

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

December 15, 2024

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Mass Times

Weekend: Saturday . . .5 pm
Sunday . . .8 am & 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish)

Weekdays: Tuesday—Friday 7:30 am

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesdays: 8:00—8:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
Confessions may also be heard by appointment.

BAPTISMS:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

Preparations are to be made with Father at least six months prior to the desired date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: (Anytime) Please notify your pastor promptly whenever anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

Please note: If you are in a hospital or health care facility located outside of Sandwich, you are to call the nearest parish for a priestly visit.

Mission Statement

“We, the family of St. Paul Parish, live the gospel message of Jesus Christ through worship, education and outreach to all ages. We strengthen our parish and community, respecting our rural traditions, while welcoming the growth and cultural diversity that awaits.”

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Before Jesus Christ manifested His divine presence at the Jordan River, St. John the Baptist was sent by God to prepare His people to receive the Lord Who was coming. His advice to the people of old loses none of its significance for us today as we await Our Lord's Second Coming. After repenting of our sins, St. John the Baptist demands that we produce “fruits of repentance” in the form of merciful works toward those in need (Cf. Lk.3: 10-14). The Church outlines spiritual and corporal works of mercy as good fruits of repentance.

The spiritual works of mercy are: instructing the ignorant; counseling the doubtful; admonishing sinners; comforting the sorrowful; bearing wrongs patiently; forgiving injuries; praying for the living and the dead. The corporal works of mercy are: feeding the hungry; giving drink to the thirsty; clothing the naked; visiting the sick and imprisoned; sheltering the homeless; and burying the dead.

The Lord demands that we bear fruit that will remain unto eternal life (cf. Jn. 15:16). Works of mercy are the good fruits of repentance. May this Advent Season spur us on to sacrificial love for others in imitation of Our Lord's sacrificial love for us, ready to receive Him when He comes.

God bless you,

Fr. Geary

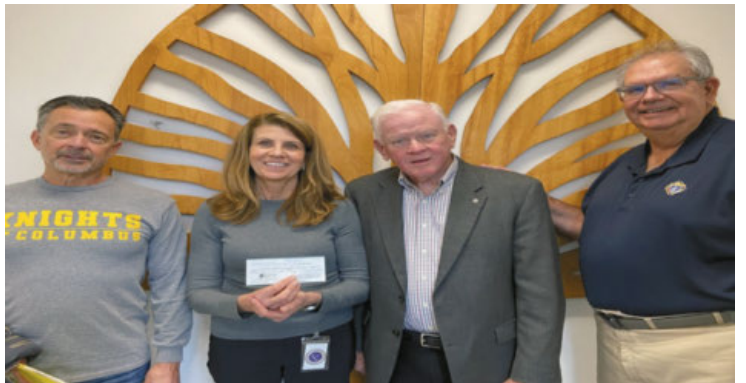
Dear St. Paul Parishioners,
I would like to invite you to join us in our Decade a Day Ministry. In this program we each say one Decade of the ROSARY every day. You are assigned your Decade & you & 19 other people each say your/ their Decade every day, thus completing 20 Decades of the Rosary each day.

This FIVE MINUTE prayer time can be said at any time during your day...every day & the commitment is for one year. I have brochures available in the narthex that describe the program & contain contact information. Please consider this way of answering Mary's plea to PRAY THE ROSARY!
Blessings, Jerry Fuzak

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Lord, hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



The Knights of Columbus Assembly 215 donated \$2,300 to Open Door Rehabilitation Center and \$2,300 to Equine Dreams. They also donated \$1,000 to Waterleaf Women's Center. These photos are presentations of their generous donations to these very important causes.



Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 15, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Saturday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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**2024 Diocesan Appeal
BE JOYFUL, DISCIPLES**

Each year, the Diocesan Appeal raises critical funds that make our ministries and programs possible in our parish and in the our entire diocese. These programs include support for Catholic Charities, seminarian formation, Catholic schools, and so much more. The shortfall for the 2024 Diocesan Appeal has to be remitted to the Diocese by June 2025. Our assessment for 2024 is \$28,825. We have reached 30.67 % of our goal. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to this year's Diocesan Appeal. Thank you very much to those who have already given to this Appeal!

Fr. Geary concludes the Advent series entitled Spiritual Warfare this week.
The group will meet in Kane Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm on Tuesday December 17, 2024.
The topic is:
Weapons and Tactics
All are welcome.

| Christmas Mass Schedule | |
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| Tuesday, December 24, 2024 | 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| Wednesday, December 25, 2024 | 8:00 a.m. |
| | 10:00 a.m. |
| | 4:00 p.m. (Spanish) |
| Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) | |
| Tuesday, December 31, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass |
| Wednesday, January 1, 2025 | 8:00 a.m. |
| | 10:00 a.m. |

Welcome: Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are interested in registering in our parish or have updated information please fill out form. You may leave this form in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., M/M)

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Moving

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5:00 p.m. Jim Rozsypal † (Rozsypal Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 a.m. Eugene & Kim Paris & Richard Hettinger †
(Bernadine Paris)

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

12:00 p.m. Efren Romero † (Family Sanchez)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 a.m. Deceased Member of Christian Women †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 a.m. Mary Alyce DeCraene † (Beth Swanson)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:30 a.m. Larry Frieders † (Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 a.m. Maddox Belline (Pete & Char Robinson)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:00 p.m. Sandy Adams † (Chuck & Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 a.m. Irving Lemenager † (Ray & Judy Hendron)

10:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

12:00 p.m. Hortencia Torres † (Sara Franco & Family)

| Date: | Our Giving |
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| Loose | Dec. 7/8 |
| Envelopes | \$ 731.00 |
| Total | 4,456.33 |
| | 5,187.33 |

Please Pray For

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