



ST. PAUL PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 21, 2014

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2014

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4TH Sunday of ADVENT



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A People Called

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Weekends

Saturday 5:00pm

**Sunday 8:00am
10:00am**

Weekdays

Mon Tues Wed 8:00am

Fri 8:45am

Faith

Tradition

Community

Hope

God's Kingdom

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If you are new to the area, we invite you to join our Parish by calling the Parish office at 262-968-3865.



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S PEN

CHRISTMAS IS INCARNATION – “The Word Became Flesh”

God chose to become flesh. For a thousand years before Jesus' birth the prophets proclaimed the coming of a Messiah. Their words were really the Word (of God). That Word became flesh and actually “dwelt among us.” God no longer was *simply* the God of creation, the creator of the earth, sky, sea, sunrise, animals and people. He became *more* than the author of the Ten Commandments, the Pillar of Fire, the Wind that split the Red Sea, and the Ark of the Covenant. **God Himself became flesh in the world.** He was incarnated. What a gift, an undeserved gift, for all of humanity! This was *an event* that would change all of humanity. **Jesus' birth in flesh made it possible for all of humanity to be rescued and freed from sin, sadness and eternal damnation.** Hopefully we understand that Jesus becoming flesh was, is and will be the most important happening that ever took or takes place on this earth. So we need to celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, the Son of God which happened on the earth over 2,000 years ago.

Today, the incarnation takes a different twist. Although Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead on this earth 2,000 years ago, He is still being “in-carnated” in this moment of history, in us. It is His will to continue to be with us. His most powerful and profound presence is now experienced at and in the Eucharist. **We receive the real presence of Christ in communion.** Mass is the ultimate empowerment of our life in Christ. **God is divine life in us.** He dwells in and fills our whole being with the gift of Himself. The saving events of the past continue in a new and full way right NOW. This is our salvation that we are dealing with. Become and remain the “incarnation” of Christ. **God is with you!** Merry Christmas! Fr. Ralph & Fr. Chuck

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are truly grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.

Weekly Stewardship

Received December 7, 2014	\$ 18,900.25
Children's Stewardship December 7, 2014	\$ 50.82
Stewardship received Electronically–Nov. 2014	\$ 11,047.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$ 23,362.42
Current Mortgage as of 11/20/14	\$2,222,143.43

God bless you and your families.

Thank you very much for your continuous generosity and support of all the ministries at St. Paul's Parish.

End of Year Notice

For those who have yet to send in their Stewardship commitment card, you may still drop them in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish office. If you are unable to make a commitment at this time, we understand, please indicate this on your card and return it anyway.

Financial books will be closed on December 31, 2014. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation to St. Paul Parish, please do so at this time.

The Parish office will be closed Dec. 24th, 25th and Jan. 1st.

Celebrations of the Season

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES~DECEMBER 24

4:00PM ~ Fr. Ralph Gross, Presides
6:00PM (Children's Mass) ~ Fr. Dick Mevissen, Presides
10:00PM Concert, 10:30PM Mass~ Fr. Ralph Gross, Presides

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES~DECEMBER 25

9:00AM~ Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Presides

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31, 7:00PM, St. Bruno's
Thursday, January 1 at 9:00AM, St. Paul's

The Parish Staff would like to wish the parish and especially those of you who volunteer your time and talent a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - January 21 at 7pm, St. Bruno's

The Deacons of St. Paul's and St. Bruno's are joining with all the Deacons of the Milwaukee Archdiocese in sponsoring a **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE**. We will be praying for all life from birth to natural death on the eve of the disastrous and immoral decision of the Supreme Court regarding abortion.

You are all invited to join us. The Holy Hour will consist of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, readings and a stirring homily by Deacon John Mezydlo. John will be assisted by Deacon Tom Filipiak and Deacon candidate Joe Singlab.

Please join us at **St. Bruno's Church** and help us pray for all human life.

United at the Heart

This year an annual collection for our sister parish, **La Sagrada Familia**, has transitioned to a direct mail campaign, per the direction of the Priest's Council. In December the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee will receive a mailing from the Office for World Mission updating them and inviting them to support our sister parish.

The mailing describes the blessings of our 30-plus year relationship and asks parishioners to help provide spiritual and physical nourishment for our brothers and sisters in the Dominican Republic.

Every prayer and every gift is needed and welcomed.

Please consider our sister parish as a recipient for your holiday giving.



One way we raise money to support the ministries of St. Paul's is through gifts people leave us in their trust, will or estate plan. Have you ever thought of including St. Paul's in your own plans? Other ways you can support St. Paul's is through matching funds, your

IRA or your life insurance policy. If you have any questions on how you can help, call the Parish office at 968-3865.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

In gratitude to God for the appointment of the **Most Reverend Donald J. Hying** as Bishop of the Diocese of Gary (Indiana), a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Sunday, December 21, 2014, at 11 a.m.**, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, with a reception in the Cathedral atrium honoring Bishop Hying following Mass. *All are welcome to join in the celebration.*



We are in NEED of married couples that would be willing to help engaged couples in their preparation for marriage. FOCCUS is a tool

to help couples learn more about themselves and the manner in which they relate to their partner. The FOCCUS couple helps this process of communication through guiding the engaged couple through the FOCCUS inventory. This ministry is not only for the engaged couple, but also for the married couple that guides them through the process. As they discuss the inventory with the engaged couple, many married couples will also think about and strengthen their own marriages. As they teach, they learn and grow. It might be a great ministry for you. Please think about it, pray about it, and if you have any questions, please call Fr. Ralph or Fr. Chuck.

The Nazareth Project has scheduled a day-long **FOCCUS training** on **Saturday, January 31, 2015**, at Gesu Parish Center, Fr. Herian Hall, 1210 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, for those wishing to become FOCCUS Couples. The cost for the training is \$100.00 per couple and includes lunch. **St. Paul Parish will take care of the cost of the program.**

For more information and/or to sign-up, you can go to the webpage: <http://www.johnpaul2center.org/NazarethProject/EngagedEnrichment/FOCCUS.htm> or come by the Parish Office for a sign-up sheet. *Thank you for considering this ministry. We need more members for this important ministry.*



"A HEAVENLY HOMECOMING"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2:00 P.M.
St. Bruno Parish, Dousman



This year's *Lessons & Carols* devotional concert will feature alumni of the concert who are coming home from college. Local composers *Andy Gladbach* and *Torrin Hallett* will feature premieres at our **Lessons and Carols** concert on **Dec. 21**. Come and "Sing in the Season" with St. Bruno's Music Ministry. **All are Welcome!!**

Parish Ministries



Our Blessing Bouquet has arrived.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult pregnancy, waiting to conceive, is expecting, waiting to adopt, or has lost a baby then please select a rose from the Blessing Bouquet located in the Galleria near the doors by the Bell tower. Pick the color of rose that

corresponds to your prayer need then fill out the card with the person's name that needs our prayers. St. Paul's will then pray for that person. Indicate whether you would like to have someone from the Elizabeth ministry call or visit.

This bouquet also includes any Grandparent issues, or if you are going through a difficult time. You may find comfort through this Rosebud Program.

High School Mission Trip

Catholic Heart Work Camp: Fremont, NE • July 5-11, 2015

CHWC Provides an opportunity for teens to share their gifts, get out of their comfort zones, and serve God's people through home repair for elderly and disabled, day care, painting, yard work, cleaning, and construction. At night, CHWC offers participants an opportunity to grow deeper in their faith through prayer, discussion, and receiving the Sacraments. We'll celebrate our hard work during our free day by spending the day on the water: river tubing, kayaking, or going to a waterpark. *Cost: \$498*, don't let this cost deter you! We will do group and parish fundraising in the spring to offset the cost.

High School Steubenville Conference

St. Paul, MN • July 24-26, 2015

A Steubenville Conference is a 3-day retreat with 3,000 high school students combining dynamic talks on living your faith, incredible worship music, time for prayer, time for laughter, and powerful Masses and Sacraments. Whether you struggle to accept that God exists and knows who you are, or whether you're just ready to go deeper – this trip has something for you. This weekend is about getting your questions answered and getting to know God: to find out who He is, what He wants with you, and why it matters. *Cost: \$200.*

Help Needed: Funeral Luncheon Coordinator

When a parishioner dies, the family may want to provide a funeral luncheon after the services. A network of people is already established to help the coordinator shop for food, obtain food donations, set up the luncheon and serve guests. Please contact Mary Kral for more information, 262-968-3865.

For the love of St. Paul's

St. Paul's 13th Annual Dinner Auction
Saturday, February 14, 2015 ♥ Country Springs Hotel Pewaukee

- ♥ Looking for silent auction donations both large and small.
- ♥ Do you have connections to help us with acquiring large ticket items such as trips, hotel stays, condo vacations, sports, or fishing/hunting packages?
- ♥ Remember to purchase your Raffle tickets!
- ♥ Get your reservations in before Dec. 30th for *Early Bird* pricing.
- ♥ If you can help out with this, please contact the committee by emailing kopshinsky@sbcglobal.net or calling the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION

Kid Zone – beginning Sunday, January 4, 2014 we will have the return of our childcare during Mass, called Kid Zone. Kid Zone is a completely voluntary option for families with young children (through age four) to drop their children off during the 10 a.m. Mass and then attend as normal. Afterwards, people then pick-up their children. No registration is needed. If you have any questions, contact Karen Farrell at kfarrell@stpaulgenese.net or (262) 968-2276.

By performing extra chores, our **5th grade Faith formation** class, collected money for items they chose off of the Giving Tree. They wrapped them and placed them under the tree on Tuesday night.



Kid's Corner Fun Fact

Jesus has an interesting title during the Christmas morning Mass... Jesus is called the Word of God. That is kind of a weird title... What does it mean for Jesus to be the Word of God? Jesus is God. Sometimes we call Him God the Son. When we call Jesus the Word of God, it's like saying that Jesus makes what God wants happen. Just like your mom and dad's words tell us about their plans and their love, well when God tells of His plan and His love, Jesus carries it out. That is why Jesus became man. God wanted to save the whole human race, so He sent His Son to come and live with us, and after a while, Jesus then died to save us from our sins. He did it because it was God's plan to save us.

KING SIZE BED



Creating a Catholic Culture

Christmas is a miraculous season. It is when we acknowledge that the Creator and Lord of the Universe entered into His own creation, entered into history, for redemption of all humanity. He is King of all kings,

deserving of all the grandeur afforded the worldly kings and queens and then some, but does not even receive what is common to even the poorest of Americans. Jesus, who in His very nature is God, was laid in a manger, a feeding trough if you will. He was born in the outskirts of the Roman Empire, in the town of Bethlehem (which is translated into house of bread). The majority of the world did not recognize who He was when He was born. Yet, it is of Christ that angels sang, wise men traveled and shepherds quaked. In beholding this baby, they beheld the face of God. This year we have been focusing on the fact that we are made for more. Jesus, giving up heaven's throne to live among us revealed to us what the more we are made for looks like. Jesus, giving up heaven's throne, puts in action the principalities that reclaim our brokenness and sinfulness and transforms us into saints. Christmas is a miraculous season.

Pray with the Pope (December Intentions)

- **Christmas, hope for humanity.** That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.
- **Parents.** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

ST PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

www.stpaulgenese.net
262-968-3175

Get connected to our **POWER!**

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

In this season of advent, we are blessed to have a strong Parish School within a strong Catholic Church. At the foundation of St. Paul Catholic School is its religious identity. St. Paul School is committed to teaching the fullness of faith, values, and practices and to integrating these core values into all facets of the school lives of the children. We appreciate the support of you as parishioners and we ask you to pray for the students and staff of St. Paul School that we may accomplish all of our religious and learning goals. Have a Blessed Christmas Season from the students, staff, and, faculty of St. Paul School!

Angel Gifts

The students of St. Paul School collected gifts within each classroom for the Parish Giving Tree for December. Thank you also to all parishioners and families that participated.



St. Nicholas Presentation

Thank you to Parishioner, Dennis Budzban, who went into classrooms on December 5 to teach the students about Saint Nicholas, Patron Saint of Children, Sailors, and the Innocent. Dennis gave the kids candy canes and prayer cards of St. Nicholas to celebrate his day. Thank you also to Cathy Treutelaar for the inspiration, candy canes, and prayer cards. St. Paul School appreciates parishioners like Dennis Budzban who volunteer and help at school.



Registration for K4-8 begins in January

If you are interested in small-class sizes, a Christ-centered, values-enriched, technology infused, 21st century standards-based, safe instructional environment for your child we invite you to visit St. Paul School. We welcome you whether your child is turning three, four or five or you feel the need to change directions without waiting for the end of the school year. As we settle in to the second quarter, you are invited to contact the school office to chat or arrange for a tour at 968-3175. You will be glad you did!

We love St. Paul School!

John E. Shanahan, Ph.D., Principal

NATIVITY OF THE LORD - DECEMBER 25, 2014

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

CHRISTMAS DAY

Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



Dear Parish Members,

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of taking part in a very special event with many other parish members. We went to **Reformation Lutheran church in Milwaukee** to help some of the less fortunate children create a more enjoyable Christmas for themselves and their family. There were six stations set up in their church with different projects for each child to part take in. We made trinket boxes covered with shells, book marks, pencil toppers, ornaments, fridge magnets, frosted cookies and a Christmas door handle hanger. There was also a table filled with all kinds of delicious treats that parish member had made that the children got to enjoy during our fun and they all got to fill plates to take home for themselves and their family. Each child was also allowed to choose 2 books to take home with them.

I think that it was an extremely beneficial event for everyone that participated, not just the children we helped. I would not hesitate to partake again next year. Helping each child make their own presents to give to their family for Christmas was a wonderful way to allow the children to be able to put some time and effort into each gift so they could still have a sense of pride without needing to spend any money. It was also a wonderful way for parish members to be exposed to some of the real world in a safe and accepting environment. Many of my peers do not get to see or understand how well off they truly are and this was a perfect way to open our eyes to how rough it is for some people and show how many ways we can help them in a productive manner. Overall, I do not think the morning at Reformation Lutheran could have gone much better and I highly encourage anyone that has the opportunity to go next year to take advantage of it, not only to help those less fortunate but to better yourself.

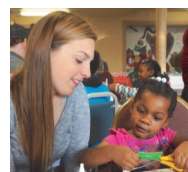
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P.S. An extremely heartfelt thank you to all Parish members who contributed cookies and other goodies for this event.

God Bless you all! Deb S.

CHRISTMAS TV MASS

Christmas Mass on TV will bring the joyful celebration of our Lord's Nativity into homes, healthcare settings, and other places. Please invite homebound loved ones to join in the **Heart of the Nation Catholic TV Mass on Christmas Day at 7:00 a.m. on WCGV channel 24 or WITI Fox6**. The Christmas Scripture readings, traditional hymns, and the inspiring surroundings of an 1800's chapel will give TV Mass viewers the gift of rejoicing in the meaning and blessings of Christmas.



St. Paul's Christmas Memorial

Represent your family, honor someone special, or remember a loved one who has passed away by donating money towards the purchase of poinsettias and live plants for the church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Names will be displayed on the plants throughout the church.

Return this form to the Parish Office by December 22.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) on Ribbon(s) _____

Total Enclosed \$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$30 _____ Other _____

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Parish Events this Week

Monday, Dec 22

3:30-9:30pm Gym Reserved (**Closed after 9:30pm)

Tuesday, Dec 23

3:30-8:30PM Gym Reserved (**Closed after 8:30pm)

Wednesday, Dec 24

No School-Winter Break starts

Gym Closed

9:30-11:30AM Church Cleaning-Volunteers always welcome

Thursday, Dec 25 Merry Christmas!

Gym Closed

3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet/Chapel

Friday, Dec 26

Gym Closed

Saturday, Dec 27

7AM-4PM Gym Reserved (**Closed after 4pm)

Sunday, Dec 28

Blood Pressure Screening

9:30AM-8:30PM Gym Reserved (**Closed after 8:30pm)

9:30-11:30AM Kid Zone/Gym

Other Upcoming Events

Dec 21 Lessons and Carols Concert, St. Bruno's, Dousman. 2:00PM in the church.

Jan 24 Christ Alive in Our Marriage Retreat - This day long retreat, for young adult couples in their first five years of marriage, offers an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of your vocation and how you are being invited to live out your faith. 10:00 a.m., concludes with the 5:00 p.m. St. Margaret Mary Parish - Milwaukee charisministries.org/Marriage_Wisconsin_Jan2015

St. William Parish, Waukesha will be preparing and delivering **free** meals to anyone in Waukesha county who may be home-bound, alone, or just having a hard time making ends meet. If you know anyone in this situation, please contact Marcia Slowinski at 262-798-1520 to arrange a meal and we'll make sure that they receive a warm Christmas dinner and visit.

Little Reminders:

- If you would like to have a Mass said during the year 2014-2015 to honor a deceased family member or friend, or for a special intention, please call or stop in to the Parish office to make arrangements. The suggested stipend for Masses is \$10.
- St. Paul Parish has its own Cemetery on the corner of Hwy D and Snowdon Rd. If you are a parish member and would like more information, please call the Parish Office.
- To avoid conflicts, any parishioner using our facilities for meetings, athletics and /or other activities must call the Parish Office to reserve your space and get it on the Parish calendar.

Catholic Radio found on AM 1640 or FM 101.

Listen in for great conversation and information.



Happy Birthday to those celebrating a birthday. They are JoAnne Hansen, who turns 81 on Dec. 23rd, and James Hicks on Dec. 29th. Also, physical education teacher Jason Trow who celebrates Dec. 28th. Blessed day to all of you.



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St. Paul Genesee and/or St. Paul School Genesee

St. Paul's Liturgical Week

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 28

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

December ALTAR CARE- Jean Vicenzi

MASS INTENTIONS - DEC 22-28

Mon	8:00AM	† Alan Fine by Bereavement Committee
Tues	8:00AM	† Charles Hansen by Family <i>Christmas Eve</i>
Wed	4:00PM	† All our friends & relatives who have died
	6:00PM	† Members of the Parish
	10:30PM	For greater respect & reverence of all life from womb to tomb <i>Christmas Day</i>
Thur	9:00AM	† For parishioners who have died this past year
Fri	8:45AM	Special Intention for Mary Grall by daughter
Sat	5:00PM	† Kim Kiesgen by Bereavement Comm.
Sun	8:00AM	† Poor Souls Intention
	10:00AM	† Jake & Nancy McConnell in loving memory

Lectors: Christmas Eve/Day

4:00PM Cathy Labinski, Nancy Kubacki

6:00PM Craig Haubach, Joe Beine

10:30PM Maureen Konley

9:00AM Mary Kral, Lisa Vasquez

Sunday

5:00PM Jenessa Gittens, John Shanahan

8:00AM Carrie Alba, Connor Alba

10:00AM Beth McFadzen, Tyler McFadzen

Ushers:

5:00PM Jackie Brown, Jeff Burg, Brian Campbell, Larry Jendusa, Brian Schneider

8:00AM Terry Cerni, Duane Miller, Larry Presta, Joe Varick, Tad Wegmann

10:00AM John Ishag, Fred Seeley, John Shilz, Matt Zach



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

Jared Bajczyk, Martha Beerkircher, Barb Bishop, Dee Cassidy, Owen Fouts, JoAnn Hanson, Jennifer Heidger, Harold Hinterberg, Eli Kelliher, Charles Kirchner, Sue Leeman, Larry Presta, Pat Roche, Tim Roche, Clarence Stellpflug, Joan Timlin, Myron Toshner, Nathan Weis, Dan Zehnpfennig and Lisa Zimmerman.

REGULAR PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

NOTICE: Bulletin articles are due 9am on Mondays.

Please submit to khavnen@stpaulgenesee.net

December Bulletin articles are due on the following schedule:

Dec 28 Bulletin on Monday Dec 15

Jan 4 Bulletin on Monday Dec 22

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Additional Information can be found on the Parish Website.....www.stpaulgenesee.net

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Prepare for the sacraments of initiation with a small group to join the Catholic church. Call Sarah Daszczuk.

Infant Baptism: Parent sessions are required. Infants receive the sacrament during the Eucharistic Celebration every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Other arrangements are possible. Call Sarah Daszczuk.

Confirmation: Youth at least 16 years of age or adults seeking to be confirmed, call Sarah Daszczuk.

First Eucharist: Parent/child preparation required. Contact Karen Farrell.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made six months in advance. One of the parties must be a registered parish member and a practicing Catholic. Weddings on Saturdays, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, or Friday evenings.

Care of Sick: Sacramental care of the sick, call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Monday mornings during Mass.

St. Paul Cemetery: Hwy DE & Snowdon Rd. Call Parish Office for information.