



St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Wishing Everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

December 20, 2020



Fourth Sunday of Advent

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

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Dear Friends,

This year brought some very unique challenges to the world. One thing I learned is to be ever more grateful for my family and friendships. While zoom meetings, video calls and text messages have certainly kept us "connected", there is nothing quite like the embrace of a loved one.

This certainly was a lemons to lemonade year...we had to make the best of the situation at hand.

Technology has been a blessing to help us through this season... we attended virtual classrooms, we visited with each other via zoom calls, we attended musicals, took tours of the world's museums, attended Mass and various church services and even provided weekly bible study and a Rosary prayer line. We have supported each other in whatever way we could.

So, my friends, Christmas celebrations may not be what we've grown accustomed to. The King of Kings wasn't born in a lush, luxurious place, He was born in a humble stable in Bethlehem. Joseph and Mary did the best they could given the situation at hand and we must as well. That may mean video Mass, zoom Christmas dinners and distant gatherings.

Keep the spirit of the season in your hearts, cherish your loved ones, be grateful for the lessons of the year. We are far more resilient than we think... we need to keep faith, hope and love in our hearts and homes that Jesus brings again on Christmas. Don't forget...wear your masks, wash your hands, 6ft apart, listen to the scientists.

Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!

In the Divine Word, I am for one more week, your pastor!

Fr. Rick Andrus SVD



Join us for a Farewell Celebration for Fr. Rick next Sunday, December 27th! As most of you are aware, Fr. Rick will be leaving St. Paul and has been reassigned to another parish. We wish him well and would like to send him off responsibly due to the coronavirus by having a farewell celebration at the end of Mass on December 27th. You are invited to join in the farewell celebration and shower him with cards

and well wishes. We will also have a drive-by after Mass around 12:30 for those who would like to come but still not comfortable attending Mass. Cars will line up at the Martin Luther King Community Center and drive to the church when signaled to begin the procession to the front of the church where you will get to bid Fr. Rick farewell. Please come out and make this send off a joyful one. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rudolph Richard or the parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: **Winter begins**
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday:
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: **Memorial of St. John of Kanty**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: **The Vigil of Christmas**
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2
-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79



Friday: **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: **Memorial of St. Stephen; First Day of Kwanzaa**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Donation in Memory of Mr. Jessie Joseph

A heartfelt thanks goes out to Mr. Pat of Crown Plaza for his generous donation for the needy of the parish at Christmas in Memory of Mr. Jessie Joseph. We wish Mr. Pat, his family, and staff a very Merry Christmas and many blessing during the New Year!



MASS INTENTIONS

The Jarreau, Voltaire, and Christophe Families



“Celebrating 60 Years of the Family of St. Paul Thriving Because of Our Giving Through Faith, Hope, and Love”



Support St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

The Coronavirus restrictions have made it impossible to hold our major fish fry, raffle, or church fair fundraisers. So, St. Paul's Fair Committee started a special fundraiser to raise at least \$60,000. We ask that new members and those members and friends who usually sold or donated \$100 or more for raffle tickets or to the church fair to give the same amount to this special fundraiser before or by January 31, 2021. Please continue to support St. Paul's ministries by making your first or usual donation of \$100 or more to: osvolinegiving.com/4266, select "St. Paul's 4-Month Fundraiser," or use the envelopes mailed to you or pick-up envelopes from the baptismal font or St. Paul's Parish Office.

Merry Christmas

PARISH SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Religious Education
Classes
10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Office Closed
6:00 p.m. Caroling
6:30 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Friday: Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Saturday: No Mass

(All Masses will be Live Streamed)

OFFERTORY

December 13, 2020

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,342.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,597.00
Building Fund	\$ 75.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 137.00
Christmas	\$ 60.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 123.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 553.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 60.00
Catholic Life Center	\$ 10.00
New Years	\$ 25.00
4-Month Fundraiser	\$ 2,160.00
Total	\$ 9,142.00



CELEBRATING DECEMBER 20th - DECEMBER 26th BIRTHDAYS



Debra Dudley 12/20
Sonja Bowers 12/21
Nakia Hawkins 12/21
Saniya LeBlanc 12/21
Windi Donald 12/22
Marilyn Green 12/22
Gerard Kennedy 12/22
Dave Long 12/22
Erika Williams 12/22



Mary Gloston 12/23
Ivory Brown, Jr. 12/24
Michelle Haynes 12/24
Fredrick Moore 12/24
Ronnie Chambers 12/25
Ivory McCoy 12/25
Earline Bell 12/26
Isiah Jones 12/26
Treasure White 12/26



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Mary Lena Price, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Gregory Cornell, George Cornell, Mable King, Curtell Thibodeaux, Judge Luke LaVergne, Irene Warner, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, and Yvonne Joseph

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Charles Bethley, Janet Bossier, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, Allen Paschal, James Pace, Connie St. Romain, Kirk Haynes, and Carey Haynes

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Income and Expenses-End of Fiscal Year

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Income

General Receipts

-Offertory & Holiday collections	\$297,922.00
-Interest, special Donations,	8,992.00
-Building fund collections	33,804.00
-Fundraisers and other	45,218.00
-Rental, sales, advertisements,	83.00
Sacrament offerings, other collections	<u>6,131.00</u>
Total General Receipts	\$392,150.00

Extraordinary receipts

- Diocesan Invest cashed in	
- Grants and subsidies	
- Youth Ministry, Religious Ed.	
- St. Vincent DePaul	
- Special events	
- Other	
Total Extraordinary Receipts	\$ <u>48,762.00</u>

Total Income **\$440,912.00**

Expenses

Administrative

- Clergy salary, Ret., Ins. Etc	\$ 52,987.00
- Lay salary and benefits	84,472.00
- Household/utilities/phone	48,207.00
- Office/Equip. Lease/ materials,	14,101.00
- Bank and online charges	1,967.00
- Liturgy	2,756.00
- Contracted service	7,011.00
- Dues and membership	264.00
- Other	<u>912.00</u>

Total Administrative Expenses **\$212,770.00**

Pastoral Services

- Religious Ed/Bible/RCIA	\$ 2,667.00
- Family & Youth Ministry	7,367.00
- Evangelization/VBS	1,514.00
- St. Vincent DePaul	<u>7,789.00</u>

Total Pastoral expenses **\$ 19,337.00**

Parish Tax to Diocese	\$ 43,929.00
Loan Repayments	\$ 66,236.00
Property Insurance	\$ 21,957.00
Plant Operation & maintenance	\$ 9,007.00
Repairs and Replacements	\$ 20,288.00
Vehicle/gas/maintenance/ins.	\$ 4,840.00
Agency& Mission collection sent	\$ 8,103.00
Cathedral Assessment/dio invest	\$ 1,106.00
Other Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 6,870.00</u>

Total expenses **\$414,443.00**

RECAPITULATION

As of June 30, 2020

Total Income	\$440,912.00
Total Expenses	<u>414,443.00</u>
Net	\$ <u>26,469.00</u>

Cash on hand	\$ 30,994.00
Raffle account	31,206.00
Building fund savings	52,287.00
Diocesan savings	<u>9,149.00</u>

Total cash and savings **\$123,636.00**