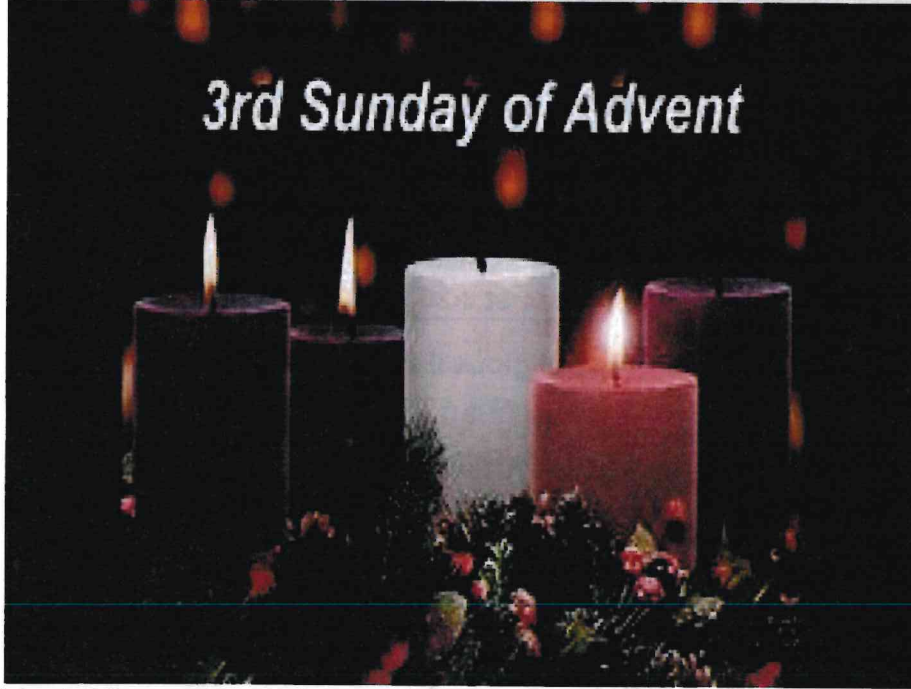


Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

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Treasurer Trustee: Mike Salomone

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Regular Weekly Liturgies

(see inside for details)

Wednesday: Communion Service
at 8:30 am

Thursday: 5:00 pm*

Holy Hour and Rosary for
Vocations to the Priesthood

Sunday Mass: 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday: 7:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

*Thursday: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Contact Information

Finance Council Chair:
Gary Wysocki

Pastoral Council Chair:
Alice Phillips

Director of Religious Ed:
Carla Murray

Care Ministry Coordinator:
Linda Golla

Cemetery Coordinator:
Phill Butler

Funeral Luncheon Coordinators
Cathy Kaminski and Betty Burns

Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight: Bob Benes
Meeting: 1st Tuesday of
month - 6:00 pm

Parish Council of Catholic Women
President: Ann Hintz
Meetings: 2nd Monday of January,
April, July, October

St Paul's Mission Team
Bernie Sherman
Work Meetings: 1st Wednesday of
month

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 17th 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Mass

For the People "Pro Populo"

Monday, December 18th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 19th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 20th

8:30 am: Word and Communion Service

Thursday, December 21st

5:00 pm: Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, December 22nd

No Mass

Saturday, December 23rd

No Mass

Sunday, December 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am: Mass

For † Margaret & Robert Malek, Sr.

Monday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am: Mass

For † Thelma Zingler

A Bite of the Gospel to Chew On

"...I am the voice of one crying out in the desert.
Make straight the way of the Lord..."

John 1:23

DEACON SPEAKIN'

Many people who seek to have influence in today's society judge their effectiveness by how many followers they have on social media platforms. The goal is to recruit and maintain as many followers as possible. The more followers one has, the more influence and income-producing opportunities one has.

John the Baptist had many followers, many of whom thought he was the promised Messiah. John had to clearly teach that he was not the Christ but was called by God to lead people to the Christ. For John the Baptist, having as many followers as possible was not the goal. Rather, his goal was to lead as many people as possible to experience encounters with Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to do the same.

Dates to Remember

Dec. 20 - Word and Communion Service at 8:30 am
Lectio Divina at 9:00 am

Dec. 20 - Religious Education Classes

Dec. 21 - Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood at 5:00 pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass at 8:30 am **OFFICE CLOSED**

Dec. 27 - No Religious Ed until Feb. 7, 2024

Dec. 28 - Holy Hour and Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood at 5:00 pm

CHANGE OF PCCW MEETING

The PCCW January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, at 6:00 pm at Starks and Luce. All ladies of our parish are invited to come join us.

We will also have our Prayer Partner exchange that evening for those who are interested.

With Christmas being on a weekend, our Parish will not be having a Christmas Eve Mass. For those of you who want to attend a Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, in addition to their Sunday Mass Obligation on December 24th, for your convenience we have included the times of services for churches in our surrounding area.

ST. PAUL - PLAINFIELD

Sunday Mass Obligation - December 24 - 8:00 am

Monday Christmas Day - December 25 - 8:30 am

ST. JOSEPH - WAUTOMA

Sunday Mass Obligation - December 24 - 7:30 am & 9 am

Christmas Eve - December 24 - 6:00 pm and Midnight

Monday, Christmas Day - December 25 - 7:30 am & 9 am

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE - ALMOND

Sunday Mass Obligation - December 24 - 9:00 am

Christmas Eve - December 24 - 4:00 pm & Midnight

Monday, Christmas Day - December 25 - 9:00 am

ST. MARY MAGDALENE - WAUPACA

Sunday Mass Obligation - December 24 - 8:00 & 10 am

Christmas Eve - December 24 - 4:30 pm & 8:00 pm

Monday Christmas Day - December 25 - 8:00 & 10:00 am

J.M.J.



Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ! A blessed Advent to you.

We continue this week with more from Bishop Ricken's letter to us, *Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist...*

May God bless you!

Fr. Aladele

"Five Alive" Practice #5: *The Rosary*

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer and begins with the Apostles' Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary. The mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of mysteries: joyful, sorrowful, glorious and — added by St. John Paul II in 2002 — the luminous.

According to our Catholic tradition, the Rosary was instituted by the Blessed Virgin Mary herself. In the 13th century, the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Dominic (founder of the Dominicans), gave him a Rosary and asked that all Catholics pray the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be prayers. If you have not prayed the Rosary in some time or pray it every day, this is a great time, with all of the unrest in the world, to rededicate ourselves to praying the Rosary.

I began praying the Rosary as a child on my mother's knee. As I've grown in my spiritual life, I have noticed that the Blessed Mother is so solicitous. When you ask her something, she always answers. I haven't had one prayer that wasn't answered. It wasn't always what I thought or what I'd hoped, but almost always it was better than what I had asked for! Praying the Rosary is a powerful way to restore order to your own spiritual life and a great booster to the quality of the spiritual life in the home when the entire family prays together. Pray the Rosary as often as you can, individually or with your family or small group.

There are many people who no longer know how to pray even the vocal prayers of the Church. Many do not know how to pray the Rosary. Please share this beautiful prayer form with others, especially those who do not know the basic meaning of the Rosary or how to pray it. This too is a way to witness and share in the joy of forming disciples. There are people in our parishes who would love to pray the Rosary and teach others to pray.



THANK YOU to all who continue to support our RaiseRight Program! It's time to remind users to get your Christmas list orders to RaiseRight so the cards you would like for Christmas gift giving will be available on time. Special orders need to be in at least a week ahead of time in order to have them available for a Sunday pickup. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact Kate Drmolka or speak with someone at the RaiseRight table after Sunday Mass. Remember, the rebates earned help to fund Religious Education programs in our parish.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY - DAILY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call.

Your Son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.

May they hear your call and respond with a profound "yes," just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your son, Jesus. Keep these, your sons and daughters, always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Cut this out and keep it handy to remind you to pray for Vocations daily.)

Greeting Cards made by St. Paul's Mission Team

Check out the variety of greeting cards (including Christmas Cards) available on the card rack located on the north side of the Hall next to the double doors leading to the portico. All proceeds are donated to support the Salvatorian Mission. They feel extremely fortunate for all the donors who support them and contribute regularly, allowing them to continue their work.

DID YOU KNOW?

Deacon Jim is available to discuss any questions you might have related to the Catholic faith, including Church teaching and rituals, as well as to provide support with any life challenges you might have. Given that Deacon Jim is a member of the clergy, all such discussions are confidential. To arrange an appointment, please contact Deacon Jim Hoegemeier directly at (608) 345-4294 or jhoegemeier@hotmail.com

St. Paul's Sacramental Information



Baptisms: Parents must be registered members of the parish for at least three months prior to setting a baptismal date, and must complete the baptismal preparation class. Classes will be held at a time that is mutually convenient for the parents and instructor. Please contact the parish office to set a baptism date and register for a class.



Marriage: Couples are asked to notify the parish office at least six months in advance. Catholics must be confirmed and active in the faith. Wedding times are to be scheduled no later than 1:00 pm. Even if a couple plan to choose their own vocalist, they are still required to meet with the priest at least six months in advance.



Anointing of the Sick: Due to medical privacy laws, family members are encouraged to notify the parish of any family members needing a visit, especially anointing of the sick.

St. Paul Parish, Plainfield
Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2022 , through June 30, 2023

REVENUES

Parish support	\$ 129,692
Mass intentions	\$ 1,070
Revenue from fund raising activities	\$ 11,178
Religious education revenue	\$ 1,315
Cemetery Revenue	\$ 7,826
Restricted Contributions	\$ 385
PCCW Revenues	\$ 6,929
Unrestricted contributions	\$ 11,226
Interest income	\$ 1,706
Investment income	\$ 3,275
Other revenue	\$ 4,240
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Total Revenues	\$ 178,842

EXPENSES

Parish Operations	\$ 161,678
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 1,033
Parish Program expenses	\$ 6,224
PCCW Expenses	\$ 6,199
Religious Education Expenses	\$ 267
Educational Subsidies	\$ 1,392
Cemetery Expenses	\$ 2,740
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Total Expenses	\$ 179,533
Net Loss	\$ (691)

As of June 30, 2023

Investment in Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Green Bay	\$ 45,838
Bank Accounts/CDs	\$ 130,414