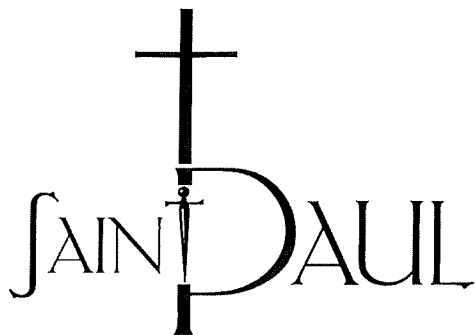


**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018**  
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**



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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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**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. 30	10:00 am	Esther Florendo
	12:30 pm	Elton Goodman
	5:00 pm	For the People
Monday, Dec. 31	7:30 pm	Sara Beach
	11:00 am	Benvenido Fermin Sr.
Wednesday, Jan. 2	8:45 am	Glendora Berger
Thursday, Jan. 3	8:00 am	Communion Service
Friday, Jan. 4	5:30 pm	Glendora Berger
	12:30 pm	For the People (misa en Español)
Sunday, Jan. 6	10:00 am	Robert D. Wiesler
	5:00 pm	James K. Duncan

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**CHRISTMAS SEASON**

**Monday, Dec. 31**— Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, vigil  
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, Jan. 1**— Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
 Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Wednesday, Jan. 2**— Mem. of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church  
 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**Thursday, Jan. 3**— Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**Friday, Jan. 4**— Mem. of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**Saturday, Jan. 5**— Mem. of St. John Neumann, Bishop  
 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday, Jan. 6**— SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
 Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

*From the Pastor*



Dear parishioners,

A good working definition of insanity is doing the same thing again and again but expecting different results. It is difficult to argue with the fact that the definition that I have just given is also a good definition of the internal culture in the Catholic Church in the United States—from cardinal-archbishops down to the Catholic who comes to Mass when he feels like it; and everywhere in between. There is strong internal pressure not to rock the boat, to keep on doing what we have been doing hoping that it will magically start to work. We have to acknowledge this reality before we can begin to talk about a vision for the future.

In my nearly six months here in Grant County, I have observed that Saint Paul and Holy Family are not that much different from the rest of the Church in the United States. We have the same symptoms of decline that one sees everywhere else, a nearly forty-five percent decrease in Mass attendance in less than two decades and all of the institutional dysfunction that accompanies such a trend: shrinking economic resources, ministries trending toward unviability and the fatalism that seeks to cope with having no better prospects for the future. The path down which we are heading is unsustainable. One does not have to be an expert demographer to know that if we lose another 45 percent of Mass attendance in the next 17 years, we will be in serious trouble. What can we do about it?

We can be 100% sure that trying harder at doing the very things that have gotten us here is not the solution. As our numbers and resources continue to diminish, we can be certain that if what we were trying to do was not working ten years ago, it definitely will not work now. We have to be willing to change our tactics and adapt ourselves to the new realities we face. Wistfully yearning about the days way back when...will do nothing to bring them back.

Next week, I will go into what kind of change is needful.

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Christopher

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

<b>Offertory Income Report 12/23-25/18</b>	
Income/(Deficit)-excluding depreciation as of October31	\$(28,974.00)
Offertory needed to meet weekly operating expenses	\$13,238.00
Income received this week	<b>*\$22,677.59</b>
Income/(Deficit) this week	\$9,439.59

**\*This amount includes the Christmas collection**

**Parish Staff Directory: 664-6345**

Pastor.....Fr. 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, Jan. 6, 2019**

**10:00am Mass**

**EMHC:** D. Barrido, K. Browder, M. Greenwald, C. Mauman  
**Readers:** S. Sciaudone  
**Altar Servers:** C. Spitzer, J. Pluimer, C. Percy  
**Greeters:** J. Breene, J. Mucenski  
**Sacristan:** M. & L. Parlee

**12:30pm Mass**

**EMHC:** E. Crawford, J. Garcia, M. Marin, C. Zavala  
**Readers:** Spanish Reader  
**Altar Servers:** J. & M. Marin  
**Greeters:** J. Rust, K. Kidwell  
**Sacristan:** C. Zavala

**5:00pm Mass**

**EMHC:** N. Rosen, R. Faulk, C. Green, E. Greene  
**Readers:** D. Dailey  
**Altar Servers:** M. De las Alas, K. Miller  
**Greeters:** C. Hamilton, N. Rosen  
**Sacristan:** B. Royse

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

**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:** K. & B. Browder & M. & J. Roper

**Reader:** E. Crawford

**Altar Servers:** C. Roysse\*\*

**Sacristan:** B. Roysse

**Greeters:** \*\*\*

\*Still need volunteers please contact the office 664-6345

**Reflections for Christmas**

**Holy persons, holy family.** It is, perhaps, easy to see the holiness in **the** Holy Family and not in our own. But holy we are, too. We are holy because of God's loving-kindness and God living among us. Pope Francis says this clearly in Gaudete et Exsultate on the call to holiness in today's world. Let us look to the saint next door. Let us also be the saint next door. God, in creation, makes us holy. We are called to remain in holiness. Though we need help from God and from others, it is possible for each one of us.

- ◆ Who can I name as a saint next door? What do they do and say, not do and say, to make this so?
- ◆ What one holy and mercy work will I do in this Christmas season?
- ◆ What will I do and say to bring holiness to this sometimes-messy world?

**THE FIRST READING TODAY PROVIDES A CHALLENGING BLUEPRINT FOR THE GOOD OF STEWARDSHIP OF OUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. HOW DO I MEASURE UP?**

**Anointing of the sick every first Sunday after each Mass**

**SPONSOR FOR THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN:**

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**FLOWER MEMORIAL**  
This Sunday, Dec. 30, 2019  
the flower memorial is in Memory of  
**Benvenido Fermin Sr.**

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*

**MCCARTHY HALL RENTAL**  
**WEDDING RECEPTIONS, REUNIONS, ETC.**  
**CALL 765-664-6345 EXT 104**  
**CHECK ON AVAILABLE DATES.**

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.**—

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."

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1/6/19 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a and 5-6, and Matthew 2:1-12, pages 32 and 33 in "At Home with the Word". Also introduction to and aspects of Prayer (Types and Ways)/Magi/Flight to Egypt/Holy Innocents

About RCIA?  
Before the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, confirmation and Eucharist) are celebrated at Easter, our candidates and catechumens will have experienced the Rite of Welcoming, later (during Lent) the three Scrutinies and Rite of Sending, and finally the Rite of Election and Continued Conversion at the Cathedral. They are accompanied on their way to the sacraments by their families and sponsors, our parish' catechists, and all parishioners. They are being led in prayer, discussing scripture and how it should affect their life, and guided through the teachings of the Church...all in an invitation to a deeper relationship with and life in Christ. May we all make the RCIA process our own way of drawing ever closer to the source of our yearning and joy, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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

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.

**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.

Are you moving? If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address or phone number, please contact St. Paul Parish Office at 664-6345 with your change. This will ensure our records are up to date.

**DON'T DO IT**

**The hymnals are in the pew— with just the back cover in the vinyl pocket. PLEASE don't force the front cover into the left hand pocket. That breaks the binding, rips pages, and tears the vinyl that has to last a year!**

**Save the date/ Indiana March for Life**

The Diocese of Lafayette-in Indiana, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Right to Life of Indianapolis invite all to join a "Vigil for Life" on Jan. 21 and the Indiana March for Life on Jan. 22 in Indianapolis. The events will include a youth rally with a night of worship and a keynote speaker at St. John the Evangelist Church beginning at 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson and Bishop Timothy L. Doherty at 12:10 p.m. Jan. 22 at St. John the Evangelist Church, followed by a march to the state capitol.



**JANUARY 25, 2019  
PATRONAL FEAST**

Stop by the church library located in the St. Hannah's room. Who knows, you may find a good book to read. Please do not leave donations in the St. Hannah's room; drop them off in the Parish Office. Thank You!

**Upcoming retreats at Saint Joseph Retreat & Conference Center in Tipton**

- ◆ Women's Silent Retreat, Jan. 11-13
- ◆ "Get Away for a Day," Jan. 15
- ◆ • Married Couples Retreat, Jan. 25-26
- ◆ • Crafters' Retreat, Feb. 1-3

Samir Azer at [sazer@dol-in.org](mailto:sazer@dol-in.org) or 765-551-9570. For more information, visit [www.stjosephretreat.org](http://www.stjosephretreat.org). Retreats are available for adults ages 19 and older.