



St. Paul Catholic Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

WELCOME to 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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Office Hours:

Monday-Closed

Tues-Thurs-8:30am to 4:00pm Friday: 8:30am to 12:30pm

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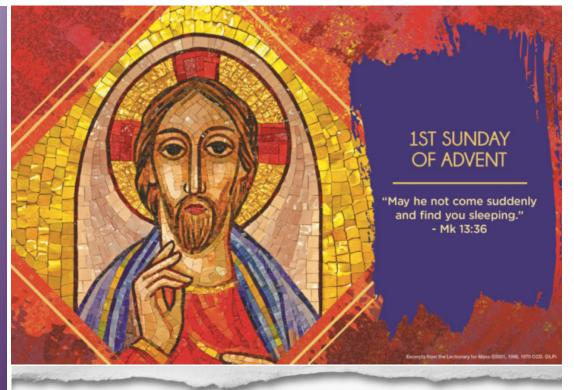
Tue & Fri 8:00am Mass
Thursday 6:00pm Adoration
Saturday 5:30pm Mass
Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th

Saturday at 10:00am or by Appointment

Contact the parish office if you would like access to the Adoration Chapel.



BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.



Readings for the Meek

Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

More detail can be found at: http://bible.usccb.org/

Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5 / Matthew 8:5-11 Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 10:21-24 Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a / Matthew 15:29-37 Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6 / Matthew 7:21, 24-27 Friday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 / Luke 1:26-38

Saturday:

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 / Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Peter 3:8-14 / Mark 1:1-8

LIVING OUR FAITH

Monday

4pm Pickleball

Bruno

6:30pm Advent

9am Work & Pray

ADVENT Communal Penance Service at St.

8am Mass / Rosary After Mass 8am Bereavement Committee 6pm First Reconciliation

Tuesday

Wednesday

6am Dynamic Men's Group 10am Bereavement Support 6pm Men's Basketball

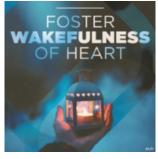
7 Thursday (No Adoration)

9:30am Faith & Life 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4pm Pickleball 6:30pm KOC / 6:30pm Immaculate Conception Vigil at St. Bruno

See something interesting? Check out our website for more information.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Lately I've been listening to a science -based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? "Watch therefore, for you do not know when the mas-



ter of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep." Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too. — Father John Muir ©LPi



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

We hope you're blessed today as we worship together. Please feel free to stop by the welcome table in the Gathering Space for more information or to connect with us!

If you have any questions about our parish, please contact our parish office or visit our website. We're so alad you're here and we hope to see you again!

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Parish Support: November 4, 2023—November 10, 2023

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Regular Parish Suppor	t* \$196,081.50	\$214,253.03		
Offertory:	\$8,425.66	\$6,829.06		
Total:	\$204,507.16	\$221,082.09		

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

8:45am Immaculate Conception at St. Bruno

9am Immaculate Conception Mass

Saturday

8am Forming the Catechetical Spirit 8am Men's Basketball 10am Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass



Sunday

9am Mass 10am RCIA 10am Faith Formation Gr K3-5 6pm Faith Formation Gr 6-12



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CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

The Jesse Tree – continuing the symbols and scripture for the coming

week.

December 4 - Noah's Ark

Symbol: Noah's Ark

Scripture: Genesis 6:11-14; 7:17-8:3; 9:8-13

December 5 - The Promised Land

Symbol: Tent and camel Scripture: Genesis 12:1-7

December 6 - God's Promise to Abraham

Symbol: Starry sky

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-6

December 7 - Joseph

Symbol: Joseph's coat of many colors

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-36

December 8 - The 10 Commandments

Symbol: Tablets

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-22

December 9 - Rahab

Symbol: Red rope

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-21

December 10 - Ruth and Boaz

Symbol: Grain

Scripture: Ruth 2:1-4:12

source: Faithward.org

~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

In a heartwarming display of community service, Girl Scout Troop 11088 from the Waukesha County area gathered last week at the home of St. Paul parishioner Susan Fine. Susan's granddaughter and 11 other girl scouts, responded to the call of God's love and inspiration drawn from St. Paul's Heavenly Babies min-

istry. With eager hearts and hands, these twelve compassionate Girl



Scouts came together to create 20 Heavenly Baby Bags, each infused with love and care. Collaborating as a team, they joyfully completed the final eight bags, showcasing a spirit of unity and kindness.

The atmosphere was filled with joy as the girls actively participated in the project, asking insightful questions and demonstrating a deep interest in making a meaningful impact. Motivated by this experience, their

> hearts are now set on fashioning outfits for Heavenly Babies again in March!

During their group discussion, the girls reflected on the profound values of volunteering, kindness, and caring.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen and for the Girl Scouts who compassionately shared their time and service.



Fill St. Paul's with beautiful Christmas Flowers!

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 in an upcoming bulletin as we near Christmas. Please return this form and your donation in the offering baskets at any Mass or to the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Please return this form by December 8th!

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OUR PARISH FAMILY

Bereavement Support Series

Wednesdays: November 29, December 6 and December 13 10am-11:30am

St. Paul Church, Galleria

Please RSVP to the Parish Office by calling 262-968-3865. Sessions will be hosted by Cathy Labinski,

a retired hospice chaplain.

Please allow us to nourish you, pamper you, and empower you, all in a loving environment.

Angels and stars will be on the trees November 18th—December 8th.

If you take an angel, please ensure that you return a gift as these are for specific children. The stars have the name of the organization that



have requested that item on the label. Please wrap the angel gifts and attach the angel to the outside of the gift securely. Please include any gift receipts for items that may need to be returned (ie: clothing). Star gifts do not need to be wrapped and the star should be attached securely to the unwrapped gift. Gifts should be dropped off the weekends of November 18/19, November 25/26 or December 2/3 before Mass. If you are unable to drop off gifts during the above times, please drop off at the Parish Office no later than December 8th at noon. If you have any questions, please call: Sharon Rehnberg at 414-828-8436.

Dynamic Men's Group

The men's Bible Study / Small Group will resume meetings on Wednesday, September 20th. Join us at 6am in the cafeteria (come a bit early for fellowship and coffee). See you there!

Questions? Contact Tim Weske: tim.weske.679@gmail.com

Are you interested in being a part of our growing music program here at St. Paul? We are looking for choir

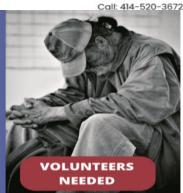
members, cantors and instrumentalists who have a passion for music and serving our parish community.

Please reach out to Matt Byczynski (Director of Music & Liturgy) for more information:

mbyczynski@stpaulgenesee.net

SERVE WITH LOVE - OUTREACH MEAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

HOPE CENTER COMMUNITY MEAL



Friday, December 22 5:00-7:00pm Hope Center, Waukesha

A Sweet Gesture

Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered to serve and/or donate milk/bake a dessert for the November 15th dinner at the Hope Center in Waukesha. We were able to serve over 50 individuals who truly appreciated the enthusiasm and hospitality. Our next dinner is December 22nd--please join us as we share God's love before Christmas!

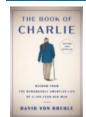
Email kkelm1005@aol.com to sign-up to serve or donate a dessert or milk.



WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. BRUNO

St. Bruno Book Club: Reading a good book is often better if you can discuss with others. St. Bruno's Book Club welcomes anyone interested in sharing their thoughts on a variety of books. The Book Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am in the Parish Family Room and sometimes at member's homes. You can come whenever you choose.

Upcoming Books:



December 12: The Book Of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109 Year Old Man by David Von Dradle

January 14: An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo

Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-4204 for more info.

SONGS OF THE SEASON

Join us at St. Bruno's on Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 PM, for the St. Bruno Parish School Christmas Concert! Our students have been working hard and invite you to come and hear them perform music of the season.



We hope to see you there!

Bulletin Content: Due to early publishing deadlines, content will be needed early for the following dates:

Content for December 17th Bulletin is due on or before December 4th Content for December 24th bulletin is due on or before December 8th Content for December 31st bulletin is due on or before December 15th Content for January 7th bulletin is due on or before December 26th After December 26th, we return to our regular schedule of content being due 10 days prior to publication, for example, January 14th content is due on or before January 4th.

Please email content to cwick@stpaulgenesee.net and include the date of publication in your subject line.

Thank you for your help during this busy Holiday season!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EMMAUS 90 PRAYER JOURNEY

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has created a 90 day prayer journey for 1/1/24 through Easter (3/31/24) https://

www.archmil.org/evangelization/Eucharistic-Revival/Emmaus-

<u>90.htm</u> (You can click on the orange tabs near the bottom of the page - right before the FAQs - for more detail.)

It will likely be a different kind of daily prayer commitment than you might currently be practicing. The recommendation is for 20 minutes/day and then a once/week video session for

the "lesson" part and discussion. We are looking into the feasibility of an in person group at our parishes, please let the parish office know if you are interested.

These points came from an info meeting about *Emmaus 90*:

Opportunity to grow in understanding of Jesus

Listening more for His voice

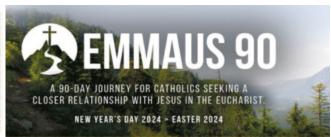
Find Jesus in the Eucharist

Grow closer to Jesus in relationship

90 days to seek and listen and encourage each other Be better equipped to share the Good News with others IF THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO YOU, let the parish office know and we will get back to you about forming groups.

~ Mary Kral: Shared Director of Adult Faith Formation & Human Concerns





ST PAUL'S LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 4 — DECEMBER 10

Mon 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

Tues 8:00AM † Florence Mentz by Bereavement

Committee

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

Thur 6:30 PM (Immaculate Conception Mass at St.

Bruno)

Fri 8:45 AM (Immaculate Conception Mass at St.

Bruno)

9:00 AM † Shirley Foy by Bea & Steve Krivos

Sat 4:00pm (Mass at St. Bruno)

5:30pm † Donna Walter by the Nabak Family

Sun 9:00 AM St. Paul & St. Bruno Parishioners

10:30 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)

CHRISTMAS



Choose ONE 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (green)
AND ONE Christmas Mass (red) to attend.

PARISH STAFF

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Closed Monday ~ Tuesday-Thursday 8:30am- 4:00pm ~ Friday 8:30am-12:30pm

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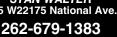
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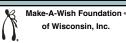
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