

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:00 p.m. † Joe Twait (Bernice Twait)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. † Eugene Paris (Bernadine Paris)

10:00 a.m. † LaVerne Nability (Rose Family)
People of St. Paul

SPANISH MASS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 NO SCHEDULED MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:30 p.m. † Virginia Miller (John & Beth Swanson)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30 a.m. † Helen Hoffman (Tom Hoffman)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30 a.m. † Helen Batorson (Pat Voga)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Marcot (Donor)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. † Suzanne Weinhold (Mark & MaryBeth Weinhold)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. † Deceased Family Members of Ray & Judy Hendron

10:00 a.m. † Dorothy Smith (Tom Smith)
People of St. Paul

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 3/4

LOOSE: \$ 361.85

ENVELOPES: \$ 2662.00

TOTAL : \$ 3023.85

No. of Registered Families: 395

No. of Envelopes issued: 211

No. of Envelopes used: 116

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 17

Eucharist Ruthanne Hettinger, Patti Hake, June Thompson

Lector Hal Ament, Denise Curran

Servers Madison Vincent, Jordan Powell, T.J. Powell

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

8:00 AM – Sunday, December 18

Eucharist Jerry Gartner, Patrick Sobol, MaryLou Kreinbrink

Lector Dana Gauthier, Sherry Gartner

Servers Ryan Pfaff, Ray Pfaff, Tanner Moore

Usher John Michels, Terre Michels,

10:00 AM – Sunday, December 18

Eucharist Marilyn Ellerby, Marie Jewell, Libby Ellerby

Lector Val Lorusso, Bridget Chase

Servers Scott Asleson, Samantha Warpecha, Andrew Gipe

Usher Joe Beyke, Donna Beyke, Brad Knepper

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



Pray For

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| 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 Janicki |
| Veronica Fraser | Don Chapin | Roland Sondgeroth |

**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

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO THE EXOTIC WESTERN CARIBBEAN

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Martin Jones **May 6 - 13, 2012** on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, FL. Ports of Call: Cozumel (Mexico), Belize, Mahogany Bay (Isla Roatan), Grand Cayman (Cayman Island). Prices begin at \$1326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ dpayttc@aol.com.

One mightier than I is coming



"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert make straight the way of the Lord." Are we taking time to put the way of the Lord in our marriage? 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

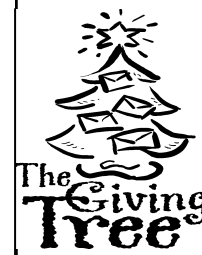
Christmas Bells seem to have a very natural origin. It may be difficult for us to realize that there was a time when watches were scarce and bells were rung in villages to announce the time of day (like the prayer called *Angelus*), to attend Church or town meetings. On special or important occasions, the bells would ring long and loud. Christmas was one of these times.

Window Lights seem to be the result of an old Irish tradition. A candle would be placed in the window on Christmas Eve to welcome a traveler. It has an obvious reference to the journey of Joseph and Mary.

Christmas Lights have many origins as we have noted, but they are obviously symbols of the Christ, who as Saint John writes, was the "Light who came into this world."

Candy Canes were the traditional tree candy for many years because they resembled the shepherd's staff. The shepherds waiting in the fields were the first to be told of the coming of Jesus.

Popcorn Balls became symbols of new life because of the new life that had emerged from the corn kernels.



If you took an ornament from the Giving Tree, please return the gift by December 18th with the ornament as a name tag. Gifts will be sorted and delivered before the 24th. You may put them in Kane Hall or bring to the Parish Office. A suggestion for the adults would be a gift card from Walmart or Target as they could be used in several ways.

Thank You!

To My Church Family,

Again I humbly come to thank each of you, for all the prayers, masses and help given to me at Gene's funeral.

Your prayers for us have made me strong. God is certainly watching over my family.

I'll remember all of you in my daily prayers.

With God's blessings!

Donna Gary & Family

Coming Soon: Moms Retreat Moms, are you tired of making the same old New Year's resolutions only to break them once again? Why not start the New Year off on a spiritual note? The Family Life Office is sponsoring **Moms Retreat at Bishop Lane Retreat Center on Jan 6-7** beginning with dinner on Friday and ending with Mass at 4:15 on Saturday. For an extra charge, moms can extend their retreat (on their own) to Sunday morning. **Details and registration** can be found on line at www.familylife.dpsrfd.org or you can call our office at 815-387-3377.

KNOW YOUR FAITH. . . .

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Juan Diago's tilma in 1531 is a miracle and the most visited Catholic shrine in the world.

1. The tilma is still soft in texture in spite of being made of rough palm threads.
2. The image of Mary has penetrated the tilma's fibers to the reverse side even though there is no under drawing, no visible brush strokes, & the image was created with one stroke without any sketches or corrections.
3. The tilma has never been varnished, but color value of the image on it is still vibrant after 480 years.
4. Examination of Mary's eyes shows all the people in the room at the time the image was revealed, 14 people in all.
5. The pigments used are from no known animal, vegetable or mineral source. Hillary Clinton visited the image in March, 2009. She asked: "Who painted it?" The rector of the Basilica, Msgr. Monroy answered: "God."

What is your answer?

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Mon., December 12th. She is the Patroness of Mexico and Empress of the Americas.



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO
SUPPORT THOSE WHO
SUPPORT OUR BULLETIN**

What's Your Catholic IQ?

1. What does a person have to do to become a martyr?

- a) have apparitions b) build a Catholic school c) go on a pilgrimage d) die for the faith

2. Who was the first non-martyred U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint?

- a) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton b) Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini c) St. John Neumann d) St. Issac Jogues

Beverage Family Funeral Home

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•Event –

Pancake Breakfast



•Location –

Kane Hall at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Sandwich Ill.

•Time –

December 11, 2011

8:30 – 12:00

Adults - \$5.00

Children - \$2.00



Articles for the December 25th bulletin must be in the office by **December 16th.**

Third Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Dec. 11--KC Pancake Breakfast

Dec. 15-- Kids Connection 4-5 pm

Dec. 27- Community Dinner at Church of the Nazarene

RECONCILIATION

Besides offering Reconciliation on Saturday at 4:30 p.m., there will be Reconciliation on Tuesday, Dec. 20 following Mass from 6 to 7 pm and Wed. Dec. 21 from 6 to 7 p.m. Reconciliation is also available by appointment.

DIocese of Rockford DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (DSA) St. Paul Church Status

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| 2010 - 11 Remainder as of 12/2/11 | \$1,396.19 |
| DSA Second collection 12/4/11 | (\$1,246.81) |
| Due as of 12/5/11 | \$ 149.38 |
| Assessment for 2011 - 2012 | \$22,534.00 |
| Pledges as of 12/5/11 | (\$12,955.00) |
| Anticipated Deficit (6/30/12) | \$9,579.00 |
| Combined Total Due | \$9,728.38 |

Thank you very much for your continued generous support! The next second collection for the DSA deficit will be the weekend of **January 7/8**

DAILY READINGS

12/12--12/18

Monday: Zechariah 2:14-17
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday: Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18,
21b-25
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday: Isaiah 54:1-10
Luke 7:24-30

Friday: Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
John 5:33-36

Saturday: Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday: 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38



The Lord is near



Religious Education

Dec. 14- Regular class times

Dec. 21- No Class

S.W.A.M.P. Activities

Dec. 14.- Christmas Caroling 5-8th

Dec. 21- No Activity

Confirmation

Jan 4- 6:30 - 8:00 pm



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.



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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

COMMITTEE: Chuck Goebel, Rick Pellegrini, Mark Oropeza

REFRESHMENTS: Regina Singer, Austin & Jessica Singer

BAKERS: Lois Wilson, Edwina Vincent, Regina Singer, Donna Beyke, Diana Wargo

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR DEC. 18

COMMITTEE: Luigi Celiberti, Lenny Bjornson

REFRESHMENTS: Dave Vincent, June Thompson, Carl Key

BAKERS: Rita Penman, Beth Deutsch, Pat Sapp, Rita Bjornson, Connie Whelehon