

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DEC. 16, 2018



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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, 6 - 6:30 P.M. & SATURDAY, 9-10 A.M.)

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS: AS SCHEDULED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

MASS AT HOLY FAMILY, GAS CITY
THURSDAY, 8AM & SATURDAY, 5 P.M.
RECONCILIATION AT HOLY FAMILY (SATURDAY, 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.)

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

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRE - 6TH GRADE
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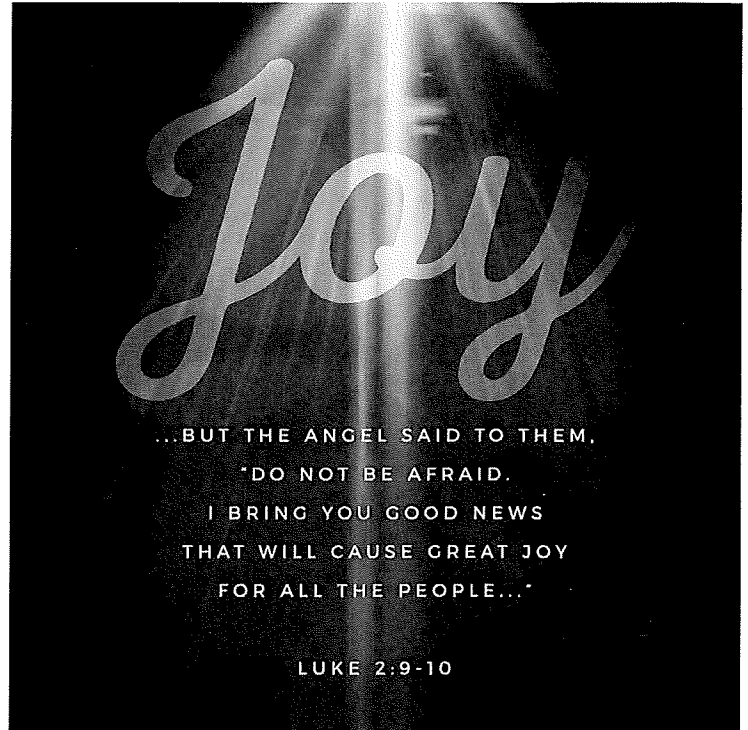
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Mission Statement

The members of St. Paul Parish are gathered by the Holy Spirit to worship God in word, action and sacrament and to serve Jesus Christ by serving others, especially the poor and needy. We are committed to handing on the faith we have received from the Apostles to our children and others.

Nuestra misión

Los miembros de la Parroquia de San Pablo, estamos aquí reunidos, por el Espíritu santo, para glorificar a Dios, de palabra, acción y sacramento, para servir, a Jesucristo, sirviendo a los demás, especialmente a los pobres y necesitados. Estamos dedicados a compartir, con los niños y los demás, la fe que hemos recibido de los Apóstoles.



...BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO THEM,
"DO NOT BE AFRAID.
I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS
THAT WILL CAUSE GREAT JOY
FOR ALL THE PEOPLE..."

LUKE 2:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Dec. 16	10:00 am	For the People
	12:30 pm	Matilda Kennedy
	5:00 pm	James K. Duncan
Monday, Dec. 17	8:45 am	Helen Broyles
Tuesday, Dec. 18	8:45 am	Roman Zech
Wednesday, Dec. 19	8:45 am	Esther Florendo (All School)
Thursday, Dec. 20	8:00 am	Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 21	5:30 pm	Mary Ann Wiesler
Sunday, Dec. 23	10:00 am	Benjamin Butardo
	12:30 pm	Rohan Tiruchelvan
	5:00 pm	For the People

SCRIPTURE READINGS WITHIN THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday, Dec. 17— Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday, Dec. 18— Late Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday, Dec. 19— Late Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

Thursday, Dec. 20— Late Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Friday, Dec. 21— Late Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14/Lk 1:39-45

Saturday, Dec. 22— Late Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Sunday, Dec. 23— Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

At the last parish finance council meeting, the members of the council unanimously recommended that, beginning in January, we would discontinue giving 5% of the collection to local charities on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month. I asked for their input because St. Paul is operating at a significant deficit and we need to find ways to reduce spending. We are already looking at the possibilities of freezing salaries and cutting other line items aggressively.

In the past six years, our income has decreased from \$886,000 in 2012-2013 to \$620,000 in 2017-2018 (30% decrease, before factoring inflation). During that same period of time, costs for salaries, benefits and utilities have increased. In order to keep pace with inflation, they would have to have increased 9%. We have to look for all of the ways possible to reduce the expenses that we can so that we will be able to pay our bills five years from now. If we find that our income reaches 2012-2013 levels again, we will be in a position to revisit giving to outside charities. In the meantime, we will continue to take up collections for the St. Martin Center on the first Sunday of the month.

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Christopher

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH FISCAL YEAR JULY 2018– JUNE 2019

<u>Offertory Income Report 12/02/18</u>	
Income/(Deficit)-excluding depreciation as of October 31	\$(28,974.00)
Offertory needed to meet weekly operating expenses	\$13,238.00
Income received this week	*\$15,385.13
Income/(Deficit) this week	\$2,147.13

*This amount includes the holy day collection, Dec. 8

Maria Santisima a tu hogar esta visitando los hogares de todas las familias. Si a ti te gustaria que ella vaya a llevar bendicion a tu familia, invitala madre quiere ir contigo a llevar la paz y alegria a tu familia. Para mas informacion communicate al 765-517-4544 con Margarita Marin.

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018

10:00am Mass

EMHC: M. Roper, B. Krevda, S. Krevda, J. Roper

Readers: M. Spitzer

Altar Servers: K. Reynolds, C. Percy, E. Mooney

Greeters: S. Wilson, S. Kriegbaum, L. Knight

Sacristan: J. Roper

12:30pm Mass

EMHC: E. Ballinger, C. Zavala, M. Rangel, P. Rangel

Readers: M. Aguilar

Altar Servers: J. & M. Marin

Greeters: J. Rodriguez, M. Marin, M. Gentry

Sacristan: C. Zavala

5:00pm Mass

EMHC: M. Weirich, A. Karlin, L. Day, B. Weirich

Readers: C. Royse

Altar Servers: M. Caritos, I. Khalouf

Greeters: A. Karlin, J. Zoch, N. Recometa

Sacristan: N. Recometa

Knights of Columbus

What is the Knights of Columbus?
The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal benefit society, with more than 1.9 million members in over a dozen countries. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney to help provide financial aid to Catholic families, the Knights of Columbus is now one of the largest life insurers in North America. The Knights of Columbus also helps support a multitude of charitable causes; in the last decade, the Order has given more than \$1.55 billion to charity. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. If any questions please contact Randy Miller 765-661-1136

SAVE THE DATE:

Vigil for Life

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana invite you to bring the youth of your parish for the **Vigil for Life.**

Monday January 21, 2019 7:00-9:00pm
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The night will be one of Eucharistic Adoration led by Father Rick Nagle and worship and reflections on Human Life and Dignity by Christian singer-song writer, Audrey Assad. The night will also include opportunities for confession and a Eucharistic Procession.

Solemn Observance of Roe vs. Wade

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, and Right to Life of Indianapolis invite you to the Indiana March for Life on January 22, 2019. The event includes Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty at St. John the Evangelist (Indianapolis) at 12:10 pm followed by a march to and rally at the Indiana State Capitol. Make plans to attend. More details to come! Information is available by calling (317) 236-1543.

The PTO thanks you for your support with our Terry Lynn nuts and candy fundraiser for the church and school! We have a limited supply of extra items available for purchase in the school office. Stop by during business hours or call 662-2883.

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

Sunday Religious Education Classes

Grades Preschool - 8

11:15am-12:15pm

SRE NEWS

Classes will not be held on December 23rd or December 30th due to Christmas break.

Classes will resume after Christmas break on January 6th.

RCIA "Breaking Open the Word" (BOTW) Schedule for Catechumens and Candidates for

10:00 a.m. Mass (Cycle Year C)

"If you have questions, please leave a message for Anita Rawlings at (765) 668-1182."

12/23/18 - 4th Sunday of Advent - Micah 5:1-4a, Hebrews 10:5-10 and Luke 1:39-45, pages 24 and 25 in "At Home with the Word". Also Annunciation/Incarnation/St. Nicholas

About RCIA? Our candidates and catechumens are on a quest to join us at the Table of the Lord and they need the entire parish community to support them. First and foremost, they need us to pray that they listen and follow God's Word. In addition, they have been led by God to this point and we (their faith family) are ALL called to invite, embrace and nurture them during this time. Reach out and greet them when you see them. They are travelers and we are their shelter and sustenance on The Way!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you feeling a call to help welcome and provide faith formation to adults wanting to become Catholic? If so, being a catechist is a great way to learn more about our faith AND walk with others in their journey toward full communion in the Catholic Church. No theology degree is needed, just a sincere wish to occasionally share your heart and a couple of hours with us. Individuals, friends, couples (anyone over 16) -- however you feel most comfortable! Leave a message for Anita Rawlings at 668-1182 to learn more about the process (what we do and how we do it).

The Rosary Society will not meet during the months of January or February. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6 (the 1st Wednesday of the month), at 3:00 pm in McCarthy Hall.

There will be no Divine Mercy prayer hour in the chapel during January and February. Beginning in March, this will be held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

Liturgical Ministers for Christmas, 2018

Dec. 24, 4:00p.m. (Vigil)

EMHC: Fr. M. Kuzcora, E. Crawford, R. Trautvetter, K. Bisdorf, E. Ballinger, C. Mauman, J. Certain
Altar Servers: C. Pearcy, I. Khalouf, M. Caritos
Reader: S. Sciaudone
Sacristan: R. & K. Trautvetter
Greeters: S. Wilson, L. Parlee

Dec. 24, 8:00p.m. Mass (Bilingual Vigil)

EMHC: J. Rodriguez, *
Spanish Reader: M. Medina
Altar Servers: C. Royse, L. & J. Morales
Sacristan: B. Royse
Greeters: S. Bramblett,

Dec. 25, Midnight Mass

EMHC: R. Culley, B. Browder, E. & C. Greene
Reader: A. Reynolds
Altar Servers: J. Pluimer, K. Reynolds, A. McKinney
Sacristan: *
Greeters: N. & T. Reynolds

Dec. 25, 11:00a.m. Mass

EMHC: R. Faulk, *
Reader: M. Frecker
Altar Servers: K. Miller, J. Velasquez
Sacristan: *
Greeters: **

Dec. 25, 7:30p.m. Mass (Bilingual Vigil)

EMHC: M. Marin, *
Spanish Reader: J. Rodriguez
Altar Servers: M. & J. Marin
Sacristan: J. Rodriguez
Greeters: **

*Still need volunteers please contact the office 664-6345

What is a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! This is a time for you and your spouse to spend time together and learn about the tools to nourish your Sacrament in a new way. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from 26-28 April and from 1-3 November 2019, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from 1-3 February and from 16-18 August 2019. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Not only did we experience a deep sense of unity and joy during the Weekend, but the intimacy and excitement continued after."

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Flower Memorial

This Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018
The flower memorial is for Memory of
Frederick Warner

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office.
The cost is \$23.00

SPONSOR FOR THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN

**RAVEN-CHOATE
FUNERAL HOME
CHARLES CHOATE/R. SCOTT ROBINSON**

School Advent Program
Monday, December 17
6:30 pm in Church
Parishioners are welcome to attend



Reflections for Advent

God comes. What shall we do? God, indeed, is coming. Near at hand. At the door. Be busy! Be lovingly-kind, like God. Do mercy work. Being merciful does not require extraordinary behavior. It simply means, be human. That is, be holy. Prove that God is here by wrestling with conversion to Christ in ongoing ways – be genuine, be just, be fair. The gospel offers some suggestions: clean out the closet, share from the pantry, do not take what others need. Do mercy. Be mercy.

- ◆ Read Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate of 2018 on the call to holiness in today's world. Here is a link: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html
- ◆ How will I be holy, be the "saint next door"?
- ◆ What mercy work will I do to share with those in need?

K OF C ALL YOU CAN EAT

Dec. 16, 2018

*Pancake
Breakfast*



from 8 A.M. to Noon
in the school cafeteria.

\$4 per person, \$12 per family,
Tamales \$1 extra when available.