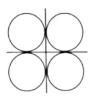
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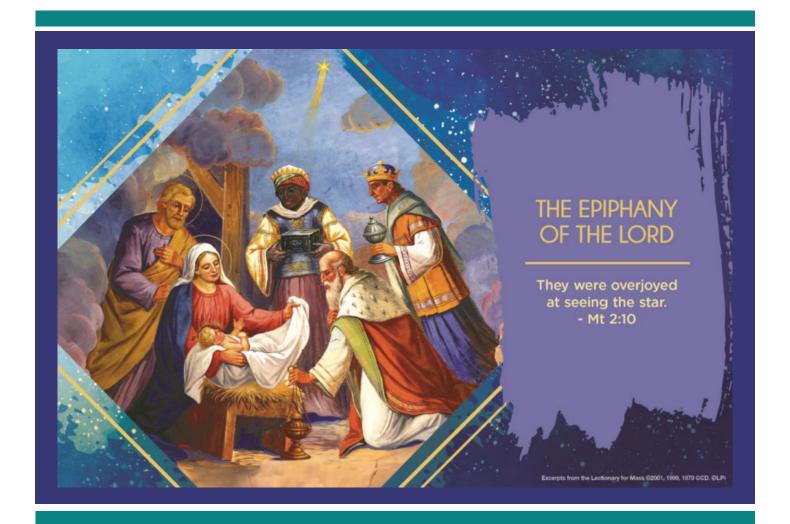


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## January 5, 2025 Epiphany of the Lord

#### **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, January 6 Christmas Weekday 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, January 7
Christmas Weekday
8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group

## Wednesday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

8:30A Mass 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00P Pasta Dinner Planning mtg.

7:00P Choir rehearsal 7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

#### Thursday, January 9 Christmas Weekday 8:30A Mass

Friday, January 10 Christmas Weekday No Mass

# Saturday, January 11 Christmas Weekday

2:00P Confession 4:00P Mass

#### Sunday, January 12 Baptism of the Lord

9:00A Mass 10:00A SOR classes 10:00A Confirmation Prep. Yr. 1 11:00A Mass

12:00P Confirmation Prep. Yr. 2



#### **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau **Deacon:** Mark Robbins

**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21 **Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:** 

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Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant: Helen Stirpe x26

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Finance Office:

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# **Financial Snapshot**

	November 2024	July-November 2024		
Collections	\$31,950	\$187,416		
Donations/ other revenue	\$3,994	\$18,271		
Expenses	\$34,692	\$229,342		
Operating surplus/deficit	\$1,252	\$(23,654)		

# Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

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





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# Seeds for the Journey



Pope Francis is pointing us to hope this year. The Great Jubilee 2025 has been designated as the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Holy Father calls us to be an instrument of hope to others.

The Pope acknowledged that the world needs hope after being affected by pandemics, wars, violence, and global warming. The increase of cases of cancer, heart disease, dementia, depression, and anxiety can weigh heavy on our mind and hearts. Amid all the sufferings and heartaches, we need hope. Hope is trusting in God and in His divine providential care of humankind. Hope is a theological virtue that needs to be exercised. As St. Augustine observes, "Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul namely, to believe, to hope and to love."

People Francis declaring 2025 as a Jubilee Year emphasized hope from Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint." The holy Father wrote, "The Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope." This Jubilee is to be celebrated with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity.

The spiritual dimension of the Jubilee, which calls for conversion, should embrace these aspects:

<u>Prayer:</u> Intense year of prayer which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God's grace. Prayer to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to Him, and to adore Him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of His love for us.

<u>Caring for Creation:</u> To praise God's work of creation, which summons everyone to respect it and to take concrete and responsible steps to care for our common home.

**Charity & Service:** Solidarity with the poor and the sharing of our daily bread.

<u>Eucharist:</u> Mass attendance in order to be fed with the Word of God and nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ.

**Repentance:** Doing examination of conscience and confession in order to receive God's mercy and forgiveness of sins.

Let us consider these spiritual exercises as we make resolutions for the Jubilee Year and hope that we can do better with the help of God's grace. May the Holy Spirit guide us and Mary, Mother of God intercede for us.

\*\*Tr. Paul\*\*

# **Prayer Corner**



You are welcome to visit our Prayer Corner to pray with our Mother Mary and light a votive candle. The votives are electronic and will stay on for 5 days. Donations are optional. There are envelopes on the nearby shelf; please place your donation in the offering box or donation slot.

# St. Pauly Box Update:



Thank you for your continued donations to our St. Pauly box. We have come to depend on the revenue that we receive as they pay us .04 per pound. We receive an average of \$300 per month which really helps in these difficult times.

- What to donate: used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets, curtains, and stuffed animals
- What NOT to drop off: furniture, electronics, books, toys, pillows, household items, fabric scraps, and rags.

In addition to benefiting St. Paul's, the donations directly benefit the needy in the US as well as around the world. St. Pauly Textile distributes throughout 44 countries. Thank you for your support!

# 2024 Donation Statements Due to diocesan guidelines, we will be sending 2024 donation statements to all who have made donations this year. We have to have them out by January 31 and hopefully much sooner. So if you made a donation in 2024, you will receive a statement. Thank you!

#### St. Paul's 2nd Annual Pasta Dinner

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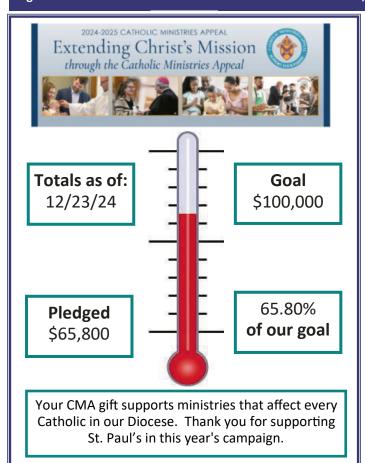
Dear parishioners,

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 \delta 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.

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Thank you in advance, Anselm





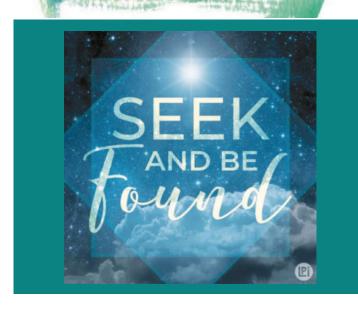
St. Paul's Parish Pastoral Council encourages you to share your questions and ideas with them. There are always members of the council at Mass on the weekends so please feel free to approach them. All are welcome to attend Parish Pastoral Council meetings. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in rooms 7 & 8.

Patrice DeAngelis-Chair	Tom Napoli	
Tim Runyan-Vice-chair	Tanner Peters	
Sue Muto-Secretary	Diana Strassman	
George Hanley	Toni Lynn Swinson	
Anne LaClair	Allison Thomas	
Maggie Milner		

# From the John Walsh Library

# Ghezzi, Bert The Power of Daily Mass (How Frequent Participation in the Eucharist Can Transform Your Life)

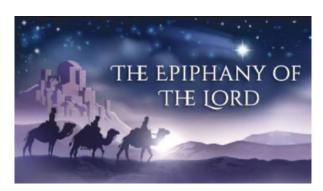
For many years, Ghezzi attended daily mass at 7:00 a.m. with a community of men and women who became close friends. Using his own experience attending daily mass, plus quotations from the saints and testimony from fellow daily Mass attendees, Ghezzi shows how the Mass offers hope and courage to face everyday challenges. Each chapter presents one aspect of participation in the Lord's eternal sacrifice, and reflects on the graces we receive as we celebrate the re-presentation of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Attending mass gives the opportunity to offer ourselves to God and to receive spiritual nourishment from eating Christ's body and drinking His blood. With the starting of a new year, we are encouraged to include Mass in our daily lives if at all possible. (Call number 264.38-GHE)



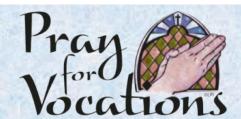
# Ministry Schedule for January 11 & 12, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or Volunteer Needed is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
ЕМНС	Mary Beth Speicher Volunteer Needed	Margaret Milner Maggie Milner	Fred Compertore Karen Napoli
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	DA Hutnick Barb Rehberg	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	Margie Richardson	Jack Black	Marcia Kusse
Linens	Pat Rotundo No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed



The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through His sacrifice.



Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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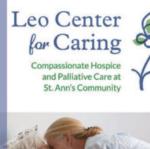
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