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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 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:

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Website:

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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Tue & Fri 8:00am Mass

Thursday 6:00pm Adoration

Saturday 5:30pm Mass

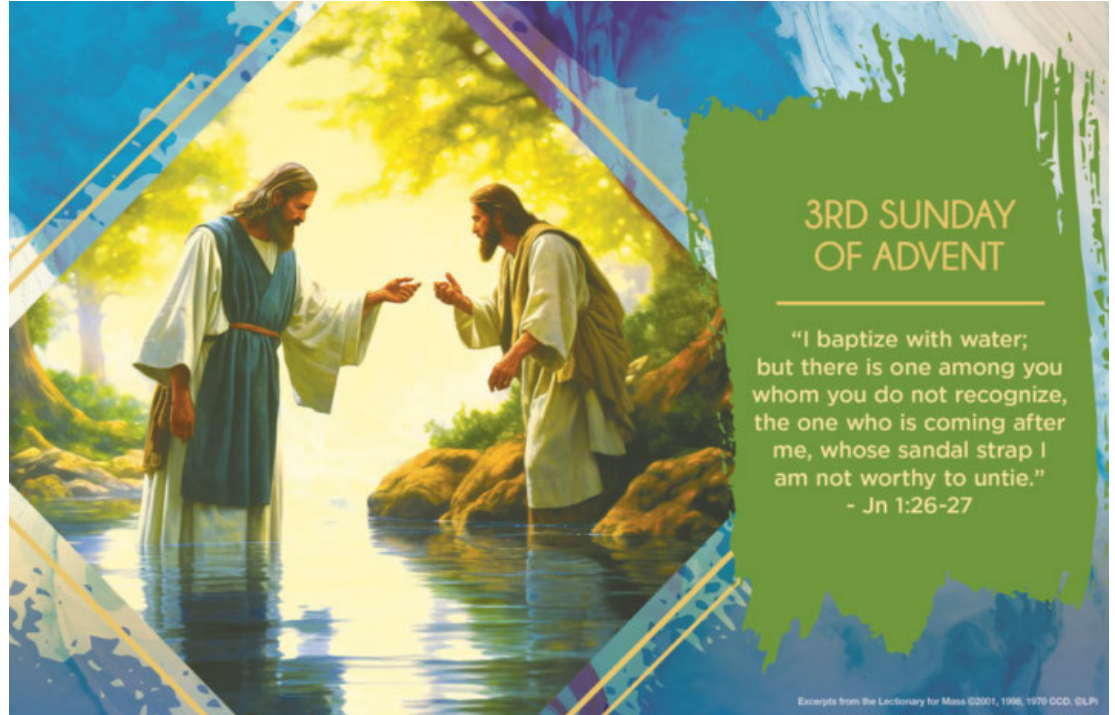
Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation

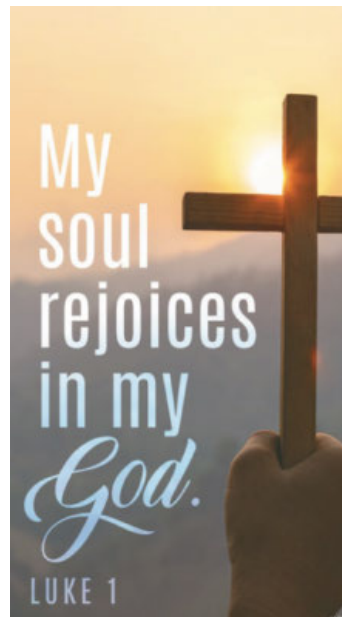
2nd & 4th

Saturday at 10:00am
or by Appointment

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



BELONG. BELIEVE. BECOME.



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

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

Monday: Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Matthew 1:18-25

Tuesday: Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38

Thursday: Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56

Saturday: Malechi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66

Next Sunday:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 /
Luke 1:26-38

LIVING OUR FAITH

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

18 Monday

9am Work & Pray
4pm Pickleball



19 Tuesday

8am
Mass /
Rosary
After Mass



20 Wednesday

6am Dynamic Men's Group
6pm Men's Basketball



21 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

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?



The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light. — *Father John Muir* ©LPI



Please Join Us **THIS SUNDAY** for Sweet Treats and Time together!

Take a moment to connect with you Parish Family in the Galleria.

See you after Sunday Mass!!!

Loaves & Fishes Sunday

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

Money collected will go towards our Human Concerns projects.

Thank you.



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

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GIVER
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: November 25, 2023—December 1, 2023

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.) \$8,206.00

Offertory \$426.00

Total \$8,632.00

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

Fiscal Year to Date

7/1/2023 - 12/01/2023

Last Fiscal Year to Date

7/1/2022 - 12/02/2022

Regular Parish Support* \$225,968.50.....\$250,605.53

Offertory: \$9,708.86.....\$8,284.06

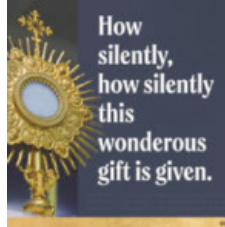
Total: \$235,677.36.....\$258,889.59

22 Friday

Parish Office is Closed for Holiday
8am Mass /Rosary After Mass

**23 Saturday**

8am Men's Basketball
5:30pm Mass

**24 Sunday – Christmas Eve**

9am Mass
 3:30pm Choir Concert
4pm Christmas Eve Mass (St. Bruno & St. Paul)
6pm Christmas Eve Mass (St. Bruno & St. Paul)

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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 18 - Daniel and the Lions' Den

Symbol: Lion

Scripture: Daniel 6



December 19 - Prophecy of a Savior Born in Bethlehem

Symbol: City of Bethlehem

Scripture: Micah 5:1-5



December 20 - Elizabeth and Zechariah

Symbol: Praying hands

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25



December 21 - John the Baptist

Symbol: Baptism shell

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-6



December 22 - God Chooses Mary

Symbol: Virgin Mary

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38



December 23 - Angel Appears to Joseph

Symbol: Angel of the Lord

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25



December 24 - Mary and Joseph Go to Bethlehem

Symbol: Sandals

Scripture: Luke 2:1-5



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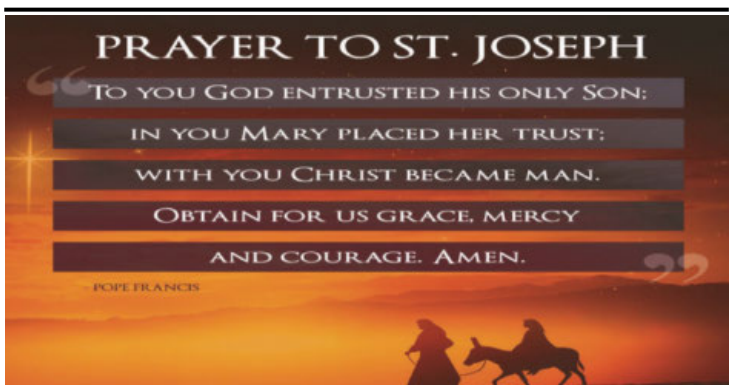
~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

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

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@stpaulgenese.net and include the date of publication in your subject line.

Thank you for your help during this busy Holiday season!



OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Paul & St. Bruno Parish

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 Keim at kkeim1005@aol.com. Your kindness and willingness to serve will be greatly appreciated.

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

The angel said to them,
"Do not be afraid; for
behold, I proclaim to you
good news of great joy that
will be for all the people."
-Luke 2:10

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

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;
Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their
chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."

USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



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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:

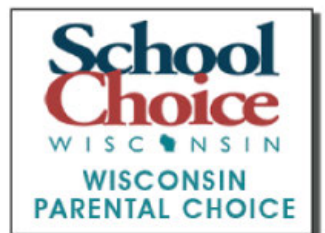
January 14: An Elephant in the Garden: Inspired by a True Story by Michael Morpurgo

February 11: Empty Mansions, The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune by Bill Dedman & Paul Clark Newell Jr. Please call Nancy Klemp at 414-861-4204 for more info.



St. Bruno is a School Choice School

Now is the time to check out St. Bruno Parish School for your child's education next year. We offer small class sizes and teacher-led instruction in a faith-filled environment. Call the school office (262-965-2291) to schedule a tour, or for more information on the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.



The Advent Season is wrapping up and students at St. Bruno Parish School have been learning about the tradition of the Jesse Tree.

Our 8th grade students read a devotion on our all-school announcements each morning, letting our school community know which ornaments were being placed on the tree that day.

We hope that you have had a blessed Advent Season and are prepared to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

OUR COMMUNITY



*Spirituality
Study
Service*

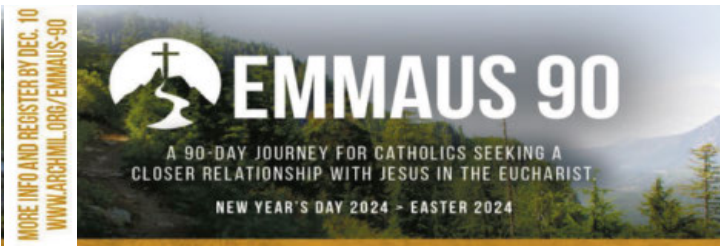
The Catholic Study Club: We welcome women belonging to any Catholic parish in Waukesha County. Our luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 9th at a Waukesha restaurant. Following the luncheon, Talis Westerby will present *Doing Less, Better: The Essentials of Our Catholic Faith*. **Reservations are required and due by Sunday, December 31st**, please give Jane a call at 262-549-3803.

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 navigate perimenopause with confidence and positivity! Grab a sister or a friend and plan to join us! Contact Tori Franke with questions franket@archmil.org, 414-758-2241



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



ST PAUL'S LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 18 — DECEMBER 24

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

Tues 8:00AM † Marcia Bufton McCann by James McCann

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

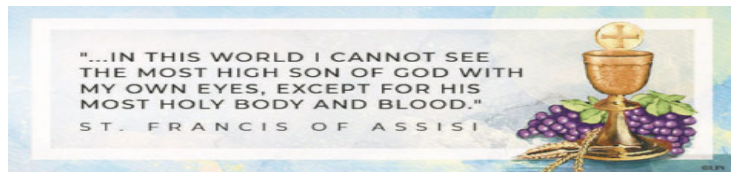
Fri 8:00 AM † Randall Tilch by Bereavement Committee

Sat 4:00 PM (Mass at St. Bruno)
5:30 PM St. Paul & St. Bruno Parishioners

Sun 9:00 AM St. Paul & St. Bruno Parishioners
10:30 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Masses at St. Bruno &
6:00 PM St. Paul are at 4pm and at 6pm

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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