

# St. Paul Catholic Church

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A South Shore Parish

December 24, 2017

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### St. Paul Parish, Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:15 AM  
**Weekdays:** Tuesday & Friday at 8:00 AM  
**Holy Day:** To be determined

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 10:15 AM  
**Weekdays:** Monday 8:00 AM & Wednesday 6:00 PM

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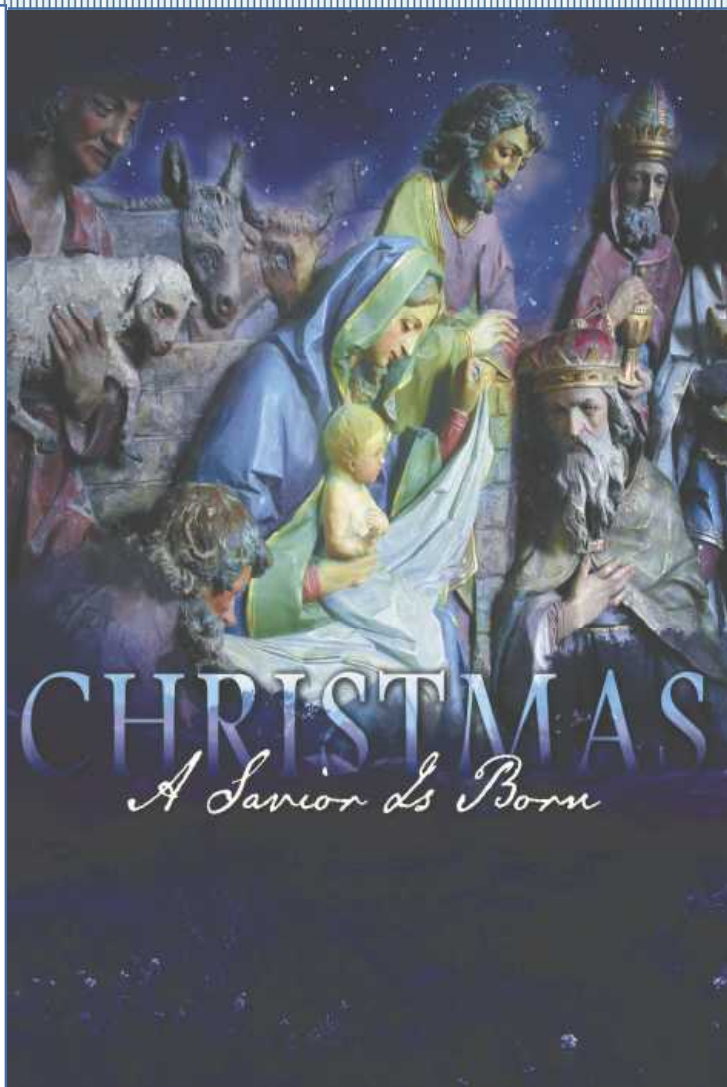
### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

1st Weekend of the month, at all Masses

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*We, the people of St. Paul Parish, are gathered in the name and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to build the kingdom of God in our midst.*

*Empowered by the Spirit, we commit ourselves to becoming a welcoming community in collaboration with our neighbors.*

*We will pray together. We will study the meaning of our faith for today. We will respond to human need with service and sacrifice. We will share our gifts and talents in and beyond this community. -- June 21, 1994*


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**
**Monday, December 25-Christmas Day Mass**

 8:15 AM † David P. Schmidt  
 Int. Carol Schmidt

**Tuesday, December 26-St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

 8:00 AM † Daniel D. Bett  
 Int. Jean M. Bett, (sister)

**Friday, December 29 - St. Thomas Becket**

 8:00 AM † Joanne Tomski  
 Int. Chris Essex

**Saturday, December 30-Evening Mass**

4:00 PM \* St. Paul Parishioners

**Sunday, December 31-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

 8:15 AM † Davis, Burant & Sansone, Families  
 Int. Family

**FR. ARUL**


"The Messiah is among you". My favorite story twisted for our parishes.

There were six parishes on the South Shore; Saint Paul, Sacred Heart of Jesus, The Nativity of The Lord, St. Veronica, Immaculate Conception and Saint Augustine. Once these parishes were thriving, their schools were packed, their ministries growing, and their mission outreach both local and universal were amazing. Then things changed and number of people participating in the life of these parishes dwindled and schools were closed and their many buildings which had been filled with faithful young and old were now nearly empty. Participation was not active and life was missing. Only a handful of faithful, mostly old leading the ministries and praised God with heavy hearts. Nearby, on the semi-rural ground, in Clare Hall lived the retired school sisters of St. Francis who were filled with wisdom. They occasionally participated in the mass in some of these churches. One day, some parishioners from the South Shore parishes decided to visit the sisters at Clare Hall.

As they approached Clare Hall, the sisters greeted them faithful warmly. Across their differences, there were similarities. Both the sisters and the parishioners knew God; both knew the difficulties of keeping alive the faith in the communities; both were concerned for the welfare of the people in the South Shore. The only words spoken were the mysterious words of the sisters, 'The Messiah is among you' and an instruction, 'you must only repeat this once. After that no one must ever say it aloud again'. Finally, the parishioners and the sisters exchanged embraces and the parishioners returned to their parishes, pondering the words of the sisters, 'The Messiah is among you'. Whatever could the sisters mean? Could Christ be one of St. Paul Parishioners who are not that welcoming? Could Christ be one of Sacred Heart of Jesus parishioners who think they are the best? Could Christ be the one of the Nativity Parishioners who don't want anything to do with other parishes? Who could Christ be? The parishioners pondered this all afternoon and all night.

The next morning, that group of parishioners called their respective parish communities together and shared the wisdom from the sisters. 'You can never repeat this', they said. 'The sisters who live in Clare Hall say, "The Messiah is amongst us"'. The people were startled by this revelation. 'What could it mean?' they asked themselves. 'Is one of the parishioner from IC or St. Augy or St. Veronica a Messiah? 'What could this mean?' 'The Messiah is among us?' They were deeply puzzled by the sisters' teaching. But according to the instruction, no one ever mentioned it again.



**In the month of December  
The sanctuary lamp will burn in Memory of  
Elmer Klusman**

**Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017**

**Sun:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]  
 Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Mon:** 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  
 Mid: 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/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6  
 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Tue:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

**Wed:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Thu:** 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

**Fri:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

**Sat:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40**

***Please pray for our sick Members & Others:***

Barbara Ahnert	Carmen Kapustanczek	Jean B Paquette
Clarice & Ervin Andrykowski	Dawn Kazmierski	Dorothy Persike
Jean Bett	Edward Kresa	Richard & Arlene Rawski
Frances Cribb	Laurie Lewandowski	Karen Riberdy
Rose Ann Dutkiewicz	Nallely Lima	Ed Riebe Family
Wally Dutkiewicz	Fr. Melvin Macoskie	Joel Rivera
Darrin Essex "Butch"	Mary Miller	Diane Schmitz
Jacob G.	June Natschke	James & Colleen Schultz
Robert Hallfeld	Cherryleen Neumann	Joan Swiatkowski
Brian Hoernke	Bob Novak	Bonita Vanroosenbeck
Eleanor Huber	Catherine Olson	Anna Walentowski
Lawrence Kallay Sr.	David Olszyk	Richard Wagner
Larry	Mary Ostrowski	Resa Wronski
Toni Gorski	Maryann Paszkiewicz	Rita Zukowski

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Days and weeks went by. The people began to treat one another with special reverence and respect. There was a gentle, whole-hearted, human, yet divine, quality about them which was hard to describe but easy to see. They lived with one heart and one mind and collaborated so well together. They prayed and read Scripture as people who were always looking for something. The people in the neighborhood, the unchurched, and the visitors found themselves deeply moved by the life of these people. Before long, people were coming from far and wide to be nourished by the prayer life of the South Shore parishes and young people began asking to become part of these communities. "Merry Christmas" God wishes that we all become little Jesus.

With prayers,  
Fr. Arul



### CHRISTMAS 2017

*And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2: 13-14*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you know what I consider to be the best thing about Christmas? The fact that it doesn't have to end. Christmas should not just be another passing holiday. The birth of Christ allows us to live out the spirit of Christmas each and every day. We can do this by treasuring the gift of God's love on a daily basis. This year, my Christmas wish for you is to work towards a deeper and more intimate relationship with our Lord. How can you do this? Make prayer the highlight of your day, commit to read the Bible regularly, devote time to attend Mass, go to Confession, care for those entrusted in you and help others in need. There are many faith-filled opportunities within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to cultivate and strengthen your relationship with Christ – it is simply a matter of choosing and seeking. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

I Am, Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi*  
*Archbishop of Milwaukee*

### WEEK EVENTS

#### Monday, December 25,

- Christmas Day Mass, St. Paul, 8:15 am
- Christmas Day Mass, Sacred Heart of Jesus, 10:15 am
- Parish Office Closed

#### Tuesday, December 26

- Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions, after the 8am Mass

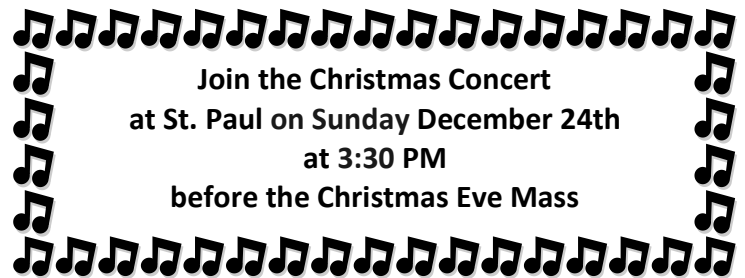
#### Wednesday, December 27

- Evening Mass, SHJ, 6 pm



### Weekly Contributions

Contribution from parishioners' envelopes and basket during the weekend Masses of **December 16 & 17** total **5011.00** A total of **144** envelopes were used. Thank you for supporting your parish.



### CALENDAR

Prasser Kleczka Funeral Home

Has sponsored our 2018 calendars again this year. Please take one per family. They are located in the vestibules.

### Adult Six Weeks with the Bible Study in the New Year

It is not too early to mark those new 2018 calendars for the next morning Bible study beginning January 4. Sessions only last one hour and Sacred Heart of Jesus community room is handicap accessible. We will be studying *Exodus*. Books are \$8 and will be available at the meeting. Come and refresh yourself in God's Word.



### CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS RETREAT

Want a Sure Path To Holiness?

Join us at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church,

Date: January 17, 2018 at 6:45 PM

For the Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat, where each week for 10 weeks, individually or as a group, we will delve into this do-it-yourself retreat using book of the same title by Fr Michael Gaitley.

For more information or to register, please contact Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office at [414-489-2806](tel:414-489-2806).. The deadline to register and make payment is January 3, 2018.

*Flyers can be found on the parish bulletin board.*





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