

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to them,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

Strengthen the hands that are feeble,
make firm the knees that are weak,
say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
with divine recompense
he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy;
they will meet with joy and gladness,
sorrow and mourning will flee.

MEDIA CORNER.

Our first **Catholic Podcast Resource** is the *Dynamic Catholic* “*Best Advent Ever 2025*” email program. You can sign up for it at the <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com> website. They will send you a video podcast for each day of advent.



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ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers Weekdays –Thursday6:00 pm

Trustees: Steve Pobst, Matt Slife Sundays – 8:00 am



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Schedule of Masses

SUNDAY	12/14	8:00 am	Mass
THURSDAY	12/18	6:00 pm	Mass
SUNDAY	12/21	8:00 am	Mass- David Zmuda Sr.

Liturgical Ministers

	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Dec 14	Madonna Slife	C. Johnson	M. Nelson B. Palmer	A. Nelson M. Palmer	*Frank Dueker A. Irby

Gift Bearers V. Anderson & P. Shallenberger Cantor C. Ross

	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Dec 21	Rhi Slife	K. Pobst	Matt Slife S. Widowski	C. Levesque	*Jon Slife J. Bergmann

Gift Bearers Cathy Kruep Family Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 07, 2025

General	1347.00	(22)
Loose	317.00	
Dio Collection	190.00	(Retired Religious)
Flowers	210.00	
Immaculate Conception	75.00	

Total \$2139.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$140.00 (4)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Frank Dueker
Amanda Zmuda
Elizabeth Zmuda

PSR STUDENT PROGRAM & BREAKFAST

Today after Mass, our PSR Students will present a program for the parishioners and then serve a pancake/ ham/ scrambled eggs breakfast. If you would like to bring fruit or a sweet treat to share at breakfast, you are most welcome to do so. Hope all parishioners can join the festivities.

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

Christmas Cards will be assembled December 15th at the Senior Center. Lunch will be at 11am for \$3. Cardassembling to follow at 11:30 am. Questions call Cathy Kruep 618-304-4841.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House at the Rectory at 2 pm on Sunday, December 21st.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2026 Contribution Envelope box sets are available. See Matt Slife

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving if you are able; thank you so much.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parishionerswho assisted us December 4-6 at Faith Alive.

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts and monetary gifts for the Jesse tree. Gifts will be delivered to the area schools this week.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoneers in your prayers. George Bell (Hillview), Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm (Hillview), Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.

LOOKING AHEAD

December	14	PSR program and breakfast after Mass
December	21	PSR after Mass- Choir Practice/ Open House 2pm
December	24	Christmas Eve Caroling Program beforeMass5:00 pm/ Mass5:30 pm
December	25	The Nativity of the Lord
December	28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
January	4	St. Paul CCWBreakfast Meeting after 8:30 am First Saturday Mass.

Office Hours are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618)658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.