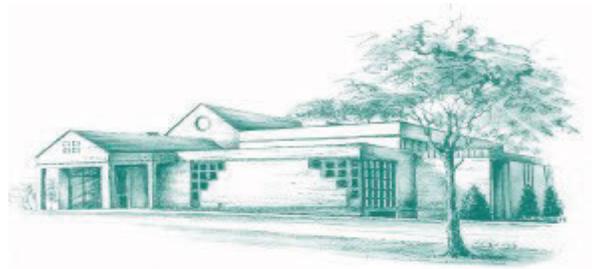
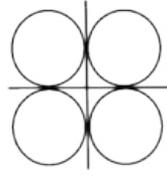


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

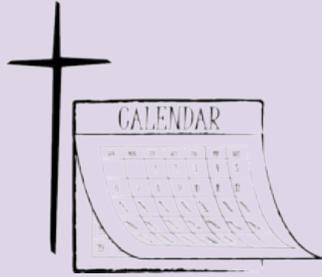
Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, December 16
Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, December 17
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass-with Anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group
 6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

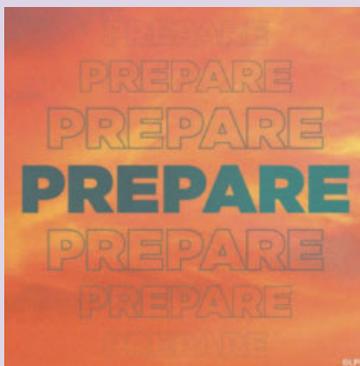
Wednesday, December 18
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 19
Late Advent Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 11:00A together in Grief

Friday, December 20
Late Advent Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, December 21
Late Advent Weekday
 10:00A Prayer Shawl mtg.
 10:00 Confirmation Prep
 Retreat
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-Choir sings

Sunday, December 22
4th Sunday of Advent
 9:00A Mass
 12:00P OCIA mtg.



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Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org



Financial Snapshot

	October 2024	July-October 2024
Collections	\$31,691	\$155,466
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,093	\$14,277
Expenses	\$73,265	\$194,616
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(38,481)	\$(24,873)

**Let Us Pray
 for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Louis Spina
 From
 Wife, Fran & family*

What is *Christmas*?

C – *Compassion*

It's understanding that people are different and loving them anyway. We all go through hard times and it's not every year we can do something special for someone, but the little things that are done throughout the year are important gestures that show you care. Loving one another and having compassion for our fellow man is what a true Christian's life should represent. Jesus walked out love and **IS** our love example.

H – *Help*

The little things we do every day are contributing to making things better. Helping your son with his homework, holding the door open for a mom and her baby, wishing the store clerk a great day or donating a \$1 with your Christmas purchases, etc. Random acts of kindness...Give more of yourself.

R – *Remembering*

Remembering that Christmas is celebrating life, salvation, and joy. Remembering what you have and not dwelling on what you don't have. It's appreciating all the things you have in your life whether it's good or bad because the unfortunate things help us learn a lesson. It is remembering the One Who was born to save a dying world...

I – *Importance*

Each day we are here on earth, we are learning about something or someone that helps us on our journey home. We should be living life with purpose and as true and faithful ambassadors for the King of Kings. Each day is important and should be lived like it is your last.

S – *Sacrifice*

Jesus sacrificed His life for you—even if you were the **ONLY** one who would have received His gift. Sadly, for us making sacrifices is not an easy thing to do because we are giving up our flesh in some capacity. However, there is no better way to thank our Savior than to live sacrificially for Him and live with eternity in mind...

T – *Togetherness*

Christmas is the time of year that can bring families closer together. Family is so important. It brings unity, love, and support. Treasure the time you have been given and embrace the family you have!

M – *Memories*

Christmas really should not be about presents or great food. It is the memories created each year and the time spent with the people you care about. It's also a great time to build, enjoy or incorporate new traditions so they can be shared through the generations. It is a time to share the love of Christ with others and teach our children what His sacrifice was really about.

A – *Action*

Actions speak louder than words. If you've always talked about volunteering at the food bank, then do it. Put your words in action. Our life should be action focused.

S – *Simplicity*

Christmas should not be hard. We just make it hard by getting caught up in the commercialism and losing the real focus of what *Christmas* means. It is being true to our faith, what we do and how we live our lives. It's knowing we all have obstacles and temptations—but we also know that putting our trust and faith in God will guide us in the right direction.

Helen



From the Pastor's Desk

First of all, please know that I am delighted as I continue serving you here at St. Paul's parish. We desire to be a family of believers centered upon the Holy Eucharist, the Word of God and helping to serve the poor. I would like to thank the 188 donors who have contributed \$47,345 for Catholic Ministries Appeal as of December 5th. That is 47% of our total goal of \$100,000. I am appealing to those who have not yet given their gifts for CMA to please give something so that we can reach our goal before the end of this year. Some parishes have already reached their goal and we have to take good care of our St. Paul's parish. I personally thank you for your continued support of our parish as you truly make Christ alive and present for others here at St. Paul's Church and beyond. With every best wish and a promise of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this Advent season. And please also remember that God loves you and so do I.

Fr. Paul



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

(6:00 p.m. Pre-Service Caroling)

Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m.

Attention Men of St. Paul's

Prayer; formation, & Fraternity for Men

The men of Knights of Columbus council number 4618 are excited to share the implementation of Cor (meaning heart in Latin) a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of Saint Paul's parish. Cor exists to inform and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples, by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Come join your brother parishioners for coffee and donuts, prayer and fraternity. We are also hoping to determine what times work best for everyone moving forward. Please use the link or scan the QR code below to take a brief survey to let us know when you'd be the most available and how you would like to grow as a Catholic man. Jack Black will contact you with details of our first gathering in January by December 29th.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to Jack Black at: blackj1969@rochester.rr.com.

Brief survey link: <https://forms.gle/qfUXMiwk1JVk4Eki7>

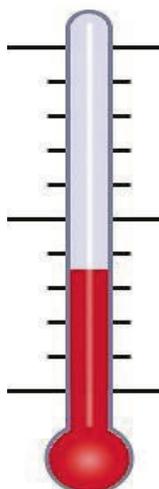


Totals as of:
12/5/24

Goal
\$100,000

Pledged
\$47,345

47.35%
of our goal



Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.



Dear parishioners,

The Confirmation Program in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus is organizing a Pasta Dinner on Saturday February 8th at 5:00 p.m. following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. This Pasta dinner is geared towards community building, inviting our family members friends to celebrate with us here at St Paul's and also towards getting those preparing for Confirmation and some of our teens more involved in parish life. It is also one of our big fundraising events here at St Paul's this year. To this effect, we wish to invite you all to join us for the dinner. It is our hope that you come as a family. Let that Saturday evening dinner be eaten here at St Paul's. If you want to help us in one way or another, you can either contact Dave Galeazzo or me. Tickets will be sold after the Masses on Saturday, January 25th, Sunday, January 26th, Saturday, February 1st and Sunday February 2nd. **Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids 10 and under.**

For teens and other young adults who are not part of the Confirmation program but want to help, kindly contact me. During the dinner we shall have a raffle draw. We are grateful to the various ministries and school of religion classes for preparing the raffle baskets you can win on that day. We shall also have light music; it'll be an evening of great camaraderie. If you also want to advertise a business, we are doing placemats at \$10 per slot. Kindly contact me or Kasey the Business Manager by the end of January. Please, we greatly depend on you for it to be successful. Reserve that time for St Paul's. The Confirmation candidates are ready to serve you dinner on February 8th. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you in advance,
Anselm

From the John Walsh Library

Pope John Paul II A Life in Prayer

(The Private Prayers of Pope John Paul II)

This collection of prayers and public speeches shows the Pope's devotion to the Virgin Mary, reveals the foundations of his spiritual life and the range of his compassion, and the poetry of his language. It delivers an inspirational message of hope, faith, forgiveness, and comfort, perfect for Advent reflection. Born near Krakow in 1920, he was the first non-Italian Pope in more than 450 years when he was elected Pope in 1978. Often outspoken, he became one of the best-known figures in the world as the Cold War drew to an end. In his Christmas message of 2002, he wrote "From the cave of Bethlehem, there arises today an urgent appeal. . .to believers of all religions, together with all men and women of good will, to build peace by outlawing all forms of intolerance and discrimination."

(Call No. 242.3-JOH)

Together in Grief



St. Paul's is blessed to have a wonderful bereavement support group that meets on the third Thursday of each month. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited to attend our next meeting, Thursday, December 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the music room.

Webster Hope December Wish List

Shampoo & conditioner	Cooking oil
Body wash & bar soap	Flour & sugar
Lotion	Canned peas
Deodorant	Canned mandarin oranges
Toothpaste	Canned beets
Shaving cream & razors	Canned potatoes
Laundry detergent	Canned pasta
Dish soap	Jarred sauce

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Ministry Schedule for December 21 & 22, 2024

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bob Slon	Tom Napoli	Bonnie Serio
EMHC	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Theresa Augsburg	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Nancy Willard Anne Hauber
Lectors	Dan Bower	Maggie Milner	Scott Rutan
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Jane Adams	DA Hutnick	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
Ushers	Kevin Nuwer Alice Bower	Herb Gauch Paul Fetter	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore

The Giving Tree



The items requested below from Corpus Christi located in downtown Rochester are for boys or girls size infant to 16. Please bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts, to St Paul's and place them in the parish office hallway.....**no later than December 17**. Donations for "Fuel" are also being accepted this year, please make your check payable to St. Paul's

and add "Fuel" in the memo line.

Help us to provide Christmas joy for less fortunate families. Thanks to your continued generosity. If you have questions please call Pat Rotundo at 356-8309.



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- UNDERWEAR, SOCKS**
- TOYS, BOOKS**



PLEASE NO GIFT CARDS or CASH



Advent



The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning coming or arrival. There is beautiful symbolism to the Advent wreath. It's circle shape has no beginning and no end, which signifies God's unending presence and infinite love for us. The evergreens symbolize the promise of eternal life we received through the sacrifice of Christ. Holly greens added can also signify immortality, and pinecones are a symbol of life and resurrection. The Advent candles represent the light of Christ in our world. The four candles stand for the four week's themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Purple candles on the 1, 2, and 4th week remind us that Advent is a time of prayer, penance and sacrifice, while the 3rd week's pink candle marks the joy we feel in anticipation of Christmas drawing near.



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