

Welcome!



St. Priscilla Parish Family

*We are a diverse community of caring Christians
who celebrate Eucharist and proclaim the Gospel
by service to all in the community*

Where and when to find us.

19120 Purlingbrook Road
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Parish Office 248-476-4700
Religious Ed. Office 248-476-4702
Office Fax 248-476-7831

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
MON., TUES., WED., FRIDAY-8 AM
THURSDAY-7PM
HOLIDAY 9 AM & 7PM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
Friday – 8:30AM-12:30PM (SUMMER-CLOSED)

Meet our pastor and parish staff:

PASTOR

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Parish Council Members

Rev. James McNulty	248-476-4700
Deacon Robert Fitzgerald	248-476-4700
Lee Flaherty (Chair)	248-471-4649
Barb Matestic (Vice-chair)	734-261-9757
Mark Yokom (Secretary)	313-538-7823

Members at-Large

Jim Kremer	734-679-9734
Lorna Mattson	734-525-1597
Marge Marino	248-476-3109
James Rehnlund	734-525-5457
Stuart Dunlap	313-255-3451
Paul Wrosch	248-426-7465

Sacraments

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month.
Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available in the chapel the first weekend of each month.

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months
prior to the wedding date.

First Eucharist

Celebrated the first weekend in May. Contact the Religious Education
Office to have your child prepared.

Confirmation

Celebrated with the 8th grade students each year. Contact The Religious
Education Office regarding preparation.

As in any family, there are responsibilities and opportunities for all to share their time and talents. If you would like more information about any of our parish groups or would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office or the contact number listed under the specific group.

Adult Altar Server	Adults assisting during daily Masses or Funerals.
Altar Server	Students who have made their First Communion and older—assisting during masses. Call Mark Yokom @ 313-538-7823.
Adult Youth Leaders	Adults available to mentor St. Priscilla High School Youth. Call Mary Ann Jenkins @248-476-4700 x 442.
Art & Environment Committee	Committee creates and implements seasonal and liturgical decorations. Call Barb Matestic @ 734-261-9757
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday Mornings/Thursday Evenings.
Bingo (Progressive)	Tuesday evenings-6:30 PM in the Activity Center. Volunteers needed to work at Bingo and in the Bingo kitchen. Only major parish fundraiser. All adults are welcome to play. Call 248-476-4700.
Catechists and Aides	Confirmed parishioners who wish to pass on their faith to our children. Call Joni Benson @ 248-476-4702.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Share the word of God with our Little People on Sundays 11:00 AM.
Choir	Enrich liturgical participation by encouraging song. Practice Wednesdays. Call Jeanne Marie Laframboise @ 248-476-4700 x 441
Christian Service Commission	Commission that 'umbrellas' all parish outreach programs. Call Kay Kermod @248-476-4700 x 225.
Clerical & Office Support	Assist Parish Secretary and Religious Ed Office with large mailings and processing GIFT take home bags. Call Mary Jo Lafer @ 248-476-4700 or Christine Depowski @ 248-476-4700 x 332
CSA Committee	Process Catholic Services Appeal; mailings and returns. Call Mary Jo Lafer@ 248-476-4700.
Education Commission	Priority team for planning G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together) Curriculum and other educational opportunities. Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month. Call Joni Benson @ 248-476-4702.
Eucharistic Home Visitors	Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the Home-bound, hospitalized and those in nursing homes. Flexible schedule. Call Kay Kermod @ 248-476-4700 x 225

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EME's)	Distribute communion at Mass. Schedule varies. Call Esther Strohmer @ 248-380-6572.
Faith & Friendship	Bible study for mentally impaired adults. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month.
50+ Club	Senior group, age 50 or over, that meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12:30PM for social gathering.
Funeral Luncheon	Prepare, coordinate and/or serve funeral luncheons as needed by parish members.
G.I.F.T. Program	Growing in Faith Together - intergenerational faith formation program. Many areas of involvement available. Call Joni Benson@ 248-476-4702.
Gardeners	"Green thumb" volunteers who take care of the flower beds. Seasonal work. Call Sam Atherton @248-476-4700 x 664
Handmaids	Those who maintain the House of the Lord. Usually Friday AM; light dusting and clean up of the Church and common areas. Call Marge Kelley @ 734-451-0463. Rotating schedule.
Hospitality	3rd weekend of each month after Mass. Refreshment and cordiality provided. Opportunity for registration, parish nurses take blood pressures/questions. Bakers needed for Saturdays.
Knights of Columbus	Men's fraternity group. Call the Grand Knight, Jim Kremer @ 734-679-9734
Lectors	Prepare and read the 'Word of God' at weekend liturgies. Booklet provided. Call Lou Barrett @ 248-477-7741.
Life Teen-High School Youth	High school teens are invited to meet on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm. Join us for fun, food, friendship & faith. Call Mary Ann Jenkins @ 248-476-4700 x. 442
Life Teen Core Team	Adult leadership team to help lead teens closer to Christ. Call Mary Ann Jenkins @ 248-476-4700 x 442
Men's Fellowship	Men's prayer group gathers the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month for prayer, communion service, sharing and fellowship. Call Glenn Graham @ 248-477-0160.
Musicians	Musically inspired individuals who share their gift in song or instrument. Call Jeanne Marie Laframboise @ 248-476-4700 x 441.
Visiting Support Ministry	Volunteers who visit parish members who are homebound, hospitalized or living in nursing homes. Call Kay Kermod @248-476-4700 x 225.
Parish Nurses	Licensed nurses (parish members) who volunteer as Health Educators, counselors, referral agents and health advocates for the parish. Call Kay Kermod @ 248-476-4700 x 225.

Parish Pastoral Council	Meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7PM. Members at large are selected from the parish to serve a 3 year term. Members assist the pastor in setting the goals and objectives for the parish .
RCIA Team (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	Mentors for those interested in becoming Catholic and a part of St. Priscilla family. Call Joni Benson @ 248-476-4702
Religious Education	Students grade 1-8; class options on Wednesday or Thursday. Preschool/Kindergarten - Sundays. Call Christine Depowski @248-476-4700 x 332
Sacristans	Set-up/clean up for daily mass & funerals
Sacred Linen Care	Volunteers who launder the altar linens, corporals and purificators used at Mass. Rotating schedule.
Social Committee	Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM. Group providing activities and events to encourage parish interaction. Call Jim Rehlund @ 734-525-5457.
Stewardship Commission	Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7PM. Concerned with the effective utilization of Parish resources, the budget and Church support.
St. Vincent de Paul	Outreach program to assist anyone within the parish boundaries who may need food, rent or utility assistance in an emergency situation.
Ushers	Men, women, Young adults who meet, greet and serve during Mass times. Call Bill Strohmmer @ 248-280-6572 or Ken Pebbles @ 248-777-8437.
Wake Ministry	Lay members called to facilitate a scripture service or rosary at the funeral home for families of deceased members.
Wedding Coordinators	Volunteers who walk wedding couple through their rehearsal and assist on the Wedding day with any last minute problems. Assigned as needed.
WINGS	Support group for anyone winging through life 'solo' (single, widowed, divorced) are welcome to join. Meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM. Call Janet Hicks @ 313-531-9119.
Women of Faith	Women's Prayer Group that gathers the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month for a communion service & faith sharing. Call Monica Nelson @ 734-261-0753.
Worship Commission	Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7PM. Members involved in every aspect of liturgical events. Contact Gene Tatro @ 248-888-9511.

G.I.F.T.

Growing In Faith Together is a parish wide inter-generational faith formation program. Sessions are held throughout the year on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons; you may attend either one. For more information, please contact Christine at 248-476-4702 or religiously@stpriscillalivonia.org.

PLAN AHEAD — 2007/2008

January 25 and 27 - Eucharist

February 29 and March 2 - Celebrating Holy Week

April 18 and 20 - The Holy Spirit and Confirmation

June 20 and 22 - We Believe in the Church

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

*Hospitality offered every third weekend of the month. Join the “family” for light refreshments and getting to know one another. Parish nurses available to take blood pressures and answer questions. You can register in the parish and meet some of the different groups actively involved here.

January 20, 2008 -Square Dance-2pm

January 19, 2008-Sacrament of Confirmation-4:30pm Liturgy

February 3, 2008-Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after Sunday liturgies.

February 23, 2008-Young Adult (20's & 30's) Coffee house.
5:30pm

March 15, 2008 - Easter egg hunt.

St. Priscilla—Feast day July 7th.

Who is Priscilla?

There are apparently three saints known as Priscilla, though between them the legends and details can be sketchy and confusing.

The first and best know St. Priscilla, one of the earliest of saints, is actually mentioned in the bible, not once, but several times. Her name sometimes appears as Prisca, but since she is always mentioned with her husband, Aquila, we can be sure it is her. She and her husband were friends of St. Paul.

Priscilla and Aquila first met Paul in Corinth, Greece. There were Jews who lived in Rome until emperor Claudius expelled the Jews from there in about 40 AD. Aquila was a **native of a place called Pontus, in today's northern Turkey. Paul stayed with Priscilla and Aquila in Corinth** because, like him, they were tentmakers. (Acts 18:1-3).

When Paul sailed from Syria, Priscilla and Aquila accompanied him. After a stop at the city of Ephesus, Paul continued on while Priscilla and Aquila remained in that city. In Ephesus, they met a man named Apollos, who had come from Alexandria, Egypt. Apollos was also teaching about Jesus, except, though earnest and well intentioned, he was not fully versed in the Good News. He knew about the baptism of John the Baptist but not about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. So Priscilla and Aquila instructed him more fully in **“the Way”**, which was what Christianity was called in those early days. Apollos went on to become a well-known and eloquent teacher of the Word. (Acts 18:18-28).

Priscilla and Aquila are mentioned in several of Paul's other letters. For example, in a letter to his friend Timothy, Paul asks Timothy to greet Priscilla and Aquila on his behalf. (2Tim 4:19).

Paul also mentions Priscilla and Aquila in his letter to the Romans. Again he asks that his own greeting be forwarded to them and to the church at their house. However, this time he mentions that they have played a far more important role than was previously told: **that they had “risked their necks” for his life, thus preserving his ministry to the Gentiles.** He does not say exactly what they did, but says he is grateful to them for whatever it was, and that the Gentiles (including us) must also be grateful for it. (Rom 16:3-5).

Another St. Priscilla, a martyr of Rome is listed on Catholic Online. She may have been the mother of a roman senator, St Prudens, and the wife of one Manius Acilius Glabrio, who was put to death probably because his wife was a Christian. Tradition has it that, like her namesake from Acts of the Apostles, her home was used for church activities, in this case, **as a headquarters for Peter's work in Rome. To this day there is a catacomb beneath where she lived that is named after her.**

A third century virgin martyr, St. Prisca, is also called Priscilla. Little is known about her except that it is believed she was martyred and buried in the catacomb of Priscilla. A Roman basilica on Aventine Hill in Italy is dedicated to her.

So in our prayers we can thank St(s) Priscilla, the patron Saint(s) of our parish, for work they did and the courage they had to keep Peter, Paul and other Christians active in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus. We can also look to their example of working quietly in the background to further the cause of the Church, for while Sts. Peter and Paul receive most of the acclaim, God knows that they had Saints called Priscilla working quietly, courageously and effectively in important supporting roles and that ultimately, He Himself rewarded them with Sainthood, with the vision of His own glory in heaven.

-courtesy Ron Vader

