ST. PAUL PARISH

Parish Address 410 Wallace Street Combined Locks, WI 54113 Web stpaulcl.com Grow to love God more and to be better disciples for Jesus Christ
 Parish Center
 920.788.4553

 Faith Formation
 920.788.5711



JANUARY 9, 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

PARISH STAFF

Deacon Dave Hayden, Pastoral Leader deacondave@stpaulcl.com

Rev. Donald Zuleger, Priest Celebrant

Maggie Melchior, Pastoral Associate mmelchior@stpaulcl.com

Cheri Ver Voort, Business Manager cvervoort@stpaulcl.com

Gina Schmalz, Music Director and Parish Life Coordinator gschmalz@stpaulcl.com

Lisa Thiry, Administrative Assistant lthiry@stpaulcl.com

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Tuesday–6:30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday–8:00 a.m. 1st Saturday–8:30 a.m.

Holy Days–Consult bulletin for Mass times.

1st Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mass–8:30 a.m. Followed by Adoration until 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Chain E-mail <u>prayer@stpaulcl.com</u>, click Prayer Chain on <u>website</u>, or call 920-788-4553.

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick Please call Deacon Dave anytime. 912-414-6706

Reconciliation 3:00–3:30 p.m. on Saturday. After Mass on 1st Saturday.

Baptism Contact Deacon Dave by phone or e-mail.

Marriage

Please make arrangements with Deacon Dave at least six months prior to the wedding date.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Mass 4:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of the Charles and Mary Janssen family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

Mass 8:30 a.m. Living & deceased member of the John Hurlburt family Mass 10:30 a.m. Sheila Romenesko

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

No Mass today

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11 Mass 6:30 p.m. Joe and Elisa Tremblay & family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Joe and Lyla, Paul and Vera Schwalbach

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Rosary 7:30 a.m. Mass 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14 No Mass today

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15 Mass 4:00 p.m. William and Mary Rankin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

Mass8:30 a.m.Parishioners of St. PaulMass10:30 a.m.Ed Jakl

PARISH GIFTS

Week Ending Tuesday 1/4/2022

\$8,700.00

\$19,470.24

\$181,149.93

Weekly Total Budget

Total Gifts Received (12/28-1/4)

Year-to-Date Gifts Received

MARY'S GIRLS MONTHLY ROSARY

Thursday, January 13, 2022 2:00 p.m. in church Men and women of all ages are welcome to participate in the monthly Rosary.

MARY'S GIRLS MEETING

Sunday, January 23, 2022

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bona Room

DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

	01/09	Nicholas Klika	01/13	John Sparks
,	01/10	Oliver Ndorimana	01/14	Matthew Uchytil
01/12 Kyle Rohan 01/16 Rey Mark Mleziya	01/11	Robert Reynebeau	01/15	Rev. David L. Ricken
	01/12	Kyle Rohan	01/16	Rev. Mark Mleziva

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call. Your son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Keep these your sons always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil. Amen

MONTHLY INTENTIONS-JANUARY

Pope Francis' Intention

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Bishop Ricken's Intention

That the light of Jesus Christ may expel all darkness in our hearts and the hearts of others.

Deacon Dave's Intention

That Mary will protect and guide the people of St. Paul Parish throughout the New Year, and that Mary's "yes" to the will of God will inspire each one of us in 2022!

COMING SOON!

Calendar Raffle winners are drawn daily and will be published beginning in next weekend's bulletin. Checks are sent automatically on the 15th and 30th of each month. Good luck!

PRAYING WITH A PURPOSE

SMALL GROUP PRAYER Thursday, January 13 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. in church

Everyone in the parish is encouraged and invited to attend this time of prayer.

ALTAR FLOWERS

There are many openings for remembering your loved one or honoring any occasion with Altar flowers–call the Parish Center to schedule for 2022. Please help us to fill the following weekends between now and Easter: February 19/20, March 5/6, 12/13, 26/27, April 9/10

ST. PAUL PARISH

COMBINED LOCKS, WISCONSIN

DEACON DAVE'S DESK

With the closing of the Christmas season today, tomorrow we will enter ordinary time. This is our last feast of the Christmas season celebrating the Baptism of the Lord.

Imagine being at the scene: Jesus standing in the Jordan River, at the beginning of his public ministry to teach and to heal with the power of God to bring us Hope. He stands in the same river that Joshua once led the chosen people across into the promise land, a land rich in blessings, after their long years of wandering in the desert. Jesus stands in the same river to receive baptism by John and to begin a public ministry that would see suffering, persecution, rejection, and death, and then triumph in the joy of the resurrection. Yet, he does so to bring us life anew, to a promise land that Joshua could only imagine.

For me, the weeks before Christmas were challenging and driven by several over-riding events: The first was getting ready for Christmas, making sure all was ready in the church, preparing to make sure each Mass celebrated would be special. And that we were indeed going to provide a safe environment for the St. Paul community to come and celebrate. The second was the death of my mother and the death of several of our parishioners. While mom died back in October the grief remains knowing that this was the first Christmas without her. Yet, I know that mom and our deceased parishioners live now in the presence of God, in the sure hope that was made possible because of the merits of Jesus Christ. Each beginning their new and everlasting life with God.

After 9:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve I set by myself in the quietness of the locked church and thought of my mom and of the parishioners we lost this year; while my heart was filled with sadness, my soul was filled with hope. A hope that can only come from God who sent His Son to us, so each of us may someday have eternal life with Him. A hope that can give us joy, give us peace. A hope that comes from the Baptism of Jesus and our own Baptism.

And here we stand as a community of believers, baptized into the life of God, bonded by the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ to that same God, who created and loves us. Here we stand together in a moment of grace to start a New Year, to fall in love with the One who gives life and hope all over again, and to be that Love for others in the world. Today, we have been given the grace of God to begin a well lived life, a life full of Faith, Hope and Love. With the grace of God, we start our New Year with all the spirited anticipation of both the trials and joys of all those who have gone before us.



Thanks to your generosity and donations, five families and two organizations were helped this Christmas season. Thank you to Maggie Melchior and all the Christian Services volunteers who made ornaments, sorted gifts, and pulled the project together!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 15–16

	Altar Servers	Lector		
4:00	Charlie Janssen	Sandy Reed		
8:30	Adam/Peter Kurzynski	Barb Glasheen		
10:30		Stephanie Murray		
Usher Team				
4:00	Marv Pohl, David Becker			
8:30	Alan Leffel, Rich Stegeman, Larry Schmidt			
10:30	Tom Doerfler, Fred Phillip, Bryan Doerfler			
Welcoming Team				
4:00	Van Nuland family			
8:30	Pat Schmidt, Ruth Zwick			
10:30	Linda Reitzner, Stephanie Murray			
Musicians				
4:00	Steve Uphill/Gina Schmalz			
8:30	Evelyn Rios/Gina Schmalz			
10:30	Kayla Murray/Gina Schmalz			
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion				
4:00	Pat Torres			
8:30	Alan Leffel			
10:30	Linda Reitzner			



Thank you to the following donors who so generously contributed to the 2021 Christmas Flower Fund: Larry and Pat Schmidt–in honor of Ralph Schmidt

*Memorial received after Wednesday, December 22

After the 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 9, please help yourself to the RED poinsettia flowers in the church. Take them home and enjoy them in the coming weeks. Please leave the WHITE flowers because the decorating committee is going to use them during Ordinary Time.

Beginning January 10, the RED poinsettia flowers will be in the west entrance hallway and can be taken home.

Thank You!

Congratulations to Phylis Schaeuble who had the winning ticket in the quilt drawing on December 18th. Thank you to all of those who purchased tickets.

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND

Donated by Larry and Pat Schmidt in memory of Anna Vander Heiden

Thank you!

WAYS TO USE HOLY WATER

"From long experience I have learned that there is nothing like holy water to put devils to flight and prevent them from coming back again. They also flee from the Cross, but return; so holy water must have great virtue. For my own part, whenever I take it, my soul feels a particular and most notable consolation." - St. Teresa of Avila

When we read this quote from St. Teresa of Avila, we should be reminded of the importance of holy water. We Catholics dip our fingers in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross when entering a church to recall our baptism. We forget this sometimes.

Holy water is a powerful sacramental and we ought to use it daily. Holy water can be used to bless people, places, and things that are used by humans in their goal of glorifying God with their lives.

Here is a list of eight ways to use holy water in your everyday life:

1. **Bless yourself.** If we are only blessing ourselves with holy water on Sunday, then aren't we missing out on the rest of the week? Use holy water daily. Keeping a holy water font or small bowl with holy water right by the front door to ensure you never leave home without it.

2. **Bless your house.** If you haven't taken the time to bless your house with holy water, then no time is better than the present. Your home is the domestic Church and needs spiritual protection.

3. **Bless your family.** Use holy water to pray and make the Sign of the Cross over your spouse and children before they go to sleep at night.

4. **Bless your workspace**. If you work outside of the home, sprinkling your workspace with holy water is a great idea, it helps sanctify your daily work for the glory of God.

5. **Bless your car.** Never underestimate the power of holy water applied to your vehicle to keep you safe from harm's way, when used in faith and trust in God.

6. **Bless your vegetable garden.** Using holy water to bless and sanctify the plants that would be used for the family's meals shows reliance on God's grace.

7. **Bless the sick.** Blessing the sick with holy water counts as a corporeal and a spiritual work of mercy. If you visit the sick in a hospital or nursing home, bless their living space with holy water and leave a holy water bottle with them as a comfort in their time of need.

8. **Bless your pets.** Pets are loved companions for individuals and families and often provide a great service to them, and even these can be blessed with holy water because all creation has the end of giving glory to God.

There is no specific prayer to pray when using holy water, other than making the Sign of the Cross. You can also pray an Our Father or even the St. Michael Prayer when using holy water.



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Paul Church, Combined Locks, WI

A 4C 01-1274