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St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM

Daily Service:

As scheduled in Bulletin

**Third Sunday
in Advent
December 15, 2024**

Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Christian Community whose mission is :

- ✦ to worship God through the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures and prayer
- ✦ to proclaim the reconciling love of God in Christ by word, deed and evangelization
- ✦ to mature spiritually through the challenge and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- ✦ to welcome and serve others-even the littlest and the weakest-in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday after 6:30 PM Mass

Other times by appointment.

Low gluten

Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

Sacrament of Baptism

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

Sacrament of Matrimony

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of Anointing

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

Membership in our Catholic Community

New members are warmly welcomed and may register by calling the parish office or online. If you move out of the area or change your address, please notify the parish office.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

6:30 P.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Barbara McGraw
by Tim, Linda, Susie, Marty, Beatrice,
Steven, Nancy, & Kirk

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

6:30 P.M. Florence Vitale
By Fredo/Dennis Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 A.M. Deceased Members
of St. Paul's Parish



LECTORS for December 21/22

6:30 P.M. M. Hunt

8:00 A.M. S. Drake

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for Dec. 21/22

6:30 P.M. M. Shaul

8:00 A.M. J. Salvestrini

ALTAR SERVERS for December 21/22

6:30 P.M. K. Cutler

8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

TAKE NOTE

Scripture and Prayers for Advent

During Advent there are three prevalent themes we see as we wait patiently for the coming of Christ. We long for the Messiah, are urged to be alert for Jesus' Second Coming, and meditate on Christ's presence in our lives now. The Scripture readings for the four weeks of Advent and the Liturgy of the Hours revolve around the first two of these themes. They encourage proper preparation, point to the grace and humility of Mary, show us how to adore God in the Incarnation, and recognize the glory of Jesus and how he frees us from sin and ingratitude. We hear from the prophet Isaiah and are drawn to the compelling message of John the Baptist in the Gospels. It is important to consider how we can grow in spiritual wholeness during such a busy commercial season. Take time for silence and reflection each day with Scripture, a devotional prayer, or with an Advent calendar. Dwell with the scene of the Nativity. What is it like to imagine the journey of Mary and Joseph and to be with them as the baby Jesus comes into the world? St. Ignatius of Loyola had a deep reverence for the Nativity scene, as we see in the Spiritual Exercises. Consider praying with saints like him, with the Liturgy of the Hours, or with the O Antiphons the last week before Christmas. A prayerful journey with the Holy Family and the Church throughout Advent will lead to gifts of gratitude and joy when we enter the Christmas Season.

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O Antiphons

Christmas carols, Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, Midnight Mass, and ginger cookies - Whether they are family or Church customs, the many traditions associated with the Advent and Christmas seasons make these special times of the year for us. One of these ancient traditions is the O Antiphons: seven responses, or antiphons, that are sung or recited to introduce the canticle of Mary (the Magnificat) at evening prayer from December 17 to December 23, the octave before Christmas. These antiphons are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:

O Sapientia (O Wisdom) See Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29.

O Adonai (O Lord) See Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22.

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse) See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.

O Clavis David (O Key of David) See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.

O Oriens (O Rising Sun) See Isaiah 9:1.

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations) See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.

O Emmanuel (God with us) See Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers, as simple reminders throughout the day of the one whose coming we are joyfully expecting, as introductions to our own prayers of praise of Jesus, or as words of

thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness throughout the ages and our lives. Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they will become part of your family traditions.

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“Listen for the voice of God calling to your heart. Listen to your own heart responding. Listen to the hearts of those around you. Listen for the One who came into the world to bring a message of peace for you and me. My prayer is that you will embrace that gift and let it transform your life.” - **Bishop Ed** -

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St. Paul’s **Advent Penance Service** will be Tuesday, December 17 at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity to Receive God’s Forgiveness and Prepare for the Coming of Christ.

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St. Paul’s **calendars** are located at the entrances of the church. Compliments of Henderson-Biedekapp Funeral Chapel. Please take one.

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If you haven’t done so already, please take a copy of "**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**" by Matthew Kelly as an early Christmas present!

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Christmas Schedule:

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 PM Vigil Mass
Christmas Day: Wednesday, December 25, 8:00 AM Mass

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The next **Men’s Group** will be Thursday, January 9, at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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The Generosity Habit - How daily giving can change your life and transform the world by Matthew Kelly.

Part Two: 101 creative ways to be generous: generosity is community. Bring people together. Host a dinner party, book club, a play date or a picnic in the park. People thrive on connection.

“The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.”

- Mitch Albom -

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MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Week of 12/15 Bath tissue

Week of 12/22 Cereal

Coffee, Tea and Sugar are welcomed anytime.

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Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for December:

For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING December 7/8

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	17
Loose cash and checks.....	\$458.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$823.00
Total.....	\$1,281.00

Additional Offerings

Votive candles.....	\$48.00
Books.....	\$20.00
Donations.....	\$310.00
Restoration & Repairs.....	\$45.00

Attendance December 7/8

Saturday: 6:30 PM Church.....	29
Sunday: 8:00 AM Church.....	36
Saturday: Facebook Live.....	4
Sunday: Facebook Live.....	3
Total.....	65

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, December 16

(Office Closed)

Tuesday, December 17

6:00 PM Advent Penance Communal Service - Church

Wednesday, December 18

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Friday, December 20

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

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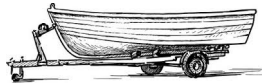
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