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340 W. Arnold Rd.
Parish Fax 815-786-2977
Office Hours
 Monday thru Friday 9am - 4 pm
Web Site
<http://www.saintpaulscc.net>
Fair Stand
 (Fair time only) 815-786-6946
Cemetery: Contact the Parish Office

Parish Center
 340 Arnold Rd.
 Kitchen Phone – 815-786-8964
Religious Education Office
 Phone – 815-786-2004
 E-mail: stpaulre@comcast.net
 Classes are on Wednesdays
 Grades K-3 --3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Grades 4 & 5th --5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
 Grades 6 & 7th -- 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Youth Ministry
 Confirmation--Wed. 6:30 - 8 p.m.
 Twice a month (as scheduled)
Office Hours Tuesday – 8 to 3 pm
 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8:30p.m.
 Summer 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 June Thompson.....Custodian

**St. Paul the Apostle
 Catholic Church**
December 25, 2011
340 W. Arnold Rd.
Sandwich, IL
Christmas Day

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Andrew C. Hougan.....Pastor
 Marilyn EllerbyBusiness Manager
 Mary Foley.....Music
 Donna Botts.....D.R.E.
 Camille Hanzlik.....Bereavement
 Ministry
 Joan Biebel.....RCIA Coordinator

SUPPORT STAFF

Edwina Vincent.....Parish Secretary
 Marilyn Childress..... Rel. Ed. Secretary
 Wm. Vincent.....Altar Servers
 Marie Jewell.....Sacristan
 Elsie Morrissey.....Pro-Life

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 (In Kane Hall)

4:00 p.m. ✚ Joe, Tom & Terri Twait
(Bernice Twait)

6:00 p.m. ✚ Helen Batorson (Ellen Batorson)

12 Midnight ✚ Gene & Lucille Miller
(John & Beth Swanson)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 In the Church

9:00 a.m. People of St. Paul
SPANISH MASS

12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 NO SCHEDULED MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

5:30 p.m. ✚ Edward Wies (Loretta Wies)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30 a.m. ✚ Tina Schultz (Peter & Ruthanne Hettinger)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. ✚ Gene Gary (Bill & Edwina Vincent)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30 a.m. ✚ Edmund DeJonghe (Bill & Edwina Vincent)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 p.m. ✚ Doran & Rose Greif
(Denise, DaVonna, Doreen & Families)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00 a.m. People of St. Paul

10:00 a.m. ✚ Madeline Augustine (St. Paul Christian Women)

SPANISH MASS

12:00 p.m. Intention to be Announced at Mass

Please Note: If you pay your donation for a Mass intention by check, we can now include it on your year-end tax



DATE: DECEMBER 17/18

LOOSE: \$ 329.68

ENVELOPES: \$ 2755.00

TOTAL : \$3084.68

No. of Registered Families: 395

No. of Envelopes issued: 211

No. of Envelopes used: 126

Please help the money counters by noting the amount of your gift on your envelope. Thank you for mailing your Sunday envelope when you are out of town.

MISSION STATEMENT

“We, the family of St. Paul Parish, live the gospel message of Jesus Christ through worship, education and outreach to all ages. We strengthen our parish and community, respecting our rural traditions, while welcoming the growth and cultural diversity that awaits.”

Liturgical Ministries

5:00 PM – Saturday, December 31

Eucharist June Thompson, Patti Hake, Scott Powell

Lector Ron Wigton, Ann Wigton

Servers T. J. Powell, Jordan Powell, Beth Key

Usher Garry Miller, Tom Dente, Brianna Miller, Dennis Miller

8:00 AM – Sunday, January 1

Eucharist Bill Vincent, Camille Hanzlik, Jerry Gartner

Lector Sherry Gartner, Dan Wilson

Servers Kelly Pfaff, Mike Mendoza, Emily Mendoza

Usher John Michels, Terre Michels,

10:00 AM – Sunday, January 1

Eucharist David DeCraene, MaryAlyce DeCraene, Donna Beyke

Lector Mike Botts, Val Lorusso

Servers Ryan Rettig, Ava Knepper, Ellie Knepper

Usher Joe Beyke, Donna Beyke, Brad Knepper

If you cannot serve in your ministry please get a replacement.



Pray For

Carolyn Duffy	Steve Lynn	Magdalen Randall
Jackie Janoski	Norbert Yost	Tony Crumpton
Don Henry	Paul Bangert	Sydney VanPoucke
Sherry Higgins	Pattie Hinman	Heinie Schwemlein
Mark Ready	Jerry Long	Marge Thompson
Lawrence Kelly	Nancy Clark	Mary Pauline Janicky
Veronica Fraser	Don Chapin	

**And for all special intentions
If you know someone who is ill or having surgery, contact the Parish Office at 786-9266.**

Welcome: Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are interested in registering in our parish please fill out form. You may leave this form in the collection basket or mail to the church office.

Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., M/M) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ New to Parish New Phone Remove from list Correction Moving

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesdays: 5:10 p.m.
Saturdays 4:30 p.m.
(and anytime by request.)

BAPTISMS:

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOLY MATRIMONY:

Preparations are to be made at least six months prior to the desired date with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: (Anytime)
Please notify your pastor promptly whenever anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

Please note: If you are in a hospital or health care facility located outside of Sandwich, you are to call the nearest parish for a priestly visit.

CONFIRMATION :

See Religious Education schedule

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday evenings: 4 - 5 pm

FIRST FRIDAY:

10:00 am Mass at Willowcrest
11:00 am Mass at Sandwich Rehabilitation

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS

Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m. at the Church. Contact Virginia Rossok at 786-2323.

OUTREACH:

Anyone experiencing unforeseen circumstances contact Donna Botts at 786-8959.

HOMEBOUND EUCHARIST:

If you are unable to get to Mass contact David DeCraene at 786-8412.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Thursday- 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Center
PRAYER BASKET: The basket is by the candle stand for your intentions

PRAYER HOT LINE:

Contact Ann Lessick at 630-803-8488, or Marilyn Childress at 695-5319, your requests will be remembered.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN:

Open to all women of the parish, they meet the 1st Tuesday of the month with a few exceptions at the Parish Center. Call MaryAlyce DeCraene at 815-786-8412.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Second Tuesday-7:15 pm at St. John Catholic Parish Center in Somonauk. Call the Parish Office for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Around the Diocese

ROSARY HIGH SCHOOL "HOLIDAY HOOPS"

Rosary High School is hosting "Holiday Hoops" - a basketball shooting camp for 5th - 8th grade girls on **Dec. 26 & 27**. The camp fee (which includes a t-shirt) is \$35.00 in advance or \$45.00 at the door. Grades 5 & 6: 9 am - 12 pm; Grades 7 & 8: 1 - 4 pm. Please visit our website listed below for a registration form or contact the school at 630-896-0831, ext. 25.

Rosary High School Placement Exam

Rosary High School will hold its Placement Exam on

Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8:00 a. m.

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. All 8th grade girls interested in attending Rosary High School are encouraged to register for the Placement Exam by Dec. 16, 2011. Priority admission and scholarship eligibility is given only to those students who test at Rosary on Jan. 14. To register for the exam, please complete the Application for Admission and the Release of Records Form and return to Rosary with the \$30 testing fee. All necessary documents can be printed from our website: www.rosaryhs.com.

Rosary is an all-girls Catholic, college preparatory high school, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield. The school is located at 901 N. Edgelawn Drive, Aurora.



Parish Pastoral Council

Dennis Miller.....Chairperson

Parish Finance Council

Beth Swanson.....Chairperson

MEMORIAL BELL TOLLING

January 23, 2012

In February of 2002, the following became particular law for all the dioceses of the United States of America. “. . . January 22 (or January 23, when the 22nd falls on a Sunday), shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.”

January 22, 2012 will mark the 39th anniversary of *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* —the US Supreme Court decisions which legalized abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy. This day should be a sorrowful reminder of the devastation wrought by the killing of the most vulnerable among us.

At roughly the same time that the March for Life will begin (12 noon CST) on Jan. 23, 2012 Bells will be rung for 52 minutes nation wide

God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Jan. 27-29 in Brookfield, WI, Feb. 17-19 in Crystal Lake, IL, March 23-25 in Madison, WI.

Early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call 888-574-5653. For a fin de semana en Espanol in Rockford, contact Hugo & Gaby at 630-690-2094.



Our customary greeting, “Merry Christmas,” came from the Middle Ages. Merry meant “blessed, joyful and peaceful” and it did not have the meanings of “jolly, hilarious and lively” that we have associated it with today. It expressed a spiritual joy rather than an earthly happiness. The deeper meaning should be explained to children and occasionally we should all use words like, “blessed, joyful and peaceful” in our own greetings, both spoken and written.

The Christmas Crib

This Christmas tradition, of having a Crib, has been with us for over 750 years. On Christmas Eve in the year 1223, in the little town of Greccio, Italy, St. Francis of Assisi held a famous celebration. He re-enacted the first Christmas scene in a live setting with live animals and living persons. It rapidly grew in popularity and today, we still have Christmas Plans of similar nature and a Crib or Creche in almost every Christian home. St. Francis never wanted it to be a “nostalgic trip” for he knew that all Christians must look forward. But he did want the people to learn the lesson and value of poverty for their own lives. He knew that every Christmas was a dress-rehearsal for the second coming of Christ, so he wanted us to know how important it is not to be excessively attached to the material things of this world.



LOST & FOUND

There is a Lost & Found box in the Secretary's office, which will be placed in Kane Hall on Sundays for your convenience.



STUDY FOR LENT

We are all pilgrims on a journey and none of us have arrived. Join us for **Awakening Faith** to be held on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 beginning on **February 21st** or on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 starting on **February 23rd** in the DeCraene Room.

- Session 1—Spirituality—What's the Buzz?
- Session 2—Who is Jesus?
- Session 3—Do We Need the Spirit?
- Session 4—Can I Accept God's Mercy?
- Session 5—Can Mass Make My Life Meaningful?
- Session 6—The Church and Me.

If you are interested call the Religious Ed office at 786-2004. We need to know how many books to order.

Looking for a few good men and women to help organize our 6 week study during Lent, **Awakening Faith**—Reconnecting with your Catholic Faith. An informational meeting will be held on **January 12th, 2012 at 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

STEWARDSHIP

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

How did Mary do that anyway?

Moms, have you ever wondered what the **motherhood of the Blessed Mother and her virtue of humility** means to you? Have you ever wanted to but were unsure how to start living Mary's example as a wife and mother? If so, take time this Jan. 6-7, 2012 for the Moms Retreat at Bishop Lane Retreat Center. The weekend starts with dinner Fri. night and ends with early evening Mass on Saturday. For those who wish to stay an extra night and relish what they've learned and experienced, arrangements can be made for a small fee. For more information or to register for the **Moms Retreat**, please visit the Family Life Office's website at www.familylife.dpsrfd.org or call 815-387-3377.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN

CASTLE BANK

100 W. Church Street, Sandwich
815-786-8461 www.castlebank.com

BINGO WORKERS NEED- ED

We are in need of parents to volunteer to work the kitchen or the floor for St. Paul's bingo once every 8 weeks for about 4 to 5 hours. It is a great way to get meet people and help pay your child's CCD tuition after working the first year. Bingo is a greatly needed source of revenue for our church and CCD program. About 2/3 of those working now do not have a child in the program but continue to support the program with their work hours. Please call 786-9266 to volunteer your time as part of your Stewardship.

DONUTS/ FELLOWSHIP

Donuts following the 8 and 10 Sunday Masses will NOT be offered on December 25th or January 1st. They will resume on Sunday, January 8th.

YOUTH FAIR WORKERS

If you worked the fair this year on the counter, kitchen or grill area, you are invited to join us at WOW Theater on **Thursday, December 29th** at 6:00 p.m. for the movie "We Bought a Zoo" and pizza as a thank you for your Stewardship, this past year.



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Dec. 27— Community Fellowship
Feast 4:30—6:30 p.m. at
Church of the Nazarene

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you are new to the parish or have requested Offering Envelopes, they may be found on the shelf as you leave church to your right. They have your name on them.

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR PRACTICE NEEDED

Come any Wednesday you are free to listen to the children say the prayers they have learned. Copies of the prayers are available.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP FEAST

Tuesday, December 27th

4:30—6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

Church of the Nazarene

205 E. College

Sponsored by the Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Alliance.

All 7th graders and older who love the outdoor life come join us **February 12, 2012** at the Mountain Top at Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. There are forms to be filled out and equipment needs to be reserved ahead of time if you plan to attend and they are available at the Religious Ed. or Parish offices. The cost is \$50.00, which includes the ski lift, equipment and the bus. Beginning lessons are \$2.00 and are required for first time skiers. Advance lessons are also available with notice 14 days before the trip.



Lord, Hold our troops in your loving hand. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

DAILY READINGS

12/26--1/01

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday: 1 John 1:5—2:2
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35

Friday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: 1 John 2:18-21
John 1:1-18

Sunday: Numbers 67:2-3,5,6,8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Bulletin Articles

must be in the Parish Office no later than Monday Noon to be published that week.



NO CLASSES OR ACTIVITIES

UNTIL JANUARY 4, 2012

Happy Holidays!



Bingo Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m.
Kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m.
Bingo games starts at 7:00 p.m.

NO BINGO

until

January 8, 2012

Merry Christmas