



A People Called

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 23, 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



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.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day at St. Paul at 9:00 a.m. & St. Bruno at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 1 Holy Day of Obligation | Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
St. Paul at 9:00 a.m.





Weekly Message



SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to extend a very special thank you to all the people who helped to make our Advent Season as well as our Christmas Masses a great spiritual experience. Everything about the Advent Season as well as Christmas was so well done because so many people shared their prayers, talents, and treasure, which is Stewardship in action! I also want to thank all the members of our Prayer and Worship Committee as well Art and Environment for all their hard work in planning for Advent as well as for Christmas.



CHRISTMAS BLESSING

It is my prayer for you all that our Lord God, Help us in adoration of the birth of Jesus, share in the song of the angels, rejoice with the shepherds and worship along with the wise men.

On behalf of all the parish staff, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year!!

Fr. Dan

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." — **John 1:14**

Plan to stay after mass on Dec 23 to pray the Rosary.

Patrick Duemling will be leading us in praying the rosary for all the ministries of the parish. We are planning to repeat this every month.

Parish Mission – Save the Date

“The place where you stand is holy ground”
The Parish Mission will take place on Mar. 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Paul and Mar. 12 at 6:30 pm at St. Bruno.
The Mission will focus on the scripture readings throughout the season of Lent.

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

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL PARISH

What's Happening This Week!

Dec 21-Jan 1 School Closed
Dec 21-Dec 25 Office Closed
Merry Christmas!

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.stpaulgenesees.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.

Celebrating Parish Life

Baptized in Christ: Lydia Rose & Sophia Louise, children of Hilary and Justin Rickert

Online Giving is Now Available at St Paul Parish!

(Detailed instruction sheet located in Gathering Space)



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

As a parish community, we express gratitude for the following memorials and ask God to bless their families with comfort and peace.



Fred Bralich Tuition Fund Memorial

Endowment and Matching Funds: Did you know that St. Paul Parish has an Endowment fund established for the future of this parish? It is such a blessing to give to those generations after us and also receive the blessings from those who cared for this parish before us. Please keep St. Paul Parish in mind for your Estate planning. Also, if your company has a matching funds program, your gift of stewardship can be matched! Contact Sherri Meyer in the business office for more details on either opportunity.

2019 Calendars NOW available after masses.

Reformation Lutheran, "Advent"ure Day.

Advent is the season when we prepare for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and on Saturday, Dec 1, twenty-nine men, women and young adults did just this. We traveled to our sister parish, Reformation Lutheran, for "Advent"ure Day. We went bearing cookies, gingerbread house kits, bags of candy, books, and fleece hats. For most of the Reformation's children this was their first time making a gingerbread house. When they were completed, their smiles became our joy. Together we became God's ears, his eyes, his feet and his hands.

A huge *THANK YOU* to the cookie bakers, the sewers, and the volunteers who participated. We also need to thank the parishioners who donated items for the Neighborhood Store and the Giving Tree. Lastly, let us give thanks to Jesus for helping us to slow down and focus on what is really important.

Debbie Schneider and Melissa Rabay



ST PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

www.stpaulgenesee.net
262-968-3175

Get connected to our POWER!

The holiday season is in full force! Thanksgiving baskets delivered, within the final week of Advent, St. Nick celebrated, Immaculate Conception of Mary on the 8th, and started a new liturgical calendar year. Our lives become so busy this time of year, that I encourage you and your families to take some time to silence ourselves, try to maintain a sense of balance, and not allow the pressures of this world to overcome the reason for the season.

Thank you St. Paul families for donating to the Giving Tree. As a school we collected \$551.00 and had multiple items donated. Because of your generosity we were able to purchase even more for each angel than what was requested. I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful Christmas we are now able to provide for these children. I wish we could see their faces when they open their gifts and realize how loved they are by the St. Paul community. A special thank you goes out to the teachers as well. The teachers not only donated money, they did the shopping for these gifts and took time to wrap them with their students. It was very important to them to make sure their students knew what was purchased for the angels and played a part in this service project. The gifts were then brought up at our school Mass to be placed on the altar. God bless all of you as we continue our Advent journey together, preparing for the coming of Jesus.

Reminders: Registration forms are available in the school office. As we begin to look into planning and budgeting for next year, it is helpful to know your plans for the 2019-2020 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in St. Paul School for next year, please contact the school office at 262-968-3175 to schedule a tour and register. Thank you for your continued support as we plan for the upcoming school year!

December 21-January 1: No School-Christmas Break

January 2: School Resumes .

Join our Family,

Angela Gunderson, Principal St. Paul School

Merry Christmas everyone,

I stumbled across the quote, "**God chose to enter human history through a family**" completely by accident. I couldn't even find to whom I should attribute it since its finding was so random. However, it got me thinking...



This God that we worship could have entered history in any fashion He wanted. However, **the plan** from the very beginning was to **establish His family** - where **His children are heirs to His glory and His promises.** And so, **He came through a family to establish US as the family He has longed for us to be since the Garden of Eden.**

And... when **Mary held Jesus**, she was holding the Creator of the world and the Author of Life. **He who cannot be contained by this world, became human and entered this world, so we could be filled with the Life of the God of the Universe.**

No wonder the angels sang!

God bless!

Karen Farrell & Faith Formation Staff



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@STPAULGENESEENET
SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE—SHARE OUR EVENT—WATCH FOR UPDATES



SMALL GROUPS DURING LENT

What? *Lent*? It's not even Christmas yet! Consider this invitation to be a small group host (don't think leader, think *host*). Training and support will be provided. Or think guest. Either way, if you'd like to get more involved, or go deeper in your relationship with God, or meet others to talk about faith, first, *please pray about it*. Then, pay attention to the nudging of the Holy Spirit (and me, Mary Kral).

The recent experience with Rich Curran on 11/7 hearing about blessings and Jesus and our personal stories of God in our lives, combined with the beauty of faith sharing in Alpha and other small groups, is a compelling reason to offer more experiences to MORE people! *Your help is needed*. So, pray. Pray about how you can answer the call to host or join a small group during Lent. Pray about actually sharing, out loud, your most recent "God moment" with someone in your family or someone at work. Pray for our parish family of faith.

How is God calling you to RISE UP? Contact Mary Kral for more information.



Our parishioners/families are able to find, **FOR FREE**, children's movies, family movies, study guides (Scriptural and other), podcasts, downloadable books, and so much more. You can stream hundreds of films, life-changing talks, and dramatic stories of saints.

In terms of encouraging Catholic identity for our families, this would be a great site to recommend on a regular basis.

www.formed.org (you'll be asked to provide the parish code which is 274255, then you will be asked to create your own account)

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk explores a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Our most recent Alpha guests say: *it's a place to share your God moments and faith stories, to engage in real and truthful matters, I always want to keep learning, Alpha meetings always make me feel more positive after the meeting, I like the videos, enjoy connecting from different backgrounds and finding out we all have a lot of shared stories, it unites people because we all believe in Jesus.*

Please pray about joining a future Alpha course, watch the website/bulletin for start date in early 2019, we will meet at St Bruno on Thursday nights.

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., Jan 8 at 9 AM-St. Bruno Family Room.

We always welcome new members.

January's book is; **The Grace in Aging by Kathleen Dowling Singh**
"Even if you haven't read the book, come to share with us and you'll probably want to come back!"

Positively St Paul

Our parish Human Concerns ministries have quite the reach! Through the Giving Tree each Christmas and Heavenly Babies Layettes delivered each month, more than 20 agencies in Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties are touched by the generosity of St Paul parishioners.

Our monthly Loaves and Fishes collections help those struggling right in our area through the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry as well as families farther away in Milwaukee at the Casa Maria House of Hospitality and St Ben's Community Meal program (monthly beef stew made with love here at St Paul's).

Much, much farther from home, there are more than 50 families living in Paita, Peru, who have access to clean water thanks to our Peru ministry.

Please keep all our Human Concerns ministries in your prayers, the volunteers in these ministries help us all to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. **What a blessing!**

For updates for the **Peru Ministry** and a look back at Sister Paula and Sister Monica's visit, please check out their blog at: <https://connectingwithperu.blogspot.com/>

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.

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

2018 Catholic Stewardship Appeal

thanks you for your generosity!

Our parish goal is \$ 32,000
We received \$ 32,305 from
138 parishioners. To date, 11.96%
of our parishioners have contributed.

If you haven't contributed already, please return your Catholic Stewardship Appeal pledge card today, or give online at www.catholicappeal.org.

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You can still mail in your donation to the Archdiocese using the envelope they sent you.



BIRTHDAY WISHES



Happy Birthday to Tom Mauermann, 81 on Dec. 23, and Robert Burris on Dec. 29.

Best Wishes to all who are celebrating this week!!



MASS AT HOLY HILL

**December 24th:
4:30PM & Midnight;**

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

Parish Events this Week

Monday, Dec 24

No School
Office Closed

4:00PM Mass
6:30PM Mass

Tuesday, Dec 25

No School
Office Closed

9:00AM Mass

Wednesday, Dec 26

No School

6:00-8:00PM Men's Basketball (closed after 8:30PM)

Thursday, Dec 27

No School

9:30-10:30AM Bible Study/FamRm
8:00AM St. Ben's/Caf
3:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet/CH

Friday, Dec 28

No School

Saturday, Dec 29

7:30-9:00AM Men's Basketball (**closed after 9:30am)

Sunday, Dec 30

9-10AM Kid Zone-Gym

Outside our Parish

KETTLE MORAINÉ FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

***First and Third Thursday from 9:45-11:15am.** Assist clients registering and shopping for food. Orientation training provided. You will work as a team of three. Substitutes available when you cannot be there.

***Thank You Letter coordination:** Coordinate the sending of a *Thank You* letter form to those who donate food to the pantry. Materials provided.

***Inventory Helper:** Help unload TEFAP food on the first Tuesday of each month around 10:30am.

Contact Jolene Johnson Van Den Elzen at 262-392-4165 to volunteer or get more information. Pantry at 705 W. Tomlin Rd. Wales.

LAKE ARE FREE CLINIC (L AFC)

Located in Oconomowoc, serves uninsured low-income residents of Waukesha County. We opened a six-chair dental clinic in 2017, serving Medicaid and uninsured patients. If you know of someone in need of our services, visit our website www.lakeareafreeclinic.org. We have over 240 volunteers. Do you know of a doctor, nurse, dentist, interpreter or administrative person who may be interested in donating a few hours a month? Would you like to come in for a tour?

Please contact megan@lakeareafreeclinic.org or take a virtual tour on our website. Thank you.

O COME
all ye faithful



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St. Paul's Liturgical Week

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Monday: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Luke 1:67-79

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

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 John 1:1-4, John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 John 1:5—2:2, Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 John 2:3-11, Luke 2:22-35

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, Dec 30

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

December Altar Care – Judy Reichow
Home Communion Minister – Karen Grande

MASS INTENTIONS DEC 24-30

Mon

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM † Jim & Judith Connell by Mary Ellen Connell

6:30PM † Tim Lind by Family

Tues

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00AM † Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno

Fri

8:00AM † D. Mark Miller by Bob & Audrey Wedo

Sat

5:30PM † Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno

Lectors Mike Schafer

Servers Francesca Rhodes

Sun

9:00AM † Tom Peltier by Carol Peltier

Lectors Anita O'Leary, Joe Varick

Servers Evan Bajczyk, Charlotte Memmel

Ushers: 5:30PM Earl Baumann, Brian Schneider

Brian Campbell, Larry Jendusa, Bob Hocutt

9:00AM Andrew Johnson, John Van de Castele,

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.

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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