

Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

December 22, 2024

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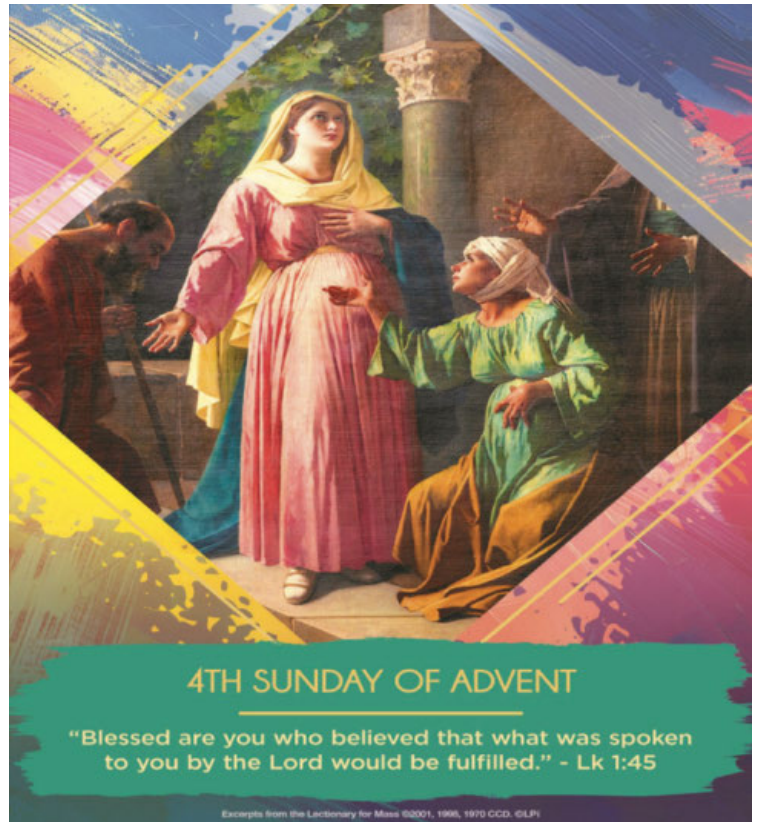
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Rev. Brian Geary.....Pastor
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Mass Times

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.”



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.

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle:

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The Lord is always true to His Word. Whatever He says comes into being. Whatever God promises He delivers. The Lord is worthy of our belief. It takes a believing heart to trust Him even when it seems like nothing will get better.

St. Elizabeth (the mother of St. John the Baptist) called Mary blessed for believing that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled (Lk.1:45). All the descendants of Abraham believed that the Messiah would come one day. Mary believed most intensely in the Lord's promise and her faith was rewarded. Her faith gave birth to our salvation since the fruit of her womb was the Savior of the world. Faith like Mary's is unmatched in all of human history.

Even now Our Lord offers His saving Word for our belief: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day” (Jn. 6: 54); “He who lives in believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” (Jn. 11:26); “Whose sins you (priests) forgive are forgiven them” (Jn. 20:23); “I (Jesus) am going to prepare a place for you...so that where I am you also may be” (Jn. 14:3).

Do you believe in the promises of the Word of God? Mary did and now all generations will call her blessed (Lk. 1:48). Let us believe like Mary so that we can share with her the eternal life that Jesus Christ came to bring.

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

Dear Current and Prospective Decade a Day Participants,
Please find a Christmas gift for you on the shelf in the Narthex as you enter church. God bless you and Merry Christmas,

Jerry Fuzak



Christmas Mass Schedule

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.

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/
 Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/
 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the week of December 22, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
 Tuesday: Christmas Eve
 Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord
 Thursday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
 Friday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
 Saturday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs
 Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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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 31.71 % 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!



Date:	Our Giving
Loose Envelopes	Dec. 14/15
Total	\$ Due to an early submission deadline for the bulletin, this collection will be reported next week.

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)

Address

City

- New to Parish
- Remove from List
- Moving
- New Phone
- Corrections

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 a.m. Lois Wilson † (Rick & Beth Schmidt)

4:00 p.m. John Swanson † (Beth Swanson) **Vigil Mass**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 a.m. Marina Midger † (Virginia Lozano)

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

4:00 p.m. Ramon Saenz Torres †
(Sara Franco & Family) (Mass in Spanish)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:30 a.m. Mike Komen † (Rawers Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 a.m. Nikki Clapper † (Jerry & Denise Curran)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 p.m. Doran & Rose Greif †
(Denise, DaVonna, & Doreen & Families)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. *Pro Populo* (People of the Parish)

10:00 a.m. Larry Frieders † (Family)

12:00 p.m. Javier Ocon † (Family)

Please Pray For

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| Mary Soave | Sharon Ciboroski | |
| Jeff Pruski | Francina Wilson | |
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| Alan Schilling | Kayla Magnuson | |
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| Chrencik | Joan Gavin | |
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