

ST. PAUL the Apostle Congregation

*For a child is BORN to us,
a son is GIVEN us;
upon his shoulder
DOMINION rests.
They name him Wonder-
Counselor, GOD-HERO,
Father-Forever, Prince
of PEACE. ISAIAH 9:5*

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CHRISTMAS 2009
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Weekly Worship & Daily Prayer

Mass Intentions

Liturgy of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:30 p.m. † Ann Bulik (Hrpcek Family)

Sunday, December 27th, Liturgy of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 a.m. † All Souls

10:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul

Monday, December 28th, The Holy Innocents

8:15 a.m. NO MASS - NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 29th, St. Thomas Becket

8:15 a.m. NO MASS - Communion Service

Wednesday, December 30th, Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:15 a.m. † Karen Letsch (Bob Letsch & Family)

Thursday, December 31st, St. Sylvester I

8:15 a.m. † Charles Davies (Rosemary Davies)

Friday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God

9:00 a.m. † All Souls

Saturday, January 2nd,

8:15 a.m. † Edward Huck (Ellen Huck & Lisa Huck)

† Patrick Fleuchaus (Family)

† Ray Stibeck (Leona Stibeck)

Liturgy of the Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul

Sunday, January 3rd, Liturgy of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. † All Souls

10:30 a.m. † Victoria Mears Woodsford (Mark & Colleen Kechter)

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Monday through Saturday prior to the Mass or Communion Service at 7:50 a.m.

The Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday following the Mass or Communion Service.

Prayer Requests

In addition to our Book of Prayers, you may anonymously write your prayer request and place it in the wooden box on the west table in the gathering area. Feel free to contact Bernice Davis at 637-2959 or Sue Douglas at 884-9095 for prayer also.

St. Paul Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Saturday:
8:15 a.m.

Communion Service on Tuesday

Confessions - Each Saturday

after 8:15 a.m. Mass & 2nd

Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

St. Sebastian Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday through Thursday:
8:00 a.m.

No Mass on Friday

Confessions - Each Saturday:

3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Sacraments at St. Paul

Baptism - Parents must be registered with the parish three months prior to Baptism. Please call the Parish Office to register for a Baptism preparation session.

Marriage - Couples call the pastor, at least six months before the desired date.

Anointing - First Friday of every month after 8:15 a.m. Mass or by request.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January 2010

Young people and Social Communications Media

General: That young people may learn to use modern means of social communication for their personal growth and to better prepare themselves to serve society.

Christian Unity

Missionary: That every believer in Christ may be conscious that unity among all Christians is a condition for more effective proclamation of the Gospel.



Weekly Scripture Synopsis

December 27th ~ Feast of the Holy Family

Samuel 1:20-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

There are many "family messages" in today's readings. Here are a few of them. Our children belong to God, not to us – First reading: We are God's children when we keep his commandments to believe in Jesus and love each other – Second reading: Even Jesus recognized the importance of family - "He went down with them to Nazareth and was obedient to them."

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5---2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6 Raise your eyes, see the glory of the Lord.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise.

Matthew 2:1-12 The wise follow the star.

No Eucharistic Adoration & First Friday Anointing

First Friday is on New Year's Day this year, therefore there will be no Eucharistic Adoration on December 31st and no First Friday Anointing on January 1st. However, the deacons in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee are planning an Archdiocesan-wide Holy Hour on January 21st. Deacon Bill Widmar is planning the Holy Hour for St. Paul the Apostle Parish from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Watch for more details coming soon.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, December 27th

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word - Gathering Area

Monday, December 28th

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29th

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, December 30th

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study - Fr. Esser Library

Thursday, December 31st

Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 1st - New Year's Day

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, January 2nd

8:15 a.m. Confession - Church

Sunday, January 3rd

9:00 a.m. RCIA Session - Fr. Esser Library

9:30 a.m. Baptism Preparation Class - Conference Room

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word - Gathering Area

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
RESUME THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH**

No Confessions on January 9th

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on Saturday, January 9th. Fr. Bill will be hearing the first confessions of our young ones that morning. Please pray for them as they prepare.

Common Parish Meeting Night

On Monday, January 4th, we invite any parishioners interested in being part of a parish council committee to come and sample a committee meeting for a group that might be of interest to you. We begin in Church at 7:00 p.m., with prayer and announcements, and then break out into various committees to do the planning work of the committees. You might choose to sit in on Human Concerns, a group of volunteers working on various outreach projects or Prayer and Worship, a group of staff and volunteers planning special liturgies, decorating and prayer. All are welcome! Come and give back to the Lord (and meet some new friends in the process.)

Year End Contributions



For those who wish to make year end contributions, we ask that you submit your donation to the Parish Office by December 31, 2009. All contributions received via U.S. Mail that are postmarked by December 31, 2009 will be credited to the year 2009 (unless otherwise noted.)

The Stewardship letter that you receive in January will serve as your year end contribution statement for tax purposes. Please save this letter! (Note: Heifer Tree donations made payable to St. Paul the Apostle will be shown on your January statement.)

Your generosity touches the hearts and lives of many people who seek the Eucharist and ministries of St. Paul the Apostle. Thank you all for the blessings you share with our parish!

The Holy Family

Adolescents are often characterized in American culture as moody, rebellious, unresponsive to adults, secretive, addicted to text messaging, and generally disconnected from their families. The caricature carries over into films, television shows, and comic strips like "Zits." Television sitcoms often garner great laughs by pitting younger, wittier children against adolescents to the delight of onlooking parents. Such views only serve to separate the members of a family rather than unite them as one household.

While we may laugh at the humor, letting culture define family life is not the direction offered by Christian experience. For starters, Christians begin with baptism, recognizing that each member of the family shares in the gift of the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts. As the writer of the First Letter of John says, "We are God's children now." In the family, each member is a precious gift with talents given by God.

The adolescent Jesus slipped away from Mary and Joseph in Sunday's Gospel. (Has it ever happened to you where one of your older kids slipped away because they wanted to stay out a little longer?) In the end, his actions were seen as part of God's larger plan. It remains a delicate balance in helping children to discern their gifts as they grow older, while at the same time providing the discipline and structure that will protect and guide them. This feast that we celebrate today reminds us that the balance comes from seeing ourselves as a

family with God in our midst.

With that as the starting point, rather than the culture of the day, we can all learn how to be about our heavenly Father's business.



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A Christmas Prayer and Blessing from Staff

“Sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Pour into our hearts the peace, which we sometimes seek so desperately, and which you alone can give. Help us to know one another better and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Awaken in our hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness; join us together in your love; and give us your heavenly peace.”

Pope John XXIII

Blessings for peace, love and joy this Christmas season!

Blessings of faith, hope and love in the New Year!

Fr. Bill and the entire Parish Staff



Living Our Faith

The December 26th Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith

spotlights young adults in the Catholic Church. Fr. Luke Strand talks about Catholic Youth Expedition; outdoor retreats which focus on prayer and the gospel. Nicole Fastabend and Brad Conners talk about being young lay leaders in the Catholic community. Watch *Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith* Saturday, December 26th at 11:00 a.m., on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411. If you miss a show, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

Thank You...Thank You!

We received a letter of thanks from Thomas Kandathil of the **Society of St. Vincent DePaul**, “Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$835.20. Your donation will be used to help the neediest and most deserving with food, fuel, medicine, clothing, educational needs and basic transportation in our Racine community. We wish you and the parishioners of St. Paul a Merry Christmas and prosperous, Happy 2010. May God bless you abundantly for your work!”

We also received a note from Lisa Torano, who leads the efforts for the **St. Rose Meal Program**, “Thank you for your generous donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Meal Program. Our ability to provide a Tuesday community meal is made possible through the support of many caring individuals. Together, we are able to feed God’s hungry and poor. Your gift will help provide a special Christmas meal on December 22nd and for many more throughout the coming months.”

Parish Holiday Office Hours & Weekday Morning Mass

Parish Holiday Office Hours

December 28th	Office Closed
December 29th & 30th	7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
December 31st	Office Closed
January 1st, 2010	Office Closed

Weekday Morning Mass Schedule between December 26th - January 2nd

December 26th	No Morning Mass or Communion Service & No Confessions
December 28th	No Morning Mass or Communion Service
December 29th	Communion Service
December 30th & 31st	8:15 a.m. Mass
January 2nd, 2010	8:15 a.m. Mass & Confessions

**Dead Sea Scrolls
& the Bible
Bus Trip**
**Saturday, February 6th -
Cost: \$60.00 per person**
or
**Thursday, February 11th -
Cost \$55.00 per person**

Dead Sea Scrolls Bus Trip

The bus trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit **is intended for adults and/or children.** The trip includes transportation, lunch at Buca di Beppo, ticket to *Dead Sea Scrolls & the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* and all gratuities. (Audio Guide available onsite at Milwaukee Public Museum for an additional \$5.00.) The bus will leave St. Paul’s west parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. We will begin boarding the bus at 9:05 a.m. Please

join us for 8:15 a.m. Mass prior to our departure.

Reservations should be received at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Office by **Monday, January 11, 2010.** Checks should be made payable to **St. Paul the Apostle Parish.** Payment, along with a reservation form, secures your seat. Detailed information is available on the reservation forms on the tables in the gathering area. If you have any questions, please contact St. Paul the Apostle Parish at 886-0530 or stpaulracine@tds.net.



Parish Nurse

As we come to the end of the year and think about making New Year's resolutions, make your health a top priority for 2010. We are blessed to have Peggy Taylor, R.N. as our Parish Nurse. Peggy can help you get your health on track, by providing diet and exercise tips, help in understanding your medications, and with regular blood pressure checks.

Peggy's Schedule:

Thursday, January 7th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, January 14th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
 Thursday, January 21st 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

You may contact Peggy at pegtaylor71@gmail.com.

S.P.A.M.

St. Paul Afghan Makers (S.P.A.M.) have created nearly 100 afghans in the past 12 months. This growing group of parishioners work throughout the year at their own pace at home making afghans from yarn donated by other parishioners. This year, the afghans were given to the communicants who receive Holy Eucharist each Sunday from our Home Eucharistic Ministry. In addition, nearly 30 were given to the foster children through our "Fill the Duffel Bag" campaign in October. The remaining afghans were wrapped and given as Christmas gifts to residents with physical and/or developmental difficulties living at Alpha Homes, True Life Homes and Shepherd Home in Union Grove.

Thank you to all who created afghans, donated yarn, helped wrap afghans, and/or delivered them.



Parish Calendars

Our annual parish calendars, made available through the generosity of Maresh Meredith Funeral Home, are available in baskets in the gathering area. Please take one calendar per family and use throughout the year. This year's calendar focuses on Vocations, so take some time to review it each month.



Are you looking to reconnect with your Catholic faith?

Awakening Faith, a parish program meant just for you, is starting soon.



You are Invited

Catholic Association of Racine parish community invites you to six *Awakening Faith* sessions, consecutive Thursday mornings, at St. Paul the Apostle 10:00-11:30 am or evening at St Sebastian 6:30-8:00

- 1/07/10 Spirituality: What's the Buzz?
- 1/14/10 Who is Jesus?
- 1/21/10 Do We Need the Spirit?
- 1/28/10 Can I Accept God's Mercy?
- 2/04/10 Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
- 2/11/10 The Church and Me

We want to make reconnecting with your Catholic faith as easy as possible. These six basic sessions will help you to explore, learn, and share with others in a friendly confidential setting.

All are welcome.

No cost. No registration is required; simply come to the first session.

Questions?

Call the parish, Catholic Association of Racine, 262-633-3822.

Check out our website at www.catholicassociationofracine.org

See where God is leading you in your life.

Join us.

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New Year's Liturgies

St. Paul the Apostle Church
New Year's Eve
 No Services

New Year's Day
 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday, January 1st
 9:00 a.m.

St. Rita Church
New Year's Eve
 Thursday, December 31st
 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day
 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday, January 1st
 9:30 a.m.

St. Sebastian Church
New Year's Eve
 Thursday, December 31st
 5:30 p.m.
New Year's Day
 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Friday, January 1st
 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

“Sowing the Seeds” - A Collaborative Lifelong Christian Formation Program

Sowing the Seed: A Collaborative Christian Formation Program Staff would like to wish all parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Rita and St. Sebastian a joyous Christmas, and many blessing in the New Year.

*-David Kenny, Lety Gutierrez-Kenny,
Dorothy Morse, & Olga Rodriguez*

Our Offices will be closed from December 23-January 3. Classes will resume for the Wednesday classes on January 6th and January 10th for the Sunday classes.

Child Ministry News

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the children of our Collaborative Program that will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Friday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.

at St. Paul the Apostle Church

Saturday, January 9th at 9:30 a.m.

at St. Sebastian Church

Youth Ministry News

Can You Please House Our N.E.T Team?

In February 2010, The National Evangelization Team (N.E.T.) will be here in Racine to lead the youth Confirmation Retreats, which take place on January 16th and 17th, 2010. The team consists of 7 females and 5 males. We are seeking host families to provide housing and some meals for January 16th, 17th and 18th. The team will depart after breakfast on the morning of January 19th. Team members may be housed in groups of two or more. If you can help in any way, please contact David Kenny at 886-0530 or email dkenny71@gmail.com by January 5th.

Young Adult Ministry News

Dinner & A Movie

Attention young adults (ages 18-35) visiting/staying home for the holidays: get together with old friends for “Dinner and a Movie” Tuesday, December 29th. We will meet at Jose’s Blue Sombrero on Washington Avenue for dinner “on your own” at 7:00 p.m. then catch a late movie at the Renaissance Movie Theater in Sturtevant (Movie TBD). RSVP to Dave Kenny at 886-0530 (office), 497-8645 (cell) or email dkenny71@gmail.com before December 28th.

Adult Ministry News

Bereavement Support Group

The Adult Faith Formation of Sowing the Seed (St. Sebastian, St. Rita and St. Paul) is offering a bereavement support group for those who are mourning the death of a loved one. The meetings will begin on Thursday, January 7th and meet for 6 continuous weeks, ending February 11th. You have your choice of attending either the morning sessions, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., or the evening sessions from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All sessions will be held in Fr. Cox Hall at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 6400 Spring Street, Racine. There is no cost, but we do ask that you call Dorothy at (262) 886-0530 to reserve your spot.

Advent Project 2009

HEIFER TREE

Thanks to all those who have opened their hearts and wallets to the Heifer Tree Project. So far, we have received donations totaling \$8,404.48. These funds will provide a sustaining way of life for families in third world countries. Livestock is purchased and shared among neighbors to provide communities working together to eliminate poverty. We ask that any outstanding donations are turned in soon, so that we can forward the parish contribution on.



World Youth Day 2011 – Young Adult Pilgrimage (August 10-21, 2011; Madrid, Spain)

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will be having regional meetings for Young Adults (ages 18 to 39) interested in attending the World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain in August of 2011. Please attend one of these meetings to find out more about this once in a lifetime experience. For dates, locations, and times of the information meetings please visit www.johnpaul2center.org for more information.

Women of Christ Conference

On January 30, 2010 at the Washington County Pavilion in West Bend, hundreds of women will gather in unity and prayer to celebrate being faithful – patient – joyful – humble servants. You can register by calling 262-309-3313 or online @ WomenOfChrist.net. **Register by December 31st and receive a discount.** There is a poster on the bulletin board in Fr. Cox Hall with a list of speakers and details of the day’s schedule. Some of our parishioners went to last year’s conference and found it to be a very enriching experience.

Once again this year, St. Lucy Parish has reserved a coach bus to the “Women of Christ 2010 Conference”. Please call Colleen Benner, a St. Lucy volunteer, at 554-1367 to check seat availability.

Parking Lot Concerns

We ask everyone to park with care and caution this winter season. To keep our building and occupants safe, we must keep the fire lanes around church open and accessible to emergency vehicles. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ALONG SIDE-WALKS.** This area must stay clear, in the event that an emergency vehicle is called. (The pavement in these areas is marked, but may become snow covered.)

If you enter the east parking lot (off Emmertsen Road) and cannot find a spot, please drive slowly to the west parking lot....there are usually plenty of spots on that side of the building. If you need assistance getting into the building, please speak with an Usher, who is happy to assist you or your family members.

Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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939-4955

CAR & APC Representative - John Hinze
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www.masstimes.org (A good resource for travelers.)

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.