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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 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

Parish Office

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Office Hours:

Monday-Closed

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

Friday: 8:30am to 12:30pm

Religious Education Offices:

262-968-2276

Website:

www.stpaulgenesee.net

Email:

office@stpaulgenesee.net

Eucharistic Celebrations:

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.



B E L O N G . B E L I E V E . B E C O M E .



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 10, 2023

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

Monday: Isaiah 35:1-10 / Luke 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zechariah 2:14-17 / Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:25-31 / Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday: Isaiah 41:13-20 / Matthew 11:11-15

Friday: Isaiah 48:17-19 / Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday: Ben Sira 48:1-4, 9-11 / Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 /
John 1:6-8, 19-28

LIVING OUR FAITH

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11 Monday

4pm Pickleball



12 Tuesday

8am Mass / Rosary After Mass
9am Church Cleaning
10am Book Club @ St. Bruno
6pm Faith Formation Gr 2-5

13 Wednesday

6am Dynamic Men's Group
10am Bereavement Support
6pm Men's Basketball CANCELLED
6pm Youth Service Project

14 Thursday

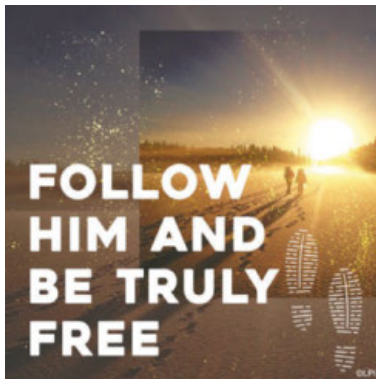
9:30am Faith & Life
9:30am Women's Bible Study
4pm Pickleball
6pm Adoration
7pm Choir Rehearsal



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

WEEKLY MESSAGE

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technological rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.



It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE

Welcome to St. Paul!

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 glad you're here and we hope to see you again!

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Loaves & Fishes Sunday

Loaves & Fishes Sunday is **Next Weekend!**

Money collected will go towards our Human Concerns projects.

Thank you.



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FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: November 18, 2023—November 24, 2023

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.)	\$5,476.00
Offertory	\$451.20
Total	\$5927.20

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

	Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2023 - 11/24/2023	Last Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2022 - 11/25/2022
Regular Parish Support*	\$217,762.50	\$237,804.03
Offertory:	\$9,282.86	\$7,742.06
Total:	\$227,045.36	\$245,546.09

School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 13th: St. Bruno: 6:30pm

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th

3:30pm Choir Concert at St. Paul

St. Bruno: 4pm & 6pm ; St. Paul: 4pm & 6pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25th

St. Bruno: 8am ; St. Paul: 9:30am

ADVENT

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15 Friday

8am Mass /Rosary After Mass



16 Saturday

8am Men's Basketball
5:30pm Mass

17 Sunday

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

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

CHRISTMAS

As we joyfully anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Christmas is a time for reflection, gratitude, and sharing the love that God has bestowed upon us. As your Community Engagement Coordinator, I invite each one of you to consider the true spirit of the season and how we can extend the warmth and love of Jesus to others.



In the spirit of love and joy, I encourage you to think about those in your life—friends, family, neighbors, and acquaintances—who may not have a place to celebrate or who might be facing the holidays alone. Let us be mindful of those whose hearts may be burdened with grief, loss, or hardship.

Take a moment to consider extending an invitation to someone who may be feeling isolated, someone who may find solace in the welcoming embrace of our parish community. Whether they are a friend, a colleague, a neighbor, or a family member, your invitation could be a source of comfort and companionship during the holiday season.

Christmas is a time of healing, and sometimes, a simple gesture of inclusion can make a world of difference to someone whose heart is broken. Let us embody the love and compassion that Christ showed us by reaching out to those in need.

Our Advent schedule is now available on the parish websites and in the bulletin. As you make your plans, consider how you can share the joy of the season with others.

May our parish be a beacon of hope and love during this blessed season. Together, let us make this a time of unity, kindness, and fellowship.

In Christ's love,

~Jamie Gapinski: Shared Community Engagement Coordinator

CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

The Jesse Tree

- continuing the symbols and scripture for the coming week.

December 11 - God Chooses David to be King

Symbol: Crown

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-15

December 12 - David the Shepherd-King

Symbol: Sheep/shepherd's crook

Scripture: 2 Samuel 5:1-5

December 13 - Solomon Builds God's Temple

Symbol: Temple

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:5; 1 Kings 6

December 14- Esther Saves Her People

Symbol: Scepter

Scripture: Esther 4

December 15 - Isaiah's Prophecy of a Savior

Symbol: Sun

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

December 16 - Isaiah's Prophecy of the Second Coming

Symbol: Wolf and lamb

Scripture: Isaiah 11:6-9

December 17 - Jonah and the Whale

Symbol: Whale

Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5

source: Faithward.org

~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
23 AFTER 4 PM: Evening Mass	24 BEFORE 4 PM: Mass AFTER 4 PM: Christmas Eve Mass	25 Christmas Day Mass

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

WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"



JOURNEY TO EMMAUS for 90 days

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

You are invited to make a prayer commitment of 20 minutes/day. A guidebook is provided as well as a video with an opportunity for discussion once/week. 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 encouraging points came from an info meeting about Emmaus 90:

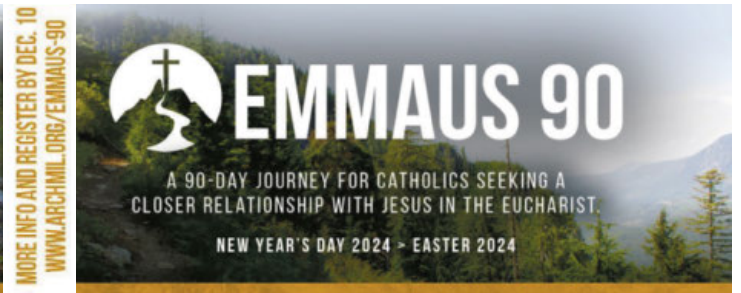
- Opportunity to grow in understanding of Jesus
- Listening more for His voice
- Find Jesus in the Eucharist
- Grow closer to Jesus in relationship
- 90 days to seek and listen and encourage each other
- Be better equipped to share the Good News with others

IF THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO YOU, let the parish office know and we will get back to you about forming groups.

One% Challenge

If the 90 day commitment feels like more than you are ready for, why not try the **1% Challenge**. For 30 days, commit to praying 1% of each day (that's about 14 minutes). Check out this resource: <https://www.archmil.org/one-percent-challenge>

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



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.*

MEN'S Ministry

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

SERVE WITH LOVE - OUTREACH
MEAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

HOPE CENTER COMMUNITY MEAL

We have an incredible opportunity to spread love and compassion to those in need. This weekly gathering provides a free meal to the homeless, the elderly, families in need, and those living in shelters.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

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

Serve

Be the Hands of Jesus
We are seeking 4-7 dedicated volunteers from our church community to help serve dinner and assist with clean-up. Let us come together as a family in Christ to share God's grace and warmth with those in need.



A Sweet Gesture

If volunteering during the event is not possible for you, you can still contribute! We are also seeking generous hearts to donate a dessert or a gallon of milk. Your sweet gesture will add a touch of joy and comfort to the evening.

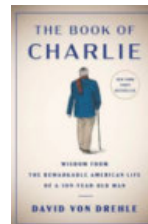
Matthew 25:40

If you feel called to be a blessing and participate in this outreach meal, please contact Kris Kelm at kkelm1005@aol.com. Your kindness and willingness to serve will be greatly appreciated.

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 Drehle

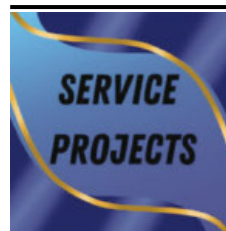
January 14: An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo

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!



St. Bruno Parish School students and staff have been busy with several service projects which focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. These include collecting over 150 pairs of shoes for St. Vincent de Paul, packing and sending off 165 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and making 16 tied blankets for

the Street Angels in Milwaukee. Thank you to everyone who supports these projects allowing us to teach the children about the importance of giving back to the community and treating others as Jesus would. God Bless!

OUR COMMUNITY

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON D.C.

JAN 17-21, 2024



JOIN PRO-LIFE WISCONSINIANS AS WE TRAVEL TO OUR NATION'S CAPITAL TO CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR LIFE!

Join fellow pro-life Wisconsinites as we travel to Washington, D.C. to march alongside hundreds of thousands of pro-lifers! Pro-Life Wisconsin buses will leave Wisconsin on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and return on Sunday, January 21, 2024. The March will take place on Friday, January 19, 2024.

REGISTER BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 11!

Visit ProLifeWI.org/marchforlife to register.

For groups contact Lesley at Lesley.C@ProLifeWI.org or 262.796.1111 x116.



LADIES: IF YOU ARE AGED 35+, THIS EVENING IS FOR YOU!

January 17, 2024 • 6:30-8 p.m. | Cost: \$15

Christ King Parish | 2604 N. Swan Blvd., Milwaukee, WI 53226

Menopause occurs between ages 45-55 for many women. Perimenopause is the 10 years prior to menopause. During this transitional time, women experience shifting menstrual cycle patterns and fertility. Learn what that looks like and what to expect at our new Perimenopause Prep event.

Whether you're already noticing cycle changes, or are just looking ahead, this event will equip you with the tools needed to manage perimenopause with confidence and positivity! Grab a sister or a friend and plan to join us! Contact Teri Franke with questions franket@archmil.org, 414-758-2341

PERIMENOPAUSE PREP
Learn Stages and Signs of Shifting Fertility

LEARN MORE OR REGISTER
<https://archmil.org/learn-more-or-register>

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Check out: <https://relevantradio.com/eucharisticencounters/>



ST PAUL'S LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 11 — DECEMBER 17

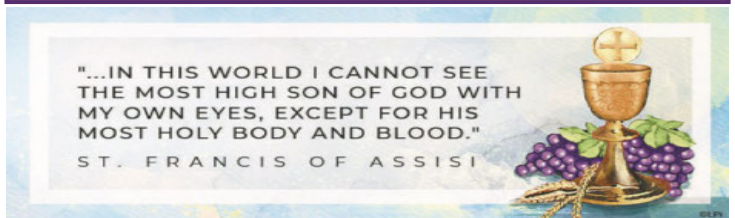
Mon	8:00 AM	(Mass at St. Bruno)
Tues	8:00AM	† Dolores Kingsley by the Lois Family
Wed	8:45 AM	(Mass at St. Bruno)
Fri	8:00 AM	† Duane & Lillian Miller by Warren Miller
Sat	4:00 PM	(Mass at St. Bruno)
	5:30 PM	† Sally Ann Creggan by Gerard Bodalski
Sun	9:00 AM	† Barb & Don Bishop by Ron & Gail Bishop
	10:30 AM	(Mass at St. Bruno)

MASS INTENTIONS

If you are interested in signing up for a Mass intention for 2024 our books have many dates available.

There is a stipend of \$10 per mass scheduled.

Please contact the Parish 262.968-3865 for information.



PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Bulletin articles are due before 3pm on Thursday of the week prior to publication (at least 10 days before article appears in bulletin). Please E-MAIL content and artwork to cwick@stpaulgenesee.net

Prayer Network:

For our Parish families, those facing surgery, those undergoing treatment for cancer and other chronic illnesses.

Email prayernetwork@stpaulgenesee.net to add someone to our prayer list.



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