Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

January 12, 2025

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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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!

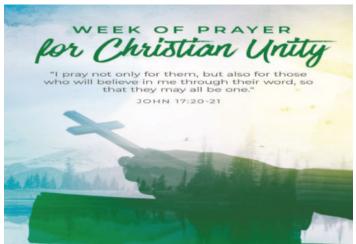
Jesus began His public ministry by allowing Himself to be baptized by St. John the Baptist in the River Jordan. Just as Joshua led the Israelites to the promised land through the Jordan River, Our Lord Jesus Christ (the new Joshua) would go through the same River prefiguring His saving Passion and death in order to open up the eternal land of Heaven to those who believe and are Baptized..

The Sacrament of Baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus said, "Unless you are born again through water and the Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of God" (Jn. 3:5). Since we inherit the sin of Adam and Eve, Baptism is necessary to forgive the guilt and punishment of Original Sin. After receiving Baptism the soul is made a son or daughter of God by adoption. Baptism imprints an indelible seal upon the soul for all eternity and opens the gates of Heaven by giving us sanctifying grace and infusing in us the theological and moral virtues which make it pos-sible to love God and our neighbor.

Baptism of infants (i.e., those persons under the age of seven years old) should be received as soon as possible after birth. Jesus Himself exhorts us in His Word: "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them, for to such as these belong the kingdom of heaven" (Mt. 19:14). Baptism of adults takes place after suitable instruction but the same effects of the Sacrament belong to them, also,

God bless you,

Fr. Geary



Our Giving Dec. 28/29 814.42 3,205.00 Date: Jan. 4/5 843.10 Loose 5,480.50 Envelopes Total 4,019.42 6,323.60



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 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

Religious Education News

Our next class is this Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We are studying the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. At this class we will be studying the Scourging at the Pillar. The related Scripture Reading is Jn:19: 1-7. We look forward to seeing all of our students on Wednesday!

Children's Church "Pew Bags" Last summer children's books were introduced for your children's use during our Masses. We believe that some families have borrowed the books. Please return them to the narthex after enjoying them during Mass. Thank you for you cooperation!

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-

30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1:14-20 Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21

Wednesday: 1:29-39 Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-

45

Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk

Friday: 2:1-12

Saturday:

Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17 Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor Next Sunday:

12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Monday:

Friday:

St. Anthony, Abbot January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Saturday: Christian Unity

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Next Sunday:



A Message from Bishop Malloy

JANUARY 2025

Dear Friends in Christ.

Each year, the Diocese of Rockford holds three separate combined appeals for the support of specific progr of the local and universal Church. The National Appeal is the first of these in 2025, taking place January 11-12. This appeal is a wonderful opportunity for the faithful to work collectively to bolster domestic efforts in sharing

Locally, this appeal directly benefits our Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Rockford. Our schools play a critical role in encouraging the development of faith and virtue among the youth who are the future of our Church. The appeal also supports the priests' pension program for the 35 retired priests from the Diocese of Rockford who frequently assist at our parishes throughout northern Illinois

Another option is to give to the Catholic Communication Campaign. This funding helps us share the Gospel through televised Catholic Masses and "Top O' the Morning" weekday broadcasts, livestreamed ordination and Chrism
Masses from the Cathedral of St. Peter, Be Reconciled Day, and other diocesan communications projects. Half of all collected funds for the Catholic Communication Campaign remain in our diocese, with the remainder supporting the collective communication work of the bishops as well as other national projects in the United States.

The Retirement Fund for Religious is also included in this appeal. Donations directed to fund help provide medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities for nearly 25,000 elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests living in the United States. The Benedictines of Marmion Abbey and the Congregation of the Resurrection both have had a presence in our own diocese and have benefited from this assistance

Some funds from the National Appeal are used by The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. to support its students and to conduct research initiatives and training programs, such as the Catholic Identity Professional Program and creative efforts to assist lower-income students in accessing a Catholic undergraduate degree.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the 2025 National Appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Melly Most Reverend David J. Malloy Bishop of Rockford

opportunity to share the

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))	
Ad- dress		
New to Parish	New Phone	
Remove from List	Corrections	
Moving		

DMass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

5:00 p.m. Sandy Adams **(Chuck & Family) SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

8:00 a.m. Janet Fanning (Fanning Family) 10:00 a.m. Pro Populo (People of the Parish)

12:00 p.m. Emma Munoz 🕏

(Montiel & Munoz Families)

JANUARY 13

NO MONDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Christian Women 🔽 **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30 Carol Michels Morse

(John & Terre Michels)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 a.m. Glenn Rawers 🕏

(Arlene Rawers & Family)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

7:30 a.m. Carl & Palmyra Berkhout (Keith & Mary Berkhout)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:00 p.m. Robert Whelehon **(Mike Botts & Family) SUNDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

10:00 a.m. Gladys Hanson 🗗 (Krafft & Hanson Families)

12:00 p.m. Vincente Santillan **(Family)**

The National Appeal Collection will be submitted after January 19. There are envelopes in the Narthex if you didn't receive an envelope & would like to contribute to this collection. Thank you!

Please Fray For

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