

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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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.)

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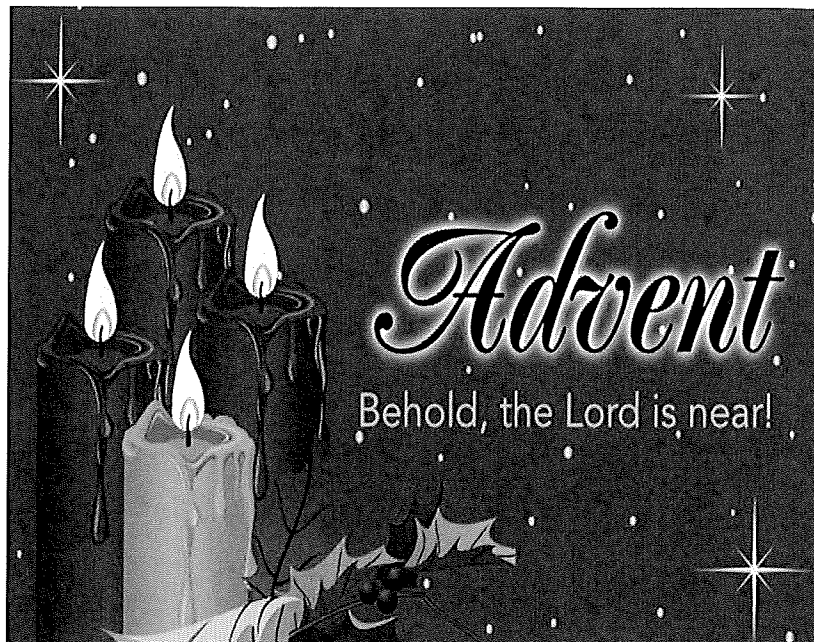
BULLETIN DEADLINE: BY **TUESDAY NOON**
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Mission Statement

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.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 23	10:00am	Benjamin Butardo
	12:30 pm	Rohan Tiruchelvam
	5:00pm	For the People
Monday, Dec. 24	4:00pm	Robert L. Martin (Christmas Vigil)
	8:00pm	For the People (Christmas Bilingual Vigil)
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Midnight	Arthur J. "Art" Backs (Christmas Night)
	11:00am	Michael Hipskin (Christmas Day)
Wednesday, Dec. 26	No Mass	No Mass
Thursday, Dec. 27	8:00am	Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 28	5:30pm	Robert D. Wiesler
Sunday, Dec. 30	10:00 am	Esther Florendo
	12:30 pm	Elton Goodman
	5:00 pm	For the People

SCRIPTURE READINGS
WITHIN THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday, Dec. 24—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS VIGIL)
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Tuesday, Dec. 25— THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, Dec. 26— Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, Dec. 27— Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, Dec. 28— Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, Dec. 29— Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Sunday, Dec. 30—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

From the Pastor



Dear parishioners,

The thing that made Wayne Gretsky a great hockey player was that he played to where the puck was going to be. Even in the Church we need to play toward where the puck is going to be rather than where it was yesterday or where it is today. While it is true that the lifeblood of the Church is divine grace and divine providence, this truth does not excuse from exercising human prudence. Setting goals are an indispensable part of prudent planning for the future. What are some of my personal goals for the coming year?

My first goal will not be a surprise and I am sick of talking about it.

My second goal is **identifying financial needs at both of our parishes and finding ways to meet them**. The fact that Saint Paul expects to operate at a loss this fiscal year should not blind us to the reality that we are under-resourced. For example, Holy Family and Saint Paul have around 600 more parishioners than St. Mary in Muncie yet we have at least two fewer full-time employees and one fewer priest. Both parishes have schools. Other parishes of similar sizes with schools employ even more lay support staff than St. Mary in Muncie does.

My third goal is **facilitating optimally functional consultative bodies and parish staff**. Pastoral councils, school advisory boards, and finance councils can help a parish implement a vision for the future. They help the pastor to lead effectively. Our small parish staff has much work to do. For this reason, it is important they are empowered to say yes to the most important tasks and say no to those that will not be the most efficient use of their time. I have been working with the diocesan leadership, parish staff and council members to create a scenario where everyone in the boat is pulling together to the greatest extent possible.

Next week I will start writing about the vision that has been forming for our parish cluster as I think, minister and pray.

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Christopher

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

Offertory Income Report 12/23/18	
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	<u>\$20,239.63</u>
Income/(Deficit) this week	\$7,001.63

Parish Staff Directory: 664-6345

Pastor.....Christopher Roberts - ext.107
Business Manager.....Karen Browder - ext.108
Secretary.....Maria Esparza - ext.104
Liturgical Music Director.....Carla Tucker - ext.119
Development Director.....Kelly Scher - ext.110
Maintenance.....Nathan Huff - ext.102
Dir. Religious Education.....Nora Reynolds - ext.117

Liturgical Ministers for Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018

10:00am Mass

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

Readers: S. Sciaudone

Altar Servers: G. Scher, A. McKinney, J. Pluimer

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

Sacristan: M. Parlee

12:30pm Mass

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

Readers: F. Bir

Altar Servers: J. & L. Morales

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

Sacristan: C. Zavala

5:00pm Mass

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

Readers: J. Fafinski

Altar Servers: G. Bunker, N. Hubartt

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

Sacristan: N. Recometa

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."

12/30/18 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Samuel 1:20-22 and 24-28, John 3:1-2 and 21-24, and Luke 2:41-52, pages 30 and 31 in "At Home with the Word". Also Social Teachings of the Church/St. John Bosco

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!

Reflections for Advent

God came in human flesh. Mass today tells the story: no one is too small, too insignificant to bear the presence of God. The pre-born John [the one to be the Baptist] acts first in the story of visitation by jumping for joy in the womb. At what? The assurance that God comes and will be God-with-us.

- ◆ How will I let God come to me today?
- ◆ At what can I jump for joy?
- ◆ How will I enjoy the freedom of God's good grace by doing this mercy work: _____?

The Christmas Season ends with the feast of Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Jan 13th. So - - - after mass, about 6pm we take down the greenery (it's dry & prickly, bring work gloves) and the overhead wreath and the stable. Then decorate the parish church for Ordinary Time. AND CLEAN UP.—

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Parishioners**

Liturgical Ministers for the Holy Days of Obligation; Christmas & Mary Mother of God

Dec. 24, 4:00p.m. (Vigil) Fr. M. Kuzcora, (Celebrant)
EMHC: E. Crawford, R. Trautvetter, K. Bisdorf, E. Ballinger, C. Mauman, J. Certain
Altar Servers: C. Percy, I. Khalouf, M. Caritos
Reader: S. Sciaudone
Sacristan: R. & K. Trautvetter
Greeters: M Parlee, 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: B. Royse
Greeters: N. & T. Reynolds

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

EMHC: R. Faulk, R. & L. Miller *
Reader: M. Frecker
Altar Servers: K. Miller, J. Velasquez
Sacristan: *
Greeters: J. Breene, S Wilson

Dec. 31, 7:30p.m. Mass (Bilingual)

EMHC: M. Marin, J. Rodriguez
Spanish Reader: M. Perez
Altar Servers: J. Marin, M. Perez, O. Treto
Sacristan: J. Rodriguez
Greeters: F. & E. Perez

Jan. 1, 11:00a.m. Mass

EMHC: R. & K. Browder**
Reader: *
Altar Servers: C. Royse**
Sacristan: B. Royse
Greeters: ***

Change on the bulletin from last Sunday: No mass on Dec 25 at 7:30pm

Cambio en el boletin del Domingo pasado: No hay Misa en Dec. 25 a las 7:30pm

*Still need volunteers please contact the office 664-6345



FLOWER MEMORIAL

This Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018
the flower memorial is in memory of
Dr. Rohan Tiruchelvam

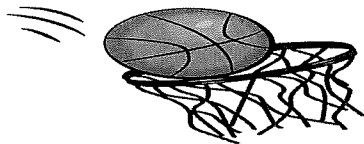
If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one please call the parish office.

Call for dates available. The cost is \$23.00

Fourth Annual CASOCK CLASSIC THURSDAY, DEC. 27TH PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS

GUERIN HIGH SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
TIP-OFF AT 6:30PM

\$5 PER PERSON | \$20 PER FAMILY
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FRASSATI
SOCIETY OF YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR



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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.** Watch for a sale date in church in Jan.

Music For Christmas

Music begins 1/2 hr. before mass
Mon Dec. 24—4pm vigil 14 voice choir
Midnight mass— 10 voice choir
Tues Dec. 25-11am mass— Frecker Family harps and voices
And to end the Christmas season our Elementary/ Family Choir will minister Jan 13th 5pm
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in January, 2019

All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fri., Jan 4, and Sat. Jan. 5, 2019

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

The Christmas Vigil mass is often crowded with visitors...”and there was no room for them in the inn.” Christmas is about the generous love of God to us. We too, must be generous in love toward others.

SO— come to church early to celebrate that God is with us now . Make room in the inn—help the ministers of hospitality to welcome the stranger—move over—share a hymnal—smile a welcome—give a meaningful sign of peace.

If you desire blessed HOLY WATER for use in your Home , the vat is available in the chapel. The chapel is accessible via the Southeast door (nearest the rectory/office building.) Provide your own worthy container.

**The parish office will be closed on
December 27th & 28th
for maintenance.**

St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Center 2019 Retreats

To register, contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or call (765) 551-9570.
For more information, visit www.stjosephretreat.org
All retreats are available for adults age 19 and older.

Women’s Silent Retreat January 11-13, 2019	\$170
Get Away for a Day January 15, 2019	\$20
Married Couples Retreat January 25-26, 2019	\$210 per couple