

St. Paulinus, Syracuse & Holy Trinity, Avoca

Rev. Ryan Salisbury, Pastor

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Third Sunday of Easter: April 14th, 2024

MASS INTENTIONS -:

Mon (15) 7:00 am.....+Scott Norris
Tues (16) No Mass.....+Raymond Royal
Wed (17) 7:15 pm *Slupe Family Intentions*
Thur (18) 7:00 am*Maren Root*
Fri (19) 7:00 am+Victor Sedlacek
Sat (20) 5:00 pm+Jim & Karen Scurto Sr.
Sun (21) 7:00 am+Karen Scurto
9:00 am..... *People of the Parish*
10:30 am (HT) *Pastor's Intention*

CHURCH CLEANERS April 20

Area 1 –Jeremy & Lisa Goebel

Dennis & Tammy Hansen

Area 2 –Tom & Laura Haynes

Alec & Ashley Hendrickson

Area 4- Carol Herman

Substitute cleaner:

Stephanie Bryant 402-657-3704

Confession Times

Daily: 20 minutes before Mass
Saturday: 4:15 – 4:50 pm
Sunday: 6:40 – 6:55 am
8:30 – 8:50 am
10:15 – 10:25 am at Holy Trinity
Anytime by appointment

HOLY TRINITY – April 21: Reader: Tim Meyer Rosary: Offertory: Bill Meyer

Servers: Creighton and Jonas Church Cleaners April: Joan Meyer and Cyn Tyrrell

HOLY TRINITY - Collection: April 7-Adults: \$910 / Easter: \$60 / Children: \$11

ST. PAULINUS - Collection: April 7– Adults: \$4750 / Plate: \$42 / Children: \$ 20 / Building: \$1090

Fr. Salisbury Steak Bites

There was a parent who was asked by one of their children, "Why do we have to go to Mass on Sunday? Can't we just pray at home and sleep in! Where did God say we have to do this?" The parent responded, "Well, God made honoring the Lord's Day a serious command 1,000 years before the First Mass was ever said!" There is much wisdom and accuracy in the parent's response. The Sunday obligation begins 1,000 years before the time of Jesus with Moses and the Israelites receiving the 10 commandments. The 3rd commandment as we know it is "keep holy the Sabbath Day." God made known to Moses that this command is always to be understood, interpreted and practiced by His followers to join together in their local community in liturgical worship of God. If anyone willfully choose not to do this, then they broke the commandment and committed a grave and serious offense against God. God wanted to build this habit, routine and understanding into His people so that way when the fullness of the Lord's Day would be accomplished in the Catholic Mass, His people would know and easily understand the need to go to Mass is essential for fulfilling the 3rd Commandment. God has obviously continued this command and brought it to its fulfillment in the Catholic Mass and that is why we have an obligation to go to Mass on a Sunday, to fulfill what God is asking of us.

This is an essential part of the 3rd commandment that is not up to us to decide how we honor it or interpret it. Sometimes people will say, "Well, we don't go to Mass, but we sleep in, have a nice family breakfast, and enjoy a quiet family day." Or, "we choose to honor the Lord's Day by going out into the community and serving others." I can't emphasize enough that those things are great and if you do that as part of your Sunday, keep doing it! But I also can't emphasize this enough, if you willfully don't go to Mass and think any other activities substitute or make up for Mass, then your conscience needs to be reformed to get correctly lined up with God's command. An absolute essential part of honoring the 3rd commandment is going to Mass, nothing can substitute or take its place. This is what God Himself has told us for 3,000 years and if we deliberately don't honor it, we commit a grave sin and need to approach Our Lord in the Sacrament of Confession as soon as we can. Understandably this is not easy some weeks and it is going to require sacrifice and choice on our part to make happen. But that in many ways can be beautiful, because the Mass is God's absolute sacrifice of love for us, and if we make small sacrifices to make sure we are there, then we are uniting our life with God in a very powerful way.

St. John Vianney once said, "Everything else which happens during the course of the week is the work of man, some things can be good and some things can be bad. But the Catholic Mass is the only thing that takes place during the week that is the complete and total work of God, nothing can substitute for that." As the obligation returns in a few weeks, I ask you to take this time and evaluate how much importance and priority you place on getting to Mass on Sunday. Our Lord has placed it is a top priority for us, if you struggle with that, begin to ask Him daily in prayer for that grace to believe and practice what He commands!

ACOLYTES – April 20/21

Saturday.....5:00 pm..... *Adam Holz*

Sunday.....7:00 am*Andy Burr*

Sunday.....9:00 am*Jim Clark*

READERS – April 20/21

Saturday 8:00 pm.....*Amy Wemhoff*

Sunday7:00 am*Don Sweat*

Sunday9:00 am.....*Jerry Stilmock*

SERVERS – April 20/21

Saturday.....5:00 pm.....*Max Wieneke*

Nate Wemhoff

Sunday7:00 am *Jackson Miller*

Please volunteer

Sunday9:00 am..... *Oliver Johnson*

Adam Johnson

PRAYER REQUESTS:

B. Richardson (269-7384) nana_bonnie13@yahoo.com or

J. Meyer (540-2606) jtbn2373@yahoo.com

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**Bulletin Submissions** – need to be submitted by Thursday evenings to [stpaulinuschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulinuschurch@gmail.com). Please submit exactly how you would like it to read in the bulletin.  
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Please Pray for the Sick: Gary Royal, Mick Kobza, Irv & Mary Klingsick, Jackie Wooster, Christi and Paula Jasa, Justin Miller, Lyra Mais, Eric Fass, Daniel Whitney, Jason Jeffrey, Bridget McPhillips, Becky Knake, Larry Richardson, Marlene Lowery, and Meghan Jennings (If anyone needs added or removed from this list please send an email to stpaulinuschurch@gmail.com)

Pray for our Seminarians. Please pray for the seminarians of our diocese, especially for the men who will be ordained deacons, and the deacons who will be ordained priest on Memorial Day weekend!

Pray for the Religious in Our Diocese: Please Pray for Vocations to all diocesan religious communities.
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**Clergy Appointments** – This last Friday, Bishop Conley released the new clergy assignments for our diocese that will take effect June 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Salisbury received no new assignment and will joyfully remain as pastor of St. Paulinus and Holy Trinity while remaining a teacher at Lourdes! In our deanery the only priest change that was received is that Fr. Pfeiffer will move to Plattsmouth to be a senior assistant pastor at Holy Spirit Church; while St. Mary’s in Nebraska City will be receiving one of the newly ordained priests who will be assistant pastor there as well as a teacher at Lourdes. The newly ordained will receive their assignment on ordination day and that information will be released then.

**CK Sisters Outdoor Spring Workday** - Saturday May 4, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden, cleaning up flower beds, mulching and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include wheelbarrows, shovels, gloves, pruning/lopping shears, hoes, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at [sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net) if you would like to come and help. Please also print and complete a liability [form](#) (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56<sup>th</sup> St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. (Walk-ins also welcome.)

**Wednesday Mass at 7:15 pm this week** – Mass this Wednesday will be offered at 7:15 pm with all the CCD students. All are welcome to attend this Mass!

**Book Recommendation (*The Father’s Know Best*)** – This book by Jimmy Akin is a wonderful resource in understanding the faith. If you have ever wondered, “why does the Church teach this and hold to this position?” Or if you ever wonder about hot button topics like abortion, gay ‘marriage’ and the transgender question of male and female, etc. if there any insight from Jesus or the early church on what seems to be ‘modern problems.’ Or if you have ever wondered how did the early Church grow and remain rooted in the teaching of Jesus and His apostles, then this book would be a valuable resource. It takes direct quotes from early Church writers, councils in the Church and puts them forward in a synchronized and coherent way.

Part of the beauty of our faith is that the only Church which can trace its founding, belief, teachings, practices and liturgical worship back to the Jesus Himself and be in complete union with Him and the early Church, is the Catholic Church itself. This book is a beautiful resource that helps shed great light into this.

**Spiritual Book Recommendation** - Fr. Walter Ciszek(1904-1984) was an American Jesuit priest who has an incredible story. He desired to do mission work and spread the gospel to a land that was starving for it. In this he found himself in Russia, where he was captured and held prisoner for the majority of his priesthood in some dire and extreme camps. He wrote two books, *With God in Russia* and *He Leadeth Me*. The first book, *With God in Russia*, tells the narrative story of all that happened, and is a fascinating read. The second book, *He Leadeth Me*, is his spiritual journey and how God made Himself present, even in the confines of Russian prisons. It is an incredibly powerful spiritual read. Fr. Ciszek’s case is currently being reviewed by the Vatican as a case for canonization as a saint. Both books are available on Amazon.

