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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM
Weekday mass: 7:30 AM Monday through Friday
except
Wednesdays 8:15 AM when school is in session
Holy Days: Varies by Holy Day of Obligation

The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass” (#2180) and goes on to state that “Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave [mortal] sin.” (#2181)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 8:30 am or by appointment

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled on the Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM based on parental requests. Participation in a Parent Preparation Program is mandatory before the baptism of the child. Our preparation Program is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Attendance at Sunday Mass on the day of the Baptism is Mandatory. Please call the Parish office to schedule a baptism.

WEDDINGS

All weddings are scheduled by the Pastor of the Parish. Office staff cannot schedule a wedding and a wedding is not considered to be officially scheduled until the couple receives written confirmation from the Pastor of the Parish. Couples desiring to be married need to speak directly with the Pastor BEFORE reserving a hall. Only the Bride or Groom may request a date for their wedding. Diocesan policy requires that a 6 month (minimum) preparation process be completed prior to the celebration of all weddings. Weddings are not scheduled on Sundays.

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults who are interested in becoming a Catholic and adult Catholics who would like to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office for additional information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Parishioners who are seriously or critically ill, or have surgery scheduled should receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Healing. Please call the parish office to request this sacrament. Regular visits are also made by our Pastoral Staff and Ministers of Care to bring Holy Communion to hospitalized or homebound parishioners. Anyone desiring such a visit should call the Parish Office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are always welcome! You may register in person or by calling the Parish Office.

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The Epiphany Of The Lord

January 6, 2019

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Due to Christmas and the New Year's Holiday, our publisher has required that the bulletin be sent in much earlier than normal. Therefore, because of the time crunch, this is a reprint of last year's article about the Epiphany.

FROM FATHER JOHN: "But the Lord knows full well that giving is a vital need for those in love, and he himself points out what he desires from us. He does not care for riches, nor for the fruits or the beasts of the earth, nor for the sea or the air, because they all belong to him. He wants something intimate, which we have to give him freely: "My son, give me your heart" (Prov 22:26). Do you see? God is not satisfied with sharing. He wants it all. It's not our things he wants. It is ourselves. It is only when we give ourselves that we can offer other gifts to our Lord." – St. Josemaría Escrivá, January 6, 1956 – The Feast of the Epiphany

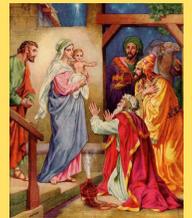
Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It is one of the truly great Christian Feasts. It is also one of the oldest. The word *Epiphany* comes from the Greek verb which means "to reveal."

In the Epiphany, God reveals his great love for us in a new and unique way. We suddenly see and understand the world and the meaning of our lives in a new and wonderful way all based on the simple fact that the Son of God came into the world to offer us salvation. It's like a light bulb goes off and all of a sudden we can see, we can understand, we can take in and we can grasp that God treasures us beyond all things and, therefore, offers us salvation, love, mercy, forgiveness and hope. My hope and prayer is that this Christmas Season has brought the great Revelation of God's love into your life. The following is the homily that Pope Francis gave on this feast day in 2015.

"That child, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, came not only for the people of Israel, represented by the shepherds of Bethlehem, but also for all humanity, represented today by the wise men from the East. It is on the Magi and their journey in search of the Messiah that the Church today invites us to meditate and to pray.

These wise men from the East were the first in that great procession of which the prophet Isaiah spoke in today's first reading: a procession which from that time on has continued uninterrupted; in every age it hears the message of the star and finds the Child who reveals the tenderness of God. New persons are always being enlightened by that star; they find the way and come into his presence. According to tradition, the wise men were sages, watchers of the constellations, observers of the heavens, in a cultural and religious context which saw the stars as having significance and power over human affairs. The wise men represent men and woman who seek God in the world's religions and philosophies: an unending quest.

The wise men point out to us the path of our journey through life. They sought the true Light. As a liturgical hymn of Epiphany which speaks of their experience puts it: *'Lumen requirunt lumine'*; by following a light, they sought the light. They set out in search of God. Having seen the sign of the star, they grasped its message and set off on a long journey. It is the Holy Spirit who called them and prompted them to set out; during their journey they were also to have a personal encounter with the true God.



Along the way, the wise men encountered many difficulties. Once they reached Jerusalem, they went to the palace of the king, for they thought it obvious that the new king would be born in the royal palace. There they lost sight of the star and met with a temptation, placed there by the devil: it was the deception of Herod. King Herod was interested in the child, not to worship him but to eliminate him. Herod is the powerful man who sees others only as rivals. Deep down, he also considers God a rival, indeed the most dangerous rival of all. In Herod's palace the wise men experience a moment of obscurity, of desolation, which they manage to overcome thanks to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, who speaks through the prophecies of sacred Scripture. These indicate that the Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem, the city of David.

At that point they resume their journey, and once more they see the star; the evangelist says that they *'rejoiced exceedingly'* (Mt 2:10). Coming to Bethlehem, they found *'the child with Mary his mother'* (Mt 2:11). After that of Jerusalem, this was their second great temptation: to reject this smallness. But instead, *'they fell down and worshiped him'*, offering him their precious symbolic gifts. Again, it is the grace of the Holy Spirit which assists them. That grace, which through the star had called them and led them along the way, now lets them enter into the mystery. Led by the Spirit, they come to realize that God's criteria are quite different from those of men, that God does not manifest himself in the power of this world, but speaks to us in the humbleness of his love. The wise men are thus models of conversion to the true faith, since they believed more in the goodness of God than in the apparent splendor of power.

And so we can ask ourselves: *what is the mystery in which God is hidden?* Where can I find him? All around us we see wars, the exploitation of children, torture, trafficking in arms, trafficking in persons... In all these realities, in these, the least of our brothers and sisters who are enduring these difficult situations, there is Jesus (cf. Mt 25:40, 45). The crib points us to a different path from the one cherished by the thinking of this world: it is the path of God's self-abasement, his glory concealed in the manger of Bethlehem, on the cross upon Calvary, in each of our suffering brothers and sisters.

The wise men *entered into the mystery*. They passed from human calculations to the mystery: this was their conversion. And our own? Let us ask the Lord to let us undergo that same journey of conversion experienced by the wise men. Let us ask him to protect us and to set us free from the temptations which hide the star. To let us always feel the troubling question: *'Where is the star?'*, whenever – amid the deceptions of this world – we lose sight of it. To let us know ever anew God's mystery, and not to be scandalized by the *'sign'* which points to *'a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger'* (Lk 2:12), and to have the humility to ask the Mother, our Mother, to show him to us. To find the courage to be liberated from our illusions, our presumptions, our *'lights'*, and to seek this courage in the humility of faith and in this way to encounter the Light, Lumen, like the holy wise men. Amen."

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Epiphany of the Lord – 06 January 2019

Epiphany – a Striking Appearance.

This is truly a seven-way amazing day.

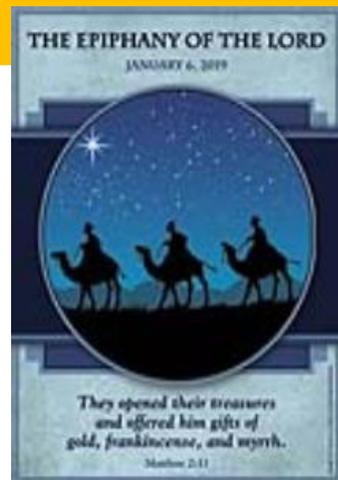
- (1) Easterners fix on a star.
- (2) Those Magi follow yet lose their way.
- (3) Magi ask for help to get to the right place.
- (4) They honor God.
- (5) They give away riches.
- (6) They pay attention to [God speaking in] dreams
- (7) They go a new way.

For what, for whom am I looking?

What help do I need? Am I brave enough to ask?

What am I willing to give away?

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.



Weekly Schedule

For more information please visit the website
@ www.stpauljoliet.com

Sunday, January 6th

7:30 AM	Mass	Church
9:00 AM	Mass	Church
10:30 AM	Mass	Church

Monday, January 7th

7:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
5:45 PM	Religious Education	Church
7:00 PM	AA Meeting	A2

Tuesday, January 8th

7:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
5:00 PM	FOLLOW Youth Ministry	Church

Wednesday, January 9th

8:15 AM	Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Paulites Exec Board Mtg.	Church

Thursday, January 10th

7:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Friday, January 11th

7:30 AM	Mass	Church
8:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

Saturday, January 12th

8:30 AM	Confessions	Church
4:30 pm	Vigil Mass	Church

Sunday, January 13th

7:30 am	Mass	Church
9:00 am	Mass	Church
10:30 am	Mass	Church



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE week of January 6, 2019

MONDAY 1/7	Christmas Weekday
7:30 PM	Robert Louch
TUESDAY 1/8	Christmas Weekday
7:30 AM	Dan Kobe
WEDNESDAY 1/9	Christmas Weekday
8:15 AM	Intention of the Celebrant
THURSDAY 1/10	Christmas Weekday
7:30 AM	Beverly Feehan
FRIDAY 1/11	Christmas Weekday
7:30 AM	Edward Yakich
SATURDAY 1/12	Vigil of Baptism Of The Lord
4:30 PM	Christine Krause
SUNDAY 1/13	The Baptism Of The Lord
7:30 AM	The People of St. Paul The Apostle
9:00 AM	Louis Hoehn
10:30 AM	William Hickey



Bountiful Blessings

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Due to the publisher's early deadlines
the financial reports will be reported
next week.

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All students in 4th – 8th grade are welcome to come out for Mary Poppins jr. Please contact Mrs. Jenny Jasper jjasper76@icloud.com with any questions.

Important dates....

1/8 from 3-6. Song and Dance Workshop. We will be learning the songs and dance number for auditions. Parent meeting will follow from 6-6:15

1/12 from 9-10:15. Tap workshop. Must have own tap shoes. Need to attend if interested in following roles...Chimney Sweeps, Mary, Bert, Jane, Michael. Make up parent meeting if couldn't attend first one at 10:15.

1/15 from 3-6. Auditions. Students must sign up for a timeslot at the workshop or in the office the week before. Students only need to be there for 15 minutes prior to and after their timeslot. If student is in a later timeslot (after 4:40) the student will need to be picked up after school and come back. If the student is going to extended day-a note must be sent to the school and the director must be emailed. Students will find out if they are called back before they leave. No one can audition without a permission slip.

1/16 from 3-6. Callbacks. Not every student will be called back- it doesn't mean they won't be cast. Students are expected to stay the entire time at callbacks.

1/22 from 3-5:15. All cast read through.

3/6 from 3-5:15. Crew starts. Crew will meet Wednesdays, Sunday 4/7 and shows.

Performance will be **4/11 at 7pm and 4/13 at 2pm**. School performance only on 4/12 at 1:30pm. Strike will follow the Saturday afternoon performance

Giant Steps is the annual dinner dance auction fundraiser benefitting Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic School. The event will be held February 9, 2019. Tickets are \$75 per person. All school & parish, religious education families, friends of St. Paul's and the community at large are invited to participate in the fundraiser. This is the largest, most important fundraiser for the school, providing needed support for our operating budget.

New for 2019, is our "Hip To Be Square" Giant Steps Tuition Board. Enter for \$100 for a chance to win \$2,500 or free tuition for one child

We need your help to make this event a success. To volunteer or share your ideas, e-mail giantsteps2017@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 6

REP classes resume on Monday, January 7 at 5:45. Parents are reminded to come in to pick up the student progress reports and January newsletter. Also, please remember that when St. Paul's School is closed on any given Monday, no REP classes will be held in the evening. If time permits, families will receive a phone call, an email or both. Also, weather permitting, there will be an announcement on the REP voice mail.

St. Paul the Apostle Religious Education Program supports the efforts of parents in handing on the gift of our Catholic faith to their children. The program is designed to offer children and their parents opportunities to deepen not only their knowledge of our Catholic faith, but also to deepen their personal relationship with our God through prayer, communal worship, and service to others.

We want our children to come together to pray, to learn and to experience Christian values in a caring environment. In order to ensure a safe, orderly and respectful environment, families are asked to cooperate and support the policies and procedures, listed in the Family Handbook.

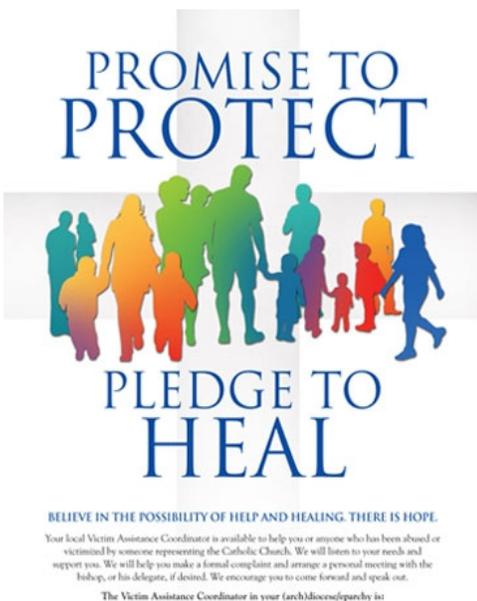
The most important thing to remember about any parish Religious Education Program is that it is meant to complement the faith education being offered to Catholic children by their parents. The parents are the first teachers of a child's faith. At their child's Baptism ceremony, parents commit to raise their children "in the practice of the faith." This means bringing the children faithfully to Mass each and every weekend, teaching them how to pray at home, and setting a good example of Christian living. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office 815-725-6927

Parent Expectations

Parents are expected to: work with their children, not only modeling faith but also talking faith; see that their children participate at weekly Mass and help them to develop a sense of stewardship; see that their children attend class weekly; attend the Fall and Spring FLAG (Families Learning About God) session; follow procedures for notification of absence, tardiness and early dismissal; see that homework is completed and prayers mastered; review weekly lesson with children; read newsletters and other communications and respond when necessary; attend sacramental preparation meetings and other meetings that are required.

Student Expectations

Students are expected to: respect and obey teachers and helpers; do assigned work; bring their textbook to class; enter and exit in an orderly fashion; take assigned seats upon entering the classroom; respect the property of the school and the other students and be responsible for any damage to property.



REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.



FOLLOW Youth Ministry

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Upcoming Important Dates

January 13 - MASS FOR LIFE



January 16-20 - MARCH FOR LIFE IN DC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13-18 11:00am	14	15 MARCH FOR LIFE	16 March for Life Washington DC	17 March for Life Washington DC	18 March for Life Washington DC	19 March for Life Washington DC
20 March for Life Washington DC	21	22-23 ALPHA NIGHT 8 to 10pm Social & 10pm Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28 ALPHA NIGHT 8 to 10pm Social & 10pm Meeting	29-31 ALPHA NIGHT 8 to 10pm Social & 10pm Meeting	30	31		

What is Youth Ministry? Drawing youth into the adventure of discipleship; helping youth to make the right connections; growing young disciples; responding to the needs and including the gifts of youth; seeing youth as gifted and growing; seeing parents as partners; seeing our parish as ready and able to respond to youth; seeing the wider community as collaborators and resources; a relationship, not just a program; investing in youth with our time, attention and resources.

Emotional Needs Youth Ministry is about people not programs. We make a large effort to not just invite the youth to our "home" but go out to meet them. Knowing all the facts and rules of our faith is important but useless if we forget that Jesus was relational. He did not preach from a podium, he taught in the streets. Jesus did not turn away from the suffering, he went towards the suffering and embraced the individuals with his love.

Educational Needs You cannot believe that which you have no knowledge of. A simple premise which has unending truths. We cannot expect our youth to embrace scripture if they do not read and learn scripture. Bible Study is only one way to teach and way to learn. At FOLLOW we strive not only to teach the facts and details about being a Christian, but also to teach how to be a Christian person. To give without expecting something in return. To lead when others are afraid to follow. To truly embrace the question "What Would Jesus Do?"

Spiritual Needs As Catholics, we believe that true life can only be found through Jesus. Christ taught us that through God and prayer, all things are possible. Recognizing the need for God in our lives now more than ever, the youth of our parish can feel spiritual throughout the week as well as on Sunday.

Social Activities One of the best ways to share our faith is to have fun while sharing with the company of friends. The teens of our parish come together to enjoy many different events and activities.

3 Goals of Catholic Youth Ministry

Goal One: Empowerment

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today

Goal Two: Participation

To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.

Goal Three: Growth

To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Paul the Apostle offers the wonderful opportunity to come and share some alone time with the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **beginning after 7:30 am Mass and concluding at 10:00 am.**

There are regularly scheduled Adorers but everyone is welcome.

If you have any questions please contact **Michele in the Parish Office at 815-725-1527**



Please remember those in your prayers who are in need of your prayers

Erin Bartel
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Doug Brusatte
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Laura Criel
Judy Damyen
Arlene Donohue
Harn Family
Dorothy Fonza
Susan Gentile
Matt Gross
Judy Hadala
Sami Henderson
James Hickey Jr.
Rose Jager



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JoAnn Sulaica
The Sullivan Family
Rebecca Tako
Louis Toka
Norma Weibel

Please help us with our prayer requests, if there is someone that is on the list that is no longer of need in prayers please contact Michele in the office and inform her. If there is someone on the prayer list that is need of prayers please do the same.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

TIME LECTORS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS ALTAR SERVERS

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