

ST. PAUL *the Apostle Congregation*



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First Sunday of Advent

*“Be **VIGILANT** at all times and pray that you have the **STRENGTH** to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to **STAND** before the Son of Man.”*

Luke 21:36

6400 SPRING STREET, RACINE, WI 53406

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

Weekly Worship & Daily Prayer

Mass Intentions

Liturgy of the First Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. † Living & Deceased Members of St. Paul
Sunday, November 29th, Liturgy of the First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. † Monica Hall (Allan & Connie Hall)

10:30 a.m. † All Souls

Monday, November 30th, St. Andrew, apostle

8:15 a.m. † All Souls

Tuesday, December 1st, Advent Weekday

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

Wednesday, December 2nd, Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Benjamin Scharding (Evelyn Heinrich)

Thursday, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier

8:15 a.m. Rebecca & Jaret Huizinga (Kurtis & Gloria Kwapil)

Friday, December 4th, St. John of Damascus

8:15 a.m. † Mary Alice Kiesler (Marge Smith)

Saturday, December 5th, Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Leonard Wahlen (Mary Wahlen)

Liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:30 p.m. † Paul Carey (Rita Carey)

Sunday, December 6th, Liturgy of the Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. † All Souls

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

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.

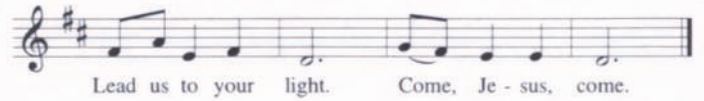
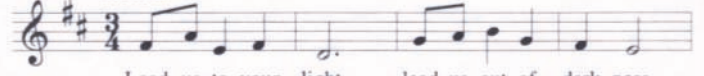
LEAD US TO YOUR LIGHT

Gathering Rite

Carol Browning

1. Processional Song

Refrain



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Prayer of Blessing

Lord God,
 Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
 Who enlightens our hearts
 and dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.

Pour forth Your blessings upon us as we light the candles
 of this wreath; may their light reflect the splendor of Christ,
 Who is Lord, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Our parish will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th, with a Mass at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our collections on this holy day will be used to help families who are out of work and struggling this holiday season. Please be generous.

Weekly Scripture Synopsis

November 29th ~ First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Our scriptures paint a strong picture today. God is coming. God's coming has two dimensions to it: Salvation and Judgment. In the light of that, what are we to do? As Paul tells us we are to conduct ourselves to please God.

Readings for the Week of November 29, 2009

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12---4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35---10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Baruch 5:1-9 God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory.
Philemon 1:4-6, 8-11 St. Paul's prayer is that your love may increase.

Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord.

This Week at St. Paul

Sunday, November 29th

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

Monday, November 30th

9:00 a.m. St. Paul's Happy Crafters - Fr. Cox Hall
 1:30 p.m. Ridgewood - Offsite
 6:00 p.m. Marty Planning Meeting - Fr. Esser Library

Tuesday, December 1st

2:45 p.m. St. Rose Meal Drop-off - St. Paul Canopy Entrance
 4:30 p.m. St. Rose Meal Program - Offsite
 6:00 p.m. Vocation Committee Meeting - Fr. Esser Library

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:45 a.m. Our Lady's Rosary Makers - Fr. Cox Hall
 12:00 p.m. St. Sebastian Senior Christmas Party - Offsite
 5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church

Thursday, December 3rd

8:45 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study - Fr. Esser Library
 9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse - Fr. Cox Hall
 2:00 p.m. Holy Hour/Divine Mercy - Church
 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal - Church
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church

Friday, December 4th

8:45 a.m. Anointing of the Sick - Church
 8:45 a.m. First Friday Fellowship - Fr. Cox Hall
 9:00 a.m. Friday Morning Scripture Study - Fr. Esser Library
 10:00 a.m. Moms & Tots Playgroup - Nursery

Saturday, December 5th

8:45 a.m. Confession - Church
 1:00 p.m. Advent Reflection - Church
 1:00 p.m. St. Nick's Workshop - Fr. Cox Hall

Sunday, December 6th

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
 11:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal - Church

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No Morning Mass ~ December 12th

There will be no morning Mass or Communion service on Saturday, December 12th. Fr. Bill will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Communal Penance Service at St. Rita Parish. There will be no morning Confession at St. Paul.

Advent Communal Penance Services

Monday, December 7th	1:30 p.m.	St. Sebastian
Monday, December 7th	7:00 p.m.	St. John Nepomuk
Wednesday, December 9th	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart
Saturday, December 12th	10:30 a.m.	St. Rita

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December 2009

General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

Mission: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.



New Schedule for Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be a new schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning Saturday, December 5th.

- ◆ Saturday immediately following 8:15 a.m. Mass
- ◆ Second Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ By appointment
- ◆ No 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays

"Little Blue" Advent Book of Reflections

Advent is upon us...a brief season of anticipation and an opportunity for silent reflection on the presence of God in our lives. Once again, our parish is offering you the "Little Blue" Advent Book of Reflections. This book provides the framework for you to enjoy one of our oldest traditions of prayer, known as Lectio Divina or sacred reading.

What does it require of you? Just six minutes each day! The book takes a short Scripture passage and simply lets God speak to us through the words, guiding us to listen and reflect on the real purpose of this beautiful season.

You will find the "Little Blue Books" in baskets in our gathering area. Pick one up today, so you are ready to spend the 26 days of Advent and the 17 days of the Christmas season in quiet reflection with the Lord. Freewill offerings will be accepted.



Christmas Floral Memorials

During this wonderful season of Advent, you are invited to participate in adorning the worship space for Christmas by making a donation to our Christmas Floral Memorials. Poinsettia envelopes are on the tables in the gathering area. The suggested donation is \$10, but any amount is accepted. Donations should be submitted by Monday, December 21st. Fill out the envelope with the names of those you would like to memorialize. A memorial list will be included in the Christmas bulletin.

Attention All Ushers!

We need your help. The sign up list for our upcoming holy day is in the usher's room. Please consider ushering on this occasion.

Immaculate Conception
 Tuesday, December 8th
 8:15 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Scripture & Friendship Sharing

Acacia Theatre Company

All are invited to St. Mary by the Lake located at 7605 Lakeshore Drive in Racine as Acacia Theatre Company presents:

Blessed Christmas

by Jon Pawinski Layton

&

Christmas Past

By Scott Nolte

December 6th at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a free will offering. This is sponsored by CAR (Catholic Association of Racine). Flyers are available in the kiosks on the tables in the gathering area.

Friday Morning Scripture Study

The Friday morning Scripture Study group is completing the Catholic letters and will be starting Acts of the Apostles on Friday, December 11th. All are invited to join this group. Through study and sharing our experiences and wisdom we find a deeper understanding of the Scriptures and our faith journey. Hopefully moving us to a closer relationship with Christ. *The Little Rock Scripture* series is used for study and discussion. Each week we cover about eight knowledge / reflection questions formulated by Little Rock. The group meets from 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. each Friday in Fr. Esser Library. Weekly attendance is nice, but not required. Books (Cost is about \$10.) will be available in the Parish Office after December 1st. Please call Dorothy Morse in the Parish Office or John Ellgas at 884-9181 for more information.

Advent Project 2009

Advent is not about buying gifts and decorating. We prepare ourselves. We live in hope. We do what we can to bring God's kingdom into our world - reach out in love to others, especially the needy and poor. Help struggling families around the world help themselves, look to the future, become self-reliant for food and income. Support "Heifer International" 2009. Act on the simple idea that hunger can be ended.

Come to know in your hearts that you are truly welcoming our Lord and Savior. May your generosity be blessed and blessed.

Take time to read the informational - inspirational board about "Heifer International". Choose an envelope from the Giving Tree and return the envelope by January 4th in our Sunday collection baskets.

Heifer International provides livestock and training so that families can improve nutrition and earn income for health care, shelter and education for children. Each gift multiplies because every family that receives a Heifer animal promises to "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of their animal's offspring and knowledge to another family in need.



Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith, a 30-minute television program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, continues its third season on Sunday, December 6th, at 12:30 p.m. featuring an interview with New York Archbishop Timothy Dolan as well as an interview with Catholic author and columnist, George Weigel. This is the only Advent episode to air on a Sunday. The remaining Advent shows hosted by Archdiocesan Administrator Bishop William Patrick Callahan with Bob Dolan as his co-host are scheduled for Saturday mornings at 11:00 a.m. on December 12th, 19th & 26th. Watch *Catholic Knights presents Living Our Faith* on WISN TV 12. The program also airs on Time Warner Cable's Wisconsin On Demand, Channel 411. If you miss a show including seasons one and two, every segment is available at www.livingourfaith.net.

Eight episodes will air during Lent beginning February 13, 2010.



Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, December 3rd



Exposition will follow the 8:15 a.m. Mass and conclude with a Holy Hour of Divine Mercy Devotions & Prayer from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. to include recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. *"How kind is our sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His love never knows rest. He is always most gentle towards you. When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy."*

St. Peter Julian Eymard

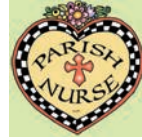
Anointing of the Sick & First Friday Fellowship

All are invited to come forward at the conclusion of the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 4th for Anointing of the Sick. First Friday Fellowship will be held in Fr. Cox Hall immediately following. Take time to visit with friends and get to know others.

Parish Nurse

Peggy's December Schedule:

Thursday, December 3rd	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 10th	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, December 17th	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



You may contact Peggy at peggtaylor71@gmail.com.

Inclement Weather Notice

When the weather outside is frightful.....we encourage you to stay home! Your safety is our primary concern! Last year, our parish instituted a policy to deal with inclement weather. During the week, if Racine Unified Schools are CLOSED, so is St. Paul.....the office will be closed and there will be no morning Mass celebrated at 8:15 a.m. This is also true of Christian Formation classes or other parish activities that are scheduled....if Racine Unified is closed or cancels classes, our programs and events are cancelled.

On Sunday mornings, as long as we are able to get our parking lots plowed and sidewalks cleared or salted, we will be open and will celebrate Mass as scheduled. Listen to local radio and television stations or check our website for announcements of cancellation or closure. And always use your best judgment before venturing out!



Christmas Wrappers - Needed!

Are you a person who loves to wrap presents? If so, have we got a job for you! Throughout the year, our SPAM group (St. Paul Afghan Makers) keep their nimble fingers busy by making lovely afghans for our parish to give away. We sent some to Marty this summer, donated some lovely baby afghans to Alpha Homes and the Foster Care Program, and give others away at Christmas time to those who are homebound or in nursing homes. We have containers filled with afghans of every color and are in need of some Christmas elves to help us wrap them. Times are based on your schedule and we provide all the material. Call the Parish Office to sign-up!



Thanks for Your Boundless Generosity!

St. Paul's Human Concerns Committee and the **Sowing the Seeds Christian Formation Program** wish to thank everyone for making the recent Duffel Bag Drive for Foster Care Kids a tremendous success. Frankly, our volunteers could not count all the items we received. Ten large-size cars were filled to capacity, including one with donated teen clothing from St. Catherine's High School. Your overwhelming response filled the previously empty shelves at Racine's Human Services Department. Some items were distributed to foster care children within hours of their delivery. Thank you to our volunteers and all who showed their true love of Christ and our community with their donations.

To the Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church and the Families of Sowing the Seeds Christian Formation Program:

We are writing to thank you for your wonderful kindness and generosity. The many gifts for all of Racine's foster children are extremely appreciated... the clothing galore for all ages; the beautiful hand-knit and crocheted blankets, mittens and scarves; the diapers, formula, bottles and adorable infant clothing; as well as the backpacks, school supplies, books, toiletries, gift cards, and the much needed winter jackets that will keep our children warm this winter... thousands of items were donated. We are so very grateful. Your kindness knows no bounds!



It's wonderful to know that every child who enters the foster care system in Racine will have new items of clothing; every infant will have sufficient diapers and formula; every school aged youth or teen will have a backpack; and we will all know that there is a caring community supporting each one of them.

Best wishes for a wonderful and blessed holiday season –

**Racine County Human Services
Foster Care Unit**

St. Rose Meal Program

The hungry are still among us. Our parish is hosting the St. Rose meal on Tuesday, December 1st. Our Lord has been most generous to us and it is with the spirit of generosity of our parishioners here at St. Paul the Apostle that the hungry are fed at the St. Rose Center. Please consider providing some food or serving at the site. Sign up sheets and pans can be found in the gathering area.

Deliver food to St. Paul's (canopy entrance) between 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. or to St. Rose Center (1032 Grand Avenue) between 4:40 5:00 p.m. Helpers please be at St. Rose by 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your continuing response. If you have any questions, please call Bettyanne at 554-6240.

December Hospitality

As is the tradition here at St. Paul the Apostle, our December Hospitality Sunday is the month of "homemade goodies." On Sunday, December 13th, we ask all parishioners to donate a plate of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies or treats to be served in Fr. Cox Hall, after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The hall will be alive with Christmas music and lots of Christmas cheer.

Bulletin Advertisement

Each year at this time, a representative from Liturgical Publications, the publisher of our bulletin, spends a few days at our facility selling advertisement space in our parish bulletin. If you or someone you know own a business or have a need for reasonable advertising, please call the Parish Office and let us know. Tom Phillips, our LPI representative, will be here the week of December 7th.

Please patronize our advertisers! Their generous advertising makes our bulletin possible. Let them know that you saw their ad in the St. Paul bulletin. They will know that their money is being well spent!

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

Child & Youth Ministry News

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FIRST RECONCILIATION

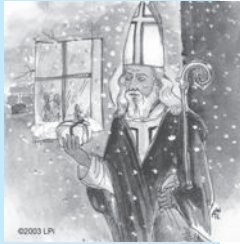
All work is due the weekend of December 6th. Please bring your completed work to Church with you and place it in the boxes provided in your parish narthex/gathering space. We will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on January 8 & 9, 2010.

ST. NICK WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 5th
from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
at St. Paul the Apostle
in Fr. Cox Hall.

Cost is \$10 for crafts,
snacks, games and fun.

Call 639-6280 for more information.



Marty Planning Meeting

There will be a meeting on Monday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Fr. Esser Library for committee members.

Theology on Tap DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN FOR ME?

December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Cardinal Stritch University

All young adults (ages 20s and 30s) are invited to come hear Mike Hayes, author of Googling God and Senior Editor of BustedHalo.com. No registration and no fees. For more information, please visit www.johnpaul2center.org.

Catholic Singles Dance

The Catholic Singles next dance will be held on Saturday, December 5th at St. Gregory the Great Parish located at 3160 South 63 Street in Milwaukee. Dancing is from 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m. Singles age 21 and up are welcome. The cost for the dance is \$9.00 for non-members and \$6.00 for members, music will be provided by the band “The Best of Everything”. Please call Cathie at 262-886-9257 with any questions.



Upcoming Classes for Sowing the Seeds Christian Formation Program

PRESCHOOL CLASSES FOR 3, 4 & 5 YEAR OLDS

Sundays at St. Paul from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (3, 4 & 5 year olds)
December 6th, 13th & 20th

Sundays at St. Rita from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (3 & 4 year olds only)
December 6th, 20th & January 10th

ELEMENTARY LEVEL CLASSES FOR GRADES 1 - 5

Sundays at St. Paul from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

December 6th (Reconciliation work turned in), 13th & 20th

Wednesdays at St. Rita from 6:15 - 7:15 p.m. (also K)
December 2nd, 9th (Reconciliation work turned in) & 16th

RCIA FOR CHILDREN

Wednesdays at St. Rita from 5:45 - 7:15 p.m.
December 2nd, 9th & 16th

R.A.R.E. HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

Sundays at St. Catherine's High School from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
December 6th, 20th - Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Edward Parish & January 10th

FAMILY PROGRAM

1st Wednesday of the month at St. Paul from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
December 2nd & January 6th

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sundays at St. Catherine's High School from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
December 6th - Mass at St. Rita Parish - 6:00 p.m., December 20th - Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Edward Parish & January 10th



Upcoming Classes for The Edge Catholic Middle School Ministry

THE EDGE CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY FOR GRADES 6 - 8

Wednesdays at St. Rita in Upper Cascia Hall from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.
December 2nd, 9th & 16th (Advent Reconciliation)

Adult Ministry News Advent Retreat - Season of Hope

On Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm, adults of the three parishes will have the opportunity to participate in an Advent Retreat at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, while the children of the three parishes participate in a St. Nick's Workshop.

This will be a time to reflect on the season of anticipation and hope. There is no cost for the retreat, but we do ask that you reserve your spot by e-mailing Dorothy Morse, the retreat facilitator, at dmorse71@gmail.com or by calling her at 886-0530.



Welcome to St. Paul the Apostle Parish

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