of conventional wisdom. Catholics have often struggled with negative emotions such as anger. Too often anger is regarded as sinful in all its uses. Good people can experience guilt for simply feeling angry even if not acted out. Yet in the Bible anger is sinful in many situations but is virtuous in other situations. Jesus expresses anger in the gospels and his anger is directed either at the demons inflicting God's People or the religious leaders dominating the people for their own purposes. His cleansing the Temple of money changers and entrepreneurs is classic.

Here is some conventional wisdom regarding anger.

Some people use anger as a way of controlling everyone else in their lives. Everyone in the house and workplace consistently walks on egg shells in hopes of avoiding a tongue lashing, critical put down, and abuse. They find a need to choose every word carefully and choose often not to speak at all. This use of anger is very sinful. Some people never learn to express any anger and instead keep it all bottled up inside. They can claim to be “keeping the peace” but in reality their lives are often in turmoil and lacking any sense of peace. When we turn our anger inward, it affects us emotionally, spiritually, and physically. Anger is sinful when used to control, humiliate, dominate, or seek vengeance. Usually this use of anger is self-centered and narcissistic. Anger is righteous when it leads to conversion, justice, forgiveness, and building solid communities where everyone is safe and their dignity is honored. Usually this use of anger focuses on the plight and injustices facing the powerless and vulnerable.

Here is some conventional wisdom regarding confrontation.

St. Paul teaches emphatically both in his letter to The Romans and to The Galatians that love of neighbor fulfills the whole of the Law. Love and confrontation are not mutually exclusive. Love calls forth the better angels of our character. Love believes in the good we are and the good within us needing to come forth. Love calls the best out of the person and not crush who the person is. Love and anger are not opposed to each other. They can become destructive when they are separated. Love without anger can enable destructive behaviors, inhibit growth and maturity.

Here is some conventional wisdom regarding forgiveness and reconciliation

Reconciliation always needs forgiveness. Reconciliation indicates the relationship has been healed and both people now have each other's best interests at heart. But there are times when forgiveness is essential but reconciliation is impossible. People living in a dangerous or abusive relationship need to remove themselves and be in a safe place. Forgiveness is still an essential part of our spiritual life but must be offered from a safe place. You can forgive someone from 1000 miles away in your own prayer and still be faithful to Jesus' command. Forgiveness never requires anyone to remain in or return to a dangerous situation. Forgiveness is never permission to abuse again. Sometimes the offended person can offer forgiveness but the offender refuses to accept it or even recognize his or her responsibility. The offered forgiveness is still important and is still powerfully effective at least for the offended person if not for the offender. Reconciliation may need to wait for later opportunities beyond this life.

Real Truth regarding the Eucharist

Where 2 or 3 gather becomes a space created by the Lord for the Lord to abide with us and within us. This abiding presence brings protection from evil, mercy for the sinner, and reconciliation for ruptured relationships. The Eucharist by its very nature draws us closer to God and closer to each other. It is unavoidable if our heart is open. Bring your needs for reconciliation and forgiveness to the Eucharist and lay them on the altar. There the Lord Jesus unites them with his own eternal sacrifice always completely present to us. The Eucharist represents and presents the fullness of forgiveness and the fullness of reconciliation.

Diocese of Portland

## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, September 12th @ 11am**  
Sick Parishioners and Their  
Caregivers

**Wednesday, Sept. 13th @ 6pm**  
+ Theresa Parenteau  
req. The Altar Society

**Thursday, September 14th @ 9am**  
+ Euretta Lemire  
req. Pat Kloosterman

**Friday, September 15th @ 9am**  
+ Patricia Gosinski  
req. The Gosinski Family

**Saturday, September 16th @ 5pm**  
+ Theresa Parenteau  
req. Bill Ellenberger

**St. Monica @ 7pm**  
Parishioners of St. Monica

**Sunday, September 17th @ 10am**  
Parishioners of St. Paul

## Readings for Week of Sept. 11th

**Mon: Col 1:24-2:3 / Lk 6:6-11**

**Tues: Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19**

**Wed: Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26**

**Thurs: Nm 21:4b-9 / Ps 78 /  
Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17**

**Fri: 1Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 / Jn 19:25-27  
or Lk 2:33-35**

**Sat: 1Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49**

**Sun: Sir 27:30-28:7 / Ps 103 /  
Rom 14:7-9 / Mt 18:21-35**

## Week at a Glance

**Tuesday, September 12th**  
Mass for the Sick 11am  
Luncheon to Follow 12pm—Hall  
Ladies Study Group 4:30pm  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

**Wednesday, September 13th**  
Lady of Fatima Rosary 6:30pm

**Friday, September 15th**  
Parish Movie 8:30pm—Outside  
AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

**Sunday, September 17th**  
K-12 Faith Formation Sign Up 11am



As we mark the 100 year anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, Portugal in 1917, we the Parish Families of St. Monica and St. Paul will pray the Rosary, all four Mysteries in this sequence *Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful & Glorious.*

On Wednesday, September 13th @ 6:30pm



Come to our next Parish Movie We will be showing it outdoors on Fri. September 15th at 8:30 p.m. Socializing at 8pm prior to the movie. We will be showing “Case For Christ” There is no cost, just bring a blanket or comfy chair. Will be moved indoors if weather is inclement.



**K—12 Faith Formation**  
SIGN UP—Sun., SEPT 17th after Mass

Eucharistic Minister recertification will be Fri. Sept. 29th at 6:30pm. New ministers are welcome.

## Bless you for your Stewardship

**St. Paul: 8/27/17**  
Reg. \$1,780.00 + Loose \$802.00 +  
Fuel \$80.00 + Rel. Ed \$50.00 =  
\$2,712.00

Second Collection \$393.15

**St. Monica: 9/3/17**  
Reg. \$120.00 + Loose \$116.00 +  
Fuel \$5.00 = \$241.00

## Financial Position as of 7/31/17

St. Paul

Income 19,449.22  
Expenses 13,543.43  
Net Income 5,905.79

St. Monica

Income 1,314.22  
Expenses 1,656.74  
Net Loss (342.52)

## Yearly Comparison as of 7/31/17

St. Paul

Income 7/31/17 \$19,449.22  
Income 7/31/16 \$16,512.17

St. Monica

Income 7/31/17 \$1,314.22  
Income 7/31/16 \$1,850.44

## Mark your Calendars

Sat. Sept. 23rd—Speaker:  
Sister Ann Shields from EWTN  
Fri. Sept. 29th—E. M. Recertification

There is no room in the  
faithful heart for grudges.

## Those in need of our prayers...

Ann Bandish	Evelyn Connors	Catherine Green	Nancy Madison	Brent Passino	Adam & Cristna Sova & their Baby
Colleen Berry	Theresa Czajka	Isaiah	Mike Marx	Anya Pecova	Fr. Sylvestre
Wayne Berry	Louise Dorton	Jackie Hanel	Brittany Maynard	David Riley	Walter Szymoniak
Mary Bower	Elvin Eagleson	Chuck Hart	Dennis McGuire	Diana Rogers	Dave Tesmer
Bill Breed	William Ellenberger	Pat Harman	Sid Merchant	DJ Sayers	Sue Tesmer
Sandra Bunk	Sallie Farrell	Yolanda Harrison	Bob Merrick	Norma Schoolcraft	Shirley Traflet
Gary J. Castonia	Martha Frost	Jim Hayes	Kathy Merrick	Carol Skaggs	Bob Turney
Bob Carter	Donna Giessinger	Harry Hopkins	Carolyn Mousseau	Frank Sobieralski	Lois Veihl
Dorothy Connors	Vicki Giessinger	Marlene Hopkins	Patrick Mousseau	Karen Sobieralski	Randy Veihl
	Vicki Gosinski	Starr Ittu	Ann Osantowski	Ray Stiles	