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Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

~ Parish Mission ~

“The people of St. Paul the Apostle are called by Jesus Christ to be a people of faith and to reflect His Light in all we do, to put Christ before us, Christ beside us and Christ within us and to share that love of Christ with others.”

~ Pastoral Council, September 16, 2019 ~

Welcome to Our Parish!

Pastor ~ Rev. Yamid Blanco

Parish Office Hours ~
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am-3:00 pm
(Closed Fridays)

Sunday Masses ~
St. Paul: Saturday, 4:00 pm &
Sunday, 10:00 am

St. Louis: Saturday, 5:30 pm &
Sunday, 8:00 am

Weekday Masses ~ 8:30 am
St. Paul: Tuesday & Thursday
St. Louis: Wednesday & Friday

Communion Service ~ 8:30 am
St. Paul: Mondays

Holy Days ~
St. Louis: 9:00 am
St. Paul: 6:00 pm

Confessions ~
St. Paul: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 2:45 pm
St. Louis: 1st & 3rd Saturdays,
Following 5:30 pm Mass

Eucharistic Adoration ~
2nd & 4th Thursdays after Mass

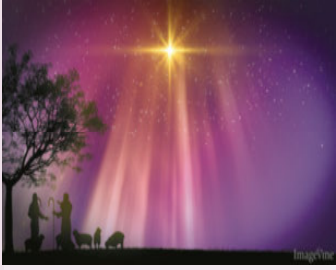
Anointing ~
2nd Tuesdays after Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

• DECEMBER 19, 2021

St. Paul the Apostle

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. YAMID



The great Feast of Christmas is once again upon us. It is a time of so many paradoxes. In a season when darkness is so prevalent, we celebrate light. In a time of war, we wish each other peace. In a time of the uncertainties that life brings to us, we remember the fidelity of our God. We believers are indeed a curious lot because our faith enables us to look at the world, not through rose-colored glasses, but with Christian hope and baptismal faith. So even in the presence of all that is difficult, all of the crosses we bear for ourselves and with others, we remember with great celebration the birthday of the Lord Jesus Christ. God has remembered us in our need for salvation and has given us the gift of His own Son to be our Redeemer.

I want to take this opportunity to THANK YOU for your dedication, commitment, and love to our St. Paul the Apostle Parish. Thank you for sharing with St. Paul's your time, talents, and treasure. I also want to thank all the dedicated volunteers, members of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, trustees, the leaders of our parish programs and committees, and in a very special way, the members of the staff. Thank you once again.

During this holy time, I offer you my most sincere good wishes along with my promise of prayer. May these next days as well as the whole New Year be filled with the excitement that comes when we trust that God is with us.

A Blessed Christmas and Peace-filled New Year to all. *Yours in Christ!* ~ Rev. Yamid Blanco

CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year there will be a 4 pm Mass and a 9 pm Mass at St Paul on Christmas Eve. There will be a 10 am Mass here on Christmas morning. Please come early and enjoy 30 minutes of prelude music before Mass. The 4 pm Mass will feature our guest cantor Suzanne Selmo and members of our youth choir. The 9 pm Mass will feature our very own adult choir, and the Christmas morning Mass will feature cantor Lynda Schlitz and our hand bell ensemble.

Please be aware that there will be no evening Mass on Saturday, December 25th because this is Christmas day. Attending Mass on Saturday morning for Christmas does not fulfill the Sunday obligation to attend Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph which will take place on Sunday, December 26th, 10 am.

There will be no morning Mass this year on Saturday, January 1st as this is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The 4 pm Mass on January 1st will be the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany.



ST. PAUL CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses ~ 4:00 & 9:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass ~ 10:00 AM
(NO pm Mass)

**Sunday, December 26, Holy Family Mass,
10:00 AM**

Saturday, January 1, 2022 ~ 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 2, 2022 ~ 10:00 AM

ADVENT GIVING TREE



The Human Concerns Committee has chosen St. Vincent de Paul Outreach as the recipient charity for this year's Advent Giving Tree. Please help yourself to an envelope from the tree in the Gathering Space and make checks payable to St. Paul the Apostle.



Sunday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.

~ Fourth Sunday of Advent
† All Soul's Intention

Tuesday, December 21, 8:30 a.m.

~ St. Peter of Canisius
† Donna Pias (Nancy Yorgan)
† Pauline Roeder (Rich & Beth Roeder)
† Jenny Powers (Mom & Dad)
† Maria Nguyen-Thi-Hong-Van (Paul & Phyllis Pham)

Thursday, December 23, 8:30 a.m.

~ St. John of Kanty
† Paul & Karen Ritter (Teri Lawrence Niles)
† Phyllis & Michael Zelenski (Family & Friends)

Friday, December 24, 4:00 & 9:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve

† In Memory of Deceased Priests

Saturday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Day

† In Memory of Deceased Priests

Sunday, December 26, 10:00 a.m.

~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
† Richard Fox (The Fox Family)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

~ THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL ~

Sunday, December 19

10:00 am- Mass (Church)
11:00 am- Rel. Ed. Classes (Various)
11:00 am- 1st Reconciliation (Church)
12:00 pm- Youth Choir Practice (Classroom)

Monday, December 20

8:30 am- Communion Service (Church)
9:00 am- Happy Crafters (Fr. Esser Library)
9:00 am- Funeral Visitation (Gathering Space)
11:00 am- Funeral Mass (Church)
6:00 pm- Scout Meeting (Fr Cox Hall)

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 am- Weekday Mass (Church)
9:00 am- Prayer Time After Mass (Church)
9:15 am- Scripture Study (Fr Esser Library)
12:00 pm- Parish Office Closed
2:00 pm- SVDP Food Drop-off (Workroom)
6:00 pm- Scout Meetings (Hall & Library)

Wednesday, December 22

9:00 am- Weds. Bible Study (Library)
9:00 am- Rosary Group (Fr Cox Hall)

Thursday, December 23

8:30 am- Weekday Mass (Church)
9:00 am- Prayer Time After Mass (Church)
NO Eucharistic Adoration today
6:00 pm- Handbell Practice (Church)
6:30 pm- Finance Council (Fr Esser Library)
7:00 pm- Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm- Mass (Church)
9:00 pm- Mass (Church)

Saturday, December 25

10:00 am- Mass (Church)
No PM Mass

Sunday, December 26

10:00 am- Mass (Church)

St. Paul will host the St. Vincent de Paul Community Meal at the Hospitality Center on Tuesday, December 21,

with food items delivered to church 2:00 – 3:00 pm that day and serving from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. **NOTE!** The parish office will be closing at noon on Tuesday, December 21 for a staff event. However, your food donations for the Community Meal will be collected at St. Paul, west canopy, from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Just drive up - a volunteer will take your donation! Questions? Call Pat & Randy Holub, 262-664-4094.



MIDWEST TORNADO RESPONSE

Please pray for those who have been injured, for those who have lost their lives, and for their grieving families and communities. Catholics and all people of good will may help our brothers and sisters in their recovery by supporting the work of CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA DISASTER RELIEF, which has been engaging as early responders and will remain in recovery support for the long-term.

Monday morning Communion Services will be offered on December 27 and January 3, 2022, at 8:30 am. The parish office will be closed on these days.

PLEASE NOTE: The next Wednesday Bible Study meeting will be on January 5. The next Happy Crafters meeting will be on Monday, January 10, 2022.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



Please pray for the repose of the souls Barbara Leifheit, Mary Ann Bauer and David Doerpinghaus. *May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.* Please keep Barbara, Mary Ann and David, and their families and friends, in your prayers.

PARISH NURSE, Peggy Taylor, R.N., is available by email or phone to talk with you. Please contact her to discuss health concerns, medication or simply provide a listening ear: 262-639-6429 or pegtaylor71@gmail.com

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As we count our blessings this Christmas season, I would like to thank you for the many friendships and heart-warming moments I have been blessed to share with you in my 11 years at St. Paul the Apostle. Although it's time to pursue other opportunities, my decision to leave has not been easy. Wishing all the best to each of you in 2022! ~ Sue Vrana, St. Paul Administrative Assistant

ROSARY GARDEN & PATHWAY

See the brochures in the Gathering Space or visit our parish website for order forms for St. Paul's Rosary Garden. Order your brick by January 10, 2022, to receive the lowest introductory rate and avoid the price increase! **Makes a great Christmas gift!**

MARION CENTER OF RACINE

Be sure to include a stop at the Marion Center of Racine, 3724 21st St, when looking for gifts! Purchase \$15 or more through January 15, and a 10% donation will be returned to the parish. Stop in or contact the Marion Center of Racine for more information: 262-634-1208.



Please contact Sue Douglas, 884-9095, if you would like to add a concern to the prayer list and book of prayers at the parish. You may also write in your own prayer when you are at church or call the parish office and a staff person will write in your concern.

The number of pages in St. Paul's bulletin will be reduced beginning January 8 & 9, 2022. With less space available, bulletin announcements will need to be as concise as possible. Bulletin and other information will continue to be available on the parish website: www.stpaulracine.org

Stewardship contributions must be received by December 31 to be included with your 2021 donations. Contributions received January 1 or later will be included with your 2022 donations. The stewardship letter you receive in January will include your 2021 contributions.

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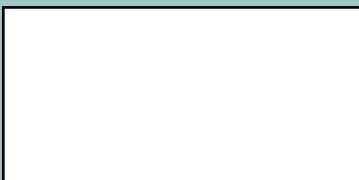
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