

The Pastor's Column - August 24th, 2023



Congratulations! You opened the weekly E-Blast! Generally, the open rate for emails like these are not robust. We are trying to change that here at St. Paul's and want to make this one of your must-read items of the week. One way of doing that is to provide Pastor's columns that are thoughtful and engaging or columns that provide valuable insider information.

The headline news is the return of two favorite devotions that were suspended at the outset of Covid. **Starting on the First Friday of October, 10/6, we will resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the conclusion of the 7:30am Mass. Adoration will conclude with the Benediction at 11:45am. **On the First Saturday of October, 10/7, we will resume the Saturday morning mass at a new time: 9:00am.** Note that when there is a Friday morning funeral, other liturgy or event scheduled, adoration will be cancelled. Similarly, on Ordination Day in May and other significant Saturday morning events, we would cancel the Saturday morning Mass. Notice will be given in advance when this might occur.

I am also pleased to announce the beginning of a parish initiative this Fall to raise awareness on global warming and other pressing environmental issues. **On Tuesday, September 12th, we will screen the movie "The Letter" about the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si*. Then on Sunday, September 17th, concerned parishioners will join other Catholic groups and individuals in the Climate March which will begin nearby.** The focus of the march is to reduce and ultimately end the use of fossil fuel, the prime culprit in global warming. If you are interested in being part of this new initiative, please come to the event on September 12th and/or sign up for more information by emailing us at welcomecenter@stpaultheaposte.org.

There's a lot more to come this Fall including the relaunch of our Parish Council, an All Hallow's Eve fun event, and a Christmas Concert featuring the best of Broadway performers! I'd could have said more about these in this column but I want you to keep coming back!

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Eric".

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