

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment. The Reconciliation Room is located on St. Joseph's side in the sanctuary. If the door is closed, do not enter.

St. Paul's Cemetery Information: Contact Sheryl at 656-3323 (Catholic Cemeteries Office)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY: Jesus is the Good Shepherd who is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. He calls us by name to this celebration, where we are healed, taught, and fed.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Acts 2:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

OFFERTORY COLLECTION April 26, 2009 \$1408.00
Next weekend a second collection will be taken up for the Seminary and Priests' Continuing Education.
The Nine Day Masses for Mother's Day will begin on Mother's Day, May 10th.

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Charlie Gondek, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from April 25th – May 9th in memory of Dorothy Cressman by the Dudlek Family.

Upcoming Events – Sunday, May 17th, at 7 p.m. **in the rectory not parish hall** there will be a reading of the section about St. Paul from Pope Benedict's book on "The Apostles" with a discussion to follow; June 14, 7 p.m. – Benediction and Adoration with readings of St. Paul on the Eucharist; June 28th – parish picnic.

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available in the vestibule.

Thank you to all who supported our yard sale last weekend. Thanks to all who donated items for the sale, who set up, worked, and broke down everything. The Flea Market made \$410.00.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	May 2,	5:00 PM (rip) Rosalie Gott by Ruth Press
Sunday,	May 3,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Monday,	May 4,	9:00 AM Gondek & Kleamski Families (living & deceased)
Tuesday,	May 5,	9:00 AM (viv) Fr. Albert Gondek by Charlie Gondek
Wednesday,	May 6,	8:00 AM (rip) Helen Brannon
Thursday,	May 7,	9:00 AM (rip) Helen & Stephen Sefcik
Saturday,	May 9,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	May 10,	9:00 AM Nine Day Remembrance for Mothers

The next available Masses for an intention are: September 8th and 9th.

2009 Annual Catholic Appeal – Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Hope - In today's Gospel Jesus tells us, "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. Jesus continues by saying, "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd."

Everyone is welcomed to the flock by Jesus. We, too, must act faithfully to reach out to all individuals, especially those who feel neglected or abandoned. As Jesus committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we, too, must commit ourselves as Catholics, to providing service to all.

There are several diocesan ministries and programs that offer help for those who feel estranged and marginalized by society. As baptized Christians, it is our shared responsibility to respond to Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The Annual Catholic Appeal provides financial support for a wide range of spiritual, pastoral, and educational services that assist not only the poor and suffering, but anyone who seeks assistance regardless of age, race or social class.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal; your generosity is deeply appreciated. If you have not yet participated, please consider completing a pledge card as soon as possible. It is never too late to help someone in need. We have received gifts from 42 families to date. Blank cards are available in the bulletin racks.

Religious Education - Re-registrations for next fall's classes were to be returned by April 19th. If you have not already re-registered your child/children for next year, please send your form to the parish office now. Green colored Registrations for students entering classes for the first time are located on the table in the vestibule. Please register by June 1st. If your child was not baptized at St. Paul's, a copy of their Baptismal Certificate must accompany the registration form.

Birthright of Delaware – will hold its Annual Rose Sale at our parish. Please support Birthright pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Mass on Mother's Day Weekend. Your help will truly make a difference.

For your information and for sharing with others who may be in need of food in Delaware City, there is an **Ecumenical Food Closet at Christ Episcopal Church**, which is open Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.