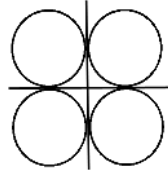


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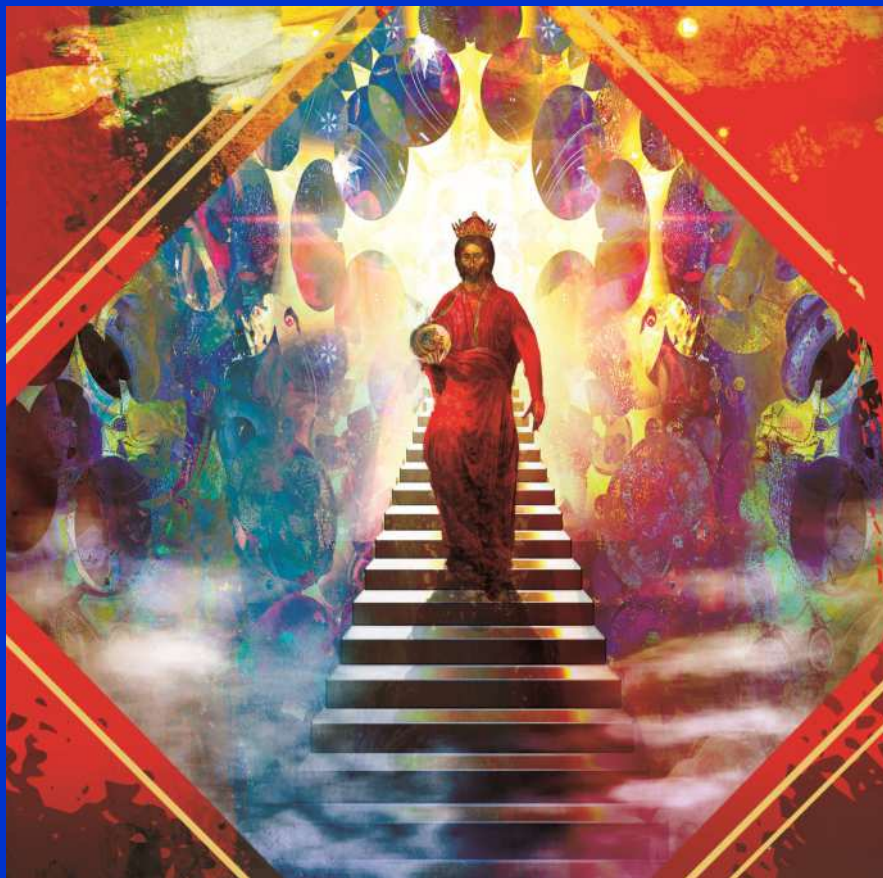


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November 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



**OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST, KING OF
THE UNIVERSE**

"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me
in Paradise." - Lk 23:43

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Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, November 24
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, November 25
Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing
 9:15A Bible Study
 11:00A Staff mtg.
 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, November 26
Weekday

8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 27
Weekday

Thanksgiving Day
 Parish Office Closed
 8:30A Mass

Friday, November 28
Weekday

Parish Office Closed
 No Mass

Saturday, November 29
Weekday

2nd Collection: Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions
 Jubilee Prayer recited during Mass
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, November 30
First Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection: Catholic University & Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions
 Jubilee Prayer recited during Masses
 9:00A Mass-choir sings
 11:00A Mass

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Financial Snapshot

	October 2025	July-October 2025
Collections	\$39,870	\$162,119
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,686	\$12,405
Expenses	\$65,032	\$189,365
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(20,476)	\$(14,841)

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Jeff McSweeney
 From
 Mom, Kathy*

Seeds for the Journey

Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat

Dear People of God, every last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar, our Holy Mother, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, with the publication of his Encyclical Letter *Quas Primas* ("In the First"), as a response to the growing secularism and atheism in the world. At the time, Mussolini had just come to power in Italy, and fascist movements were emerging around Europe. Pope Pius XI wanted to say that there is no human figure to whom our allegiance is due. Rather, Christ is King. Pope Pius XI recognized, that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This Solemnity reminds us that while governments and public officials come and go, Jesus Christ reigns as King forever. This reminds me of an antiphon we used to sing at my middle and high school during Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction: *Christus Vincit, Christus Regnat, Christus Imperat* – Christ Conquers, Christ Reigns, Christ Commands. This is the message that resonates in the Church on the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King. Pope Pius XI gave Catholics hope that Christ the King shall reign forever despite the militantly secularistic regimes that threatened not just the Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Christ's death on the cross overcame the darkness that consumed humankind because of the very fact that He is the Son of God who reigns over all things. In today's second reading, St Paul, in his Letter to the Colossians reminds us that "Christ is before all things and in him all things hold together...For in Christ, all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things."

In his 2009 Angelus address on the Solemnity of Christ the King, Pope Benedict XVI said among other things: "the mystery of Jesus Christ's death and Resurrection lies at the heart of this process of the revelation of his kingship." Christ's power as King is not that of domination or of pride. Christ's kingly power, as Pope Benedict XVI beautifully puts it, is "the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness." The Jewish leaders mocked him as we read in today's Gospel pericope: "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers ridiculed him: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." You can imagine that even one of the criminals who was crucified with Jesus reviled him saying: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." However, the other criminal was able to see the light that Christ's power is not exercised like the temporary power of the earthly kings; he therefore rebuked the other criminal saying: "have you no fear of God?" Like the latter, we too are called to recognize Jesus' kingship exemplified by his humility and self-giving on calvary. Pope Pius XI in *Quas Primas*, calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives. The deepest allegiances of our hearts should belong to Christ and not any earthly ruler or culture. This feast reminds that Christ alone is king.

As followers of Christ, we are called to listen to what Jesus has communicated to us. It can be summarized by the double love command to love God wholeheartedly and to love our neighbor. As Pope Benedict XVI states, "Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us." Jesus wants to be king of our lives. However, he would not subject us to his kingship by force because he is not a tyrannical leader. Jesus is a loving king who desires that which is best for all. He is inviting us today to serve him as king. This means loving Him, obeying God's commandments but also loving our brothers and sisters in the community.

Anselm

12 Months of Flowers Fundraiser

Final Weekend to Purchase Gift Cards!

St. Paul's and Kittelberger Florist are teaming up to sell "12 Months of Flowers". The cost of each gift card is \$50 (exact cash or check payable to St. Paul's only). A portion of the proceeds will come back to St. Paul's.

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These cards make great Christmas, birthday, anniversary, sympathy, or anytime gifts. Consider buying an additional card for yourself to brighten your home throughout the year, or to surprise a different person with flowers each month!

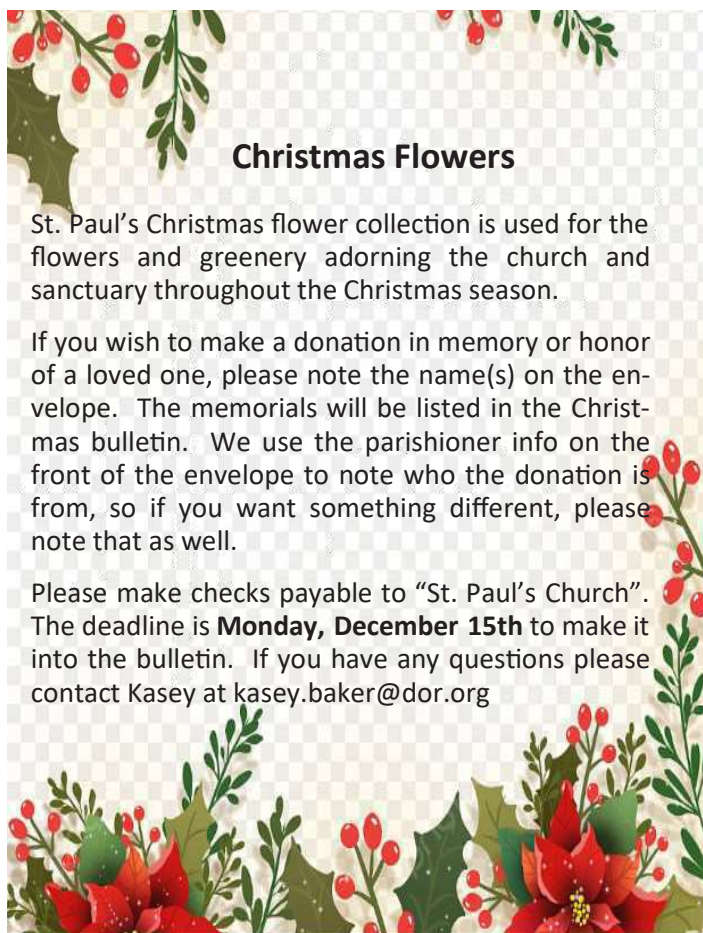


Christmas Flowers

St. Paul's Christmas flower collection is used for the flowers and greenery adorning the church and sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.

If you wish to make a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, please note the name(s) on the envelope. The memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. We use the parishioner info on the front of the envelope to note who the donation is from, so if you want something different, please note that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church". The deadline is **Monday, December 15th** to make it into the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Kasey at kasey.baker@dor.org

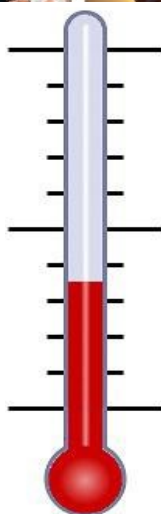


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\$36,754

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Advent Retreat



Join us on Saturday December 13th from 10:15am to 5:00pm for St Paul's Advent Retreat. This year's theme is "Christ Jesus, our Hope" (1 Timothy 1:1b). Our guest speaker is Dr. Matthew Kuhner, a Professor of Theology at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry.

Activities: Prayer, Retreat Talk, Reflection led by Deacon Mark Robbins, Gospel Sharing, Meditation, Adoration, Rosary, Benediction, Confession, Songs of Worship, concludes with 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Cost: \$20 (includes speaker fee, supplies, pizza, salad & donuts coffee)

Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office. The deadline to register for this event is Sunday, December 8th.

For question and clarifications, contact Anselm at anselm.mesue@dor.org.



Father in Heaven, creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank You for all the graces and blessings, You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

In Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen!



From the John Walsh Library

Nouwen, Henri J.M.

Life of the Beloved

(Spiritual Living in a Secular World)

Father Nouwen informs us this book is the fruit of a longstanding friendship with a reporter for the New York Times who arrived in his office somewhat reluctantly one day in order to interview him. Nouwen sensed this was a man full of gifts, anxiously searching for a way to use them. The two men were quite conscious of their radically different religious backgrounds: a secular Jew and a Catholic priest, but they became close friends. One day, the reporter asked him "Why don't you write something about the spiritual life for me and my friends?" He persuaded Nouwen about the need for a spirituality that speaks to men and women in a secularized society. This book is the result of that request, but ultimately the audience for this book turned out to be searching Christians, not skeptics. In His mysterious way God had used his secular friends to instruct His disciples. (Call No. 248.4-Nou)

Rochester Hope November Wish List

**Tuna, peanut butter, sugar, socks,
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Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday, November 27 at 8:30 a.m.

The parish office will be closed November 27 & 28 in observance of the holiday.



Doctrinal Corner

It is up to us to pray for the souls in purgatory, asking God to let them into heaven. Here are two prayers we Catholics pray for the souls in purgatory:

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them; May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Compassionate Lord Jesus, Grant them Rest O Lord.

Ministry Schedule for November 29 & 30, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bob Slon	Elizabeth Randisi	Tom Napoli
EMHC	Trisha DeBacco Volunteer Needed	Margaret Milner Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Patrice DeAngelis	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne Hauber
Lectors	Scott Rutan	Peg Berry	Crissy Picca
Linens	Julie Shick No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Ellen & Don Oinen	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
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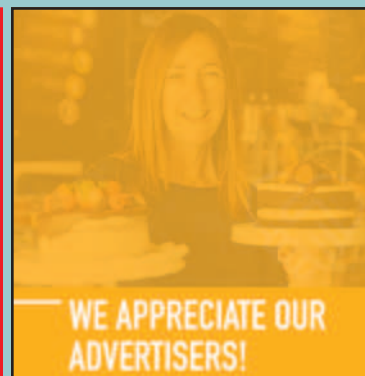
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