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*He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which
is for you; do this in
remembrance of Me..."*
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and
gave it to them. And their eyes were
opened and they recognized him..."*
Luke 24:30-31

DECEMBER 2, 2018 • 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OFFICE STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

Deacon.....Dennis Kobs—256-232-1426
Resources and Facilities Management Coordinator
.....Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Secretary.....Maria A. Taylor
256-232-4191, Ext. 4; stpauloffice@gmail.com
Monday.....8AM—1PM or by appointment
Tuesday—Friday.....9AM—2PM or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

Altar Server Ministry..... Lori Wilson
tolife5433@aol.com
Youth Ministry..... Rachel Bloemer—256-771-3994
Prison Ministry..... Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Dir. of Religious Education.....Ann Margaret Chapman
256-232-4191, Ext. 6
Knights of Columbus
2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall Youth Room
(Eddie Davidson, **Grand Knight**; 256-431-4828
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St. Paul Catholic Women
2nd Thursday, 9:00 am in The Parish Hall Youth Room
(Pam McCue; mcccue50@gmail.com, 256-233-0831)
Hispanic Ministry.....Maria A. Taylor
256-874-6073

MASS TIMES

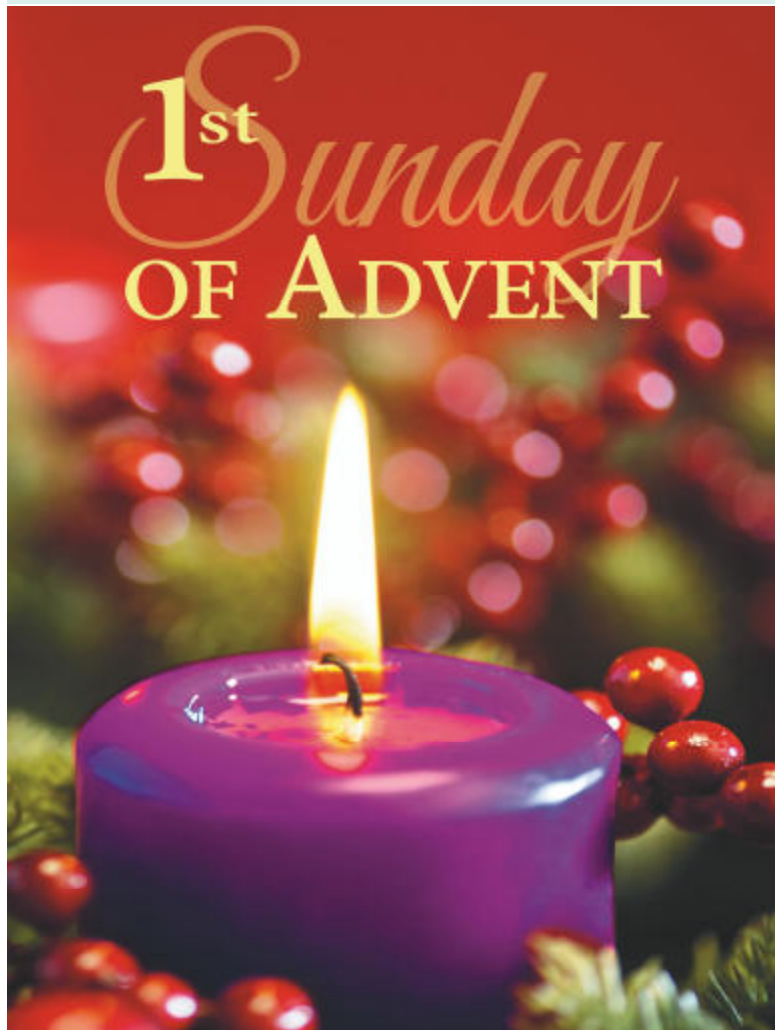
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday8:30, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday8:30 AM
Wednesday..... 6:00 PM

ADORATION & CHAPEL HOURS

Join us any time for adoration during designated hours
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM
Wednesday..... 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM
Friday..... 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian community of St. Paul, are committed to serving the Lord and His people through witnessing and stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and, rooted in the Word and Tradition, are focused on encountering Him in the Breaking of the Bread.



SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be held in the Chapel on Sundays after 8:30 Mass.
Baptism Preparation Class: Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months; call the parish office for an appointment 256-232-4191.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appt.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office before arrangements are made and we will assist.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1 • First Sunday of Advent

4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Holy Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 • First Sunday of Advent

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Holy Mass
10:45am Rosary
11:15am Holy Mass
12:40pm Holy Mass (Spanish)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00am Rosary & Adoration
8:30am Holy Mass/Chapel
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:00pm Rosary
5:30pm Holy Mass/Chapel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Holy Mass/Chapel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Holy Mass /Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 • Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

4:30pm Rosary
5:00pm Holy Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00am Rosary
8:30am Holy Mass
10:45am Rosary
11:15am Holy Mass
12:40pm Holy Mass (Spanish)



Miguel & Patricia Mendoza -12 yrs. 12/6
Alejandro & Josefina Figueroa - 28 yrs.12/4
David & Beverly Tony - 44 yrs 12/7

May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.

Discipleship and small group training event

Come and join us on Friday December 14th from 6pm to 9pm. And Saturday from 9am to 3pm in the parish hall.

The program is called revive and is great for individuals who are interested in working within small groups, Bible Study Facilitators, Adult Education, Youth and Young Adult Facilitators, RCIA, Parish Staff and Parish Organizations, or for anyone looking to become more connected in their parish community.

The event is free and will be conducted by Alex Kubic, who is from the Chancellery Office of Discipleship and Mission.

For more information please contact Greg Beam or Chuck Butler.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

11/25/2018	Weekly Collection	Weekly Budget
Regular	\$4,236.00	\$7,540.00
Building	\$3,674.00	\$3,846.00

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For all our parishioners, friends and family who are ill, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our Country and for our Pope!

Mickey Akers (Butler)	Steve Smith
Edilberto Aliviado, Jr.	Jerry Stickney
Carol Bailey	Maryann Stickney
Dorothy Brannan	Mack Thompson
Jerry Brown	Louise Wales (Thompson)
Kenny Carwile	Dennis Wheelahan (Davis)
Jan Crosby (Pagani)	Jackie Adams
Tiffany Dabney (granddaughter of June)	Isabel Bradford
William Gavora (Guenther)	Francisco Cepeda
Amelia Gutierrez	Pauline Garlen
Andrew Gutierrez	Brenda Gibbs
Wilma Koehler	Cheri Gurganus
Sandra Krieger (Frey)	Madeline Madlen
Kathy Landry (McLemore)	Christopher Nuessly
Dennis Lewis (Louis)	Emma Schexnayder
June Maplesden	Pete Stromquist
Marjorie McBride	Mack and Ann Thompson
Pam Reynolds (Gibbs)	Terri Tompkins
Mona Ridgeway (Davis)	Molly Valleroy
Noah Ritchey (Frey)	Colin and Terri Rankin

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

FOOD PANTRY



The **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of: Crackers, can soups, can chili, rice.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
 Tuesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
 Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

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GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend between the Masses.

Cash & Checks Accepted



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Formation Program: Sundays 9:40-10:30

The Holy Family Parish Hall Classroom #1
Deacon Dennis Kobs (256) 232-1426

RCIA/INQUIRY CLASS

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

The Holy Family Parish Hall Youth Room
(Jim Reisz; 256-614-0038)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K—12)

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Religious Ed Bldg.

Parents pick up at 10:45 in Church Hall

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Parish Hall during school year
(For 8th Grade through 12th grade)

OTHER

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm

in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Saint Paul Adult Formation Program Schedule

December 2nd **Eighth Commandment**

December 9th **Ninth and Tenth Commandments**

December 16th **Summary**

PRISON MINISTRY—INDIGENT PACKAGE PROGRAM

We are fast approaching that wonderful season of the year when many of our local churches, organizations and individuals rally together to express the “Gift of Giving” to help indigent inmates at Limestone Correctional Facility. This year, we estimate that we will be serving over 400 indigent men. Through your generosity they will experience the ministry of agape during the upcoming Christmas season.

List of Items:

Deodorant (ante-perspirant); shampoo/body wash (clear bottles); toothpaste; disposable razors; bars of soap; postage stamps; board games; instant oatmeal; ramen noodle soups (in clear zip lock bags); cereal; candy bars; snack crackers. If there are any questions please contact Deacon Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

Eventos e Información Hispana

Ministerio Hispano

Para cualquier asunto comuníquese con la oficina, 256-232-4191 de 9:00am a 2:00pm o por correo electrónico a stpauloffice@gmail.com



¡La campaña de comida navideña está en marcha! Necesitamos tarjetas de regalo de \$25 para tienda de comestibles, pronto tendremos bolsas para recoger donaciones de alimentos. Vea el folleto en el vestíbulo para obtener más información sobre nuestros esfuerzos. Gracias por ayudar a los demás.

HORARIO DE MISAS

Rosario 1/2 antes de cada misa (NO en la misa en Español)
Sabado—5:00 pm
Domingo—8:30 y 11:15 am / Misa en Español 12:40 pm
Martes, jueves y Viernes—8:30 am
Miércoles—6:00pm

ADORACION Y HORAS DE LA CAPILLA

Unase a nosotros para Adoración durante las horas designadas:

Martes, jueves y Viernes — 9:00 am a 2:00 pm
Miércoles—9:00 am a 5:30 pm

RECONCILIACION (CONFESION):

Sábados— 4:00 a 4:45 pm o por cita

MINISTERIO DE PRISIONES: PROGRAMA DE PAQUETES PARA INDIGENTES

Nos estamos acercando rápidamente a esa maravillosa temporada del año en que muchas de nuestras iglesias, organizaciones e individuos locales se unen para expresar el "Don de Donaciones" para ayudar a los reclusos indigentes en el Centro Correccional de Limestone. Este año, estimamos que serviremos a más de 400 hombres indigentes. A través de su generosidad, experimentarán el ministerio del ágape durante la próxima temporada navideña.

Lista de artículos:

Desodorante (ante-transpirante); champú / gel de baño (EN botellas transparentes); pasta dental; maquinillas de afeitar desechables; barras de jabon; sellos; juegos de mesa; avena instantánea; sopas de fideos ramen (en bolsas transparentes con cierre hermético); cereal; barras de caramelo; galletas de aperitivo. Si tiene alguna pregunta, póngase en contacto con EL Diacono Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

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