

**Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2025**

Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:  
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;  
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!  
But Ahaz answered,  
"I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"  
Then Isaiah said:  
Listen, O house of David!  
Is it not enough for you to weary people,  
must you also weary my God?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:  
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,  
and shall name him Emmanuel.

**VOCATION CORER DECEMBER 21, 2025**

Today we hear of Joseph’s call to be the Head of the Holy Family. What a wonderful act of selflessness - turning his whole life over to the will of God, even under some really stressful circumstances. This is the call for each one of us – to be “righteous”. This should be our daily goal. Encourage everyone to follow their unique vocation to follow the Lord.

**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	12/21	8:00 am	Mass- David Zmuda Sr.
THURSDAY	12/23	5:30 pm	Mass- Christmas Eve
SUNDAY	12/28	8:00 am	Mass- The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Liturgical Ministers

	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 C. Ross

	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Dec 24 Christmas Eve	J. Nelson	M. Nelson	A. Dueker P. Widowski	Carter Bergmann Curtner Bergmann	*Steve Widowski Matt Slife

Gift Bearers Jon & Madonna Slife Cantor S. Pobst

	Lector	Greeter	EM	Servers	Ushers
Dec 28	A. Dueker	W. Hooks	Madonna Slife C. Kruep	M. Palmer E. Zmuda	*Joe Nelson R. Weeks

Gift Bearers Geri Tesina & Janet Hacker Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING	December 14, 2025
General	1065.00 (18)
Loose	182.00
Flowers	160.00
Immaculate Conception	95.00
Total	\$1502.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$295.00 (7)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK  
Gary Hacker

OPEN HOUSE  
Father Larry invites all parishioners to an Open House at the rectory starting at 2 pm this Sunday

CHOIR PRACTICE  
There’s choir practice for Christmas Eve following Mass today. New members are welcome.

THANK YOU  
Thanks to our PSR students and their teachers for last Sunday’s Christmas program and for all those in attendance. Also thanks to the Krueps and kitchen help for the delicious breakfast. It was a great start to a very cold day.

Thank you to Pat Kalicki, Peggy Widowski, Ruth Scruggs, and Cathy Kruep for making the Christmas Cards for Autumn Ridge & Hillview Nursing Home.

REMINDER  
When donating for Mass Intentions please remember that it is \$10 for a Mass and \$12 to send a card. When requesting a card please include the address of recipient. Thank you.

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.

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	21 PSR after Mass- Choir Practice/ Open House 2 pm
December	24 Christmas Eve Caroling Program before Mass 5:00 pm/ Mass 5:30 pm
December	25 The Nativity of the Lord
December	28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
January	4 St. Paul CCW Breakfast Meeting after 8:30 am First Saturday Mass

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