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## New With Us?

The Church of Saint Paul is a vibrant Christian community that strives to make disciples of Jesus Christ by bringing people into a loving, personal relationship with God, living in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in communion with the Catholic Church.

## Welcome!

To become a member of our parish, visit the "I'm New Here" page on our website or call the parish office.

## Mass Times

5:30 p.m. Saturday  
8:30 a.m. Sunday  
10:30 a.m. Sunday  
9 a.m. Tuesday  
6 p.m. Wednesday  
9 a.m. Thursday  
9 a.m. Friday

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

10 a.m. Tuesday  
5 p.m. Wednesday  
10 a.m. Friday  
3:30 p.m. Saturday



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**Prayer Line**  
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**Office Hours**  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## THIS WEEK

<b>26 Sunday</b>	Mass (+ Paul Yager) Mass (+ Don Jurek) No hospitality after Masses Private Baptism	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  12:00 p.m.
<b>27 Monday—Office Closed</b>	NO Junior High	
<b>28 Tuesday</b>	Mass (+ Carol Carney) Confessions Staff Prayer Marion Cenacle	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
<b>29 Wednesday</b>	Confession Mass (+ Joseph Szepieniec) NO Senior High Exodus 90 Meetings Watchmen Night Watch (Chapel)	5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.  9:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.
<b>30 Thursday</b>	Mass (+Carl J.) Music Ministry Rehearsal	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
<b>31 Friday - Office Closed</b>	Men's Morning Prayer Mass (For the People) Mass (anticipatory for Jan. 1st)	5:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
<b>1 Saturday</b>	Confessions Mass (For the People) New Member Registration	3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
<b>2 Sunday</b>	Mass (Jocelyn & +Wilfredo Labayen) New Member Registration Mass (Al & Pat Lawrence & Family) New Member Registration	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.



The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Jan. 1st) is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass at 4 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31st, will be for the Feast Day. Jan. 1st Mass is for the weekend liturgy (Epiphany)

## THINGS TO KNOW

## TITHE OFFERINGS

Dec. 18-19, 2021 will be printed in the next bulletin

## ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE

**Bulletin: Info due Monday noon of each week**

Send to Deb Nelson at [debn@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:debn@churchofsaintpaul.com) or 763-777-8556.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Register online for a Baptism prep session or to schedule a Baptism. Questions? Contact Tamara Titsworth [tamara.titsworth@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:tamara.titsworth@churchofsaintpaul.com) or (763) 777-8554.

**1st Sacraments:** This is a two-year program: religious education/formation for one year and sacramental prep for the second year. Questions? Contact Sue Klejeski at (763) 777-8824 or [sue@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:sue@churchofsaintpaul.com)

**Marriages:** Register online for our preparation program. The minimum preparation period is six months.

**Pastoral Care:** For pastoral care or funeral planning, contact Judy Van Den Broeke at (763) 777-8601.

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# COSP FAMILY FORMATION PROGRAM

## PRE-K - GRADE 6

For Family Formation questions, contact Sue at 763-777-8824 or [sue@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:sue@churchofsaintpaul.com)

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/family-formation](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/family-formation)

**NOTE: January Sessions**  
6:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 3rd  
9:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 8th

## COME AND SEE—FAMILY FORMATION

Since its beginning in 1988, Family Formation has grown to serve thousands of families and parishes around the world.

Do you know someone from another parish who would like to see Family Formation in action in the parish where it originated? (Our parish!)

This opportunity provides a first-hand look at all aspects of a typical monthly gathering as well as lots of information about how it all works. This year's event is Saturday, March 5, 2022. It's free and includes lunch. Invite others you know who might be interested in learning more about Family Formation.



## YARN DONATION NEEDED

Family Formation is looking for donations of acrylic worsted weight yarn. If you have skeins you no longer need, we would be happy to use them for various upcoming projects. Just drop it off in the Education Office anytime.

# COSP YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM

## GRADES 7-12

For Youth Ministry questions, contact Joy at 763-777-8600 or [joy@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:joy@churchofsaintpaul.com)

**Mondays** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dec. 27 - No junior high  
Jan. 3 - No Junior High  
Jan. 10 - Junior High @ 7 p.m.

**Wednesdays** 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dec. 29 - No Senior High  
Jan. 5 - Senior High @ 7 p.m.

## NET RETREAT @ COSP - SAVE THE DATE!

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/confirmation-net-weekend-retreat](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/confirmation-net-weekend-retreat)  
10 a.m.-5 p.m., January 29, 2022

\$15/Student  
9th-12th Graders

We're hosting a NET Retreat here on January 29th for all current high school students! The weekend offers opportunity for large group talks/presentations, small group discussions, games, skits, and more. Start the new year off right and jump into your Faith! Register now!



## LIVING STATIONS REHEARSAL DATES

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/living-stations](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/living-stations)

Our annual reenactment of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection! Open to all students 7th-12th Grade. Come to the first day to sign up and hear the picking of parts!

February 13, 2022 1-3 p.m. – Picking Parts  
Rehearsals - 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 3/29  
Performances 3/30, 3/31, 4/1

Contact Barb Skillings with questions [barbonie@aol.com](mailto:barbonie@aol.com)

**VOLUNTEERING:** All adults involved as a volunteer in ministries to children and teens must have a background check, code of conduct, and VIRTUS training completed. For more info, go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) or contact Becky Que, COSP safe environment coordinator, at [becky@churchofsaintpaul.com](mailto:becky@churchofsaintpaul.com) or 763-777-8553.

## ADORATION

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/adoration](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/adoration)

Come to a quiet time of Adoration anytime in the large chapel on the north side of church. Security code is needed between 9:30 p.m. & 6 a.m. To commit to a regular hour, contact Mary Jo [mjweinreis@gmail.com](mailto:mjweinreis@gmail.com) or 763-434-7171.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/womens-retreat](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/womens-retreat)

**March 25 -27, 2022 (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon)**

**Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN**

Shellee Leif will be presenting on "Applying the Rules of Discernment of Spirits in Prayer." Registration begins in January.

Cost: \$170 (includes lodging and meals) \$40 additional for single room

*Interested in joining the Retreat Planning Team? Call Mary Minor at 612-875-3832*

## MEN'S RETREAT

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/mens-retreat)

**Feb. 18-20, 2022 (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon)**

**Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake, MN**

Theme: What It Means to Be a Man of God

Featuring Kevin Bittner, Greg Hughes, and Brad Nelson

Cost: \$170 (includes lodging and meals) \$40 additional for single room. Register by Feb. 3rd.

## WOMEN AT THE WELL

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/women-at-the-well](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/women-at-the-well)

Women at the Well is a ministry open to all women who desire to grow closer to God through prayer, study, and fellowship with other women. Meetings are Wednesdays at the Church of Saint Paul (morning or evening sessions). The study began in October but new participants may join mid-year, which starts on Jan. 12. Register by Dec. 29.

## HEALING MASS - Jan. 28, 2022

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/healing-mass](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/healing-mass)

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, Father Jim will celebrate a Mass that aims at helping people find healing in whatever areas they may require it, including physical, emotional, or spiritual situations. After Mass, Father Jim will invite people to come forward for additional prayer. Prayer teams will also be available to pray for specific needs. All are welcome!

## DAILY READINGS

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of Dec. 26, 2021

*Access daily readings online: [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org)*



**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5 /Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

## CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL ICON

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/icon](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/icon)

A new Icon depicting the Conversion of St. Paul has been created to give focus to a special relationship that has existed since 2017 between the Archdiocese of St. Paul and the Maronite Archdiocese of Damascus in Syria.

The Icon is on a pilgrimage to parishes around the Archdiocese leading up to its final stop at the Cathedral of St. Paul where it will be dedicated on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul in January. The Church of Saint Paul is honored to host the 3x4 foot Icon from Jan. 1-18, 2022. During this time, we will have the



opportunity to pray with and learn about the spirituality of Icons and the inspiration for this new Icon of our patron saint, St. Paul.

At 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 7, members of the Damascus Partnership Team will give a presentation about the Icon here at the parish. Speakers include Deacon Mickey Friesen, director of The Center for Mission, Debra Korluka, Iconographer and creator of the St. Paul Icon, and Greg Darr, Maryknoll Missionary.

## BIBLE STUDIES COMING IN JANUARY

[www.churchofsaintpaul.com/bible-studies](http://www.churchofsaintpaul.com/bible-studies)

Two options will be offered for Bible Study, which begins on Jan. 25: *The Book of Isaiah* (Fr. Mitch Pacwa) and *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* (Jeff Cavins). Both meet Tuesdays (mornings or evenings), with an at-home option for the Jeff Cavins study. Registration begins soon!



## I DIDN'T SEE THAT COMING.

I guess I thought after 2020 the social chaos would be over. The Covid thing would have a clean ending, we'd have a big mask burning party in the parking lot, and everything would be back to normal. But here we are at the end of 2021, Covid is still a thing, and 2021 hasn't been easy. Who knew?

*"You will have trouble in this world, but take heart, I have overcome the world" — John 16:33*

I guess God knew. From all time God knew what our time would be like. He loved us so much he sent his only Son, not to change our times but to change our hearts. To bring glad tidings to the lowly and to heal the broken hearted. To announce a "year of favor" from the Lord and a "day of vindication" by our God.

The first Christmas began a permanent "year of favor" that outweighs and outlasts the years of chaos that come and go.

Thank you, Jesus. At your side, we can overcome the world,  
one day at a time.

Happy Birthday, Jesus.



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