

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 28, 2025

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.

When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.

Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.

Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;

kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

VOCATION CORNER DECEMBER 28, 2025

“The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste, and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the Church, which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you

must be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity.”

— St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984

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

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| WEDNESDAY | 12/24 | 5:30 pm | Mass- <i>Christmas Eve</i> |
| SUNDAY | 12/28 | 8:00 am | Mass- <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> |
| THURSDAY | 01/01 | 9:00 am | Mass- <i>New Years Day</i> |
| SATURDAY | 01/03 | 8:30 am | Mass- <i>First Saturday Mass</i> |
| SUNDAY | 01/04 | 8:00 am | Mass |

Liturgical Ministers

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

Gift Bearers Jon & Madonna Slife

Cantor S. Pobst

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

Gift Bearers Geri Tesina& Janet Hacker

Cantor C. Ross

| | Lector | Greeter | EM | Servers | Ushers |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Jan 04</i> | M. Bergmann | P. Widowski | X. Gruszczynski Madonna Slife | A. Nelson Carter Bergmann | *Mike McMahan Jon Slife |

Gift Bearers Nick & Sara Family

Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARSHIP OFFERING *December 21, 2025*

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| General | 1280.00(22) |
| Loose | 176.00 |
| Annual Christmas Collection | 60.00 |
| Total \$1516.00 | |

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$50.00 (1)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

None

THANK YOU

Thank you for all who participated and attended the Christmas Eve program before Mass.

CCW MEETING

St. Paul Council of Catholic Women will have its first gathering of 2026 following the **8:30 am First Saturday Mass on January 3**. We'll have breakfast and a short meeting in the parish hall. Feel free to bring and share any leftover holiday sweets. All ladies of the parish are invited.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS will start on **January 11 after 8 am Mass**

The Mass is amazing, this study will walk us through the meaning and biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveal what it all means and why it matters. If you haven't signed up yet, you can still join our group. *Call Vickie at 618-579-3748 as soon as possible*. Thank you.

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 Parishioners in your prayers. *George Bell (Hillview), Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm (Hillview), Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.*

LOOKING AHEAD

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| December | 24 | Christmas Eve Caroling Program before 5:00 pm/ Mass 5:30 pm |
| December | 25 | The Nativity of the Lord- NO MASS |
| December | 28 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph |
| January | 1 | Holy Day of Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| January | 4 | St. Paul CCW Breakfast Meeting after 8:30 am First Saturday Mass |
| January | 11 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| January | 18 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| January | 21 | Parish Council Meeting at 6 pm |
| January | 25 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| February | 15 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |
| February | 22 | A Biblical Walk Through THE MASS |

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