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Saturday: 8:30 a.m.
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Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tues. through Sat.: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:
Wed. 9:30 a.m. **Sat.:** 9:00 a.m.

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December 28, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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Phone: (541)344-1401 **School Website:** www.saintpaul-school.org **Principal:** Christine Penwell

Mission Statement

Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.

Deacon's Corner

Mass Times & Intentions

Architect of the Christ Child

Years ago when I was halfway through an undergraduate degree in architecture, I decided during the last few weeks of my third year that I wanted to pursue a degree in medicine (the *why* is another story). The shortest route at that point in my undergraduate career was to choose a major that would give me the most elective or free credits that could be filled with pre-med classes. The obvious choice was to enroll in an undergraduate degree in Biochemistry. Since I had most of my General Ed courses out of the way, I could then focus on the required pre-med courses that had to be completed before I applied to any of the medical schools located across the United States.

At the time, the courses that I needed to add to my curriculum vitae included Human Pathology, Genetics, Public Health Microbiology, Comparative Anatomy, two quarters of a foreign language (French was my choice), and Human Embryology. Behind in course work with other pre-med students, I threw myself at making up lost time beginning that summer . . .

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**Liturgical Volunteers
January 3 & 4, 2026**

Greeters

Sat: 4:30p–Kay
Sun: 8:00a–Ruth
Sun: 10:30a–Ray

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p–Yvonne
Sun: 8:00a–Steve
Sun: 10:30a–Bob

EMHC

Sat 4:30p–Pete, Colleen, Carla
Sun:8:00a–Blake, Terry, Ruth
Sun:10:30a–Sue P, Steve, Jim M.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	December 27 Stella & Adam Klocek † † Jim Novitsky
Sunday 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	December 28 Fr. Emmitt Harrington † St. Paul Parishioners & Guests
Monday 8:30 a.m.	December 29 Fr. Jerome Young OSB
Tuesday 8:30 a.m.	December 30 George Abraham †
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	December 31 Dick Clark † All Mothers
Thursday 8:30 a.m.	January 1 For the Church
Friday 8:30 a.m.	January 2 Martha Perez †
Saturday 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	January 3 Don Day † Lynne Marie St. Pierre †

Parish Events

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	December 30 Koffee Klatch Catholic in Recovery
Thursday New Year's Day	January 1 Office Closed
Friday 9 a.m.	January 2 Adoration
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	January 3 Reconciliation

**Readings for January 4, 2026
Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6
Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8, 10-1, 12-13
Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
Communion Antiphon: Matthew 2:2

Please pray for those on our prayer list below.

Bob Simon	Cheryl Suzuki
William Thompson	Ray Miller
Faline Sikes	Larry Wade
Judah Sikes	Sharon Wade
Raini Nelson	Doralyn Bocchi
Gracie Guardino	Patty Roland
Ella	Ally Angelastro
Kirk Bembry	Frank Paula
Pamela Blanton	John Ressler
Tracy Villada	Joseph Barba
Sr. Miriam	Colleen Bushmaker
Douglas DeWald	Justin Allensworth
Colleen Howard	John Guardino
Joyce Rauschert	
Jim Novitsky	
Timothy McDonald	

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**Weekly Financial Report
December 21, 2025**

Identified	\$ 9,056.50
Unidentified	\$ 1,035.00
Maintenance	\$ 75.00
eGiving	\$ 7,445.00
TOTAL	\$17,611.50
eGiving Christmas	\$ 2,635.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To keep up to date on Youth Group news, contact Kristin at kwhite@archdpx.org or check out our Instagram at [stpaulyeugene](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulyeugene) for up to date information. Have a Wonderful Christmas Break. We are blessed to have your families be part of our ministries.

SCHOOL

As we prepare to leave for Christmas break, we reflect on the meaning behind the four Advent candles. One of the greatest gifts we can give this holiday season is building hope, peace, joy and love in those around us. On behalf of the St. Paul staff, I want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas break. We will see you on Tuesday, January 6, 2026! Merry Christmas! Mrs. Christine Penwell

Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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During this holy season of Christmas, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should be remembered frequently by every Christian. To help us to remember them and above all to strive to imitate them, the Church has dedicated this Sunday to the memory of the Holy Family. Although they were God's closest friends, and although they were the holiest family that ever lived, or ever will live, on earth, they had more than their share of this world's troubles and cares. The message of today's Gospel story is a message of encouragement and consolation for every one of us. If the Holy Family suffered such trials and hardships, surely we should be ready and willing to suffer and bear with the trials that God sends us for our own eternal welfare.
Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

Chalking and Blessing Your Home: January 4 is The Epiphany of the Lord. There is chalk and an Epiphany prayer on the tables in the church entryway. The custom echoes the Passover, wherein the Jewish people would sprinkle lamb's blood over their doorways as an invocation of God's blessing for their household.

Parish News



As the Jubilee Year draws to a close, Pope Leo XIV reminds the faithful that its deepest gift endures. Hope, he says, continues to shape the Church's journey, calling all to remain pilgrims who generate life and renewal.

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. Father David will celebrate Mass at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 31 and 8:30 a.m. Thursday, January 1. The office will be closed Thursday, January 1.



Deacon Randel Livingood has graduate degrees in Divinity and Theology, a postgraduate degree in Pastoral Counseling, and postdoctoral work in mental health counseling including marital counseling. To schedule a free appointment, contact him at 541-364-1421.

Thank You From St. Vincent de Paul
Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide food for the SVdP food annex so those in need could enjoy a Christmas dinner. Thank you also to all who donated a turkey or ham for SVdP food boxes. What a blessing for families in need in Lane County. You can always help Food for Families by going to our Parish Website, clicking on the Food for Families link, and seeing where help may be needed. You could also join a SVdP meeting on the first and third Wednesday of the month to see how you can help.

Community

1st Way Needs Your Help

There is a need for diapers, size 5 and 6. 1st Way has seen an increase in need this year, and they are out of these sizes. Please help if you can. There is a drop box in the entryway of the Church.

Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

with a Human Pathology class I enrolled in at Long Beach City College. You can imagine the reaction of people I encountered as I practiced aloud the names and/or the descriptions of the diseases in an attempt to memorize both.

Following the summer course in Human Pathology, the next course I took was the first of three quarters in Comparative Anatomy, where I was tasked with learning the anatomy of a lower vertebrate (a dog in my case). The first quarter involved studying a cadaver dog; I often checked it out from the lab on weekends for further study. Riding the bus to and from my apartment, I would place the cadaver dog in its clear plastic bag in the seat next to me. Anyone hoping to secure that seat was confronted with a dead dog (I *know*, but in my defense I had to take advantage of every opportunity).

But the most amazing class of all the pre-med courses was Human Embryology, in which we studied the development of a human fetus from an expanding ball of 16-32 cells, called a morula, to the formation of the fetus at 8 weeks, continuing until at 9 months, the fully formed child is 'birthed' into this world.

At the end of the course, the class was gifted with an hour-long film featuring the entire gestational development of a fetus from fertilization of a single cell until the birth of an infant child. I watched the film in awe and utter amazement as the morula, a 4-5 day old vibrating ball of cells, rapidly divided early in a baby's development. Later at weeks 3-4, I then watched the neural tube or spinal cavity form by the literal crashing together of two perfectly formed waves of dividing cells (looking much like a perfect beach break) at precisely the right moment in one of many thousands of steps in the formation of a fetus. I remember thinking, how could anyone hesitate to believe in a God with such a miraculous and eloquent architecture of life?

As we celebrate Christmas, I cannot help but imagine how God must have hovered over Mary as Jesus grew from a small cluster of rapidly dividing cells to the birth of a living, breathing miracle called Immanuel, or Our God with Us. Merry Christmas & Amen?



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