

# Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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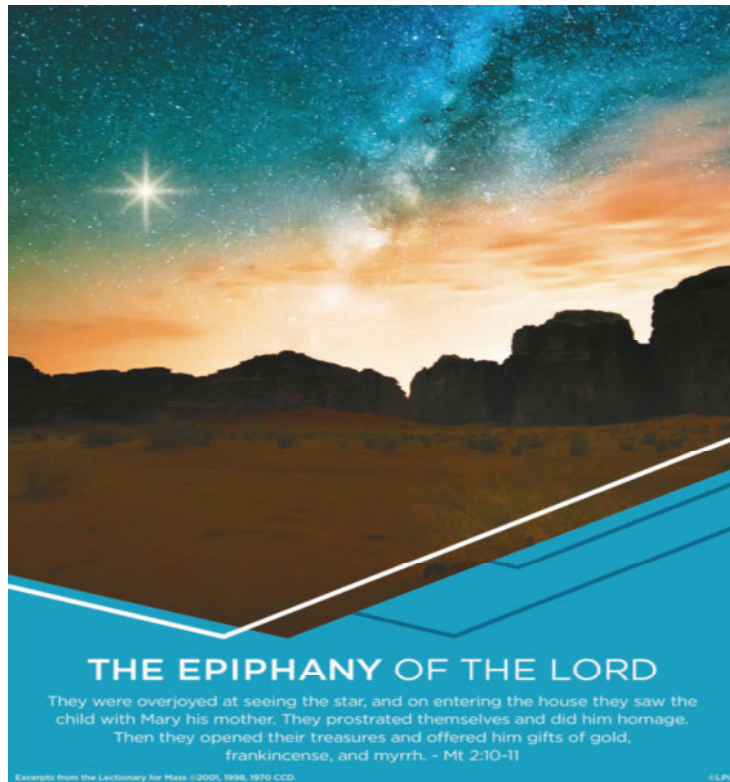
## Pastoral Staff

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For Spiritual Emergencies Only.....(815)-570-2340  
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## Support Staff

Edwina Vincent..... Parish Secretary  
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Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson.. Dennis Miller  
Parish Finance Council Chairperson. David DeCraene



### Mass Times

**Weekend:** Saturday . . .5 pm  
Sunday . . . 8 am & 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish)

**Weekdays:** Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wednesday—Friday 9:00 am

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Tuesdays: 5:10 p.m.-5:25 p.m.  
Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.  
Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

### **BAPTISMS:**

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### **HOLY MATRIMONY:**

Preparations are to be made with Father at least six months prior to the desired date.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** (Anytime) Please notify your pastor promptly whenever anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

*Please note:* If you are in a hospital or health care facility located outside of Sandwich, you are to call the nearest parish for a priestly visit.

## Mission Statement

“We, the family of St. Paul Parish, live the gospel message of Jesus Christ through worship, education and outreach to all ages. We strengthen our parish and community, respecting our rural traditions, while welcoming the growth and cultural diversity that awaits.”



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure – but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals – Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember – the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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**Christian Women does not meet in January. Our next meeting is February 1, 2022 at 6:30 PM.**

St. Paul the Apostle Men's Group will begin meeting again on Sat., January 8, 2022 from 8:00-9:00 am. Bring your coffee and possibly something to jot down notes. We will be using FORMED The Search as our topic. It is an 8-week series. Remember God called us by name but knows our sins. Satan, on the other hand, calls us by our sins and knows our names. We are all called to be men of God. So, please come Jan. 8th to the west entrance of the parish center (across from the red barn). See you there. Any questions, please call the church office and leave a message for Charlie Sondgeroth.

### Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

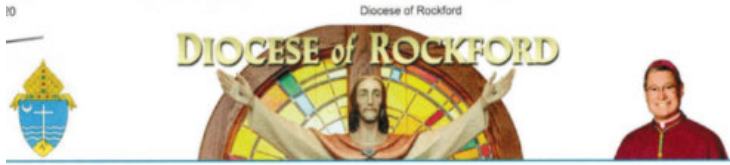
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021 (for Sunday Obligation)**

5:00 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

10:00 a.m. † Bernice LaBuda (Tom & Eileen Coppens)

12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**NO MONDAY SERVICES**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

5:30 p.m. † Brian Warne

(Mark & Maria Oropeza Family)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. † Nicki Clapper (Gerald & Denise Curran)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:00 a.m. † Ginny Colgan (Ray & Judy Hendron)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**

9:00 a.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. † Intention to be Announced

Vigil Holy Day of Obligation -Spanish

6:30 p.m. Rev. Anthony Brankin (Sparti Family)

Vigil Holy Day of Obligation—English

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**

9:00 a.m. † Diane Bohnstedt (Family & Friends)

Holy Day of Obligation

5:00 p.m. † Doran & Rose Greif

(Denise, DaVonna, & Doreen)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:00 a.m. † Eugene & Kim Paris &

Richard Hettinger (Bernadine Paris)

10:00 a.m. † Ron Adrian (Tom & Eileen Coppens)

12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

Bishop David J. Malloy advised priests of the Diocese of Rockford in a June 11 letter, that the dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation was to be lifted on July 1, 2021. As the dispensation is now lifted, Catholics are reminded in the days and months ahead to use their consciences for any decision about not attending Mass or continuing to follow it virtually and to ask for pastoral guidance from their parish priests if needed.

Also, in accordance with Bishop Malloy's letter of August 27, 2021, ...all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, age two and older and able to tolerate a face covering...are required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors on the premises of our churches, schools, and Diocesan facilities.

## Our Giving

Date: Dec. 18/19  
 Loose: \$ 630.00  
 Envelopes: 3,110.00  
 Total: \$ 3,740.00

Thank you very much for your generosity!

Welcome: Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are interested in registering in our parish please fill out form. You may leave this form in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

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\_\_\_ Moving

If you know someone who is ill or having surgery, please contact the Parish Office at 786-9266.

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