

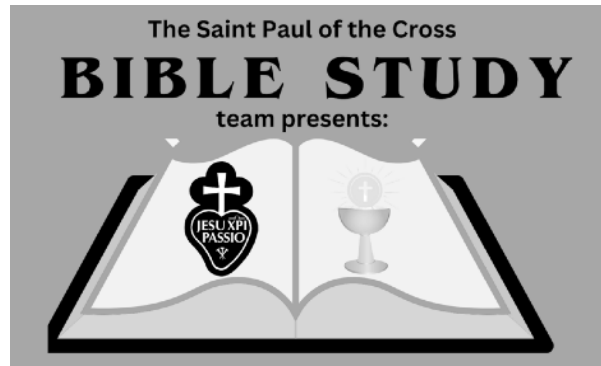
Friday Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, December 22nd or Friday, December 29th.

There is a **new sign-up** in the Narthex for Friday Adoration beginning in January 12th. A wonderful New Year's Resolution would be to spend more time sitting with Jesus in Adoration. Please prayerfully consider taking an hour. It will most definitely be time well spent.

A.R.C.

Our Adult Religious Catechesis program (A.R.C.) will resume on Wednesday, January 10th. The topic will be "How to Get to Heaven" presented by Stephanie Hamilton. Please join us for fellowship and to grow more in your understanding of the teachings of the Church. Childcare is provided.



BIBLE STUDY WILL RETURN the week of January 8th. If you were part of a Bible Study Small Group in the Fall you can pick up your **NEW BOOKS:** "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" in the Narthex. **NO NEED TO SIGN UP!** You will meet with the same group at the same time and in the same place as in the Fall!!!

If you missed our first session of "***A PASSION FOR THE EUCHARIST***"

we would LOVE to have you join one of our **NEW GROUPS** in January. Sign up for the time and date that works best with your schedule and take a book: "***The Eucharist A Bible Study Guide for Catholics***"

We are so excited to continue studying scripture with our fellow parishioners!

If you have any questions please contact Jessica:
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December 24, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent. However, in our parish community of St. Paul of the Cross, we will have a special schedule due to its proximity to Christmas. We will begin our Sunday liturgies on Saturday with the evening Masses: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish). This Sunday morning, we will have a special Mass at 9 a.m. (which consolidates the attendance of the usual 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses). To facilitate the understanding of the importance of participating this year in the Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas, (which is a Holy Day of Obligation) we are switching to “Christmas mode” on Sunday, December 24th at 5 p.m.

Technically, there are four different Christmas Masses. They each have different titles, readings, and prayers. On December 24th at 5 p.m. we will celebrate the “Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord”. That night at 12 midnight, we will celebrate the “Mass during the Night”. On Monday, December 25th we will celebrate at 9 a.m. the “Mass at Dawn”. At 12 noon we will celebrate “Mass during the Day” in Spanish. You are free to choose the Sunday liturgy and the Christmas liturgy that you prefer.

The important matter is to go twice to Mass. There is no such thing as “double-dipping” on Christmas Eve since it falls on Sunday. Either way, we are delighted to spend time with our Lord who was born in Bethlehem in a manger out of love, dies for us out of love, and invites us to spend all eternity with Him because of love.

Collections for December 18, 2023

Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,320.00
Loose	\$ 613.01
Candles	\$ 30.00
Repair	\$ 585.00
Retirement fund	\$ 30.00
Flowers	\$ 75.00
Christmas offering	\$ 500.00
Total in pews:	\$ 5,153.01

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,787.00
Repair Fund	\$ 304.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 12.00
Total Online	\$ 2,214.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

December 23rd Advent Weekday (Sat.)

9:00 a.m. † Maria Genoveva Gelabert

Anticipated Masses-4th Sunday of Advent:

5:00 p.m. † Jerry Zorger

7:00 p.m. Parroquianos (Spanish Mass)

Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. † For all souls in purgatory

Christmas Eve Masses:

5:00 p.m. † Genevieve Kasper

12 Midnight Parishioners

December 25th Christmas Day (Monday)

9:00 a.m. † Laurel Steill

12 noon Jennifer Garcia (Spanish Mass)

December 26th St. Stephen (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † George Crowe

December 27th St. John (Wednesday)
5:00 p.m. Living & deceased members of
Rosa & Gary Wheeler's Family

December 28th The Holy Innocents
(Thurs.)
8:00 a.m. † Nancy Fries

December 29th Fifth day- Nativity of the
Lord (Fri.)
8:00 a.m. † For all the souls in purgatory

December 30th Sixth day-Nativity of the
Lord (Sat.)
9:00 a.m. † Matthew Weber
5:00 p.m. † Jeff Dunlap

Dec. 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary
& Joseph (Sun.)
8 a.m. † Gene Ness & family
10:30 p.m. † Patrick Flannigan
12 noon Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on December 18, 2023
Families **51** People **139** New **5**

Thank you very much for the crock pots that were donated! We have all the crock pots that we need to share with those living in hotels. This will help them very much with a means to cook their food now.

Your ongoing support whether that is financial, food donations, volunteering of your time, talent and last, but not least, your prayers are each example of Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor.

NEEDS:

Specific pantry needs: Toilet paper and peanut butter.

If you would like to help with St. Vincent

DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Barb Bockelman or Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a holiday, the pantry will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Rosary Making - SAVE THE DATE

Rosary making class will be taking place on Saturday, December 30th after 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please come and share fellowship and food. This is such a wonderful ministry to be a part of.

