

SAINT PAUL OF TARSUS *Catholic Church*

December 4, 2016

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of we the faithful, enkindle in our hearts the fire of your love. Send us your Spirit, our hearts will be renewed, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.



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All are invited to attend an evening of reflection. . .

Mary, Our Mother and Mentor

Presented by: Peggy DeClercq

Monday, December 5th
St. Paul of Tarsus Social Hall

Hospitality at 6:30 pm
Presentation at 7:00 pm

*Reservation required by November 30th.
Please contact Celeste at 586-615-1415.*

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



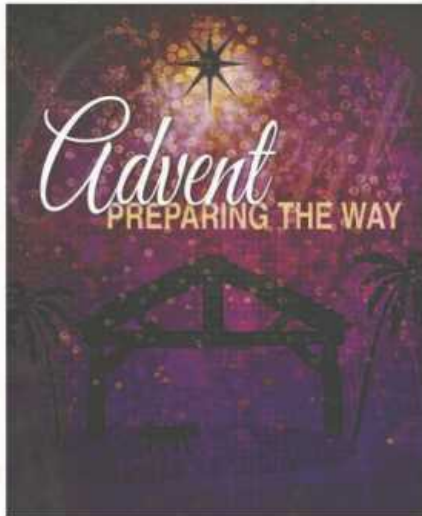
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day
9:30 am - 11:30 am
(No 7:45 am Mass)

Saturday, December 31st - New Year's Eve
4:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st - New Year's Day
7:45 am - 9:30 am - 11:30 am



“Marc” My Words

When I read in today’s Gospel the quote from Isaiah, “A voice crying out in the desert,” it immediately brought to mind my grandson or granddaughter crying out “Papa.” There is nothing more precious in my mind’s eye as the sight of a little one calling out, praising God in their own way. Although their speech was directed toward me I heard the cry of Abba or daddy. What a great disposition to have. The worries of the world cease to exist albeit briefly. God is at the forefront and in a childlike fashion we wait for Jesus’ return, just like my grandchildren were waiting for “papa” to come back to them!

That, my dear sisters and brothers in Christ, is what Advent is all about! Advent is the beginning of a journey. I see my wife Sue getting the grandkids ready to go to St. Paul’s for Mass. She gets them dressed and puts together all that they will need for the morning’s adventure. Advent should be that kind of adventure for us as well. We must prepare and make sure that we prepare well to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

We have been at this for one week now and the luminosity of the Advent Wreath has doubled. We would do well to double our efforts as we prepare for Christmas. How can we do this you ask? Let’s look at St. Paul’s letter to the members of the Church in Rome. St. Paul has some great ideas. He says, “Welcome one another then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. Christ became a minister to show God’s truthfulness, to confirm promises, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.”

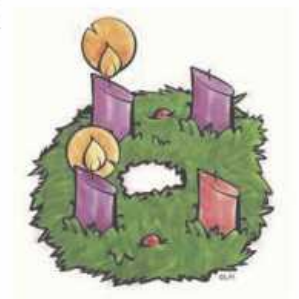
I suspect that we can all work on being more welcoming, although I believe that our parish is a very warm and welcoming parish. We can be welcoming to strangers, visitors, estranged family members, even to people that we just don’t get along with. We can be welcoming when we share our blessings. We are welcoming when we share our time, talent, and treasure with others, especially the poor of mind, body, and spirit.

Sometimes it’s not easy to “Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight his paths.” Heck, it can be hard for us to maintain a straight path. But the beauty of God is that he can make straight with crooked lines.

If we want to be immersed in the fullness of Advent, Christmas, Easter, and beyond we must become childlike (not childish) and cry out “Papa.” When we do God will respond with his...

Love, Peace, and Blessings,

Deacon Marc





Christian Service S.P.O.T. Light

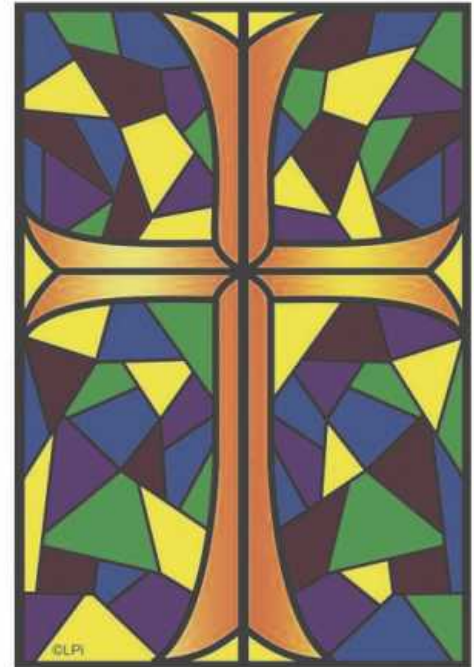
WRAP *Presents*
& BE **PRESENT**

BEST
Advent
EVER

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We shop for gifts, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and visit family and friends until we're ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Advent Ever: *Rediscover Christmas*. You'll receive daily emails with inspirational videos, practical tips, or free Christmas music that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most. You'll experience Christmas in a way you've never experienced it before. Are you ready for your best Advent ever?

To sign up, visit
BestAdventEver.com

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Community



SANDWICH SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

We will be having our monthly Sandwich Saturday next Saturday after the 4:00 pm Mass on December 10th.

Please come and help prepare 150 lunches to help feed homeless men, women, and children in Detroit. It will only take a ½ to ¾ of an hour of your time.

All are welcome (18 and over please.) Come and have a good time with us as we continue to help God's children.

If you have any questions contact Sue at 586-598-1686 or sandwichsaturday@comcast.net

Hope to see you there!



LIVING THE GOOD NEWS

December 4, 2016



Wait, Watch, Pray

John the Baptist was on fire with the Holy Spirit before he was even born! Scripture tells us he leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary came and shared her good news. Today's Gospel reminds us that – through our own baptism – we are now the messenger! During this Advent season, we prepare our hearts for the life-changing arrival of Jesus. We open ourselves to respond more fully to the Spirit with whom we have been baptized. Then we, too, like John, can be messengers of the Lord's coming for all we meet in our daily living by the way we live the Gospel.

How do we move beyond the normal defensiveness we feel whenever someone challenges us to repent? We must spend time reflecting on our behaviors and their effects on others. We must ask God for the grace to be truthful about ourselves. We must practice asking forgiveness of others for the wrong we do them. Repentance brings the favorable judgment that not only invites us to the kingdom of heaven but is the peace and harmony portraying the already "at hand" of God's reign. The choice to repent has consequences beyond the immediate. To repent takes us beyond John's baptism of water which brings a new human way to live. To repent is to embrace Jesus' baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire" which brings us to a new way to live in God.

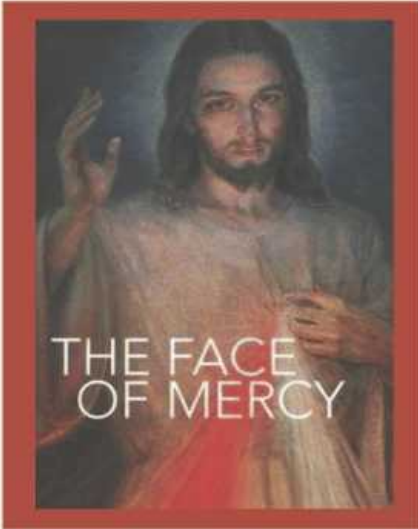
As your family lights two purple candles on the Advent wreath this week, offer the following prayer:

Father, help us to prepare the way of Jesus, the Light of the world. May we who believe He will come again always serve you. Strengthen us to be the voice that leads others to Jesus. Amen.

God bless,
Peggy DeClercq
Director of Religious Education

THE FACE OF MERCY

Although the Jubilee Year of Mercy has come to a close, mercy is not just for a year, but a lifetime. The Church's mission of mercy continues. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' president, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky said the Year of Mercy showed the need for Catholics to remember in their witness the advice of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), "Do not accept as true anything that is not presented with love, and do not accept anything as loving that lacks a basis in truth."



Pope Francis has inspired millions by urging the world to embrace Mercy. The essence of this call is revealed in *The Face of Mercy*, an extraordinary new documentary film narrated by **Jim Caviezel**.

Watch its story unfold, from St. Faustina's powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Pope John Paul II who propelled the message of Divine Mercy onto the world stage. Weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials and visual effects, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

Meet the woman who found freedom in forgiveness after seeing her family wiped out by genocide; the former-NFL linebacker who walked away from football to share Christ's mercy with the homeless; the baseball player who traded MLB ambitions for the monastery; and the young widow who chose mercy towards her husband's killer.

This film will be broadcast on **Sunday, December 4th at 2 pm** on **WXYZ-TV Channel 7** in the Detroit area. For more information, go to www.faceofmercyfilm.com.

Help Us to Keep Your Records Straight

Notify the Parish Office, **586-228-1210**, if you:

1. Have a change in your family.
2. Have a change of home or email address.
3. Have a new home or cell phone number.
4. Plan to or have moved out of the parish.

This will help to keep our parish records updated and eliminate unwanted mailings, and is very much appreciated! Thank you and God bless you.

George Eichorn, Business Manager

Tutors and Mentors Needed

Catholic Social Services of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) needs volunteer tutors and mentors 55 years of age and older to help kids in Macomb County schools. No experience is necessary and tasks can be as simple as reading with first graders. **CCSEM's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)** places adults in a variety of meaningful volunteer opportunities. To get involved, phone 248-669-1147.

From Father Bill

Dear Parishioners of St. Paul of Tarsus Church,

I want to thank you so very much for your thoughts and prayers concerning my health. I am slowly making progress through your prayers, and some great doctors. Know that you are in my daily prayers.

Fr. Bill Gruden

Pastor - St. Peter in Chesaning / St. Cyril in Bannister

Advent Reconciliation

Following our 6:00 pm Mass on **Tuesday, December 6th**, and following the 8:30 am Mass on **Wednesday, December 7th**, we will have a very short Advent Reconciliation Service (reminder that Fr. Ron is the only confessor) with Individual Confession and Absolution. On **Saturday, December 10th** we will be having our usual Private Individual Confessions. Father Ron arrives around 2:10 pm.

Area churches with Advent Reconciliation Services include:

- St. Hubert - **Sunday, December 11th** at 2:00 pm
- St. Martin De Porres - **Friday, December 16th** at 7:00 pm
- St. Peter - **Saturday, December 17th** at 2:00 pm & **Monday, December 19th** at 7:00 pm
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal - **Tuesday, December 20th** at 7:00 pm



Wrapping Father Ron in Our Prayers

Father Ron's surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th. Let's wrap him in our prayers throughout the day! Our church will be open from 7:00 am until 4:30 pm if you are able to stop in. (There is no 6:00 pm Mass that evening.) If you cannot stop by the church, please offer your prayers wherever and whenever you can. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit guides the surgeon's hands and that Father Ron has a speedy recovery. There is no greater gift or show of support we can offer our pastor and shepherd.

Blessing and Dedication

of Fr. Lou Grandpre's Tree



Please mark your calendars and bundle up for **Sunday, December 11th** after the 11:30 am Mass by the bell tower. Fr. Ron will bless and dedicate Fr. Lou's tree. It would be nice if many of us could attend. Hope to see you there!

Vivat Jesus, *Knights of Columbus*

Thank You for worshipping!

Your presence is an encouragement to our parish community. It is our hope that you have experienced the joy of the Eucharistic Celebration and that you feel welcome with a desire to join us again. If you are new to the community and wish to join our parish, please visit our Welcome Table hosts or call the Parish Office at (586) 228-1210, ext. 101. We will warmly welcome you to our beloved St. Paul of Tarsus Church.

Sue Young, Evangelization Committee

Flu Season

It's the cold and flu season. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms please refrain from partaking of the Precious Blood and shaking hands at the Sign of Peace. If you have the flu you may want to consider staying at home. It's not a sin to miss Mass if you are ill. Channel 20 and EWTN Cable televise a Sunday Mass. Please stay healthy and be happy!

Best Advent Ever

Visit the following link to sign up for the **Best Advent Ever**, a free daily email program from the Dynamic Catholic Institute, to help you slow down and appreciate Advent and prepare for Christmas.

<http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>

And once you sign up, encourage others to do so as well.

May you have a blessed and joyful Advent and Christmas!

Steve Hull

SPOT Library News Advent and Christmas Books for Children

During this season we explore books for Advent and Christmas in the SPOT Library. The library has a treasure of children's books which stress the true meaning of Christmas, and other books just for fun.

Here are some of our favorites: Away in a Manger and Baby Born in a Stable - both Arch books, Christmas Around the World, A Christmas Story, The Little Crooked Christmas Tree, Precious Moments of Christmas, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Saint Nicholas the Wonder Worker, the Miracle of Christmas, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Joy of Peanuts Christmas, 24 Christmas Stories to Welcome Jesus, 24 Christmas Stories for Little Ones, The Other Wise Man, and The Crippled Lamb.

These books are found in the **Children's Section** of the library, marked with a red sticker, and on the display shelves. The library is open whenever the office is open, except for Monday morning. And don't forget to look at the section of free books on the display shelves. These are duplicates of books in our library and are free for the taking.

Senior Corner

The tickets have been sold so now it's time to enjoy our annual Christmas Party being held at the Mirage Banquet Center on **Monday, December 5th** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Be sure to mark your calendars to remember this date! There will be no regular meeting in December because of the Christmas Party. See you on **January 16th**, the first meeting of the new year. Merry Christmas everyone. See you at the party!

The Belgian American Association Band - Christmas Concert

Under the direction of *Larry Huntington*, the Belgian American Association Band will play a Christmas concert with a sing-a-long on **Wednesday, December 14th** from 7:00-8:00 pm. The location is St. Lucy Church, 23401 Jefferson Avenue (just south of 9 Mile), St. Clair Shores. This event is open to the public. Bring your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. No charge, but free-will donations appreciated. This year is the 85th anniversary of the BAA Band. Please consider joining us!

Larry Mahieu, Chairman - Belgian American Association Band - belgianband@gmail.com

Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) UPDATE

Goal: \$146,799.00

Total pledged: \$177,396.21

Total paid (through 11/29): \$157,379.30

Pledge balance: \$20,016.91

Families: 2,935

Pledges: 674

Pledges fully paid: 563

Average pledge: \$263.20

Changing Lives Together (CLT) UPDATE

Goal: \$925,172.00

Total pledged: \$674,896.13

Total paid (through 11/29): \$614,301.79

Pledge balance: \$60,594.34

Families: 2,935

Pledges: 696

Pledges fully paid: 585

Average pledge: \$969.68

THANK YOU for your generous gifts to CSA and CLT! May God bless you in return. *SPOT Finance Council*

MINUTESSt. Paul of Tarsus Pastoral Parish CouncilThursday, November 17, 2016

Present: Father Ron, Deacon Marc, Mike Laretti, Tom Loria, George Trapp, Saad Mishkoor, Chris Bonkowski, Marty Winiarski, and Denny Kubczak.

Excused: Mike Linden, Jim Rohde, Bea Ladochi, Ray Ignatowski, and Emily MacKinnon.

Opening Prayer: Marty Winiarski led us in Opening Prayer.

Old Business:**Finance Council:**

- Tom Loria briefed us on the last Finance Council meeting.

Central Macomb Vicariate:

- The next Vicariate meeting is scheduled for January, 2017 as the AOD prepares for Synod 2016 which is scheduled for November 18-20.

Youth Update:

- No report.

Worship Commission:

- Altar Servers: Kim Heiss is hoping to get to the Religious Education classes later this month to try to recruit new members. She has lost quite a few Servers in the last year and needs help for all of the Masses.
- Environment: Decorating for Christmas is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, beginning after the morning Mass.
- Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Rogala would like to speak at every Mass in the very near future to try to get new members for this ministry. She was able to recruit someone for the 11:30 am Mass in the past month.
- Music: Phyllis Bengry said the choir is working on Advent and Christmas music. Due to the expense of annually replacing the red hymnal, it will be discontinued at the beginning of Advent. Phyllis also expressed her interest in starting up a teen-based Praise Band that would play at least once a month at a Mass. She feels we really need to get the young people more involved in the Mass. The Commission agreed and supports this idea.
- Sacristans: Dan reported everything is going well. They have had no results from the request they put in the bulletin for more Sacristans. The individual who was interested has decided they are unable to commit at this time. Dan has personally approached people without any immediate results but he felt it important to plant the seed for the future.
- Deacon Marc distributed gift bags to everyone from the Evangelization Committee. They included the book "Resisting Happiness" by Matthew Kelly. These books were given to the parish by the Dynamic Catholic Institute to promote the four signs of a dynamic Catholic: prayer, study, evangelization and generosity.
- Dan Marotta stated that the Trick or Treating at the Seminary was a huge success due in part to our parish contributions. They had over 2,000 children come to their doors and finally had to shut down at 9 pm.
- Clara Loria was approached by some of the Ministers of Hospitality regarding taking up any second collections in the future right after the first collection rather than after Holy Communion. The Commission felt it would create too long of a gap right in the middle of the Mass.
- Discussion was held regarding the need for Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality and Sacristans. We have had ministry fairs in the past but they did not result in many new volunteers. The Commission was asked to please try to identify individuals who might be interested in serving our parish in any of these ministries and either reach out to them personally or give their name to the ministry coordinator so they can be contacted.

Religious Education:

- Preparation for the Reconciliation/1st Eucharist program began with a parent retreat on October 29. Guest speakers were Fr. John Fletcher, Campus Minister at Wayne State, and Deacon Marc.
- First Reconciliation for the students will take place Saturday, December 3.
- Confirmation candidate retreat takes place Sunday, November 20 at Manresa.
- R.C.I.A. – Rite of Acceptance will take place in January. Sessions are going well.
- The Library Committee has suggested ways to increase parishioner use of the Library, including an Open House in January and student book reviews. There are still more details to be worked out. Once this is done, we will make the information available to everyone.

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- While there are six baptisms scheduled for November 26, there will **not** be baptisms in December because the 4th Saturday is Christmas Eve.
- "The Church of Mercy" series concludes today. The series explored the writings/speeches of Pope Francis, and was supplemented with Scripture study and DVD presentations.
- There will be a presentation on December 5: **Mary, Our Mother and Mentor**. It is open to the parish, please plan to attend!
- Deacon Paul Lippard will return for a Lenten Bible Series in March.
- Protecting God's Children Workshop was held on November 5. Approximately 90 people attended. Volunteers from other parishes were very impressed and asked how they can bring the workshop to their parishes. Information to schedule a workshop is available at www.aod.org.

Christian Service:

- The Men's Group sponsored the Military Mass and "Wall of Heroes." The display started the weekend before and went through the weekend of Veterans Day.
- Sandwich Saturday Ministry will be delivering lunches to Sr. Judie at a new location, about 3 miles northeast of her old residence. The AOD has re-allocated St. Joseph Church to an Order parish. She now resides on Parkview near Jefferson at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.
- The Women of Faith are sponsoring a talk about Mary to be presented by Peggy DeClercq on Monday, December 5, open to all.
- 3 teens will join me for the March for Life Trip to Washington, DC that takes place in late January.
- Collecting candy for the Seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary to hand out on Halloween was a great success, four full 55 gallon bags.
- Respect Life will be selling Right to Life-Lifespan Christmas Cards in the gathering space on the weekend of 11-19 & 20.
- St. Paul is expanding our Health/Parish Nurse Ministry. Two nurses have accepted positions of "Lead Parish Nurse" and will be educating our parishioners on health matters with articles and seminars here at St. Paul of Tarsus as well as providing training. Where and how this will expand is being left to the Holy Spirit. They officially begin in February of 2017.
- The Pantry Giving Tree is going up this weekend. The Simply Give program is ongoing.

K of C Report:

- Nov 20 11:30 am Corporate Communion at St. Paul of Tarsus
- Nov 20-26 MCCREST at St. John the Apostle Anglican Church
- Dec 3-4 K of C Ham & Kielbasa orders being taken
- Dec 10-11 K of C Ham & Kielbasa orders being taken
- Dec 21 2:00 pm to 6 pm K of C Ham and Kielbasa pick up
- On November 6, 8 memorial plaques with the names of our brother Knights that have died this past year were presented at the K of C Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. This is one of the ways we remember our beloved deceased Brother Knights.
- On November 13 our Pancake Breakfast was held and the proceeds were designated for Vets Returning Home.
- The K of C is partnering with St. John the Apostle Anglican Church on Canal Rd. St. John, at their church, will be housing 30 men during the week of Nov 20-26, 2016.

New Business:

1. CSA Relaunch – Mike Lauretti reported on a change in the CSA target goal calculations from the AOD.
 - Preliminary figures show that St. Paul of Tarsus will see an increase of about 12-15% in our target goal for CSA after the phase-in period of 3 years.
2. Parish roster letter was discussed, meant for those families in our database that have not been participating for the last three years.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the meeting of October 20, 2016 were reviewed and approved.

Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Jim Rohde will lead us in prayer.

Closing Prayer: Marty Winiarski led us in Closing Prayer.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

ATTN: All Adult Volunteers



KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

The Archdiocese of Detroit and St. Paul of Tarsus Parish are committed to protecting children and adults from harm. The Archdiocese and our Parish are committed to providing safe environments and fostering continuous improvement in every organization that sponsors activities and/or provides services to children and youth. We intend to create communities of informed adults who model appropriate behavior, are vigilant to the warning signs of abuse and take action to prevent abuse and improve safety.

Therefore, it is required by the Archdiocese of Detroit, and likewise at St. Paul of Tarsus Parish, that all adult volunteers must:

- Submit a **background check** (*forms are available in the parish office or on the parish website at www.stpauloftarsus.com*)
- Participate in **Protecting God's Children Workshop**
To register for a workshop, go to www.aod.org
- Adhere to the **Code of Conduct for Volunteers** (*copy is available in the parish office or on the parish website*)

Please contact the parish office at 586-228-1210 if you have any questions or need assistance registering for the Protecting God's Children Workshop.

REPORTING ABUSE

Speak up about abuse and neglect. The Archdiocese of Detroit takes seriously every allegation of sexual abuse and exploitation. Call 855-444-3911 any time day or night. This new toll-free phone number allows you to report abuse or neglect of any child or adult to the Michigan Department of Human Services.

The Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to the needs of victims of sexual abuse. To report sexual abuse of a minor to the archdiocese involving Catholic clergy or church personnel please use one of the following contacts.

By phone or email:
Victim Assistance Coordinator
Margaret Huggard
866-343-8055
vac@aod.org

By mail:
Mark envelope "Confidential"
Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin
Archbishop's Delegate
Archdiocese of Detroit
12 State Street
Detroit, MI 48226-1823

Youth Ministry
Calendar

December 10-11
Poinsettia Pick Up

December 11
Youth Gathering
Christmas

December 25
Jesus' Birthday!

January 8
Youth Gathering

Second Sunday
of Advent



Question of the
Week for Teens

Imagine you run into John the Baptist. How would you respond to the message that John is preaching?

ST. PAUL OF TARSUS
YOUTH MINISTRY



Don't forget about the Meijer Christmas wrapping help on December 5th from 6pm-8pm. This is an excellent opportunity to help those in our own Community.

December 11th will be our Christmas Gathering !

We were thinking of doing a White Elephant Exchange! Grab one thing from home you don't want any more, wrap it up, and bring it in! Nothing worth more than \$5 please!



We hope to see everyone there!

Poinsettia Delivery will be
December 10th and 11th!



A HUGE Thank You!!

THANK YOU for supporting our Youth Ministry!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Needed

SPOT needs volunteers for the weekend Masses (especially 11:30 am Mass). We are the privileged people to serve the Precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no set schedule, you sign up as you arrive before Mass. Training can be arranged when it's convenient for you.

If the Holy Spirit is calling YOU, please contact **Linda Rogala** at 586-914-1243.

St. Paul of Tarsus myParishApp – Advent Program



Unlike much of the world, Catholics don't plunge headlong into Christmas after the Halloween candy has been passed out. We like to REALLY prepare for Christmas. That means a four-week period of getting ourselves ready, spiritually, for the celebration of the Incarnation: God-made-man.

With this in mind, **myParishApp** offers two great free Advent features: an Advent background and Advent reflections. The reflections will be added to the app via a special Advent button. This means app users will receive Advent reflections every weekday during the Advent season. What a great way to prepare for the coming of our Lord!

For those of you who already have the app, watch for a message in myParishApp to activate new features.

If you don't have the app, NOW is the time to get it ... Download it by texting **App** to phone number **88202** OR visit myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for **myparish – Catholic Life**.

SPOT Men's Group

Our next **SPOT Men's Group** Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 20th** at 7:00 pm in the Parish Library. We provide an atmosphere encouraging fellowship among all men of the parish. As Christian men, we are driven to visibly promote service and spirituality within our parish community by living the gospel. Come and check us out!

Respect Life Reflection

The Second Vatican Council reflects upon the relationship between the coming of Christ and our activity to prepare for it. In the Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, we read, "Far from diminishing our concern to develop this earth, the expectancy of a new earth should spur us on, for it is here that the body of a new human family grows, foreshadowing in some way the age which is to come....When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise - human dignity, brotherly communion and freedom - according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom..." (#39). In other words, the spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the "building blocks" for the eternal kingdom.

COFFEE & DONUTS SCHEDULE

*Upcoming Team Assignments:***Sunday, December 11:**

7:45 am - Team 1 - Mary Beyer
 9:30 am - Team 5 - Tom Loria & Finance Council
 11:30 am - Team 15 - Susan Koleczko

Sunday, December 18:

7:45 am - Team 2 - Barb Sosnowski
 9:30 am - Team 6 - Carol Golec
 11:30 am - Team 9 - Kat Fraylick & SPOT Teens

Journey Men

All activities in SPOT Library unless noted.

- **Saturday, December 17** - 8:00 am - Sunday Readings (Optional 7:40 am Rosary)
- **Saturday, December 31** - 8:00 am - Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Detroit) - Serving breakfast
- **Saturday, January 7** - 8:00 am - Crossing the Goal (Optional 7:15 am Eucharistic Adoration)

Takeaway from a recent session: Pray for faith and hope like the repentant thief had (to recognize Jesus as King!)

Join the journey...get spiritually fit...all men are welcome - no experience required!

spotmensfsg.wordpress.com

Looking for the perfect gift?

Treat someone you love (or yourself!) with the gift of a retreat.

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center has space available at our **December 9-11** women's retreat. What woman would not appreciate a weekend away, with her own bedroom and bathroom, all her meals prepared for her, and time for peace, quiet and reflection. We also have massage therapy available for those who need some extra care.

What a **great way to prepare for the holidays**: centered, rested and focused on Jesus and the peace he brings. To register yourself or give a gift of a retreat, call **Cathy Adamkiewicz** at 313-286-2801, email at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or visit our website at stpaulretreat.org.

Pray for Our Nation

Hello. My name is Guy Infante. I was honored to be St. Paul of Tarsus' representative to the Archdiocese of Detroit 2016 Synod which took place **November 18-20**.

I have a passion for our Catholic faith and for our country. I am sure you've sensed the deteriorating moral fiber of our nation. We have become a troubled and confused people. One who believes the subjective to be truth. What is truth? There is only one Truth. God is Truth, and the truth matters, God matters.

Our nation was founded and built on the foundation of God. Yet some have turned away from God and have become lost. We need to repent, and implore God's mercy to heal our country.

Fr. John Riccardo is requesting that we as a nation humble ourselves, turn back to God, submit ourselves to his providence, and recognize that our only remedy comes from him. "As Catholics we need to get on our knees, and stand in the gap" in reparation for our sins and the sins of the nation; additionally one day a week we fast and pray for America. Then in the evening come together to pray the Rosary, and break our fast with the Eucharist at Mass, from now till the end of the year. If you're unable to fast due to health issues try fasting from coffee, or the internet for

Fast
Pray the Rosary
Attend Mass

At St. Paul of Tarsus, we be doing this on **Tuesday evening** starting with the Rosary at 5:30 pm. The Journey Men are already doing such, and we invite everyone to join us.

To hear Father Riccardo's proposal to *Pray for Our Nation* access this web link:
<http://stanastasia.libsyn.com/july-31-2016-10-am-mass-at-olgc>

If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

May God bless you and your family and may God Bless America!

Guy Infante



Pantry News



May God Continue to Bless Our Parish

Prayer Request: "I had a kidney transplant and am asking for prayers for the kidney to be viable." *Nicole*

Prayer Request: "My prayers are for my children to be healthy and our home be safe and that we will be blessed with Christmas for my family. Thank you." *Stephanie*

Prayer Request: "Please pray for our country, our new president-elect, and for the protesting and hatred to stop. Unite us Lord and let your light shine within us." *Anonymous*



2016 Christmas Giving Tree

Please have all your Christmas donations in by Sunday, December 18.

We will be supporting the following organizations with the following items:

\$15 Gift Cards for the Dollar Tree: These cards will be used by our food pantry as we shop at the Dollar Tree for laundry soap for our pantry clients. The soap is 42 oz. and allows for 21 loads of laundry. We buy about 175 of these each month.

\$25 Meijer Gift Cards / \$5 McDonald Gift Cards / \$10 Speedway Gas Gift Cards: These cards will be donated to MCREST to help them provide for the homeless people that they provide shelter for throughout the year. Many of their clients are hungry and ask for additional help for lunch. Others need gas cards to get them to appointments or interviews. The Meijer Gift Cards come in handy for any extra supplies they need to provide for the clientele.

\$20 Gift Cards to Kohl's, Kmart or Walmart: These cards will be given to Birthright. They use these cards to support the young single moms who need items for their new babies.

Donations can be placed in the Christmas box in the Parish Office.

Thank you so much for all you give and do!



We Need Your Help:

Adopt-A-Family Christmas Shopping Night @ Meijer

Monday, December 5th at 6:00 pm

Snacks for our families are welcomed!

If you are interested in shopping with one of our Christmas families please sign up on one of the sign-up sheets at the welcome desk or on our pantry wall located in the church hallway by the pantry office.

We will meet at Meijer on Hayes and Hall Roads in the employee meeting room in the rear of the store at 6:00 pm on **Monday, December 5th.**

You must have taken Protecting God's Children to be able to help us out.

Please arrive at Meijer by 6 pm. We will assign each adopt-a-family with a shopper helper to assist them with their shopping. We will need at least 15 volunteers to help us out. Our awesome choir will be singing for us as we help our families wrap their Christmas gifts. Please pray for us as we minister to these families!

Pantry Needs

Pasta Noodles
Baked Beans
Pork-N-Beans
Canned Tomatoes
Tooth Paste/Brushes
Bar Soap
Feminine Hygiene
Baby Diapers





Christmas Ham and Kielbasa Sale



The Knights of Columbus are offering Ham and Kielbasa for the Christmas holiday. These high quality meats come directly from Dearborn Brand™.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the charitable efforts of the St. Paul Knights of Columbus Council #11689.

To order: Complete the pre-paid (Cash or Check) order form on the bottom and return to the Knights' table in the gathering area after Mass on the weekends of Dec. 3 & 4 or Dec. 10 & 11.

Pick Up Date:
Wednesday, December 21 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Parish Hall

We thank you for your support and know you will enjoy these fine Dearborn Brand™ products.
 For more information please call Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516.



St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus
Christmas Ham and Kielbasa Sale
Pre-Paid Orders Due by December 11, 2016
Checks Payable To: SPOT K of C 11689



Print Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Item	Qty	Ea	Total
<u>Half Spiral Sliced Torch Glazed Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs.)		\$38	
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<u>Half Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx. 8 lbs.)		\$30	
<u>Whole Classic Trimmed Semi-Boneless Ham</u> (approx. 16 lbs.)		\$45	
<u>Fresh Kielbasa</u> (5 lbs.)		\$23	
<u>Smoked Kielbasa, Fully Cooked</u> (5 lbs.)		\$23	
<u>Turkey Breast, Spiral Sliced</u> (4.5 lbs.)		\$32	

Totals: _____ \$ _____

Pick Up: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm in Parish Hall.
For more information call Jerry Hund at (586) 286-6516.

St. Paul of Tarsus Knights of Columbus Council #11689

The *Knight of the Month* for November was **Vince Ursini**. The *Family of the Month* for November was the **Phil Bonnette Family**. Congratulations!

Upcoming events (All activities at SPOT unless noted):

- **Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4 and 10 & 11:** Ham & Kielbasa Sale at all Masses
- **Sunday, December 11:** Dedication of Fr. Lou Grandpre's Tree following 11:30 am Mass
- **Monday, December 12:** 7:30 pm - Membership Meeting (6:30 pm free-will offering meal)
- **Wednesday, December 21:** 2:00-6:00 pm - Ham & Kielbasa Sale Pick-up



Donations made in November:

- Al Hambra, Gleaners, Turning Point, Cantata Choir & Coats for Kids Program

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. If you wish to join the Knights or get more information about us, please call our Membership Director **George Loewen**, 586-731-5299.

<i>Offertory Collection</i>	
<i>November 20, 2016</i>	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$20,000.00
Total Sunday Collection 11-20-16*	\$18,266.94
Non-Pledge Building	\$10.00
Electronic Collection 11-14 to 11-20	\$2,260.00
Total	\$20,536.94
Add: Food Pantry: \$160.00	
All Saints Day: \$180.00	
World Missions: \$75.00	
(Shortage) Overage	\$536.94

<i>Offertory Collection</i>	
<i>November 27, 2016</i>	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$20,000.00
Total Sunday Collection 11-27-16*	\$17,737.31
Non-Pledge Building	\$35.00
Electronic Collection 11-21 to 11-27	\$1,565.00
Total	\$19,337.31
Add: All Saints Day: \$185.00	
Catholic Services of SE Michigan: \$4,179.21	
(Shortage) Overage	\$662.69

Advent Sunday Afternoon of Reflection

Looking for a Sunday Advent afternoon spiritual enrichment break? Spend a couple hours on **Sunday, December 11th** from 3:00-5:00 pm at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in northwest Detroit. The afternoon cost of \$15 per person or two guests for \$20 includes a conference, quiet reflection time, and a prayer service. Presenters are the members of the St. Paul of the Cross Ministry Team. To enroll, call Lynnette Marshall at 313-286-2800 or emailmarshall@stpaulretreat.org. Online registration at www.stpaulretreat.org/event/advent-evening-of-reflection-for-married-couples/.

Holy Communion to the Homebound

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact **Deacon Marc** at 586-228-1210 ext. 113. We're happy to have you borrow a Holy Communion pyx. Please return the pyx to the Parish Office following your Holy Communion visit to a loved one.



Readings for the Week of December 4th

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Romans 15:4-9;
Matthew 3:1-12
Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Matthew 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Matthew 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Ephesians 1:3-6,
11-12; Luke 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Matthew 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11

Reflection: 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, "You brood of vipers!" Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will "gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"



St. Paul of Tarsus Prayer List

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more...



Johann Alexander	Kyle McGrath
Rose Bokuniewicz	Ember Rose Miller
Bud Budzinski	Peter Mocerri
Lucas Carlson	Peter Mulhern
Mary Christoff	Gerald Nichols
Louise Decker	Renee Nienstedt
Michael Denomme	Monica Noch
James Diehl	Pat Okerhjelm
John A. Dobry	Eleanor Olszewski
Mark A. Evert	Robert Osmialowski
Fischer Family	Lorraine Owen
Edmund (Bud) Fisher	Barbara Petoskey
Guido Fracassa	Maria Petrucci
Janet Franks	James Preczewski
Mary Jo Ganci	Mary Purdham
Carol Garavaglia	Diane Quaglia
Lorraine Gierosky	Jane Quolls
Ronald Ginther	Diane Sarnecky
Mary Gordon	Pat Sarnecky
Fran Gross	Sue Searchilli
Michelle Gutkowski	Kathleen Sitzman
Robert Gutkowski	Dolores Spruth
Amelia Hale	Loretta Suwal
Paul Hinz	Paul Suwal
Ben Hoste	Sarah Swanson
Robert Houbeck	Katherine Szymanski
Katie Ingersoll	Maria Trigilio
Liz Jeffers	Jean Urbanek
Frances Kelly	Margaret Walton
Lawrence Kelly	Marianne Williams
Evelyn Laesch	Deacon Ed Wilson
Harold & Adele Laesch	Charlene Wojtaszek
Robert Laesch	Ben Yagley
Jim Lewis	M. Zander
Robert Lewis	Joann Ziehm
Felicia Maday	Robert Zurack
Ruth Mazzaro	

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"I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*."

Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next weekend's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**, and give to those who have given a lifetime.



WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

December 10th & December 11th, 2016
3rd Sunday of Advent

Presider	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ministers of Hospitality
4:00 pm Fr. John	Emily MacKinnon Dave Endres	Katherine Kunnummayalil Mary Kunnummayalil	S. Lublaneski, G. Csernai, L. Gutkowski, P. Bonnette, K. Sauner, L. Soderman, L. Bukowski, G. Olsey & R. Colosimo
7:45 am Fr. John	Bob Anderson Tressy Anderson	Mike Finn Denny Kubczak	T. Kulpa, B. Pastrick, K. Grobbel, S. Szypa, D. Stickney, M. Stickney & T. Gray
9:30 am Fr. Ron	Sandy Keller Janet Aiuto	Emily Brown Lauren Brown	T. Pardo, B. Candela, G. Gattari, L. DiFalco, J. Lambertus & J. Mocerri
11:30 am Fr. Ron	Mike Lauretti Mark Sosnowski	Daniella DelGreco Luc Heiss	S. Brandel, R. Liddell, J. Petoskey, K. Heiss, A. Skomski, J. Minnella, & D. Seidl

Sacristan Schedule

December 10th & December 11th

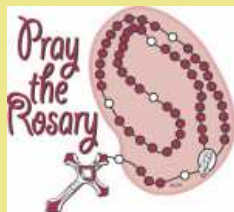
- 4:00 pm - Tony & Janet Valentine
- 7:45 am - Joe Schulte
- 9:30 am - Tom & Clara Loria
- 11:30 am - Steve Heiss



Note: If you are not available for a particular Mass as scheduled, it is your responsibility to contact another sacristan to volunteer to take your place.

American House Rosary Group Schedule

- December 9th
Dee Calder & Jane Murray
- December 16th
Carol & Joe Schulte



Clinton-Aire December 11th

Bob Anderson, Tressy Anderson & Mary Beyer
December 18th
Lucille Mejaly, Susanna Michaels & Marie Walters

Bulletin Copy Due

Reminder: Articles for the December 11th parish bulletin are due on Monday, December 5th at 1:00 pm. NOTE: December 18th articles are due early on December 9th at 1:00 pm. Email *George Eichorn* at bulletin@stpauloftarsus.com.

Holy Dusters Schedule



December 6th

Judith Bruening, Sylvia Jablonski & Dorothy Radtke

December 13th

Bea Galaska, Jenny Grayson & Victoria Semborski

December 20th

Maryann Burgan, Theresa Faletta & Dorothy Radtke

Welcome Table Host Schedule

December 10th & December 11th

- 4:00 pm - Sue Rybinski
- 7:45 am - Denny Kubczak
- 9:30 am - Christine Bonkowski
- 11:30 am - Esther Sikorski

“Thank You” in advance for your monetary gifts for Religious Retirement Fund (taken up next weekend).

Thank YOU

Envelopes were mailed home in your packets and extra envelopes can be found in the Gathering Area on the circular shelf.

This Week

Monday, December 5

- 10:00 am Pantry Client Intake
- 11:00 am Senior Club Christmas Party at Mirage
- 6:00 pm Pantry at Meijer for shopping (w/Choir)
- 6:00 pm Level 1-7 at Miami School
- 6:30 pm Hospitality prior to Presentation
- 7:00 pm *Mary, Our Mother and Mentor* (w/RCIA)

Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas

- 8:00 am Holy Dusters
- 5:30 pm Rosary
- 6:00 pm **Mass (Short Reconciliation follows Mass)**
- 6:00 pm Level 1-7 at Miami School
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class Group B
- No Baptism Class

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

- 8:30 am **Mass (Short Reconciliation follows Mass)**
- 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Group
- 10:00 am Pantry Client Intake
- 1:00 pm Staff Private Prayer

Thursday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am **Mass**
- 10:00 am Pantry Client Intake
- 12:00 pm Pantry Lunch Meeting
- 1:15 pm Book Club
- 7:00 pm **Mass** (w/All Levels attending)
- 8:00 pm Choir

Friday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 8:00 pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, December 10

- 2:30 pm Confessions
- 3:30 pm Rosary
- Blood Pressure Checks after Mass
- K of C Ham & Kielbasa Sale after Mass
- SPOT Teens Poinsettia pick-up after Mass
- 4:00 pm **Mass - 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 5:00 pm Sandwich Saturday

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- Masses:** 7:45 am - 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- Coffee & Donuts after Masses
- Blood Pressure Checks after Masses
- K of C Ham & Kielbasa Sale after Masses
- SPOT Teens Poinsettia pick-up after Masses
- 9:30 am Choir
- 11:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:30 pm Dedication of Fr. Lou Grandpre's Tree
- 6:15 pm Gathered Youth Group

HELLO! With the ever-increasing presence of technology in our daily lives, we at St. Paul of Tarsus have decided it is time to embrace it. **St. Paul of Tarsus is now on Facebook!** Please search for our page on Facebook and like us. This gives us another way to share with you what's going on in our church community. Our hope is to give you another tool in your toolbox to grow in your Catholic Faith. Join us!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Note

Attending a weekday Mass does not fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas

- 6:00 pm**
- Curt Levillier by Family
- Gloria Oleksiak by Family
- Fr. Ron Essman by MaryAnne Pendergast

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

- 8:30 am**
- For the Deceased Members of St. Paul of Tarsus Parish

Thursday, December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am**
- Rose & Julius Rossi by Candela Family
- Gloria Oleksiak by Family
- Mark Muster by Family

7:00 pm

- For the People of St. Paul of Tarsus Parish

Saturday, December 10 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 4:00 pm**
- James Datz by Wife Beverly
- Sarah Vitiello by Sisters of Sarah
- Eleanore Stopczynski by Husband Leonard
- Gloria Oleksiak by Family
- Andrew Bacha by Bacha Family
- Leonard Bukowski by Mary Petish
- Anthony & Vitina Schad by Klara Schad

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 am**
- For the People of St. Paul of Tarsus Parish
- Judith Jankowski by Sister

9:30 am

- Reginald Topolewski by Maryann
- Frank Aiuto by Janet Aiuto
- Julie Smerek by Husband Paul
- George & Louise Lanzi by Marge Lanzi
- Anthony & Meimi Candela by Family
- Joan Taukert by Robert Taukert
- Paul Christoff by Clara Family

11:30 am

- Jerry Marecki by Wife
- Rose Bertuglia (2nd anniv.) by Angie Rubino
- Americo Jeanette by Marzia Jannette
- Tulio Fanelli by Marzia Jannette
- Fr. Ron Essman by Parishioner
- Stephanie Skladanowski by Denise Anthony

Mass Intentions

All Mass Intentions need to be submitted to the Parish Office at least **3 weeks prior** in order to be published in the parish bulletin. We have white Mass Intention envelopes at the front counter in the Parish Office. Sorry, we cannot write anything in the Commentator's Book prior to Mass.

Jan Meike, Parish Secretary, ext. 101



Pray for Our Military

Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love and comfort to all the service men and women still at war. Bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

We wish to acknowledge and pray for our military personnel as well, because they defend our freedom through selfless acts.

We are asking that those who wish to have their family members on this list please complete the information below and return it to the parish office or place them in the collection at Mass.

Note: The difficulties in connecting with "Connect with a Hero," better known as "Mikie's Minutes" has been resolved. Letters and phone cards have been sent out to those who are listed on the opposing column who are stationed overseas.

Please supply the info below so that we can place your loved one on the list.

Name: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

Duty Station: _____

(Address - If overseas)

Submitted by: _____

Daytime Phone number: _____

YN2 Petty Officer Daniel Adamczyk - Navy
 Petty Officer 2nd Erick Arnsby - Navy
 1ST Lt. Douglas Bour - Marines
 Spec. Christopher Cooper - Army Reserves
 Spec. Matthew Cooper - Army
 Spec. Nicholas Cooper - Army
 Lt. Jeffrey Deliz - Navy
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 Chief Petty Officer Nigel Littleton - Navy
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Mission Statement

We, the Catholic family of Saint Paul of Tarsus, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are a visible sign of God's Kingdom.

We welcome all of God's people and offer assistance to those in need.

We will do this with open and loving hearts.

Our focus is centered on

Word, Eucharist, and providing hope

by living our Catholic Faith.

We strive to continue the work of Jesus Christ through love, education, and evangelization.

- S.P.O.T. Parish Pastoral Council, March 2012

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:45 am - 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Wednesday and Thursday: 8:30 am

Holy Day Masses (except New Year's): 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday **8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

Closed for Lunch **12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

Saturday **3:00 pm - 5:30 pm**

Sunday **7:30 am - 1:00 pm**



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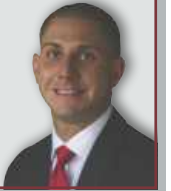
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