



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

~ *St. Charles Borromeo, Haiti, Sister Parish* ~

THE LOVE OF CHRIST IMPELS US TO BE
A UNITED PEOPLE TO SERVE OUR GOD

December 5, 2021

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday at St. Paul Gym
4:00 pm

Sunday at KC HALL
7:00 am, 8:30 am & 10:00 am

DAILY MASSES
Please see page 10

CONFESSIONS
at Parish Life Center
Saturday: 3:00-until all are heard
OR Anytime by appointment

Our Mission

Embrace the God who loves you;
Engage in our community that
journeys with you;
Serve the world that needs you.
This is the heart and soul of what
we are about as faithful followers of
Jesus Christ at St. Paul Parish in
Highland, Illinois.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am—4:30 pm
Friday: 8:00 am—3:00 pm

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Second Sunday of Advent

A reading from the Book of Baruch

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

The Word of the Lord R: Thanks Be to God

Responsorial Psalm: 93

The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

The Word of the Lord R: Thanks Be to God

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke R: Glory to You, O Lord

Lk 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of

Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

R: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (***Bow slightly until "became man"***) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

1. Come, O long expected Jesus, Born to set your people free; From our fears and sins release us; Free us from captivity. Israel's strength and consolation, You, the hope of all the earth, Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Come, and save us by your birth.

2. Born your people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king! Born to reign in us for ever, Now your gracious kingdom bring. By your own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By your all sufficient merit Raise us to your glorious throne.

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

A Voice Cries Out

1. Console my people, the ones dear to me; speak to the heart of Jerusalem: the time of your mourning is ended now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare a way for the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Make straight a highway for God!"

2. Ev'ry valley is made a plain, ev'ry mountain is leveled; the glory of God shall then be revealed, and the nations will sing in praise.

4. Zion, shout from the mountain top, lift up your voice, O Jerusalem, and say to the people of God's own land, "Behold, behold your God!"

Bread of Life

1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Transform our lives anew. Open our eyes so that we might see your presence in one another. Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.

2. Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be. And when we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble, give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace.

3. Living Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way that we may live in harmony, and from you never stray. Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people. Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

Comfort, My People

1. Comfort, my people, and calm all your fear; the day of salvation is quickly drawing near. The One you long to see will soon set you free. O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.

2. Silence the thunder, silence sounds of war. End all destruction and comfort those who mourn. Your dream draws near; your vision is here. O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.

3. Be light in the darkness; be truth for our lives. Be strength for the helpless, the poor and lost who cry. O saving voice, O living choice, O come, Lord Jesus, come. O come, Lord Jesus, come.

Ready the Way

"Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord!" A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Ready the way of the Lord!" "Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry mountain be humbled; let ev'ry valley be filled."

Refrain

Here is your God, coming with your vindication. Look and behold the saving power of God.

Desert and wasteland will bloom. Desert and wasteland will bloom. Glory and splendor will fill the land. Desert and wasteland will bloom. Those who are blind will then see. Those who are deaf will then hear. Those who are lame will then leap for joy. Those who are mute will then sing. (to Refrain)

Strengthen the ones who are weak. Strengthen the ones who are weak. Say to the frightened: "Have courage." Strengthen the ones who are weak. (to Refrain)

On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin: Make straight the way for God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For you are our salvation, Lord, Our refuge, and our great reward; Without your grace we waste away Like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick, stretch out your hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let your light restore Earth's own true loveliness once more.

A Morning Star Draws Near

1. A morning star draws near to earth to hail the rising dawn, "Prepare a pathway for our God!" proclaims the servant John.

2. All you baptized in cleansing streams, repent and turn from sin. A Living Fountain-head now springs; new heav'n and earth begin!

5. "Prepare a pathway for our God!" proclaims the servant John, Our long awaited Day-star breaks, And soon shall come the dawn!

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Fr. Pat's Pen

Fr. Pat Jakel, Pastor

Written in the Love of Christ



FROM OUR CAMPUS GROWTH TEAM CHAIR:

CAN YOU FEEL THE EXCITEMENT!

Father Pat, Father Kosk and the Campus Growth Team are so thrilled that we are returning to our newly renovated church for the celebration of our Lord's birth!

WE WELCOME EVERYONE HOME!

Because of your prayers and financial sacrifices this has become a reality. We are so blessed by our dedicated families and loving parishioners. The Korte Team and their dedicated subcontractors have kept us on schedule. We only experienced minor setbacks due to material delays, which were quickly resolved. This is credited to the professionalism of The Korte Company's planning.

I wish to acknowledge those who supported us during our time "away," especially Meridith Funeral Home, the Knights of Columbus & Immaculate Conception Church, Pierron for providing a space for Masses, funerals and other functions and the parish and school staff for coordinating activities in our gymnasium.

As we return to our **HOME** for worship, we will continue our progress on the final portion of our campus Phase III, Trinity Hall. Watch it as it becomes a reality!

Grateful, Terry Zeisset,

Capital Campaign/Campus Growth Team Chair

POLISH MOTHERS COMING TO AMERICA!

How excited Fr. Kosk & Stefan are to have their mothers here to celebrate Christmas & New Years with them, and us! Fr. Kosk has not seen his mother for 2-1/2 years and Stefan for 1-1/2 years. Why are their fathers not coming? They both lost their fathers to cancer early in life, who are with them in spirit. Moms will be staying at the rectory. Much to the dismay of their siblings, moms have chosen to be with their sons in the USA for the holidays - LOL!

People who are already aware of their visit have asked how they can help. I know our parish will offer our usual hospitality to them. If you can offer donations for groceries, that would be great, in an envelope marked "**Polish Food.**" Christmas goodies are awesome too!

Also, if it is in your means & heart to offer a donation for their airline tickets, that would be appreciated and very helpful, in an envelope marked "**Polish Moms.**" Their round-trip airfare is \$800/each. Even though neither of the moms speak English, I know we can still show them a great time, with their translating sons! Thanks!

ST. PAUL UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES

Thurs., December 9 at 9:30am - SP GYM

Wed., December 15 at 7:00pm - SP GYM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Dec. 8, Holyday of Obligation - In the Gymnasium

7:00am

8:20am

6:00pm

SEMINARIAN STEFAN CAR FUND

Vehicle Purchase:	\$24,000
4/yrs. Insurance:	\$ 6,000
Total Need (car & insurance)	\$30,000
Your Generosity thus far:	\$28,033
Balance hoped for:	\$ 1,967



Please prayerfully consider offering a monetary gift, in an envelope marked "**Stefan's Car.**" Thanks so much!!!

SATURDAY CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS will be on Sat., Dec. 18; 3:00 - 3:30pm with both Fr. Pat & Fr. Kosk in the Parish Office Blessed Sacrament Chapel & Conference Rm. Enter via the east (Lemon St.) door of the Parish Life Center.

ADORATION/BENEDICTION/VESPERS

Thurs., Dec. 23; 5:30pm - 7:30pm (SP Church)

PLANNING AHEAD: God-willing, we will be in our newly renovated Church Christmas Eve.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00pm	St. Paul Church
4:15pm	K of C Hall
6:00pm	St. Paul Church
11:00pm	St. Paul Church

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:30am	St. Paul Church
10:00am	St. Paul Church





Parochial Vicar
Fr. Piotr Kosk

Man is the only creature that can say "yes" or "no" to eternity, that is, to God. A human being can extinguish his own hope by eliminating God from his life. How is this possible? How man - a creature, "God's work," intensely focused on Him, closest to the Eternal, can renounce this richness. God knows the human heart.

He knows that those who reject him have not known his true face. Therefore, he is constantly knocking on our door, like a poor pilgrim seeking refuge. This is why the Lord gives time to humanity for all to know Him! This is also the meaning of the new liturgical year that begins - it is a gift of God who wants to reveal himself again in the mystery of Christ through the word and the sacraments. Through the Church, he wants to speak to humanity and save modern people. He does this by meeting them in order "to seek and save that which was lost" (Lk 19:10). In this perspective, Advent is the Church-Bride response to the ever-renewed initiative of the God-Bridegroom, "Who is, who was and who is to come" (Rev 1: 8). For humankind that has no time for Him, God gives more time, a new opportunity to reflect on oneself, go on a further journey, and find the meaning of hope.

Each child born is a sign of God's trust in man and confirmation, at least implicitly, of man's hope for a future open to God's eternity. God responded to this hope of man by being born in time as a tiny human being. St. Augustine wrote: "We might suppose that Your Word is far from communion with men, we might doubt our survival - if Your Word had not become flesh and dwell among us."

May She who carried the Incarnate Word in her heart and womb lead us. Mary, the waiting Virgin, and Mother of hope revitalize the spirit of Advent in the whole Church so that all humanity may set out again for Bethlehem, where the Down rising from on high will visit us now and again (cf. Lk 1:78), Christ our God.

The Saint Paul Youth Organization extends their sincere gratitude to the parish for their prayers and contributions. You all helped to make the National Catholic Youth Conference a reality for 16 parish youth! Youth in attendance: Andrew Capelle, Benjamin Capelle, Daniel Goring, Joe Goring, James Hemann, Jude Hemann, Clayton Hopfinger, Leah Hopfinger, Kori Huelsmann, Lynzie Huelsmann, Sam Kukowski, Cam Runge, Drew Schonhardt, Greg Venarsky, Izzie Venarsky, Madelyn Vogelbacher. Chaperones: Michele Capelle, Erin Hopfinger, Lisa Huelsmann, Molly Korte, Janet Vogelbacher. Chaplain: Fr. Kosk.



Financial Stewardship November 21 & 28, 2021

PARISH SUPPORT

Church Envelopes	\$11,462	\$11,739
Online Giving	4,660	4,674
Children's Offertory	22	26
Loose Collection	443	524
Repairs & Maintenance	407	908
Immaculate Conception	10	24
Christmas Decorations	529	59
Christmas Collection	60	24
Solemnity of Mary	0	25
TOTAL PARISH SUPPORT	\$17,592	\$18,003
NEEDED FOR BUDGET WEEKLY	\$20,192	\$20,192
This week's shortage/overage	-\$2,600	-\$2,189
Year-to-date shortage (since 7-1-21)	-\$57,657	-\$59,846

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Sister Parish	\$606	\$819
St. Paul Outreach	1045	2220
Campaign for Justice and Hope	780	29
Retirement Fund for Religious	10	0
Catholic Children's Home	10	0
TOTAL OTHER COLLECTIONS	\$2,451	\$3,068

Diocesan Tithe this Week	\$1,759	\$1,800
Diocesan Tithe to date (since 7-1-21)	\$36,650	\$38,450

Capital Campaign Update

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Pledged (incl. non-pledged contributions)	\$7,247,079	\$7,381,277
Received	\$5,675,026	\$5,846,103
Still Needed	\$1,824,974	\$1,653,897
Expenditures:		
Previous Campus Phases Expense	1,810,848	1,810,848
Phase 3 (New Bldg./Church Renovation)	2,244,938	2,254,539
Total Expenditures	\$4,055,786	\$4,065,387

Youth Confirmation Grades 4-8



St. Paul parish wants to ensure that any youth who is not yet Confirmed has the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Some children "missed" this Sacrament during our

transition to the restored order of the sacraments, however there is still an opportunity to be sealed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit and complete your full initiation into the Catholic Church!

St. Paul will offer a 3-part preparation session for youth on January 16th, 23rd, and 30th, from 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

These sessions are designed for youth in grades 4-8 who desire to be Confirmed on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Springfield. Please e-mail Molly Korte at mkorte@stpaulhighland.org or call the Parish Office, 654-2339, if you have any questions or would like to register for the upcoming sessions.



This Week's Buzz from our Business Office:



For those wishing to make an end-of-the-year monetary donation to St. Paul, please do so on or before 12pm on Thursday, December 30th, to ensure that your payment is timely processed and included on your 2021 contribution statement.

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office on or before December 23rd, placed in the drop box outside of the Parish Office or in the collection basket, or made online.

Feel free to call if you have any questions regarding your 2021 donations or capital campaign status. Your Parish thanks you for your continued support and wishes you a blessed (and shiny!!) New Year!!

Shine On in 2022!!



**St. Paul
Catholic School**
Haidee Todora



FOOD DRIVE
Students and staff donated 592 lbs. of food and essentials to HACSM at the annual Student Council Fall Food Drive.

UPCOMING DATES

December 5—Christmas Concert on the Square 3-4 p.m.

December 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass @ 8:20 a.m.

December 22—1:35 Early Dismissal (No PM Bus)

December 23—January 3—Christmas Vacation

January 22—Viking Night Dinner Auction

**KEITH JAKEL
SCHOLARSHIP
DONATION**

With the help of the Highland Area Community Foundation pass-through fund, the Keith Jakel Scholarship Committee (Randy Kohlbrecher, Tina Fohne, and Steve Frey), recently presented a \$3,990 check to SPS for a full tuition scholarship. This is the 10th year for the scholarship donation. Thank you for your years of support!



**GIVING
TUESDAY**

Thank you to all who donated to St. Paul Catholic School on Giving Tuesday! We appreciate your support! Donations are still being accepted at the school office.



St. Paul School students were "Walking in a Winter Wonderland" at the Annual Highland Lighted Christmas Parade on November 26th! Special thanks to our 4th grade families for designing and coordinating the float.

The Annual St. Paul School Dinner Auction is fast approaching. We are seeking unique donations for the silent and live auctions to make the event fun and entertaining. All monetary donations and donated items are tax-deductible. Donations may be brought to the school or parish offices by January 1 in order to prepare for the January 22 event. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity in making this Dinner Auction a great success and for supporting St. Paul Catholic School.

For more information, please call the school office at 654-7525 or email: rmitchell@stpaulhighland.org.

O Come Let US Adore You
First Place: Andrew Sinnock (7B)

2nd Place (Left): Colton Kessler (35)
3rd Place (Right): Leah Nenninger (2T)

Congratulations to our Christmas Card Design Contest Winners!

**The Respect Life Team hosts
Annual National Night of Prayer for Life**

December 8-9, 9pm- 1am
Immaculate Conception in Pierron

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531 (then celebrated in December 9th) that our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these feasts.



All nations of the world are invited to participate as we ask Our Blessed Mother to protect Life and the family; renew the Church and establish Peace.

During the HOUR of UNITY, 12 midnight - 1am we will be united in churches across the country and the world in prayer to end abortion and restore God's blessings.

The National Night of Prayer for Life includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. *Please join us for this important event and especially for the intention of the Dobbs case!*

Advent Reflection: **God's Personal Assistants**
by Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, ©LPi

If you have ever planned a large-scale event, whether it's a musical performance or a religious conference, you may have dealt with someone's personal assistant. Possibly this person would be a representative of the keynote speaker or the master of ceremonies for the local bishop; perhaps it's even the staffer of a local politician or the lackey of a well-known musical act.

Personal assistants are masters of stewardship — overseeing things in their boss' absence. They prepare the way. This person's job is to get everything ready for the person in charge, so that when he or she shows up — whoever he or she is — it's smooth sailing for them to do whatever it is they need to do: sing, speak, pray, mingle, what-have-you. It's usually a big job full of little things, a gig where attention to detail is key.

God is the guest of honor in our life, the keynote speaker, the main event. And what He wants — what He needs — to do is to change our hearts. Constantly, over, and over, and over again.

We are all His personal assistants in this endeavor. We need to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths. We need to make everything ready so that when He shows up — however He shows up, whether it's



in the form of a neighbor in need or a burning bush right in front of us — everything is ready for Him to do His job.



Christmas Giving.... Thank you for the generous, caring support of donations for residential care gift packages this holy season! And thanks to all the SPS children for creating thoughtful, colorful and kind Christmas messages.



Pictured is a small sampling of the many donations and cards—thank you all!



Diocesan Gospel Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent – December 5

Preparing the Way. In announcing the first coming of the Messiah, John the Baptist urges all people to be right with one another and the world. In awaiting the coming, prophet Baruch tells us how to dress for that day – clad in justice and peace and mercy. In praying for us, as we await the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, Saint Paul confidently urges us to do good work, to love more and more, and to be filled with what is right.

- ◆ In these troubled times, how can I make things right with _____?
- ◆ What good work of justice and peace can I do this week?
- ◆ What mercy work is Jesus urging me to do?



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



**Pastoral Associate for
Faith Formation
Deanna Harlan**



Seminarian Tree

Much like an Angel Tree, we have created Seminarian Trees. Our parish is participating in a new diocesan initiative to encourage support of our diocesan seminarians throughout the year.

There are trees located as you enter for Mass at either the gym or KC Hall. Each tree holds cards for each seminarian in our diocese. Parishioners are asked

to pull off a card and commit to praying for that seminarian all year. Additionally, if you wish, you could choose to send them a Christmas card or birthday card. Their birthdates and mailing addresses are included with the card.

GET YOURS TODAY!

Our parish has always been so supportive of and generous with our seminarians. We are counting on your usual generous spirit, showering of love and positive affirmation of the sacrifices these young men are making to serve the Lord in His Church.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD SEMINARIANS!**

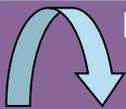


BAPTISM

Please welcome and congratulate the following newly baptized. By water and the Holy Spirit, he has received new life from God through Baptism.

**November 27, 2021
Lucas Terrance Sparlin**

May he always walk as a child of Christ.



**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE
IS TUESDAY AT 12:00 pm.**

**Please submit items by EMAIL to:
jhilling@stpaulhighland.org**

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**ST. PAUL
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ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE 2021

LAST WEEK TO DROP OFF!

NOVEMBER 6th- DECEMBER 12th

Drop-off bins are located outside the gym entrances as well as, at the KC Hall, before/after all Masses.

A Discipleship & Stewardship Committee project.
THANK YOU!!!!!!



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Office of the Bishop

December, 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Pope Francis often highlights the role older adults play in conveying faith from one generation to the next. Recently, he noted that "there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel."¹ As we approach the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection—an appeal that benefits some 26,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests - I am reminded that senior religious never retire from their vows.

Instead, the prayer and ministry of older religious are an ongoing witness to the Gospel. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry. Others are frail and need assistance. Yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Most senior religious worked for little pay, and now their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious offers support that helps religious communities provide loving care for older members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders. I recognize you may be experiencing your own financial difficulties.

I ask only that you give what you can. Most importantly, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



**St. Paul School
Educational Foundation**

The St. Paul School Educational Foundation wishes to express its gratitude to the families of **Florence Duncan** and **Jon Boulanger**. Each of their families named the St. Paul School Educational Foundation was named as one of the organizations to receive memorial donations.

We ask everyone to remember **Florence Duncan and Jon Boulanger** and their families in your prayers. May they rest in eternal peace.

Mass Intentions †

Monday, December 6

7:00 am Mass @ **Meridith Funeral Home** — † **Bill Gleason**

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 am Mass @ **Meridith Funeral Home** — † **Burnell Deuser**

9:00 am Mass @ **Cedarhurst** — † **Barbara Pearman**

Wednesday, December 8

(Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 am Mass @ **(SPS Gym)** — **Karen Rehkemper**

8:20 am All School Mass **(SPS Gym)** — † **Alan Schulte**

6:00 pm Mass **(SPS Gym)** — † **Jean Luitjohan**

Thursday, December 9

7:00 am Mass @ **(Meridith Funeral Home)** — † **Barb Rakers**

Friday, December 10

7:00 am Mass @ **Meridith Funeral Home** — † **Adam Weidner**

Saturday, December 11 (St. Paul School Gym)

4:00 pm Mass — † **Rebecca Holthaus** — **Fambrough and**

† **Nina Burcham**

Sunday, December 12 (KC Hall)

Mass — 7:00 am † **Doris Johnson &**

The Parishioners of St. Paul Parish

8:30 am † **Danny Kloss & † Lawrence & Eleanor Holtgrave**

10:00 am † **Carolyn Bugger**



Heartland Community Chorus invites you to **Appalachian Winter**, a Christmas concert.

Saturday, December 11, at 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 12, at 3:00 pm

Both concerts are at St. Rose Catholic Church in St. Rose, 18010 St. Rose Road, Breese, IL 62230.

Single tickets: \$15; **Season Tickets:** \$30 (includes Christmas concert, Spring concert, and Pops concert). Obtain tickets from: Any Chorus member; FCB Bank, Highland; 1st National Bank, St. Rose; at the door Chorus website:

www.heartlandcommunitychorus.org

TO ATTEND THE CONCERT, MASKS ARE REQUIRED.



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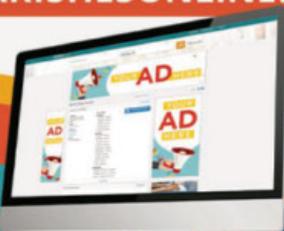


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