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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 31, 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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PH: 262-968-3865

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:

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Eucharistic Celebrations:

Tue & Fri 8:00am Mass

Thursday 6:00pm Adoration

Saturday 5:30pm Mass

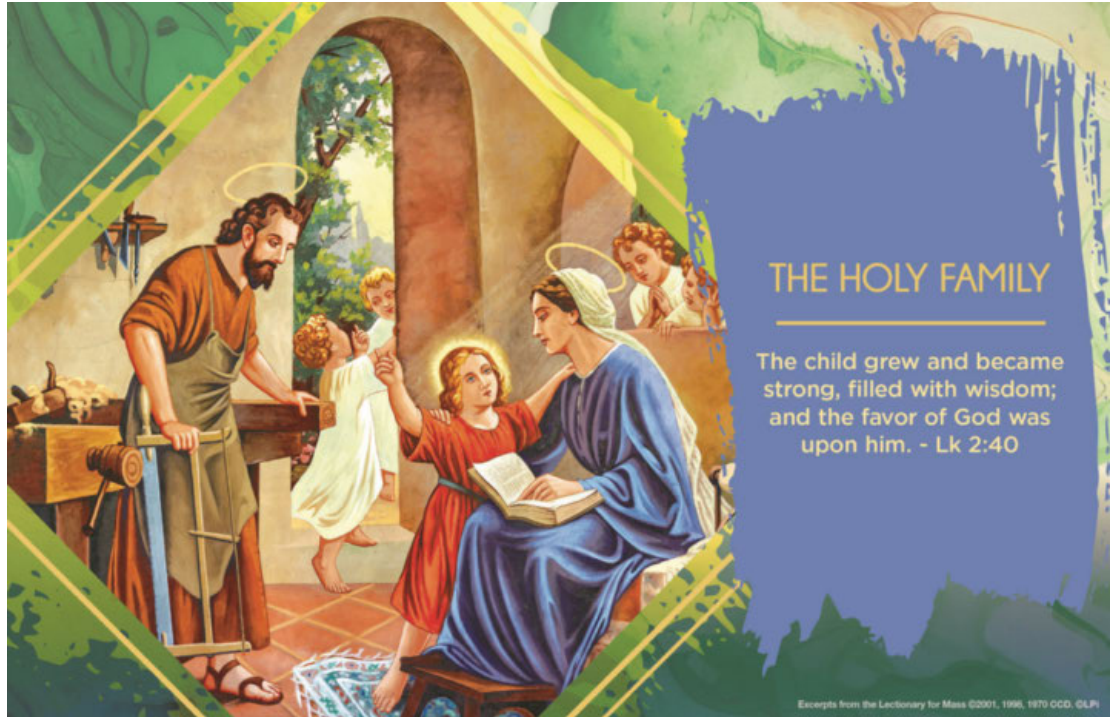
Sunday 9:00am Mass

Reconciliation

2nd & 4th

Saturday at 10:00am
or by Appointment

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



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 31, 2023

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

Monday:

Numbers 6:22-27 / Galatians 4:4-7 / Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 John 2:22-28 / John 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 John 2:29—3:6 / John 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 John 3:7-10 / John 1:35-42

Friday: 1 John 3:11-21 / John 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 John 5:5-13 / Mark 1:7-11

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

LIVING OUR FAITH

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

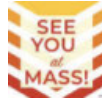
1 Monday

Parish Office Closed on Mondays
9am Work & Pray
8am Mass At St. Bruno



2 Tuesday

8am Mass / Rosary After Mass



3 Wednesday

6pm Men's Basketball



4 Thursday

9:30am Faith & Life
4pm Pickleball
6pm Adoration
6:30pm Knights of Columbus
7pm Choir Rehearsal



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

WEEKLY GOSPEL MEDITATION

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.



Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

Celebrate Epiphany with Music!

Choir Concert @ St. Bruno
Sunday, January 7
10:10am (before the 10:30 Mass)

MORE INFO AND REGISTER BY DEC. 10
WWW.ARCHMIL.ORG/EMMAUS-90

EMMAUS 90

A 90-DAY JOURNEY FOR CATHOLICS SEEKING A
CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2024 - EASTER 2024

Join us!

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Prayer Vigil for Justice
6 p.m. to Midnight
Eucharistic Adoration
and Benediction to begin
the New Year
All are invited to attend
the vigil for any amount
of time they wish.

Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist
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FINANCIAL CORNER

Parish Support: December 2, 2023—December 8, 2023

Regular Parish Support (envelopes/electronic, etc.)	\$13,962.65
Offertory	\$369.25
Total	\$14,31.90

*Excludes any form of extraordinary income for both years.

	Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2023 - 12/08/2023	Last Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/2022 - 12/09/2022
Regular Parish Support*	\$240,326.15	\$268 425.53
Offertory:	\$10,078.11	\$8,551.06
2 Total:	\$250,404.26	\$276,976.59

5 Friday

8am Mass /Rosary After Mass



6 Saturday

8am Men's Basketball
5:30pm Mass

7 Sunday

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

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save the Date!

JOIN US SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
AFTER THE 9AM MASS

We will be celebrating the revitalization of the old school building and we want YOU to "have a hand in it!"

Come and enjoy:

- Food & Beverages
- Open house viewing
- Special project for everyone to participate in!

SPAGHETTI DINNERsponsored by the St. Paul Knights
of Columbus**Saturday, January 13**

Immediately following Mass

We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce (or meatless!) along with salad and garlic bread. Come for simple fellowship and casual conversation with our parish community! Everyone's invited.



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MONDAYS &
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6:30PM

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- Friendly instruction if you need it
- Bring a paddle or try ours before you buy
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CHILD & FAMILY MINISTRY

Feast Of The Holy Family

They Follow God's Lead

The Scriptures paint the early life of the Holy Family as God calls them to a special mission. With the angel Gabriel, we greet Mary and learn of her calling to become the Mother of God. Our introduction to St. Joseph consists of him deciding to divorce Mary quietly, believing she brought shame and dishonor upon him and his family. But an angel invites Joseph to change his mind and take Mary into his home, to become the guardian of Mary and Jesus, the husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus.



In that home at Nazareth we meet a couple who shows an openness to allowing God to lead their life together. Mary surely had other plans for her life; as many believe, she took a vow of virginity at an early age, so becoming a physical mother was something she did not anticipate. Yet, she heard God's invitation, and knew that His plans were better for her life; therefore, she gives her fiat — that is, her "yes" to God.

St. Joseph opens his heart to the messenger sent by God and takes Mary into his home. This would not be the first or last time that St. Joseph followed God's lead in his life as he protected the Holy Family. After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, they follow the prompting of an angel to flee into Egypt for safety and wait there until another angelic message leads them back home. The Holy Family is a great example for families everywhere to always be open to whatever God's will might be and to always be listening for God to speak. He might speak his will in prayer or through another person. By our own prayer and discernment, we too can follow God's lead for our life.

Source: Simply Catholic

~Amy Golden: Shared Director of Child & Family Ministry

Important Notice from Child & Family Ministry

Since that start of the quarantine during the pandemic, I have been writing a weekly bulletin article. The purpose was to help parishioners to learn more about the traditions of our Church, and offer ways for families to grow their Domestic Church.

Starting in the New Year, the focus of the bulletin articles will be to share what is happening in the ministry with pictures. This will probably be a monthly article in the bulletin.

If you have enjoyed the content of the bulletin articles in the last few years and would like to receive the weekly newsletter that is sent to the families with children in our program age 3 through grade 5, please contact Amy Golden at agolden@stpaulgeneseenet.



OUR PARISH FAMILY

Our Parish Snapshot: What's Here For Me?

Adoration & Prayer: Join us Thursday evenings for Adoration & Prayer together. Feel free to contact the Parish Office to arrange for a key card to our Adoration Chapel for private prayer anytime.

Prayer Requests: Email us at prayernetwork@stpaulgenesee.net

Reconciliation: Second & Fourth Saturdays of each month at 10am

Work & Pray: Calling all crocheters & knitters! Meet First and Third Mondays each month. Your talent will support & encourage others!

Faith & Life Small Group: Meet Thursday mornings for prayer and study in a Small Group setting.

Women's Bible Study: Meets Thursday morning September through May for prayer & study focusing on topics relevant to our Faith.

Dynamic Men's Bible Study: Meets early Wednesday mornings September through May focusing on topics relevant to our Faith.

Men's Basketball: Join in the fun on Wednesday Evenings and/or Saturday Mornings

Knights of Columbus: Meet on the first Thursday evening of the month.

Busy Bees & Parents @ The Playground: Families with young children enjoy some time together after Mass. Watch the bulletin and calendar for dates.

Young Children: Family of Faith after Sunday Mass runs from September through May each year. Watch for registration to open in July.

Middle Schoolers: Summer Series on Monday Evenings at St. Bruno. Faith Formation classes start in September. Watch for registration to open in July.

High Schoolers: Summer Series on Sunday Afternoons at St. Paul. Faith Formation classes start in September. Watch for registration to open in July.

Want to volunteer?

Faith Formation: Is looking for teachers for several grade levels

Heavenly Babies: Is always in need of baby items

Art & Environment: Needs people to keep the church welcoming & beautiful

Loaves & Fishes : Needs volunteers the third weekend of each month to assist with a special collection. Minimal time commitment!

Easter Food Drive: Assist in the annual collection and organization of food items during Lent. Minimal time commitment!

Fish Fry Team: Our Fish Frys are a great way to have fun and be with our church community. See calendar for dates in early Spring (Feb-Apr)

Resources

Website: www.stpaulgenesee.net - Check out the new look!!!!

Facebook: St. Paul Genesee / Go Fish Youth Ministry—St. Bruno and St. Paul Parishes

The Grapevine: Subscribe to our weekly email newsletter.

Questions? Call our Parish office at 262-968-3865

The **St. Paul Dynamic Men's Group** will be on a holiday break until January 10. Enjoy the peace of the season and consider joining us again in the New Year! Consider bringing someone with you next semester. Visit our website for more information on the

Men's Group! *All are welcome.*

<https://stpaulgenesee.net/bible-study>

WORD OF LIFE

"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."



USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

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

February 13: 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.*

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SHARE THE FAITH WITH YOUR CHILDREN?

Enroll your child in a Catholic School! St. Bruno Parish School is a K3-8 school whose mission is to inspire academic excellence and instill Catholic values within a faith-filled community and beyond. **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. St. Bruno also participates in the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**. Call the school office (262-965-2291) to schedule a tour and find out if we are the right fit for your family!



Need additional ideas on sharing the faith? Head to the [Catholic Sprouts website](http://CatholicSprouts.com) for ideas! They have activities that are a great way to help your family grow in the Catholic faith. Another great site for celebrating our faith year round is [Catholic Moms](http://CatholicMoms.com). Check it out!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

The students and staff thank you for your prayers and support throughout the year. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and the Peace of Christ in the New Year!



OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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*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

ST PAUL'S LITURGICAL WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS: JANUARY 2 — JANUARY 7

Mon 8:00 AM (Mass at St. Bruno at 8AM)
Tues 8:00 AM Joan Kleinhenz by Carol Luterbach
Wed 8:45 AM (Mass at St. Bruno)
Fri 8:00 AM † Joe Murphy by Ann & Dennis Budzban
Sat 4:00 PM (Mass at St. Bruno)
5:30 PM † Geraldine Heil by Ted Heil
Sun 9:00 AM Parishioners of St. Paul & St. Bruno
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.

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THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH
MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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PARISH STAFF

Shared Pastor	Father Dan Volkert	262-968-3865, Ext. 201 pastor@stpaulgenesee.net
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Shared Staff also works with St. Bruno Parish in Dousman, WI

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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