



SAINT PAUL PARISH

MAKING & STRENGTHENING CHRISTIANS



Welcome to St. Paul Parish

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Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jason Bertke
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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Thomas Kathman
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Scott Folz

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, November 30

Mass 8:15AM: RHONDA BROCKHOEFT
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
CANCELLED: Rosary 7PM—Chapel

Tuesday, December 1

Mass 8:15AM: JUDY ELMLINGER
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
RCIA 1PM—PC 173

Wednesday, December 2

Mass 8:15AM: MARCELA GUERRERO
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
Religious Formation 7PM

Thursday, December 3

Mass 8:15AM: BARBARA BLACKWELL
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
CANCELLED: Young at Heart 5:30PM
Holy Hour with Pastor 6PM

Friday, December 4

Mass 8:15AM: BERNARD KORDENBROCK
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
Exposition/Blessed Sacrament 9:15AM – 12PM

Saturday, December 5

Mass 8:15AM: WELLINGTON LEE
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM
Mass 5PM: MARY JOAN KOENIG

Sunday, December 6

Mass 8AM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
CANCELLED: Adult Choir Practice 9:15AM
Mass 10AM: PHIL SANSAM
Mass 12PM: NICHOLAS TISBE

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

(Please stand)

Introductory Rites

During these initial ritual moments, the assembly becomes one in mind, heart, and voice in the worship of the Eternal Triune God.

The Procession and Entrance Hymn

The ministers, Deacon and Priest enter the church. The assembly turns and watches with expectancy as the Word of God enters. When the Deacon and Priest reach the sanctuary, they make a profound reverence toward the tabernacle out of respect and reverence for the sacramental presence of the Lord contained therein. Then, they approach the altar of sacrifice and kiss it, for it is a symbol of Christ himself.

Sign of the Cross

To make the sign of the cross, use your right hand and as the priest says "In the name of the Father," touch your fingertips to your forehead. Then as he says "and of the Son," touch your fingertips of your right hand to the middle of your chest near your heart. Lastly, as he says, "and of the Holy," touch your fingertips to your left shoulder and as he says "Spirit," to your right shoulder. In this manner, we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross upon which our Savior Jesus Christ saved us, we also become more consciously aware that we are in the presence of the Eternal Triune God.

Greeting

The priest greets those assembled using a greeting which echoes the greetings used in Jewish prayer and in the Pauline letters.

Penitential Act

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ and the salvation he gives us, we recall our sins and pray for God's forgiveness to be granted to each and all of us. At times, the litany "Lord have mercy" is prayed in the ancient Greek form "Kyrie, eleison," linking us to our ancestors in faith and reminding ourselves of the universality of God's mercy and of our faith.

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns MORNING SONG



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 3. O bright - er than the ris - ing morn When
 4. O bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



1. light tri - um - phant breaks, When beau - ty gilds the
 2. bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 3. he, vic - to - rious, rose And left the lone - some
 4. this fair morn - ing be, When Christ, our King, in
 5. light and beau - ty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy



1. east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
 2. like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 3. place of death, De - spite the rage of foes.
 4. beau - ty comes, And we his face shall see!
 5. peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly King of kings.

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Music: Sixteen Tune Settings, Philadelphia, 1812; Kentucky Harmony, 1816.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your Spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

... Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy) **Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).**

Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy) **Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy).**

Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy) **Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).**

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Let us pray. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80 Marty Haugen

Lord, Make Us Turn To You



Lord, make us turn to you, Lord, make us
turn to you; let us see your face and
we shall be saved.

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A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Collect

The priest says "Let us pray" and a brief silence is observed so that all may become more conscious of being in God's presence and allowing each one time to call to mind the intentions each has brought to this holy liturgy. Then, the priest gathering, as it were, all the intentions, offers the collect of the day.

Liturgy of the Word

This is the first of the two major parts of the Mass, Divine Liturgy or Eucharistic Liturgy. It is during this part of the celebration that the proclamation of the Word of God takes place. The readings for the Sunday Mass are structured in a three year cycle. Thus the vast majority of the entire Bible is proclaimed to the Sunday assembly every three years.

First Reading

The first reading normally comes from the Old Testament and is thematically paired to the Gospel proclaimed on the same day.

Responsorial Psalm

Having heard of God's deeds in the proclamation of the first reading, the assembly responds normally by singing one of the psalms.

Second Reading

The second reading comes from one of the epistles. These readings are read in a semi-continuous way. This means that a few verses of a given epistle is proclaimed and then stopped. The next Sunday the proclamation continues where the previous Sunday left off.

(Please stand)

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
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Gospel Acclamation

Through this acclamation, the assembly welcomes and greets the Lord who speaks to the assembly in the Gospel.

Gospel

The Gospel is announced. All take their thumb and trace the cross signing the forehead, mouth and heart, praying as they do so: "May the Word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." This comes to us from a Jewish custom honoring the scriptures. A section of one of the Gospels is proclaimed and the assembly listens attentively to the voice of the Lord. Across the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass, Matthew, Mark or Luke's Gospel is highlighted. John is read in all three years.

Homily

The Priest, or from time to time a Deacon, explains and expounds upon the mystery laid before the assembly this Sunday.

Profession of Faith

The assembly responds to the Word of God proclaimed with the ancient profession of faith to honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. Normally the Nicene Creed is prayed which expresses the mysteries and rule of faith and comes from the Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD and the First Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 381 AD.

The Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers)

The faithful, exercising their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation and benefit of all.

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

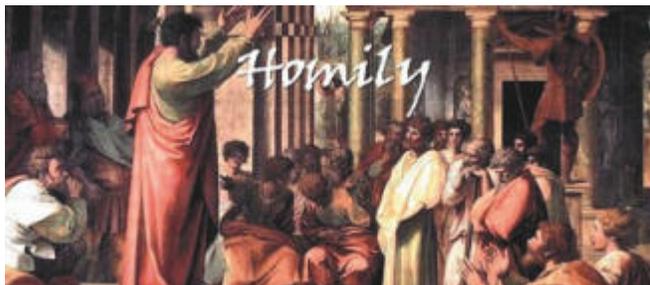
And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 13:33-37

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)



(Please stand)

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 and (Bow) 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.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

Dan Schutte

Beyond the Moon and Stars

Refrain

Be-yond the moon and stars, as deep as night, so great our
 hun-ger, Lord, to see your light. The spar-row finds her home
 be-neath your wing. So may we come to rest where an-gels

Verses

sing. 1. Our eyes have longed to see your lov - ing
 2. Your roads have led us, Lord, 'cross des - ert
 3. Up - on our dark - ness, Lord, a light has
 4. With shin - ing star at night, and cloud by
 5. When life's great jour - ney ends, and day is

to Refrain

1. face, to live with - in your courts for all our days.
 2. sand. We place our hopes and dreams with - in your hand.
 3. shone. You chose to dwell with us in flesh and bone.
 4. day, you brought us here to see your love's dis - play.
 5. done, then may our eyes be - hold your Ho - ly One.

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(Please stand)

Pray brethren (or other address of the assembly), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offering we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer Over the Offerings

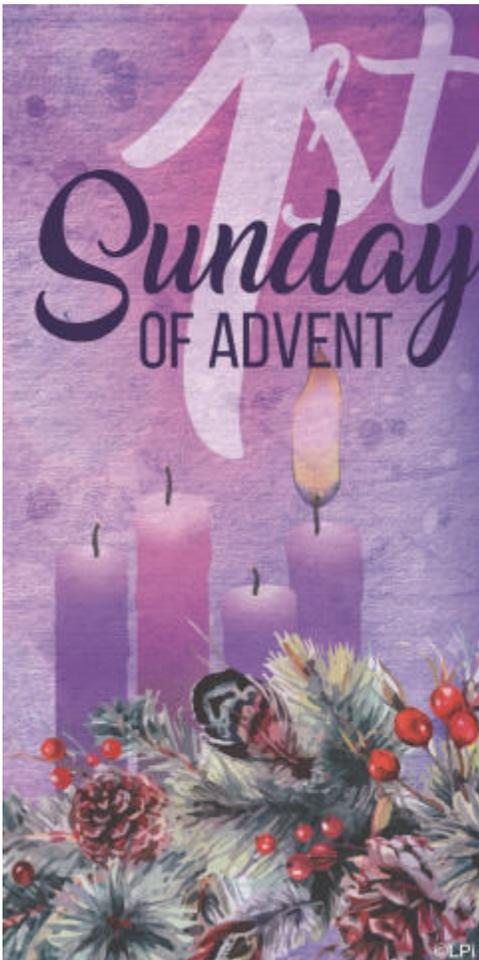
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the second major part of the Mass. A collection is made for the support of the parish and its charitable works. This collection as well as the bread and wine to be offered are brought in procession to the altar. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat, this is my body and gave the chalice to his disciples saying: Take, drink, this is my blood. Do this in memory of me. Not a nostalgic remembrance but a dynamic living memorial in the power of God. Such, that, that which is remembered, becomes present to those who are celebrating the sacred mystery of salvation, who is Jesus Christ.



The Eucharistic Prayer

Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest offers the prayer in the name of the whole community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.



The Communion Rite

The faithful prepare themselves to receive the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. They do this using various prayers and by praying for the coming of the Kingdom in the words Jesus taught.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And with your spirit.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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(Please kneel)

We Proclaim Your Death

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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(Please stand)

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

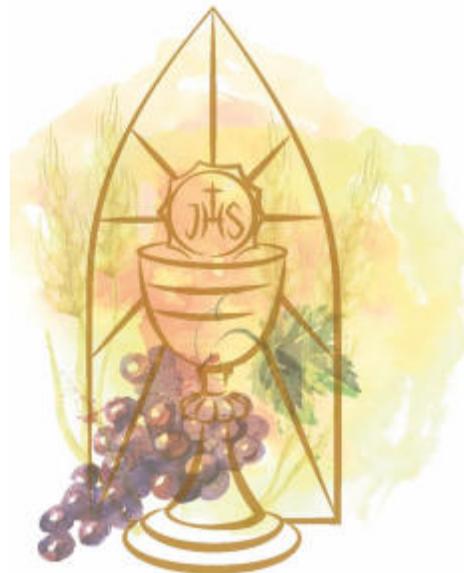
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(Please kneel)



Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Verses

1. O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of
2. O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our
3. O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with -
4. O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our
5. Come, let us bow be - fore the God who
6. Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the

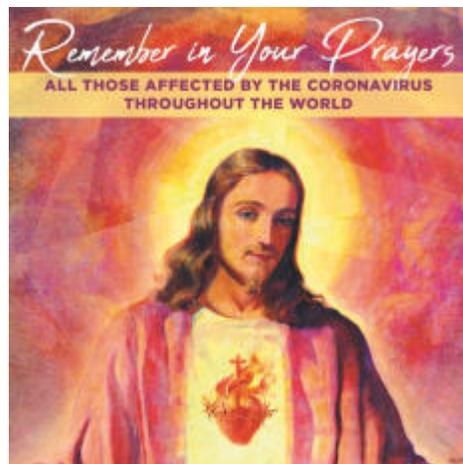
glo - ry, your ra-diance shines in all who look to
spir - its, our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your
in us, and in your ad - vent, draw us all to
pil - grim-age, we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re -
made us, let ev - 'ry heart be o - pened to the
heav - ens, Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the

you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and
Word, come, make us whole, be com - fort to our
you, our hope re - born in dy - ing and in
main, o - pen to us the path - way of your
Lord, for we are all the peo - ple of his
seas, Lord of the stars, and pres - ent to us

shad - ow.
hearts.
ris - ing.
peace.
hand.
now.

Reception of Holy Communion

Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those faithful who are properly disposed.





Post Communion Prayer

Concluding Rites

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
 Bishop Foys has mandated that we pray the Leonine prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of all Masses throughout the Diocese of Covington. "It is apparent that the smoke of Satan has entered the sanctuary," Bishop Foys said. "This prayer which has been prayed since 1886 to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness seems exceptionally appropriate at this time in the life of our beloved Church."

Bread of Life Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our broth - er:
 feed us now, give us life, lead us to one an - oth - er.

Verses

1. As we pro-claim your death, as we re - call your life, we re-
2. The bread we break and share was scat-tered once as grain: just as
3. We eat this liv - ing bread, we drink this sav-ing cup: sign of
4. Hold us in u - ni - ty, in love for all to see; that the
5. You are the bread of peace, you are the wine of joy, bro-ken

to Refrain

1. mem - ber your prom - ise to re - turn a - gain.
2. now it is gath - ered, make your peo - ple one.
3. hope in our bro-ken world, source of last - ing love.
4. world may be - lieve in you, God of all who live.
5. now for your peo - ple, poured in end - less love.

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(Please stand)

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying God by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Come, O Long Expected Jesus



1. Come, O long ex - pect - ed Je - sus,
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion,
 3. Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er;
 4. By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it



Born to set your peo - ple free; From our fears and
 You, the hope of all the earth, Dear de - sire of
 Born a child and yet a king! Born to reign in
 Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By your all suf -



sins re - lease us; Free us from cap - tiv - i - ty.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, Come, and save us by your birth.
 us for ev - er, Now your grac - ious king - dom bring.
 fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

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LECTOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 5 & 6

5PM – Steve G.

8AM – Shaunna N.

10AM – Rob L.

Noon – Jennifer F-B.

YOUNG AT HEART

All meetings are cancelled until further notice.



PROJECT RACHEL

Help after an abortion experience. (859) 392-1547
 or projectrachel@covdio.org. All correspondence is confidential.



MASS STIPENDS: To pray for and, especially, remember deceased relatives and friends, you can schedule a Mass Intention. For any living person or special intention, you can also have a Mass read. Contact the Parish Office. The standard stipend is \$10.

ENVELOPES

If you are using WeShare for the Sunday collection and would like to stop receiving envelopes, please contact Linda Fryman at lfryman@stpaulnky.org or 859-371-8051 .

GOD BLESS OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 23, 2020

Due to the holiday, the deadline for the bulletin was early so the contribution statement will be in next week's bulletin.

COMMUNITY REWARDS

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS GIFT CARD DRAWING

Thank you to all of our school and parish families who have connected their Kroger Rewards Card to St. Paul School! The winner of the \$100 Kroger Gift Card is Julie Keyser. Congratulations!



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PARISH KITCHEN

Looking for an opportunity to serve directly the needs of the poor? To be a co-worker of Christ alongside volunteers who have the heart and passion for making a difference in the lives of others? If yes, consider spending a few hours each month as a paid, weekend staffer for Parish Kitchen in Covington where folks find a free nourishing meal 365 days a year. Retired? Management or Food Service experience? This opportunity is calling you! Learn more. Visit ParishKitchen.org or www.covingtoncharities.org.



ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

St. Paul Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Deacon Nick Schwartz at 859-371-8051 ext. 240 or email him at nschwartz@stpaulnky.org.



SAINT PAUL PARISH
EDUCATION WRAPPED IN FAITH

ST. PAUL SCHOOL MID-YEAR ENROLLMENT FOR NEW STUDENTS

St. Paul School is accepting applications for middle of the year enrollment. Interested families should contact the School Office at (859) 647-4070.

EXPOSITION/BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition/Blessed Sacrament will be open to the public, following the safety protocols, on Friday, December 4 from 9:15AM—12PM in the Church.



PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

A Pre-Baptism Meeting is required for first child parents. They will be held individually via Zoom meeting at the convenience of the participants and the instructor. For more information and to schedule a meeting, please contact Linda Fryman at lfryman@stpaulnky.org or 859-371-8051.

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Here is all you need to do:

- Visit www.Kroger.com
- At the bottom of the page under "COMMUNITY" click on "Kroger Community Rewards."
- If you are using digital coupons, you already have a digital account, so go on to the next step. If you do not have a digital account, create this first.
- Click on the link at the end of the sentence, "Search for your organization here."
- When asked to find an organization, enter "St. Paul School 41042" OR use the Organization Number of NP751.
- Click on "St. Paul School 41042" and then click on "Enroll."
- THANK YOU!

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE

CARES ACT AND THE 2020 DPAA

In March, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (or the CARES Act) became law. It provided 335 pages of actions by the federal government which were designed to protect individuals and the nation during the current pandemic.

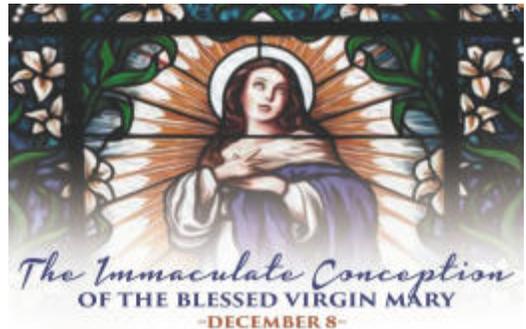
Included in the legislation was a clause which allows for up to \$300 in charitable gifts to be taken as an "above-the-line deduction" for those who take standard deductions on their taxes. By giving a gift to a qualified charitable organization in 2020, like the Diocese of Covington or your parish, you can deduct up to \$300 from your income. This allows donors who do not itemize their deduction to gain a benefit by supporting the Church.

Before filing your taxes, consult a tax professional to take advantage of this unique situation if you are eligible.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE

#GivingTuesday: December 1, 2020

#GivingTuesday is a worldwide day dedicated to giving back and celebrating generosity. #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many think about end-of-year giving. On #GivingTuesday, we ask the entire Diocese of Covington faith community to help those in-need by giving to the 2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. For more information on #GivingTuesday opportunities, please contact the Diocesan Stewardship Office at (859) 392-1500.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mass 8:15 a.m.

Mass 12:10 p.m.





Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

Mass 5:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25

Mass 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Mass 9:00 a.m.



- Due to COVID-19, the Giving Tree will look a little different this year. For less contact for both our parishioners and those in need, we are going to collect gift cards to distribute to families. If you would like to participate by donating gift cards, we are looking for \$25 gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, Target or Kohls. We will be accepting gift cards now until November 29th. Cards can be dropped in the St. Vincent de Paul drop box, mailed to the church (marked attention: Giving Tree) or dropped in the collection basket. Or you can make a donation at <https://saintpaulflorence.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities> and the money donated will be used to purchase gift cards for the families in need.



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