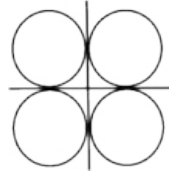


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November 24, 2024 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.



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"Everyone who belongs
to the truth listens to
my voice." - Jn 18:37

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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.

Church Calendar

Monday, November 25

Weekday

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, November 26

Weekday

8:30A Mass-with Anointing
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, November 27

Weekday

8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 28

Weekday

Thanksgiving Day
Parish Office Closed
8:30A Mass



Friday, November 29

Weekday

Parish Office Closed
No Mass

Saturday, November 30

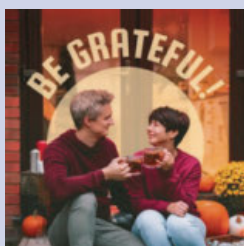
St. Andrew, Apostle

2nd Collection: Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions
Birthday Blessing Weekend
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass-Choir sings

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection: Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions
Birthday Blessing Weekend
9:00A Mass
10:00A Coffee & Donut hr.
11:00A Mass
12:00P Coffee & Donut hr.



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Financial Snapshot

	October 2024	July-October 2024
Collections	\$26,537	\$150,312
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,867	\$14,051
Expenses	\$69,925	\$186,905
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(40,521)	\$(22,542)

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
Rose Mary Straube
From
Connie Gurske*

My Kingdom Does not Belong to this World!

Dear friends in Christ. On this last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar, our Holy Mother, the Church, celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Christ is King, not just of the Israelites but also of the cosmos and of history. According to Pope Benedict XVI during his 2009 Feast Christ the King Angelus address, 'the mystery of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection that lies at the heart of this process of the revelation of his kingship.' In today's Gospel reading from John's Gospel account, Pilate asks Jesus: "are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered Pilate: "my kingdom does not belong to this world." Yes, Jesus' kingship is not an earthly kingship. His Kingship extends beyond space and time and beyond the laws of physics. Christ's power as King is not that of domination or pride. Christ's kingly power as Pope Benedict beautifully puts it is "the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness." The Jews during Jesus day did not understand this. Their conception of kingship was that of a mighty earthly ruler with a huge military and weapons. That is why when Jesus was hung so cruelly on the Cross, the priests, scribes and elders mocked him saying: "He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him" (Mt 27: 42). Jesus admitted to Pilate that he is in fact a King. He came to testify to the truth. And who is that truth, Jesus is; he is ultimately the way, the truth and the life, what I describe as the three 'v's in Latin: *via, veritas, vita*. If we belong to the truth, Jesus, we shall listen to his voice. This reminds us of the voice from heaven in Jesus's Baptism: 'this is my beloved, son; listen to him.' As followers of Christ, we are called to listen to what Jesus has communicated to us. It can be summarized by the double love command to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbor. And who is our neighbor? Anyone we meet, anyone in need of help, any human person along the way. These are our neighbors.

Today's Liturgy challenges us: who do I want to follow? God or the evil one? Jesus the King or the small earthly kings that entice us? Do we want to follow the truth or falsehood? As Pope Benedict states, 'Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us.' Jesus wants to be king of our lives. However, he would not subject us to his kingship by force because he is not a tyrannical leader. Jesus is a loving king who desires that which is best for all. He is inviting us today to serve him as king. This means loving Him, obeying God's commandments but also loving our brothers and sisters in the community.

As we prepare to begin the season of Advent in preparation for the Nativity, our parish, St Paul's Church offers us many opportunities to choose Jesus, to choose good over evil and to choose the truth over falsehoods. St Paul's Church offers us many opportunities to rethink our relationship with Jesus and to prepare for his coming at Christmas:

- On Thursday December 5, at 6:30pm, former Seminary professor and formator, Fr. John Mack will be at St Paul's to do a presentation on family life. The topic is "**The Wisdom of the Long Journey: The Elderly and Family Life.**"
- On Thursday December 12, at 6:30pm, we shall have an Advent Penance service with individual Confession. That is a great opportunity to reconcile with God and with the community in the sacrament of Penance.
- On Saturday December 14, we shall have our Parish Advent Retreat. The theme of this year's advent retreat is "**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord**" Psalm 27:14. Deacon Jonathan Schott, Associate Director of Campus Ministry at St John Fisher University will be our Guest Speaker. We shall have an opportunity to do Gospel sharing, Adoration and Benediction and pray the Liturgy of the Hours.
- On the eve of December 24 and all of December 25, we shall celebrate the birth of Christ who is the True and universal King. Let us all come to Church and celebrate. The parish choir will sing carols for us before the 6:30pm Christmas eve Mass, at 6pm.

What great opportunities we have to stay connected with Christ our Universal King!

Anselm

Christmas Flowers



The proceeds from this collection are used for the flowers and greenery adorning the church and sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". The deadline is **Monday, December 16th** to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at kasey.baker@dor.org



Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 28 8:30 a.m.

The parish office is closed on November 28 & 29 in observance of the holiday.



Second Collection: Catholic Universities

Next weekend, November 30th & December 1st, is the collection for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Universities Collection" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

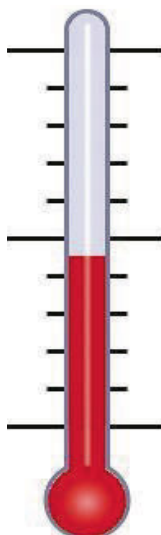


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11/15/24

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\$100,000

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of our goal



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Birthday Blessing Weekend
Fr. Paul will give a special blessing during Masses next weekend, November 30 & December 1 for December birthdays.

Coffee & Donut Hour

Sunday, December 1st after Mass
10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.





Father in Heaven, creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank You for all the graces and blessings, You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

In Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!



Doctrinal Corner

It is up to us to pray for the souls in purgatory, asking God to let them into heaven. Here are two prayers we Catholics pray for the souls in purgatory:

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them; May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Compassionate Lord Jesus, Grant them Rest O Lord.

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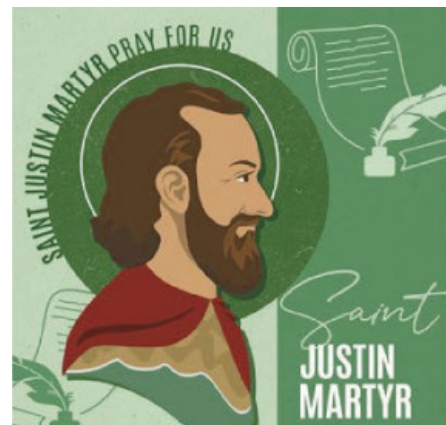


Rupp, Joyce

Out of the Ordinary

Joyce Rupp, a spiritual director and retreat leader, feels that all prayer and reflection are connected to the ordinary so she was delighted when a retreatant suggested this title. Each selection in this book truly come out of the *ordinary*, a place where she discovers who she is and how God is with her. These prayers, rituals, visualizations, reflections, and poems, can be used in a group setting or by an individual. They center around various liturgical and seasonal celebrations. Writing and reflecting about those occasions allowed her to enter more deeply into the spirit as she began listening inside and outside of herself long before the day itself arrived. Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and the New Year are among the events being celebrated. Other themes being recognized include personal transitions, the search for justice, and difficult times. Even Valentine's Day, with its theme of love, is cause for celebration.

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Saint of the Week

St. Just Martyr (c 100-165) was a second century apologist whose detailed tests which show the depth of the Catholic tradition were meant to dispel rumors of the early Church practices during the Roman persecution. An eye witness account his martyrdom still survives today.

Ministry Schedule for November 30 & December 1, 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	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	Bob Slon	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi
EMHC	Sue Dettman Dennis Olbrich	Margaret Milner Maggie Milner	Ruth Prinzivalli Cindy Ottina
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Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	George Hanley	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore

Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Adult Faith Formation Catechesis "The Wisdom of the Long Journey: The Elderly & Family Life"

All are welcome to join us on Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the worship area. Our guest speaker, Fr. John Mack has a Masters degree in theology and a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL). He currently serves as the priest Chaplain of the Aquinas Institute. He has been ordained nearly 40 years for the Diocese of Buffalo. Retired from active ministry, he resides in his family home in Rochester, working part-time at Aquinas and occasionally helping at the Catholic Newman Community, University of Rochester. The past 15 years of ministry, Fr. Mack has participated in the initial priestly formation program for seminarians at Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora and Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI. He has taught in two Catholic High Schools and has twice served as a pastor in diocesan parishes. Fr. Mack is a liver transplant recipient (30 June 2020) from a living donor (former parishioner) and is a volunteer for the Friends of Strong Liver and Kidney Transplant patient visitors.

Advent Retreat

Join us on Saturday, December 14th from 9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for St. Paul's Advent Retreat. This years theme is *"Wait for the Lord; Be Strong, and Let Your Heart Take Courage; Wait for the Lord"* Psalm 27:14. Our guest speaker is Deacon Jonathan Schott, the Associate Director of Campus Ministry at St. John Fisher University.

Activities: Prayer, Retreat Talk, Reflection led by Deacon Mark Robbins, Gospel Sharing, Meditation, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confession, Songs of Worship led by Bonnie Serio, concludes with 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Cost: \$20 (includes speaker fee, supplies, pizza, salad, donuts & coffee)

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, December 8th.

For question and clarifications, contact Anselm at Anselm.mesue@dor.org.



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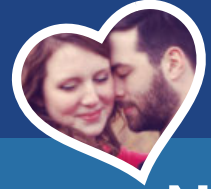
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