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January 09, 2022
Baptism of the Lord

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MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 8 a.m.

Thurs.: 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day: 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. **Holy Day Vigil:** 5 p.m.

CONFESSION: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. or by
appointment

NOVENA: Wednesday 7:45 a.m.,
Our Mother of Perpetual Help

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN:

At the 11 a.m. Mass, Sept.-June, children are dismissed
to study the Scripture with a parish catechist.

Religious Education: Biweekly. Grades 1-5 Tuesday evenings
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.; Grades 6-10 Thursday evenings 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Baptism: Baptismal preparation classes are held on the 3rd
Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Parents or parents-to-be are
asked to call the parish office. Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd
and 4th Sundays of the month during or immediately following
the 11 a.m. Mass.

Marriage: Parishioners only may be married here, and must be active
parishioners for 9 months prior to scheduling a wedding. Contact the
parish priest at least 6 months prior to the ceremony to make
arrangements. Weddings are celebrated on Friday evenings;
Saturdays at 12 noon & 2:30 p.m.

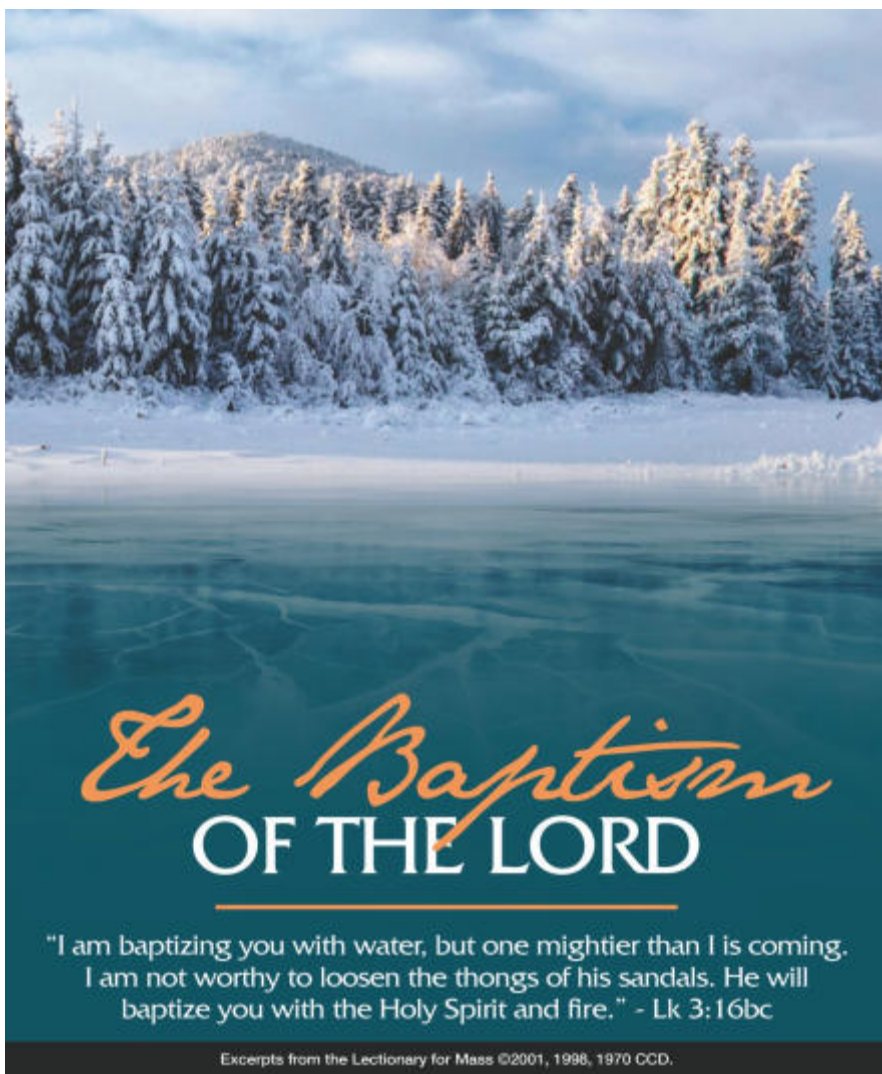
Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Call the parish office to
make arrangements for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
or to have Holy Communion brought to the home. Please notify
the office of sick parishioners who are in the hospital.

RCIA: This process is designed for adults who are: 1) interested
in becoming a Catholic; or 2) are baptized Catholics wishing to
complete their initiation process by receiving the sacraments of
Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Interested individuals should
contact the parish office.

Letters of Recommendation: A Letter of Recommendation to
serve as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and/or
Confirmation can be given only to registered members of the
parish who are confirmed, attend Mass and receive the sacraments
regularly. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must
have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church.

New Parishioners: We warmly welcome you to our parish
community. Please call the office to register.

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PAUL'S IN YOUR WILL



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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul's Parish is a Eucharistic community of baptized followers of Jesus Christ in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. We promote spiritual and personal growth by challenging all to ongoing conversion. Led by the Spirit, we celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives by proclaiming the gospel, providing Sacramental life, and striving to discover the use of our gifts in loving service.

St. Paul's is a Respect Life Parish.



Saturday, January 08: Weekday
 5:00 p.m. Antonia Almanzer Batista, by M. Rosario Almanza

Sunday, January 09: The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish
 11:00 a.m. Edward Schwendler Jr. by June Seely

Monday, January 10: Weekday
 8:00 a.m. Lois Thomas, by her Estate

Tuesday, January 11: Weekday
 8:00 a.m. All Soul's, by Father Joe

Wednesday, January 12: Weekday
 7:45 a.m. Novena
 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish

Thursday, January 13: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 5:30 p.m. Martha & Morris Lukowsky, by the Quebrals

Friday, January 14: Weekday 7:45 a.m.
 8:00 a.m. The Parishioners of St. Paul's Parish

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

January 09 — January 15

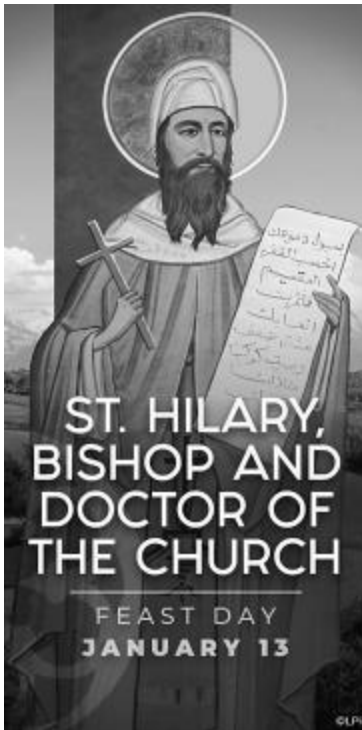
Sunday 09:
Monday 10:
Tuesday 11:
Wednesday 12: 7p.m.—8:30p.m. RCIA in Parish Hall
 7p.m.—Ensemble Practice in Church
Thursday 13:
Friday 14:
Saturday 15:

IN YOUR CHARITY...



Please pray for the sick of the parish, especially Cathy Capodagli, Harry Barker, Juanita Irene, Mike Lorenzo, Anne Schmitt, Tony Manzella, Stephanie Merenda, Louis Mang, Sister Maria Lugosi, Susan Czajkowski, Dolores Quagliana,, Mellie Zuccaro, FrieH Family, Eric Glinski, Diane Lapp, and for the deceased specially Joseph Phillips. Also for the men and women in the service, for the peace in the world and for the vocations.

(Kindly notify the rectory when a name should be removed our list).



SANCTUARY LAMP

...burns this week in loving memory of the Deceased Members of St. Paul's Parish.



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DECEMBER 25, 2022

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 # of Envelope Users..... 128

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Regular Collection..... \$5,764.00
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 # of Envelope Users..... 238

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 (This amount does not include Capital Campaign.)



An extract from the “St. Paul’s Roman Catholic Church: Centennial of Faith and Service”

Father Nelles was called by his superior to become Perfect General of Sacred Heart College in Wisconsin in 1900. Although only at St. Paul’s two days a week, he had accomplished much in two years. His successor, Father Edmond Sturm, S.J. would do the same, assisted by Father Aloysius Pfeil. Father Sturm was also a non-resident Pastor and he remained at St. Paul’s until 1903.

Father Peter Leonard, S.J. succeeded Father Sturm and, together with Father Pfeil, was instrumental in directing the parish through a very important stage of its history.

Up until 1903, little, if anything had been paid to the Mand and Keller family’s original loans they had made to the parish. Although no significant debts have been incurred since then, the debt began to weigh heavily on Father Leonard. IT should also be noted that neither family had every approached the pastors for payment.

Over the last several weeks you should have seen and taken information on the Road to Renewal. Now we would like to tell you who are family is and a few things we will be doing to start the slow process. First we are family number 17 and our family includes the following parishes. St. Paul’s, St. Andrew, Blessed Sacrament, St. Timothy, St. John the Baptist & St. Stephen’s on Grand Island. We are not a pilot parish and we are in Phase 3 of the process. We are looking at 2024 as the year we should be working as a family. With guidance we will start sharing and working with our family in areas of sacrament preparation , Faith Formation and possibly staffing. As we start collaborating a notice will be put out to keep all parishioners updated as to the progress.

BUSINESS OFFICE

2021 tax statements will be sent out by the end of January 2022 ,so please, no calls to the office requesting one is necessary. Also as a reminder that all donations have to be in the business office by December 31,2021 to go on the 2021 tax statement. If received after that date they will go on the 2022 form.

Thank you for all your support, Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Carolyn Nye



January 15 & 16

LECTORS

5 PM	Linda Bovino
8 AM	Rose Ann Martin
11 AM	M. Rickwald

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

5 PM	Pat Pike
8 AM	Deacon Parker
11 AM	JoAnn Alessi



Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b -9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

“Comfort, give Comfort to my people, says your God”. Isaiah 40. Comfort the needy of our area. Donate to the poor box and clothing bin. God bless you!

St. Paul Seniors

Happy New Year! At our 1/12/22 meeting we will be playing Bingo, so please bring your "single dollar bills". Also, we will have a sign-up sheet for members who would like to lead the group in a prayer and pledge to the flag. Mary Marshall will be available for anyone who would like to pick a number for the "Double-Up" game. Joyce Murphy would like to know if you know of any of our members that might need a Get Well or Sympathy card. Hope the weather will continue to be mild so everyone will be able to come for fun and friendship.

ST. PAUL'S SPLIT CLUB WINERS

AUGUST 2021

1 st - St. Paul's Seniors Club	\$53.75
2 nd - Miss Yvonne Cichon	\$32.25
3 rd - Miss. Patricia Spencer	\$21.50

SEPTEMBER 2021

1 st - Mrs. Mary Ann Watson	\$56.50
2 nd - Mr. & Mrs. Gary M. Ritz	\$33.90
3 rd - Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Shivers	\$22.60

OCTOBER 2021

1 st - Mrs. Carol Schiavitti	\$60.00
2 nd - Mrs. Diane Lapp	\$30.00
3 rd - Mr Tim Day	\$24.00

NOVEMBER 2021

1 st - Mr. & Mrs. Stephen W. Prada	\$75.00
2 nd - Mrs. Mary Marchal	\$45.00
3 rd - Ms. Marguerite Toy	\$30.00

DECEMBER 2021

1 st - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Saladyga	\$40.00
2 nd - Mr Michael Dugan	\$24.00
3 rd - Mrs. Margaret Fremming	\$16.00

ST. PAUL'S BOOK CLUB

St. Paul's Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, January 19th at 3:45 in the parish hall. Bring your suggestions for this year's reading list since we will be choosing the books we will be reading this year at the meeting. We will not be discussing a particular book. Instead, after choosing this year's titles, we would like to see if people have any holiday favorite stories or books. Call Mary Ann at 873-5489 if you are unable to make it to the meeting, but would like to give a suggestion for our 2022 reading list. Hope to see you there!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”

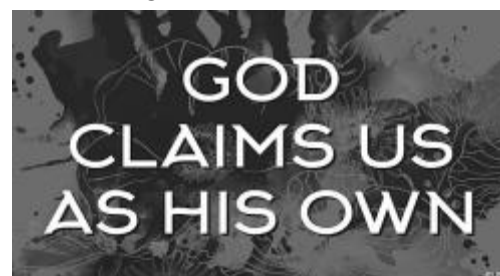
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

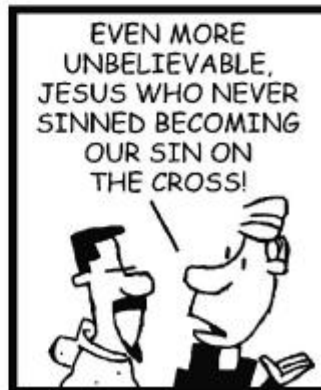
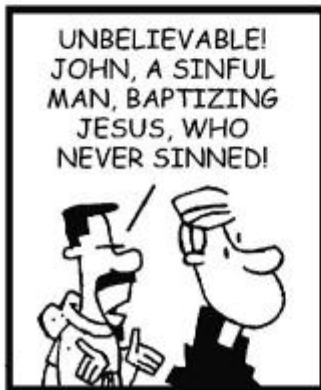


PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Upcoming
Community Events

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In coordination with the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Buffalo, there will be a training session for individuals who wish to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, *January 15* at 9:00 am at Annunciation (Selbert Hall), 7580 Clinton St., Elma. Please first discuss the possibility with your pastor/parish administrator. Once your pastor approves, complete an application form (available from your parish office or the Office of Worship) and present it to your parish office for final approval, pastor's signature and parish seal. Forms should then be sent to the Office of Worship, 795 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14203 no later than 7 days prior to the training. When attending a formation session, please bring your personal Bible and a means of taking notes. You may bring a snack or brown bag lunch. For more information, email worship@buffalodiocese.org or call 716-847-5545.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

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Question: Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Answer: Filippo Brunelleschi

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Did you know? Catholic Charities Our Kids Parent Education and Awareness Program (OKPEAP) is available to parents and caregivers and their significant others who have experienced conflict regarding custody and/or access issues related to their children. OKPEAP helps parents develop a “business” relationship and encourages co-parents to refrain from putting the children in the middle of conflict. Topics covered include: the impact of separation/divorce on children; child development and the implications for parenting after separation/divorce; cooperative and parallel approaches to parenting; an overview of family law as it affects custody and visitation; and conflict management and problem-solving. Groups are held throughout Western New York. Ready to connect? Call 716-896-6390. For more information on Catholic Charities and other services and programs we provide, visit www.cewny.org. Join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Kids Corner

GOSPEL

Your Dad says, “Wash your hands, please. It is almost time to eat.” After you wash your hands really well, your Dad smiles. He says, “That’s my boy. You did a good job!” In today’s Gospel, it was time for Jesus to be baptized. After his baptism, Jesus talked to God his Father in prayer. Jesus did everything his Father asked. God was happy with his Son and said, “I’m pleased with you.”



PRAYER

God, I want to make you and my parents happy.

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel

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| JOHN | WATER | HOLY SPIRIT |
| MESSIAH | POWERFUL | FIRE |
| BAPTIZING | SANDALS | JESUS |

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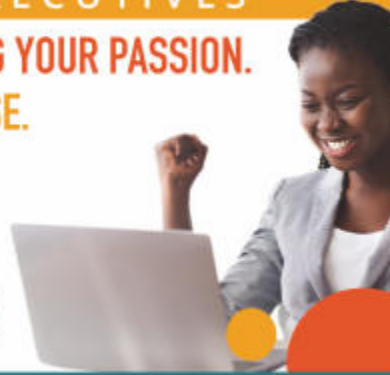
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