



St Paul Catholic Church

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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 9, 2018 • 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OFFICE STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

Deacon.....Dennis Kobs - 256-232-1426
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Monday.....8AM—1PM or by appointment
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2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall Youth Room
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MASS TIMES

MASSES FOR HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION WILL BE AT 9AM
Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:15 AM, 12:40 PM (Spanish)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:30 AM
Wednesday 5:00 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 5:00 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.



2nd SUNDAY of Advent

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths." Is 40

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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 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30am ROSARY
- 9:00 am Holy Mass
- 4:30PM ROSARY
- 5:00pm Holy Mass - In Memory of Sue Scarbel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 6:30pm Penance Service
- There will be no Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 4:30pm Rosary
- 5:00pm Holy Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 • 3rd Sunday of Advent

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



THIS WEEKEND IS
BREAKFAST SUNDAY

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Will be on December 12 at 6:30pm
We will have 3 priests for confessions.



Willian & Nancy Hanna.....17 yrs.... 12/15
Bruce & Marie Webb.....30 yrs... 12/10
Bill & Laura Johnson.....48 yrs ... 12/15

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

12/02/2018	Weekly Collection	Weekly Budget
Regular	\$4,857.00	\$7,540.00
Building	\$7,716.00	\$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

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

FOOD PANTRY



The **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of: Can fruit, jello, dried beans, can tomatoes.

Thank you for all your continued support.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TUESDAY: St. Damasus I, Pope

WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

THURSDAY: ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

FRIDAY: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

THE DIVINE MERCI GIFT SHOP

Open every weekend
between the Masses.



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)

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 pm

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

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Basket in Vestibule

Saint Paul Adult Formation Program Schedule

Dec 9: **Ninth and Tenth Commandments**

Dec 16: **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. If there are any questions please contact Deacon Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

- Deodorant (ante-perspirant)
- Shampoo/body wash (clear bottles)
- Ramen noodle soups (in clear zip lock bags)
- Toothpaste
- Bars of soap
- Board games
- Cereal
- Snack crackers
- Disposable razors
- Postage stamps
- Instant oatmeal
- Candy bars

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES!

DECEMBER 16TH, 5:00PM CHRISTMAS POSADA

RETURN CHRITMAS GIVING GIFTS BY DEC 16TH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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



Hay un árbol de donaciones y nuevas bolsas de comida en el vestíbulo, que brindan 2 formas en que pueden ayudar a otros en nuestra parroquia. Consulte el aviso en el portal para obtener más información. Le agradecemos su generosidad. La parroquia de San Pablo es

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

SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION DE ADVIENTO

Será el 12 de diciembre a las 6:30 pm
Tendremos 3 sacerdotes para confesiones

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 jabón; 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 Diácono Chuck Butler 256-497-6598

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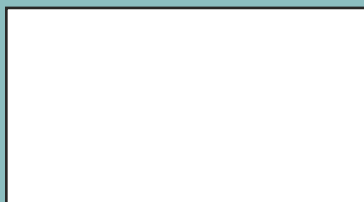
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