



SAINT PAUL PARISH

MAKING & STRENGTHENING CHRISTIANS



Welcome to St. Paul Parish

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Parish Clergy

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

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, December 13

Mass 8:15AM: VERN GROTHAUS
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

Tuesday, December 14

Mass 8:15AM: BOBBY WILEY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Walking with Purpose 9:15AM—PC 171
Walking with Purpose 6:30PM—PC 171
RCIA 7PM—PC 173

Wednesday, December 15

Mass 8:15AM: KEVIN JOSEPH KENNY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Children's Choir Practice 6PM—Choir Loft
Religious Education 7PM

Thursday, December 16

Mass 8:15AM: JERRY MAKIN
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Holy Hour 6PM—Church

Friday, December 17

Mass 8:15AM: BERNIE LUNNEMANN
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

Saturday, December 18

Men of Prayer 7AM—Chapel
Mass 8:15AM: SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF
JULIA DEEVERS RICH
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM— Church
Mass 5PM: JOHN CHARLES KENNY

Sunday, December 19

Mass 9AM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
Adult Choir Practice 10AM—Choir Loft
Mass 11AM: RHONDA BROCKHOEFT



December 12, 2021

3rd 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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Please stand)

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
 4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,
 5. O come, O Key of Dav - id, come,
 And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 Who or - ders all things might - i - ly;
 Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;
 That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 In an - cient times once gave the law,
 That trust your might - y power to save,
 Make safe the way that leads on high,
 Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 And teach us in her ways to go.
 In cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And close the path to mis - er - y.
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
 Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high
 And cheer us by your drawing night;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadow put to flight.
7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of humankind;
 O bid our sad divisions cease,
 And be for us our King of Peace.

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Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

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.**

Let us pray.

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Amen.

(Please be seated)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 12 *Cry Out With Joy and Gladness* Marty Haugen



Cry out, cry out with joy and glad - ness:
for a - mong you is the great and
Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

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A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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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 Luke

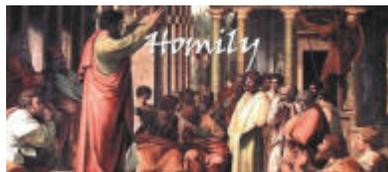
The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "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. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

And with your spirit.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 3:10-18

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)

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)

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

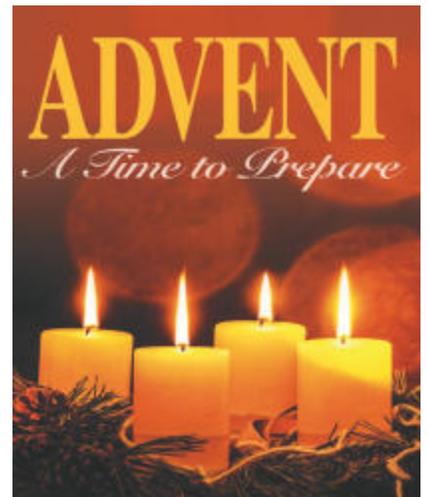
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplished for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

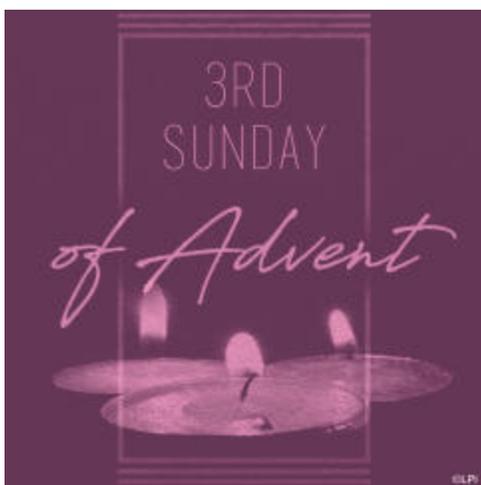
This is the second major part of the Mass. A collection is made for the support of the parish and its charitable works. This collection as well as the bread and wine to be offered are brought in procession to the altar. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which 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 Prayer Over the Offerings

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)

When We Eat This Bread

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, 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.

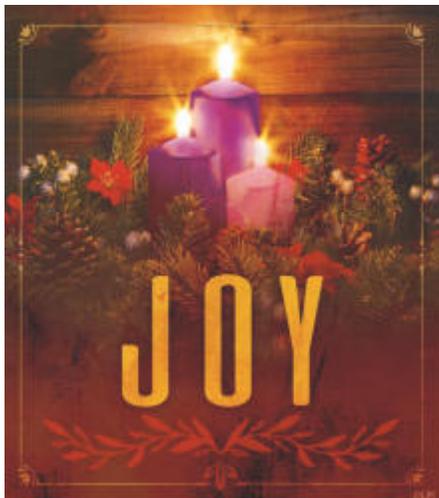
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry



1-5. Wait-ing in si - lence, wait-ing in hope; we are your

1. peo-ple, we long for you, Lord. God ev - er with us, Em - man - u -
 2. peo-ple, we trust in your love. O Sun of Jus - tice, true Prince of
 3. peo-ple, Lord, we seek your truth. Wis - dom In - car - nate, teach us your
 4. peo-ple, we long for new life. O Key of Da - vid, o - pen our
 5. peo-ple, our hearts thirst for you. Flow - er of Jes - se, bloom in our

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1. el, Come, Lord Je - sus,
 2. Peace, Come with your jus - tice, Lord,
 3. way; Show us the path of life, } Ma - ra - na - tha!
 4. hearts. Give us new vi - sion, Lord,
 5. midst. Make us your gar - den, Lord,

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(Please stand)

Post Communion Prayer

Concluding Rites

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel
 Bishop Foys has recommended 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."

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. 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.



PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

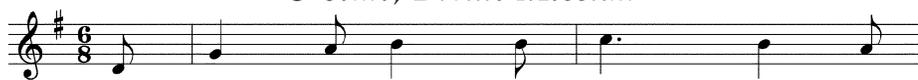
A Pre-Baptism Meeting is required for first child parents. They will be held individually via Zoom meeting at the convenience of the participants and the instructor. For more information and to schedule a meeting, contact Linda Fryman at 859-371-8051 or lfryman@stpaulnky.org.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "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 3:16

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O Come, Divine Messiah



1. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The
 2. O come De - sired of na - tions, Whom
 3. O come in peace and meek - ness, For



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its
 priest and proph - et long fore - told, Will break the cap - tive
 low - ly will your cra - dle be: Though clothed in hu - man



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.
 fet - ters, Re - deem the long - lost fold.
 weak - ness We shall your God - head see.



Dear Sav - ior, haste! Come, come to earth. Dis - pel the



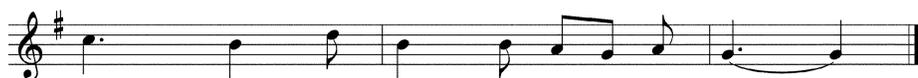
night and show your face, And bid us hail the dawn of



grace. O come, Di - vine Mes - si - ah, The



world in si - lence waits the day When hope shall sing its



tri - umph, And sad - ness flee a - way.

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 Text: *Venez, divin Messie*; Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by S. Mary of St. Philip, 1877
 Tune: VENEZ, DIVIN MESSIE, 7 8 7 6 with refrain; French Noël, 16th C.; harm. by Healey Willan, 1880-1968

LECTOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 18 & 19

5:00 PM – Steve G.

9:00 AM – Mike R.

11:00 AM – Jennifer Z.



If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, St. Paul Parish would like to invite you to come explore your questions. Deacon Nick Schwartz is available to meet with you to discuss and answer any questions you might have about what Catholics are all about. It's very informal, and there is no obligation. You can contact Deacon Nick at (859) 371-8051 ext. 240 or nschwartz@stpaulnky.org.



We are looking for one or two more Eucharistic Ministers for Homebound parishioners. Many of these individuals you have probably seen at Mass over the years, but can no longer attend. This will require one Sunday morning a month visiting 4 to 5 individuals in the Florence area. Training will be provided. You must be vaccinated and must provide your own transportation. This is a wonderful ministry you will enjoy. Please contact Deacon Scott Folz (Scottfolz@gmail.com, 859-283-2422) or Gil Foltz (859-304-0501, gfoltz@fioptics.com) or the Parish Office at 859-371-8051.

THE BISHOP FLAGET FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"2022 TICKET OF THE MONTH CLUB" TICKETS

Tickets are \$10.00 each and are good for all 12 monthly drawings for 2022. Winning tickets are re-entered for additional chances to win. You can request tickets by email at bishopflaget307@yahoo.com or call (859) 653- 2016 (leave detailed message). You may also mail a check for the number of tickets requested made out to: Bishop Flaget Assembly 307, 5890 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005. We will fill out the stub for you and you will receive the ticket/tickets in return mail. Please be sure your phone number is on your check. Thank you for your past and future support.

ST . PAUL SCHOOL

Scare Away the Snow Day! On December 2, the students and staff dressed in winter or summer attire. If they wanted many days filled with snow this winter, they wore cold weather attire. And if they are hoping for lots of days filled with warm weather, they wore warm weather clothes!



30 AND OVER COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

The 30 and over coed volleyball league is back! If you are interested in playing in the league, please let David Welte know. The games will start the 2nd week of January on Sundays. The cost is donation only. If interested in playing, contact David Welte at davewelte005@gmail.com or 859-609-7664.

Men of Prayer

MEN OF PRAYER

Will meet Saturday, December 18 at 7:00 AM and every subsequent third Saturday of the month. No reservation needed, all men are welcome to come and meet fellow parishioners, and reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Men of Prayer (MOP) Meetings last one hour prior to Saturday's Mass in the Chapel. Coffee and donuts provided. The readings for this MOP meeting will be Luke 1:39-45. "Who am I that the mother of our Lord should visit me?"



THANK YOU ST. PAUL PARISH!!!!

What a wonderful example of Christ's love alive in our parish community! Emmanuel, God is with us, living in you! Your generosity is overwhelming, and so appreciated!! This year, 15 families are going to celebrate, knowing they are loved! God bless each one of you!! Merry Christmas!!

PROJECT RACHEL

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



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24
 Mass 5:00 p.m.
 Mass 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25
 Mass 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
 Mass 9:00 a.m.
 *No 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

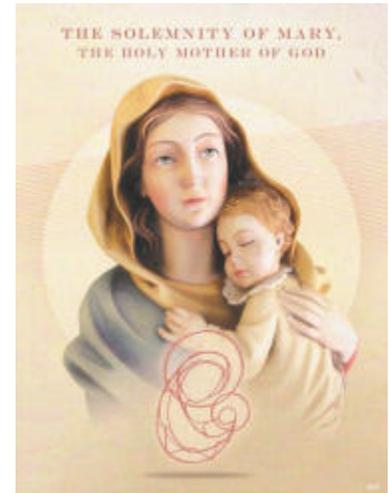
Sunday, December 26
 Mass 9:00 a.m.
 Mass 11:00 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be at 8:15AM on Saturday, January 1.

Saturday, January 1: Mass Times

8:15AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary
 5:00PM Mass— Sunday Vigil



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED SEPT. 30, 2021

Total receipts \$87,532
 (Donations \$55,019, Fundraising \$2,809, Twinning from Council/other SVDP \$29,614)

Total Direct Aid \$88,770
 (Rent \$55,720, Utilities \$22,111, Food \$2,920, Temporary Lodging \$2,744, Transportation \$2,513, Twinning to other Conferences \$1,350, Medical \$400, Clothing \$242, Operating Expenses \$144, Miscellaneous \$626)

In Kind Goods \$37,377
 (Food from our pantry \$9,412, Furniture from SVDP stores \$11,615, Clothing from SVDP stores \$4,000, Other household items and Giving Tree \$12,350)

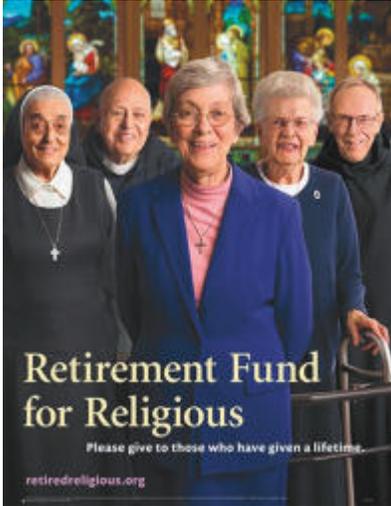
The past year shows God's grace to provide for our needs in the most trying of times. The pandemic continues to cause great stress on families. The impact of being quarantined and disrupting paychecks has caused many families to struggle in making budgets work. Our greatest request is for rent and utility assistance. St. Vincent de Paul is one of the few organizations that assist with this need. We have been blessed in the success in the St. Vincent de Paul stores through their sales and in the generosity shown to us by our parishioners and donors to the Council.

The past 2 years we changed significantly in membership and area of coverage. Due to retirements, several members passing away, and the increased call volume brought on by the pandemic the area we cover was reduced to help us manage the need. St. Timothy conference and St. Barbara conference stepped up and took some of the previous St. Paul conference area after realizing the volume of calls we received. This re-alignment and the recruitment of new members has helped us to manage the current needs of our neighbors. We want to invite you to join us at our meetings held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am in the Parish Center under the church. Come learn and experience what we do to answer the call to "Love thy neighbor." Feel free to contact us at stpaulconfsvdp@gmail.com for more information.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to our parishioners who have always been here to support us.
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Please offer your sympathy to the family of Ken Schmitt who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

Please offer your sympathy to the family of Lois Glindmeyer who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her.

ENVELOPES

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COLLECTION	ENV	AMOUNT
Regular Collection	185	10,678.50
Loose		144.60
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Giving Tree	2	700.00
Worship Supplies	1	100.00
Retired Religious	2	125.00
Solemnity of Mary	2	20.00
Christmas	7	230.00
Christmas Flowers	31	548.00
Immaculate Conception	6	60.00
St. Vincent de Paul	26	1,288.50
Adopt-A-Student	2	820.00
Memorial Donations	1	200.00
Specified School Donations	1	1,200.00
DPAA 2021 Rebate (As of Oct. 31)		\$48,591.32
DPAA 2021 Pledged (As of Oct. 31)		\$153,966.00
DPAA 2021 Collected (As of Oct. 31)		\$135,491.32
DPAA 2021 Goal		\$86,900.00

2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: “FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, MISSION”

Synodality is “journeying together” - a way of living out our faith that involves shared responsibility, open and honest dialogue, and discernment with the Holy Spirit in addressing the issues facing our Church today. There are already many ways by which we experience synodality in the Church: ecumenical councils, Synods of Bishops, diocesan Synods, and diocesan and parish councils. Yet, these institutions are not the only means of speaking and listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. The objective of the current synod consultation is to provide an opportunity for the **entire** People of God to discern together how to move towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term, to foster a lived experience of participation, discernment and shared responsibility in furthering the Church’s mission in the world. Over the next few weeks, coordinators from each parish, institution and organization of the diocese will be planning ways for all to participate in the consultation. Continue to look for more information in parish communications, the diocesan website covidio.org/synod, or visit www.synod.va/en.html.



Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to participate in preparing for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023. The topic? SYNODALITY

What is Synodality?

Synodality is a way of “journeying together” – of living out our faith – that calls for speaking and listening to one another and the Holy Spirit in order to find a path forward in addressing the issues facing the Church in our day as we work to carry out our mission of making known the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ.

What is the aim of Synod 2021-2023?

Synodality is a fundamental part of the Church’s very nature. There are already many ways by which we experience synodality in the Church: ecumenical councils, Synods of Bishops, diocesan Synods, and diocesan and parish councils. Yet, these institutions are not the only means of speaking and listening to one another and the Holy Spirit. The objective of the current process is not to produce more documents, policies or procedures. Rather, it is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term, to foster a lived experience of participation, discernment and shared responsibility in furthering the Church’s mission in the world.

What is the theme of Synod 2021-2023?

“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”

Communion: God gathers us together as diverse peoples of one faith. Christ reconciles us to the Father and unites us with each other in the Holy Spirit.

Participation: All the faithful are called to serve one another through the gifts they have each received from the Holy Spirit. We all have a role to play in discerning and living out God’s call for his people.

Mission: Our mission is to witness to the Gospel. Synodality is a path by which the Church can more fruitfully fulfill her mission of evangelization in the world.



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