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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus.

It was such a joy to have Sr. Mary Andre and Sr. Agnes Paulina to lead our children and youth at our VBS this last week!!! They brought such supernatural joy with them; let us send them and all of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist our continued love and prayers for their ministry in Christ Jesus!!! Their house Sister, Sr. Mary Martha Becnel, OP writes this:

'On a plane recently, I overheard a conversation between a young boy — about three or four years old and his father. Before the flight began, the boy repeatedly asked to play with his Legos; his father responded, **Not on the plane.**

' Eventually, the boy fell asleep. After napping through almost the entire two-hour trip, he awoke to ask, 'Can I play with my Legos now?" His persistence astounded me, and I thought, "This must be part of what Jesus means about becoming like a little child." Approaching the beginning of a new school year, anticipating the return of my elementary school students, I smile at this memory. After all, every parent knows that a young child's persistence can be a trial! So, why would the Lord prize it so much as to say that we "cannot enter the Kingdom of heaven" without it (Matthew 18:3b)? The little boy in the airplane was not discouraged by his father's, "No, not yet. He knew that he would eventually be permitted to play with his Legos. He also did not simply forget about the Legos; they were still in the forefront of his mind, awaiting the appropriate moment when he would ask his father for them yet again. Perhaps his persistence in hope and desire is what we can learn most from little children.

What are the desires of your heart? Be "real" with the Lord about your hopes and longings. There is nothing too big or too small to bring to Him. He cares about us and about what is important to us, even that little boy's Legos — not because He loves the Legos but because He loves him!I recently shared a prayer intention with another Sister, who responded, "I'm on it. He can't say, 'No,' to me." I was struck by the boldness of her statement. She said that people sometimes tell her, "I don't think God works that way.

""Oh, but, yes, He does," she insists to them. We should all share her confidence in God's love and good will toward His people.

Of course, God does sometimes answer "no" or "not yet" to our prayers, like the father on the plane. But, like the young boy, we must not take "no" for a final answer; we must not give up asking. In the Scriptures, the Lord shows us through many parables and instances of healing that He is pleased by perseverance. He wants from us the trust and confidence that a little child naturally places in his or her parents. Let us persist in being bold with Him, ever confident in His personal love for each of us."

Sr. Mary Martha Becnel is a member of the Ann Arbor-based Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist.

Thank you again Sr. Mary Andre and Sr. Agnes Paulina for your sharing and joy of the Lord, especially in the Eucharist!!! Thanks to all of our volunteers and parents for your help in giving such a wonderful experience for our vouth!!!

And remember,

You are Loved, Father Patrick



CSA Draw Winners

Raymond & Diane Ellenberger - \$100.00 Gift Certificate from Manzana's Sally Schaar - \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Manzana's Sally donated 1/2 the prize back to the Church.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the CSA

Catholic Service Appeal

Thank you to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. St Paul is \$17,582.00/ 83% towards our goal of \$21,213.00 and St Monica is \$2,190.00/ 96% toward the goal of \$2,275.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, it's not too late to help us meet and even exceed our target. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 2 @ 5:00 pm -**The Ruetten & Breed Families** Wednesday, July 3rd @ 9:00am -+ Barbara Corriveau **Reg.** Corriveau/Cryderman Families

Thursday, July 4th @ 9:00am -For Our Country & Leaders

Friday, July 5th @ 9:00 am -+ Matthew Watson

Saturday, July 6th 5:00 pm + Leonard Gaynor **Reg Pat Gaynor** 7:00 pm Rev Father Kronk **50th Anniversary Reg Scholl Family** Sunday, July 7th @ 10am Parishioners of St Paul and **St Monica**

Our Food Bank Collection is next weekend. All non-perishable food items & personal items are welcome.

Readings for Week of June 30th

Mon: Gen 18:16-33 / Mt 8:18-22 Tues: Gen 19:15-29 / Mt 8:23-27 Wed: Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29 Thurs: Gn 22:1b-19 / Mt 9:1-8 Fri: Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67 /

Mt 9:9-13

Sat: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29 / Mt 9:14-17

Sun: Is 66:10-14c / Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 / Gal 6:14-18 / Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or Lk 10:1-9

Ann Bandish

Deb Bandish

Pat Minier

Mike Butler

Sandra Bunk

Abel Canales

Andrea Bauman

Dorothy Brama

Jeannie Brewbaker

Brianne Giddis **Dorothy Connors** Adam Cripps Donna Giessinger Kevin Dewan Vicki Giessinger Donna Diller Vicki Gosinski Lyle Diller **Catherine Green** Louise Dorton Susie Heron Elvin Eagleson Jim Hayes Harry Hopkins William Ellenberger Debra Flynn **Carol Horning**

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, July 2nd **10:00 Prayer Shawl Meeting** 6:00 Ladies Bible Study AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm. 1 & 2)

Wednesday, July 3rd No Soup Kitchen 9:00 am Salad Bar Preparation 7:30 K of C Meeting

Thursday, July 4th 11:00 -3:00 **Giant Salad Bar**

Friday, July 5th Adoration follow-

11:00 am Boy Scouts Car Wash AA 8 pm, Hall (Rm 1 & 2) Saturday, July 6th 11:00 am Graveside Service & Urn **Burials for Florence Larsen &** Kathleen Kapella to follow. **Food Bank Collection** St. Monica-Mass 7:00 pm

Sunday, July 7th 9:00 -12:00 K of C Breakfast **Food Bank Collection**

The Altar Society is looking for anyone who would like to help with the prep for our Salad Bar. We will be meeting on Wednesday July 3rd. If you want to come at a special time just call Sharyl at 733-2040, or just bring a paring knife and join us for some fun

Giant Salad Bar July 4th 11:00 am - 3:00pm Includes Salad, Roll, Beverage & Dessert Adults \$7.00 and Kids under 8 \$2.00

Those in need of our prayers...

Jim Thimmes Starr Ittu Madison Leonard Brittany Maynard Dennis McGuire Bob Merrick Kathy Merrick Carolyn Mousseau Patrick Mousseau Ann Osantowski Marty Osantowski Anva Pecova Bev Rathbun Diana Rogers Bill Shinn Leaton Stevens

Pete Szala Dave Tesmer Sue Tesmer **Bob Turnev** Randv Veihl Randy Weber

<u>Bless you for your Stewardship</u>

St. Paul: 6/2319

Reg. \$1,838.00 + Loose \$481.00 = \$2,319.00 Restoration = \$361.22

St. Monica 6/23/19

Reg. \$210.00 + Loose \$150.00 =\$360.00 Restoration = \$63.00



Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, July 7th 9am—12pm

Farm fresh eggs, pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy and a beverage. All for a goodwill offering!

Come support the Knights & all they do!



All those who are 80 years of age and older are invited to our 80 + Parish Birthday Celebration which will be held Sun. Sept. 29th. If you are 80+ and would like to attend please RSVP to the office. Anyone else who would like to help celebrate our 80+ parishioners, we would like you to also RSVP to the office.

St Paul Prayer Shawl and Blanket Ministry group will have their next meeting on Tuesday July 2, 2019 @ 10:00 am in the church hall and welcome anyone who likes to knit or crochet. We have yarn and patterns if needed. Also, if you know of anyone who is in need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket or blanket for a sick child, please contact the church office or Father Patrick.