



SAINT PAUL PARISH

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Welcome to St. Paul Parish

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, December 7

Mass 8:15AM: PATRICIA MURPHY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
CANCELLED: Rosary 7PM—Chapel
Vigil Mass 7PM: ARLENE BROST

Tuesday, December 8: Parish Office Closed

Immaculate Conception

Mass 8:15AM: MARY JOAN KOENIG
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
Mass 12:10PM: ALL SOULS DECEASED
RCIA 1PM—PC 173

Wednesday, December 9

Mass 8:15AM: ERIC SCHWEIKERT
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
Religious Formation 7PM

Thursday, December 10

Mass 8:15AM: BERNIE LUNNEMANN
Communal Rosary 8:45AM
Holy Hour with Pastor 6PM—Church
CANCELLED: Prayer Blanket Meeting 7PM

Friday, December 11

Mass 8:15AM: DOUG RINEY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM

Saturday, December 12

Mass 8:15AM: DAVID BOH
CANCELLED: St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. 9AM
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM
Mass 5PM: THE DECEASED OF THE
L. FOLTZ FAMILY

Sunday, December 13

Mass 8AM: FOR THE PEOPLE
OF OUR PARISH
CANCELLED: Adult Choir Practice 9:15AM
Mass 10AM: ERIC SCHWEIKERT
Mass 12PM: DANILO & HILARIO IPAPO



December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

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.

(Please stand)

On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
 4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
 5. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your
 ad - vent sets his peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

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Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806-1876
 Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

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. Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. 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 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85 *Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness* Marty Haugen



Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your sal - va - tion.

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A reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

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)

Gospel Acclamation

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

Celtic Alleluia

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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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.

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

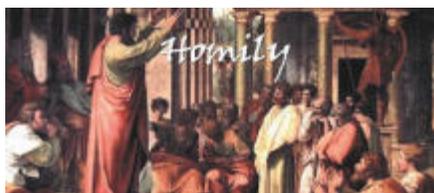
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)

Homily

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



(Please stand)

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.

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.

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.

...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.

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. 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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FORGIVENESS

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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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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We Proclaim Your Death

(Please kneel)

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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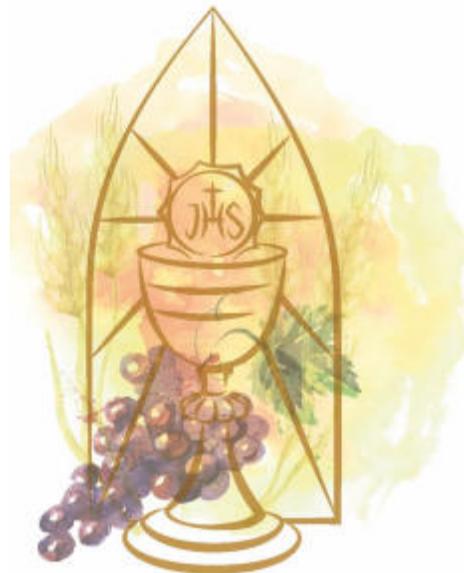
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(Please kneel)

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.**



Refrain I Have Loved You

I have loved you with an ev - er - last-ing love, I have

called you and you are mine; I have loved you with an

ev - er - last-ing love, I have called you and you are mine.

Verses

1. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

2. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

3. Seek the face of the Lord and long for

D.C.

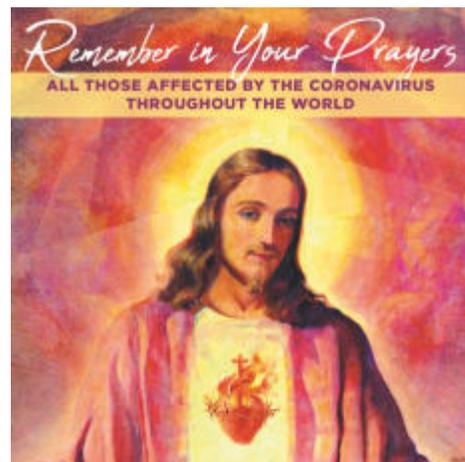
him: He will bring you his light and his peace.

him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.

him: He will bring you his care and his love.

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.

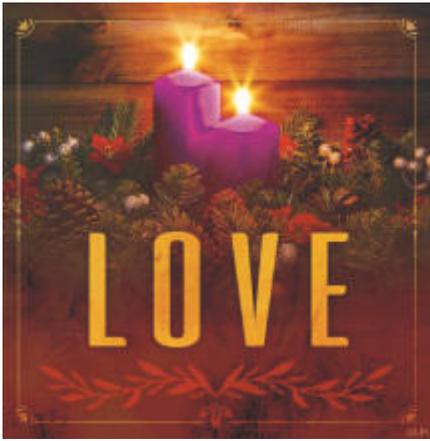


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Comfort, Comfort, O My People

GENEVA 42

1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple, Speak of peace, now
 2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing In the des - ert
 3. O make straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

1. says our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 2. far and near, Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance
 3. plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

1. Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak un - to Je - ru - sa -
 2. Since the king - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o -
 3. As be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the

1. lem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell of all the
 2. bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
 3. Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad; And all flesh shall

1. sins I cov - er, And that war - fare now is o - ver.
 2. rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
 3. see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

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 Text: 87 87 77 88; based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684;
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 Music: Psalm 42 (Genevan Psalter), 1551; Claude Goudimel, 1514-1572.

(Please stand)

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."

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. 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.

The Advent of Our King ST. THOMAS (WILLIAMS)



1. The ad-vent of our King Our thoughts must now em-ploy;
 2. The co-e-ter-nal Son A maid-en's off-spring see;
 3. In glo-ry from his throne A-gain will Christ de-scend,
 4. Our joy-ful prais-es sing To Christ, who set us free;



1. Then let us meet him on the road With songs of ho-ly joy.
 2. A ser-vant's form Christ put-teth on, To set his peo-ple free.
 3. And sum-mon all who are his own To joys that nev-er end.
 4. Like trib-ute to the Fa-ther bring, And Ho-ly Ghost, to thee.

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LECTOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 12 & 13

5PM – Emily N.

8AM – Dave T.

10AM – Kevin H.

Noon – Travis B.



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 859-371-8051 or lfryman@stpaulnky.org.

GOD BLESS OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 23, 2020

\$11,866.76

COLLECTION	ENV	AMOUNT
Regular Collection	115	7,128.50
Loose		412.26
WeShare	75	4,326.00
Seminarian Education (Add'l)	9	115.00
St. Vincent de Paul	6	315.00
All Saints (Add'l)	1	5.00
All Souls (Add'l)	1	5.00
St. Paul School	5	155.00
Christmas Flowers	4	75.00
Giving Tree (WeShare)	8	1,025.00
DPAA 2020 Pledged (As of Sept. 30)	203	\$89,054.03

GOD BLESS OUR STEWARDSHIP

November 30, 2020

\$7,735.22

COLLECTION	ENV	AMOUNT
Regular Collection	106	5,514.00
Loose		411.22
WeShare	31	1,810.00
Thanksgiving Day	14	913.72
Seminarian Education (Add'l)	1	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	3	270.00
Immaculate Conception	1	20.00
Christmas Flowers	4	80.00
Giving Tree (WeShare)	9	1,100.00
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

Mass 8:15 a.m.

Mass 12:10 p.m.



The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 8. For an emergency, please call the office at 859-371-8051 and follow the prompts.



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.



HOLY HOUR

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD IN
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

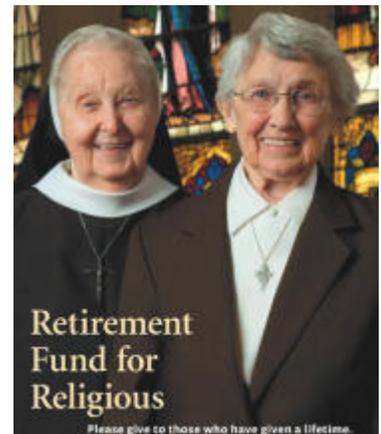
THURSDAYS AT 6PM IN THE CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A HOLY HOUR ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31.

**DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
2020 RETIREMENT FUND
FOR RELIGIOUS**

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Lifetime*

Support elderly religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. *Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.*



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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

LOOKING TO VOLUNTEER?

St. Paul is looking for volunteers for altar linens. Call the Parish Office at 859-371-8051 for more information and if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your interest.

Catholic Charities

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you? And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25)
Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers for our jail ministry team. The incarcerated will soon be back in our community and we want to plant the seeds of the Word of God in their hearts and minds. Our volunteers do this along with supporting other efforts in the jails, in the community and in family support groups. If you would like to volunteer in this special ministry in Northern Kentucky, please email or call Dave Capella, Catholic Charities Jail Ministry Coordinator 859-581-8974 x117 or at dcapella@covingtoncharities.org.

PROJECT RACHEL

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

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- 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!



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.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE YEAR-END TAX PLANNING

As you begin year-end tax planning, take advantage of the charitable tax deduction for gifts made before December 31 by making a gift to the 2020 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal can make a great difference to our faith community and help you as well.

As always, work closely with your tax and legal advisors to determine how any particular strategy will affect your overall tax situation. Please contact the Diocesan Stewardship Office at (859) 392-1500 by December 31 to advise the Diocese of your gift of stock so that it will qualify as a 2020 donation. The Stewardship Office will coordinate with your financial advisor or broker to ensure the gift is properly credited. If you choose to make a cash donation, please prepare your check and mail it so that your envelope is postmarked, or received by, the Diocese by December 31 to qualify as a 2020 gift. For more information on end-of-year giving opportunities, please contact Mike Murray, Director of Stewardship and Mission Services, by phone at (859) 392-1500 or by email at mmurray@covdio.org.



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To order, you can email Stephanie Erwin at serwin@stpaulnky.org with your order. Please include the following information. Name, Phone number, Email address, Quantity of tickets being purchased. Please indicate how many Basic washes and/or Ultimate washes. How do you want to receive your wash vouchers? Paper ticket or an email ticket to print out? Include your total amount due.

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