

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 17, 2017



WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS: AS SCHEDULED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

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MASS AT ST. PAUL

SUNDAY, 10 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 5 P.M.

SPANISH MASS 1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH; 12:30P.M.
MISA EN ESPAÑOL PRIMER DOMINGO DEL MES; 12:30P.M.
RECONCILIATION AT ST. PAUL (FRIDAY, 5 - 5:20 P.M.)

MASS AT HOLY FAMILY, GAS CITY

SATURDAY, 5 P.M.

SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M.

RECONCILIATION AT HOLY FAMILY (SATURDAY, 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.)

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: CALL PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.
PARENT PREPARATION SESSION REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: CONTACT PRIEST AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED WEDDING DATE.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: ADULTS INTERESTED IN INQUIRING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH, PLEASE CALL PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

QUINCEAÑERA CELEBRATIONS (15 YR. OLD) ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. PARISH GUIDELINES ARE REQUIRED. CALL DEACON DOMINGO CASTILLO 765-662-6078 FOR APPOINTMENT.

PARISHIONERS WHO CHOOSE TO HOMESCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEED APPROVAL FROM THE PASTOR FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION.

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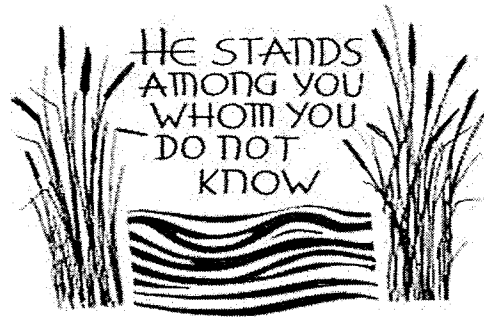
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"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 17	10:00am	Irma Cannon (Anniv.)
	12:30pm	Jennifer Riddle Jenkins
	5:00pm	For the Parish
Monday, Dec. 18	8:45am	Mary Ann Wiesler
Tuesday, Dec. 19	8:45am	Jackie Burns (Mass in McCarthy hall)
Wednesday, Dec. 20	8:00am	Esther Florendo
Thursday, Dec. 21	8:00am	Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 22	5:30pm	William E. Wiley
Sunday, Dec. 24	10:00am	For the Parish
	12:30pm	Carol Small
	5:00pm	Erlene Mills (Christmas Vigil)
Monday, Dec. 25	Midnight	For the Parish
	11:30am	Robert L. Martin

SCRIPTURE READINGS WITHIN THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday, Dec. 18— Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, Dec. 19— Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, Dec. 20— Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, Dec. 21— Late Advent Weekday Mem. of St. Peter Canisius, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Friday, Dec. 22— Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, Dec. 23— Late Advent Weekday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, Dec. 24— Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Today, December 17, we enter into the final days of Advent. From now until Christmas eve the Church focuses on remembering the birth of God the Son as a human being over 2,000 years ago. Perhaps the best image for us during these days is the anticipation of a woman about to give birth. Many of you are far more familiar with that reality than I am. This expectation is probably best expressed in the song we often sing during these days, "See how the Virgin Waits for Him." Let me also note that because December 25 falls on a Monday this year, there is confusion about the schedule of Masses for Christmas. I will explain this to the best of my ability. For the Church, Christmas begins on the evening of December 24. This means that the Masses at 5p.m. on December 23 and the Masses on December 24 at 8a.m., 10a.m. and 12:30p.m. are Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Masses at 5p.m. and 7p.m. on December 24 are Vigil Masses for Christmas. Of course Masses on December 25th at Midnight, 9a.m. and 11:30a.m. are for Christmas. Let me also mention that it is my expectation that Fr. Matthew Kuczora, C.S.C. will preside at 5p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Paul.

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

Offertory Income Report

Total Income needed to meet weekly operating expenses	*\$	13,281.00
Offertory Income received this week	** \$	17,750.64
Other Income received this week	\$	128.00
Offertory Income received year to date	\$	246,759.78
Other Income received year to date	\$	23,398.07
Total income needed year to date	\$	318,744.00
Amount over (under) operating expenses	\$	(48,586.15)

* This amount includes \$1,000 to meet the anticipated 2016-2018 Fruitful Harvest shortfall

**This amount includes the Immaculate Conception Collection of \$914.16

12/10/17	\$841.82, 5% of our Offertory Income, was given to Meals on Wheels
12/17/17	5% of our Offertory Income—Marion Grant County Senior Center
12/24/17	5% of our Offertory Income—Services for the Visually and Hearing Impaired
12/31/17	5% of our Offertory Income—Circles of Grant Co.
01/07/17	Collection for St. Martin Center
01/14/17	Collection for Religious Retirement Fund

LORRAYNE'S CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

MON-FRI 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.,



GIFTS FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
ARE AVAILABLE

Find an ornament for your mom or sister, or a children's bible for your kids, a crucifix or Advent wreath for your home, or maybe a book or a prayer card for a friend.

Discover a variety of Catholic gifts;
jewelry, medals, books, bibles,
rosaries, and seasonal items.

The shop is located in
the parish office building.

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017

Time	Ministers of Communion	Readers	Altar Servers
10:00 AM	M. Roper	BC T. Chowattukunnel	R. Spitzer
	B. Krevda	PB	P. Spitzer
	S. Krevda	PB	A. Spitzer
	J. Roper	PB	
12:30 PM	E. Ballinger	BC M. Marin	D. Lopez
	C. Esparza	PB	J. Marin
	M. Rangel	PB	
	P. Rangel	PB	

Sunday Greeters in Dec. 2017

10:00 A.M. R. Gallagher, B. Perez, J. Jekel
12:30 P.M. K. Kidwell, M. Marin, M. Gentry

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS, 2017

5P.M. Vigil

Reader: M. Marin

Altar Servers: J. Velasquez, K. Miller & N. Hubartt

Ministers of Com: R. Weisenberger, R. Earnest, M. Marin,
D. & J. Magner & R. & K. Trautvetter

Greeters: N. Rosen, L. Parlee, B. Perez

12Midnight

Reader: Mel Frecker

Altar Servers: I. & A. & K. Reynolds, J. Pluimer, G. Scher

Ministers of Com: J & M. Roper, M. Greenwald, K. Browder

Greeters: M. Frecker, N. Reynolds, A. McKinney

11:30A.M

Reader: M. Aguilar

Altar Servers: M. Caritos, T. Rangel & M. Kelley

Ministers of Com: S. Wilhelm, N. Rosen, M. & P. Rangel

Greeters: J. Zoch, R. Kelley, S. Wilhelm



Flower Memorial

This Sunday Dec. 17, 2017
The flower memorial is in memory of
Irma Canon

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office.

The cost is \$23.00 (Dates Available: Jan 7, 21)

Communion of the Sick and Homebound



If you or anyone in your family is sick or advanced in age and subsequently unable to attend Mass regularly and would like Holy Communion brought to them at home, please contact the Parish Office.

Dear St Paul Parish,

I would like to thank everyone at St. Paul Catholic Parish for your recent donation of \$422.03 for general use. Also thank you to the Rosary Society for the recent donation of \$150 for medical use. As we turn toward Christmas season, there is always a noticeable change in the air. TV shows are more likely to focus on the good, those stories which tell us everything has a happy ending, if we only believe. As a culture, we love this stuff and can't get enough of the joys of the season. We run toward good news and miraculous outcomes.

At pregnancy Help Center, we don't have Hollywood screen writers to write our stories. And, our stories can't wrap up in a precise, two-hour window. Yet we reach out to those whose situations appear hopeless, because we still believe in miracles. We believe in a God who takes broken people and broken circumstances, rolls up His sleeves and says, "I'm not finished here." He is a God who gives opportunity, who allows ordinary people to work in the lives of the hurting and provide help and hope.

We are those ordinary people. And by your investment in PHC, you are, too. With every gift, you invest in miracles. You too, believe in What God can do. And you need to know, far more often than you might imagine, these miracles take place.

Thank you for believing with us that God is still in the miracle-producing business. Our stories may not make it on Hallmark, but they are very real. And we appreciate you for making each one possible.

Blessings,
Katie A. Willman –Executive director
Pregnancy Help Center

ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN TODAY'S READINGS—THE PROPHET ISAIAH, THE VIRGIN MARY, ST. PAUL, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST—SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY AND REJOICE IN WHAT GOD WAS CALLING THEM TO BE AND TO DO. DO I?

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**MILFORD REALTY
AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
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SCRIP/GIFT CARDS

Are you concerned that your debit card may be compromised when you use it at a gas pump? Do you worry a bit about skimmers and scammers and identity theft?

MORE REASONS TO USE SCRIP.

SCRIP doesn't cost you anything and your parish school makes money every time you use a SCRIP card. At the grocery, driving thru your favorite fast food place, shopping for the Holidays--use SCRIP and benefit your parish school.

Pick up a sheet at the bulletin boards in church, fill it out, sign a check, then turn it in to the school office. Pick up your cards the next week for WORRY- FREE SHOPPING

SRE and Lifeteen Information

There are no SRE or Lifeteen classes on December 17, 24, or 31st due to Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 7, 2018.

Destination Jesus High School Retreat Information. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to attend Destination Jesus 2018-Friday, February 16, 2018 through Sunday, February 18, 2018.

DJ will be held at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 N. Gray Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

To make your retreat reservation please contact Nora Reynolds at 662-2883 or Maria Esparza at 664-6345.

Cost to attend is

\$75.00 per person (if payment is received by January 3, 2018)

\$85.00 per person (payments received after January 5, 2018 through January 26, 2018)

NOTE: Group Registration closes on January 26, 2018 at 5:00pm. NO additional spots will be accepted after this date and time.

Payment is due to St. Paul Parish by January 3, 2018.

Registration forms are available in the parish and school offices Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm.

Decorate the Church
Tues. evening, Dec. 19th at 5pm.

We will re-hang fresh greens and erect the stable, as we shift our Advent waiting from End Time to Christ's arrival in Bethlehem as a baby.

Tues morning, Jan 9th the Christmas Season ends after we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. SO-after mass, about 9:30am, we take down the greenery (it's dry & prickly, bring work gloves) and decorate the Church for the winter weeks of Ordinary Time. And clean up the mess.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Music begins 1/2 hr. before each liturgy

Dec. 24th- 5pm vigil—16 voice choir
Midnite Mass- Frecker Family- harps & voices
Dec. 25th 11:30a- brass quartet

And to end the Christmas Season our Elementary/
Family choir will minister Jan 7th, Epiphany, 5pm

New Hymnals New Liturgical Year

The texts of the Penitential Act, Gloria, Nicene Creed, and Invitation to Communion are now printed on the inside cover of the hymnals-

DO NOT try to insert the front cover of the book into the plastic pocket of the cover-that breaks the binding, rips pages and tears the plastic cover.



Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
in January, 2018

**All Night Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Fri. Jan. 5, and Sat. Jan. 6, 2018

Following 5:30 P.M. Mass
Evening Prayer (Vespers), 7:30 P.M. Fri.
Benediction at noon Sat.
Please sign up for a time slot from
8 P.M. Fri. until 12 P.M. Sat.
Sign-up sheet is on the wall at the
East entrance of the church.

INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

All are invited to join in the First Annual Indiana March for Life on Monday, January 22, 2018 in Indianapolis. The events include:

- 12:10 Mass, St. John the Evangelist Church
- 1:30 March from the Indiana Convention Center to the State House
- 2:30 Rally at the State House steps
- 4:00 Memorial for the Unborn Rose Service, Indiana State House, with keynote by Abby Johnson, author and founder of And Then There Were None
- 6:30 Youth Rally and Holy Hour, St. John the Evangelist Church, featuring Abby Johnson

Feel free to join in all or part of the day's activities. But most importantly, join us as we testify to the dignity of life and the beauty of each human person. For more information check out www.rtindy.org/upcoming-events/indiana-march-for-life or contact Susan Hoefer, Diocesan Respect Life Coordinator, shoefer@dol-in.org / 765-421-1998. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Council exists as a bridge between the parishioner's needs and the Parish's various activities, leaders, clergy, and staff. There are three openings on the Parish Council for 2018. You can nominate any parishioner, including yourself, who is at least 16 years old for one of these positions. If you nominate someone other than yourself, please get his/her permission first. Please return the form below in the Collection basket, or mail/bring to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, December 31. Elections will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION FORM, DECEMBER, 2017

I wish to submit my name for election to St. Paul Parish Council for a three-year term beginning January, 2018. I am a registered member of St. Paul Parish.

Name _____ Address _____

Ph. Number: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

OR

I have nominated the above person who I think would be an excellent member of the St. Paul Parish Council.

Signed (by person submitting name) _____