



A People Called

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 9, 2018

WELCOME

to the congregation of
St. Paul Catholic Church.
We are glad you joined us.

St. Paul Mission Statement

As a welcoming faith
community centered in the
Eucharist and guided by the
Holy Spirit, our mission is to
give glory to our Lord Jesus
Christ through:

Inspirational Worship
Faithful Discipleship
Service to Others

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ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday 8:00am Mass
Friday 8:45am Mass
Saturday 5:30pm Mass
Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th

Saturday 10:00am
or by Appointment

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

Advent Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 10 | St. Paul at 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul Parish School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in Church

Christmas Eve | Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve at St. Paul 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve at St. Bruno 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day | Tuesday, December 25

St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. & St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1 | Holy Day of Obligation

St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord | Sunday, January 6

Regular weekend Mass St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.

St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

Celebrating Parish Life

Born to Eternal Life: Jo Anne Hansen, mother of Charlotte Schilz



Weekly Message



ADVENT-PREPARE

What practically can we do during the season of waiting and vigil keeping? What are some practices that might incarnate for us the spirituality described here?

How about the classically Catholic discipline of Eucharistic adoration? To spend a half-hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much—it is not really “getting” anywhere—but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting. As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over, and then “Say, “Lord, I’m waiting for you to solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward. I’ve been running, planning, worrying, but now I’m going to let you work.” Then, throughout Advent, watch attentively for signs.

A second—and more offbeat—suggestion: Do a jigsaw puzzle. Find one of those big, complex puzzles with thousands of small pieces, one that requires lots of time and plenty of patience, and make of it an Advent project. As you assemble the puzzle think of each piece as some aspect of your life: a relationship, a loss, a failure, a great joy, an adventure, a place where you lived, something you shouldn’t have said, an act of generosity. So often the events of our lives seem like the thousand pieces of a puzzle lying incoherently and disconnectedly before us. As you patiently put the puzzle together meditate on the fact that God is slowly, patiently, according to his own plan and purpose, ordering the seemingly unrelated and incongruous events of our lives into a picture of great beauty.

Finally, take advantage of traffic jams and annoying lines—really anything that makes you wait. When you are forced to slow down, pray one of the great, repetitive vigil prayers of the church, such as the rosary or the Jesus prayer (“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”). With this resolution in mind, hang a rosary around your rearview mirror at the beginning of Advent. Consider the possibility that God wants you at that moment to wait and then sanctify the time through one of those savoring prayers.

Fr. Dan

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel."

Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Commitment cards either during offertory or to the Parish office as soon as possible. Thank you!

EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES

Because of the Holidays there are several early bulletin due dates coming up. We are coordinating these dates with St. Bruno's, in order to make things easier on Fr. Dan. **Thank you in advance.**

Due Date	Bulletin
Dec 3	Dec 16
Dec 7	Dec 23
Dec 10	Dec 30
Dec 17	Jan 6

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL PARISH

What's Happening This Week!

Dec 9 Bereavement Support after 9am Mass/FamRm
Dec 9 Giving Tree Gift return
Dec 9 Parish Breakfast
Dec 10 Advent Penance Service-St. Paul, 6:30pm

Welcome! We hope you accept this as your invitation to re-discover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back.

If you are a practicing Catholic and have decided to make St. Paul your church home, simply call 262-968-3865, come by or visit www.stpaulgeneseesee.net to start to get registered.



Holiday Parish Office Hours

Monday December 24th-Office Closed

Tuesday December 25th-Office Closed

Merry Christmas!

Monday December 31st-Office Closed

Tuesday January 1st-Office Closed

Happy New Year!

End of Year Notice:

Parish Books will close on December 31st, 2018. Federal law prohibits churches from crediting donations received in 2019 back to prior calendar year. Donations must be postmarked by December 31st, 2018 to be credited to your 2018 donations. Thank you for your faithful support of our Parish.

2019 Calendars NOW available after masses.

Stewardship Update Letter - Parishioners

The letter you received in November was an update to your 2018 stewardship commitment showing your total payments as of October 31, 2018. This means the Total amount pledged was the amount pledged through October 31st. If you have any questions call Lori at the office. A detailed tax statement will be sent to you in mid-January.

Online Giving is Now Available at St Paul Parish!

(Detailed instruction sheet located in Gathering Space)



1. Visit stpaulgeneseesee.net and click Give Online
2. Select your donation amount and frequency.
3. Enter your account and payment information.

St. Paul Stewardship of Treasure:

We are truly grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.

Year to Date		Last Year to Date	
7-1 to 10-31-18		7-1 to 10-31-17	
Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 288,360	Stewardship & Offertory	\$ 266,011
Other Income	\$ 188,528	Other Income	\$ 285,613
Total Income	\$ 476,888	Total Income	\$ 551,624
Total Expenses	\$ 373,649	Total Expenses	\$ 352,118
Excess/Deficit	\$ 103,239	Excess/Deficit	\$ 199,506
Mortgage Balance as of 10-31-18			
	\$ 651,439.97		

God Bless you and your families!

Important Date: Friday, Dec, 21, 2018

The entire campus of St. Paul Parish and School will be closed for the day. There will be some maintenance work going on but all other activities will be suspended. Thank you for your understanding.



Monday, December 10, 6:30pm at St. Paul's



Parish Breakfast

sponsored by Knights of Columbus

Delicious Breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, donuts, fruit, coffee, juice, and milk.

Our featured speaker will be Fr. Dick Mevissen, our help out priest. Get to know him better.

December 9 after 9am Mass.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



As our celebration of Christ's birth approaches, it is challenging to stay focused on the true meaning of this season. To help you, and others, stay focused on our Lord's birth, the **Knights of Columbus** will have "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets available for

purchase after all masses December 8&9. Help us help others to know the true meaning of Christmas by proudly displaying our message.



Human Concerns

Annual Christmas Giving Tree

Help us light up the lives of those less fortunate this Christmas season. Each Color of star represents a particular organization. Angel gifts are for a child and those items listed are those that are most needed by that child. Pick a star or angel off the tree



- **Wrap the Angel gift and tape the angel to the gift**
- **DO NOT Wrap the star gift. Please tape the star to the gift**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN 9AM
DECEMBER 9**

St. Paul's faith community supports approximately a dozen agencies through gifts purchased each year by our parishioners for the Giving Tree. Thank you for your generosity in choosing angels (for individuals) or stars (for general agency distribution to their guests/clients) from the Giving Tree.

For questions:

Contact Sharon Rehnberg at 262-547-3668 evening hours only.

ST PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

www.stpaulgenesee.net

262-968-3175

Get connected to our POWER!



Community is defined as "a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common." As a school community, we are constantly reminded of all the things we have in common with one another. We gather as a school community in prayer, during holidays and special celebrations, in times of joy, and in times of sadness. We rely on the members of our school community to help us grow and flourish and to help us get through difficult times. There are many ways you can join our school community and we welcome you with open arms!

December 10: School Committee Meeting at 6:00pm in the school library (come hear about all of the great things happening at St. Paul School and help us as we set goals for the future)

Marketing Committee Meeting following the School Committee Meeting in the school library (come see how you can help us spread the word about St. Paul School and bring any other ideas you have to the meeting)

December 12: K5-7th grade Christmas Concert and Cash or Tuition Raffle Drawing at 6:30pm in the Church (come watch the amazing work of our music teacher, Mrs. Koscinski, and listen to the wonderful voices of the students; also, see if you are the lucky winner of the Cash or Tuition Raffle!)

December 14: All School Mass at 8:45am in Church (come pray with us and thank God for all of the blessings that are ours at St. Paul School)

Just a reminder, registration is open throughout the year. Continue to spread the word about St. Paul School! Contact us at 262-968-3175 for a school tour. We may be exactly what you are looking for in a school!

Join our Family,

Angela Gunderson, Principal St. Paul School

agunderson@stpaulgenesee.net

Library News

Watkins Sale-Thank you to all those who supported our recent Watkins Sale. The profit will be used in our school library. Unfortunately, after 35 years, the sale will not be held next year due to many changes in the company structure this fall.

Book Fair-Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Enchanted Forest Book Fair. Through your generous support, 79 Spanish books are going to St. Clare School in Paita, Peru, Heavenly Baby Layettes received 31 books and 31 parish Giving Tree Stars were purchased. Numerous titles were also given to classrooms and the library. Cash profit will be used in our school library.

Spelling Bee-All are welcome to attend the school level spelling bee on Monday, December 17 at 9 a.m. in the cafeteria.



WINTER WONDERLAND

ST. PAUL DINNER AUCTION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2019—THE LEGEND AT BRANDYBROOK

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS!

DONATE ITEMS!

SPONSOR PART OF THE AUCTION!

START GETTING YOUR TABLE TOGETHER!

TIME TO GET INVOLVED!

WE NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS;

- * VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR—MOSTLY THE DAY OF AND WEEK BEFORE
 - * RAFFLE COORDINATOR
 - * SILENT AUCTION COORDINATOR

CONTACT THE AUCTION COMMITTEE—AUCTION@STPAULGENESEE.NET

Advent: a Time to Prepare

Tuesday mornings you are invited to drop in to reflect on the next Sunday's readings. Meet in **St Paul's** Family Room from 8:30-10am. Call Mary Kral for more information.

ST. PAUL'S DYNAMIC MEN'S GROUP (evening) will be meeting for the final time this year on Wed. Dec 19th. Both morning and evening groups will start up again on Wed, Jan. 9, 2019 and meet for 13 weeks. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact Tim Weske (tweske@delzer.com) All men are welcome.

ST BRUNO Events and Invites

ST. BRUNO Eucharistic Celebrations

Weekends: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday at 8:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 8:45 a.m.

Reconciliation: 1st & 3rd Saturday, 3:00pm & By appointment

Next meeting of the Book Club

Tues., Dec. 11 at 9 AM-St. Bruno Family Room.

We always welcome new members.

The book for December is; **Box of Butterflies** by Roma Downey

"Even if you haven't read the book, come to share with us and you'll probably want to come back!"



REMINDER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, Dec. 10, 4:45pm St. Mary of the Hill, Hubertus

Monday, Dec. 10, 6:30pm St. Paul, Genesee

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7pm St. Dominic, Brookfield

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7pm St. Theresa, Eagle

Saturday, Dec. 15, 10am St. Anthony, Pewaukee

Saturday, Dec. 15, 1pm St. Jerome, Oconomowoc

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 6:30pm St. Charles, Hartland

BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday to Phyllis Wesolowski, 91 on Dec. 8,
Carol Peltier, 81 on Dec. 13 and
Mary Ellen Connell, 89 on Dec. 16.

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS AT HOLY HILL

Join us for **Christmas Concerts** here at Holy Hill:

Lakeshore Symphonic Band is on December 9th at 6:00PM.

Hartford Community Chorus is on December 15th at 7:30PM.

Holy Hill will be hosting a **Live Nativity Scene on December 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Prepare for the feast of the Christ Child by meditating on His entrance into our poverty in the stable at Bethlehem. Live animals, caroling, recitations of the "Infancy Narratives" from Holy Scripture, hot chocolate, cider, and even a visit from St. Nick! The Mass Schedule at Holy Hill for Christmas is as follows:

December 24th: 4:30PM & Midnight;

December 25th: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND NEEDY

Most of us are fortunate to have family and friends to share the holidays with. But there are many individuals in our area who are either homebound or alone, or just having a hard time making ends meet.

On Christmas Day, we will be delivering a **FREE** Christmas meal to anyone who may be in this situation. The meals are prepared at St. William's Church and are available to be delivered or picked up between 11am and 1:15pm. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Marcia Slowinski at 262-798-1520 to arrange a meal, and a friendly visit. We can accept request through Friday, December 14.

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 17.

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) on Ribbon(s) _____

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

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Parish Events this Week

Monday, Dec 10 Advent Penance Service

9:00-2:30PM Concert Rehearsal/CH
 8:45-10:15AM Woman Book Club/GathSp
 6:00-8:00PM Men's Basketball (**closed after 8:30pm)
 6:30-7:30PM School Committee/Library

Tuesday, Dec 11

9-10:30AM Cleaning Church/CH
 5:45-7:30PM Alpha/Ch/Gathsp/GAL
 6:30-7:30PM Faith Form/Caf/PLC-LL/Sch

Wednesday, Dec 12 School Christmas Concert

6-7:00AM Men's Group/Caf
 6:30PM Christmas Concert/CH
 7-8:00PM Men's Group/FamRm
 7-8:30PM Human Concerns Mtg/PO
 7-9PM Youth Group/YouthRM
 6:00-8:00PM Men's Basketball (closed after 8:30PM)

Thursday, Dec 13

9:30-10:30AM Bible Study/FamRm
 3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet/CH
 6-7:45PM Boy Scouts/Caf
 6:30-8PM Woman Book Club/YouthRm
 6:30-8PM Auction Mtg/PO
 7-8:30PM Choir Practice/CH

Saturday, Dec 15 Loaves & Fishes

7:30-9:00AM Men's Basketball (**closed after 9:30am)
 10-11:00AM 1st Reconciliation/CH

Sunday, Dec 16 Loaves & Fishes

8:45AM-10AM Kid Zone/Gym
 9:00AM CLOW/FamRm
 10-11:30AM RCIA/FamRm
 10-11AM CGS FF/Rms Luke & Mark
 10:00-Noon Family Program FF/Complex

Other Upcoming Events

Dec 13 Citywide Penance Service Join members of the Catholic Community of Waukesha for the Advent Reconciliation Service Thurs., Dec. 13 at 6:30 pm St. Mary Church 225 S. Hartwell Avenue.



Please Join Us in Praying For.....

Jo Anne Hansen, mother of Charlotte Schilz
 In Loving Memory
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



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St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the Week of December 9, 2018

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10, Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Isaiah 40:1-11, Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Zechariah 2:14-17, Luke 1:26-38
Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20, Matthew 11:11-15
Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19, Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11, Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC 16

Zephaniah 3:14-18a Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

December Altar Care – Judy Reichow
Home Communion Minister – Cheri Stanek

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 10-16

Mon 8:00AM (Mass at St. Bruno)
6:30PM Advent Communal Penance Service

Tues 8:00AM † Deceased Members of Rasper Family by Rasmussen Family

Wed 8:45AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Fri 8:45AM † D. Mark Miller by Mike & Jean Ertl

Sat 5:30PM † For the Parishioners of St Paul & St Bruno
Lectors Joe Beine
Servers Charlotte Memmel

Sun 9:00AM † Krisy Reuthling by Family
Lectors Roger Varner, Maureen Konley
Servers Evan Bajczyk, Megan Petersen

Greeters: 5:30PM Loaves & Fishes

9:00AM Loaves & Fishes

Ushers: 5:30PM Earl Baumann, Brian Schneider
 Brian Campbell, Larry Jendusa, Bob Hocutt
9:00AM Andrew Johnson, John Van de Castelee,
 Dan Zehnpfennig, Dave Rasmussen, David Landry, Randy LaRock

HOSPITAL VISITS If a member of your family is in the hospital, please let us know so we can send someone to visit them. The hospital does not always let us know. Parish Office 262-968-3865.

Sacramental Information

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

Infant Baptism: Parent sessions are required for registered parishioners who would like their child baptized. Call Mary Kral, at least one month in advance, to schedule a class time & make arrangements to pick a date for your child's baptism.

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

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

Reconciliation: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00am 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.

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

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish office with request.

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8:00am-4:30pm Mon-Fri

NOTICE: *Bulletin articles are due 9am on Friday.*

(8 days before article appears in bulletin.)

Please submit to ldurler@stpaulgenesee.net



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

Ali Amini, Albert Cutler, Rick Hanke, Jim & Jackie
Hubka, Marcia McCann, Rosemary McCarthy, Tom &
Maria Mauermann and Eleanor Gresk.

All those undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses.
(Please call the Parish office to add someone to this prayer list.)



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