St. Paul Mission Statement
We are the Catholic Faith Family of St. Paul Parish, Genesee Depot, Wisconsin.
With the Eucharist as the source and summit of our Faith, our mission is to create a welcoming, vibrant Parish rooted in the Word of God and the sacramental tradition of the Catholic Church to inspire all to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.
We grow, nurture and strengthen our Faith through:
* Inspirational Worship
* Authentic Witness
* Faithful Discipleship
* Catholic Teaching
* Loving Service
* Sacrificial Stewardship

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www.stpaulgenesee.net

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office@stpaulgenesee.net

ST. PAUL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS
Tuesday 8:00am Mass
Friday 8:45am Mass
Saturday 6:00pm Mass
Reconciliation after Mass
Sunday 8:30am Mass

Third Sunday of ADVENT

Celebrations of the Season

ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE ~ (see inside for other area services)

ST. PAUL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30PM in Church
(Seniors are invited to attend the rehearsal at 1:30PM, Wednesday in church)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
Saturday, December 24
4:00PM & 6:30PM ~ St. Paul
4:00PM & 10:00PM ~ St. Bruno

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
Sunday, December 25
8:30AM ~ St. Paul
10:30AM ~ St. Bruno

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Sunday, January 1
Regular weekend masses at St. Paul & St. Bruno

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 11, 2016

A People Called

Baptized in Christ: Mia Elizabeth, child of Jennifer & Timothy Chapp
From Fr. Chuck

As I was looking for inspiration for the bulletin this week, I came across a site with prayers for advent for the different happenings (prayers in the kitchen, while wrapping presents, etc.). This one caught my eye as so I would like to pray it and share it with you.

Praying Over My To-Do List

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season?

I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?

Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to you. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?

Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

For further prayers from this site go to http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/advent-prayers.html

Fr. Chuck

Congratulations!

Help us to extend our congratulations to Mary Kral, who received her Masters Degree in Religious Studies.

Nice Work Mary!

EARLY BULLETIN DUE DATES!

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WELCOME TO ST. PAUL PARISH

Would you like to become a member of St. Paul Parish?
You can contact us at 262-968-3865 or go to our website: www.stpaulgenesee.net.

Stewardship Commitment

Please return your commitment card via offertory basket, mail or drop off at Parish office. Please respond one way or another so we can account for all of our parishioners. Thank You.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

We are truly grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.

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Mortgage Update

Current Mortgage as of 10/31/16 $1,474,851

God bless you and your families.

The Parish Office hours:
Friday December 23, open until Noon
Monday December 26, closed
Friday December 30, open until Noon
Monday, January 2, closed

Parish books will close on December 31, 2016. Federal law prohibits churches from crediting donations received in 2017 back to the prior calendar year. Donations must be postmarked by December 31 to be credited to your 2016 donations.

Thank you for faithful support of our Parish.

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FOR YOU.....ADULTS

…..fan into flame the gift of God

All adults! Let’s Explore Advent with New Eyes

The readings for Advent are filled with symbols... and many people, who give us wisdom as the season unfolds. What is the deeper meaning that surfaces as we take time for listening, reflecting, and tapping into the presence of God within each of us?

Mark your calendar for Tim Crain’s presentation - “One Deity, Three Faith Traditions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam.” The similarities are more significant than the divisions in these three Abrahamic faiths. Tim will speak at St. Paul’s December 18 and at St. Bruno’s on January 15.

For more information on the speakers, please go to the parish website; their biographies are impressive and extensive.

Check the website for future dates and speakers for all adults.

St. Paul times 9:45-10:50 — St. Bruno times 9:00-10:15

Pro-Life Wisconsin is heading to March of Life Chicago, January 15, 2017. Buses are leaving from 10 pickup spots around the state. Find more information under the "Chicago March" link at ProLifeWI.org. Call the office at (262) 796-1111 with questions.

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

Let us love God, my brothers, let us love God. But let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow. —St. Vincent de Paul

ST BRUNO Events and Invites

ST. BRUNO Eucharistic Celebrations
Weekends: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. & Sunday at 10:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday at 8:00 a.m. & Wednesday at 8:45 a.m. (year-round)

Reconciliation: Saturday evening 3-3:30pm.

JOIN THE ST. BRUNO BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is December 13, 9AM in the St. Bruno Family room. New members welcome. You do not have to have read the book, just come, enjoy the discussion, coffee and snacks.

The book for December is The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy & Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce

New St. Bruno Custodial Position

St. Bruno’s Parish is looking for a person to work a flexible schedule totaling about 10 hrs/week to sweep, vacuum, empty wastebaskets, general clean-up, and miscellaneous duties for parish and school including possible snow shoveling, chair/table moves, etc. Applicants should be able to lift and/or carry up to 35lbs. Hours would be worked across 3-4 days of the week with 2 ½ of those hours every Sunday. Interested applicants please contact the parish office at (262) 965-2332 to leave your name and phone number.

December Holy Hours for our Parish Communities and Fr. Chuck

Wednesday Evenings, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
December 7 at St. Paul
December 14 at St. Bruno
December 21 at St. Paul
December 28 at St. Bruno

Come for part or all of an hour on any of the Wednesdays. If you are not able to come, please add your prayers to ours from wherever you are.

HUMAN CONCERNS

WORK & PRAY
If you're cleaning and have excess yarn, please consider donating it to our Work and Pray group who makes prayer stoles for parishioners who are homebound or hospitalized. Leave at the parish office or at church marked for Work and Pray. Thank You!

Donations for our Peru Ministry
There is a basket in the coat room off the Gathering Space for donations of eyeglasses (readers and useable prescription glasses). You can also leave toothbrushes in the basket.

Mt. Meru Coffee Project
The Mt. Meru Coffee Project has been part of the St. Paul Human Concerns for a number of years. This coffee helps to preserve the human dignity of the people who work to supply this product. This coffee is always available on the coffee cart ($) in the gathering space and at Donut or Breakfast Sundays. It is a self serve process; just fill out a purchase or order blank, place in box with money and take your coffee. We now have K-cups and flavored coffee available. Flavors include French Vanilla, Hazelnut, Butter Pecan, and Chocolate Raspberry.

Christmas Meal for Homebound and Needy
At this very special time of the year, most of us are blessed to have family and friends to share the holidays with. But, as you know, there are also many in our own local area who are alone, homebound, or just unable to afford a nice meal.

On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec 25, parishioners from St. William and other area churches will again be preparing and delivering FREE dinners to anyone in the Waukesha County area who may be in this situation. The meals are prepared at St. William’s Church, and are available to be delivered or picked up between 11am and 1pm. Please spread the word, and if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal, please call Marcia Slowinski at (262) 798-1520, and we’ll make sure they receive a warm Christmas dinner and a friendly visitor!

FAITH FORMATION

Does your child need to be Baptized?
Please remember that all parents must attend a preparation class before their child can be baptized. If you need to attend a baptism class or need information regarding baptism, please call 968-3865 or email Mary Kral, mkral@stpaulgenesee.net
Raffle Ticket and Early Registration Form

I would like to purchase ___ # of raffle tickets at $10 each.

I would like to register _____ # of people for the “Early Bird” price of $75 each ($85 each after Jan 15)

I would like to purchase ___ “Speakeasy” Raffle package/s @ $20 each.

____I am interested in donating to or sponsoring a portion of this event. Please contact me.

Name _____________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________ Email ____________________________

Name _____________________________________________________________
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Check Enclosed for $ __________________________ (made out to St. Paul Parish)

Receipt and ticket stubs will be available to pick up at the Parish office or at the Auction table in the Gathering space. Notification via email.
Friendship Lunch  
Thursday, December 15 at 11:30 AM.
Parish members are invited to the St. Paul School Friendship Lunch. The menu includes rotini with meat sauce, garden fresh green beans, garden salad, chilled applesauce, beverage and homemade desserts. This special lunch will be sponsored by Grades 3K & 8. Please RSVP to the school office by 8:45am on Thursday, December 15th. (262) 968-3175.

Seniors and other Parish members are invited to enjoy the Annual School Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14th at either 1:30pm (rehearsal) or 6:30pm in the church.

Surviving the Holidays
An Evening for Divorced and Separated
Monday, December 12th; 6:30 p.m.
St. William Parish Waukesha Parish Hall
The holiday season has begun. This might be your first holiday after your separation or divorce, or maybe it’s the 2nd, 3rd, or beyond. Join us for an evening of support and friendship while gaining tools to enable you to not only survive the coming holidays, but also to face them with a measure of peace and assurance. Light refreshments will be served. There is no cost to attend but registration is needed by Thursday, December 8th.
Contact Cindy Bergland, Director of Adult and Family Ministry/Human Concerns for more information or to register for this event. cbergalnd@swwauk.org or 262-547-2763 ext. 213.

St. Paul’s Christmas Memorial
Represent your family, honor someone special, or remember a loved one who has passed away by donating money towards the purchase of poinsettias and live plants for the church and sanctuary during the Christmas season. Names will be displayed on the plants throughout the church.
Return this form to the Parish Office by December 18.

Name ___________________________________ Phone ________________________
Name(s) on Ribbon(s) _____________________________________________

Total Enclosed $10 ____ $20 ____ $30 ____ Other ______

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**Parish Events this Week**

**Monday, Dec 12**
- 6:00-9:00PM  Men’s Basketball (**closed after 9:30 pm)
- 7-8:30PM  School Comm/8th grd room

**Tuesday, Dec 13**
- 9:30-11:30AM  Cleaning Church
  - Concert Practice/CH
- 6-7:30PM  Awaken FF/Sch, Caf
- 7-8:30PM  Human Concerns/PO
- 7-8:30PM  8th grd Basketball/Gym

**Wednesday, Dec 14  Christmas Concert**
- 6:00AM  Men's Group/Caf
  - Concert Practice/CH
- 1:45-4:30PM  LTMTP/Fam Rm
- 6:30PM  Christmas Concert/CH
- 7:00-8PM  Men's Group/Fam Rm
- 6:00-8:00PM  Men's Basketball (**closed after 9:30 pm)

**Thursday, Dec 15**
- 9:30AM  Bible Study/Fam Rm
- 3:00PM  Divine Mercy Chaplet/CH
- 7-8:30PM  8th grd Basketball/Gym
- 7:00-8:30PM  Momnipotent/Fam Rm
- 7:00PM  Auction Mtg/PO
- 7:00PM  Scout Committee Mtg/RmJohn
- 7:00PM  Boy Scout Troup 135/CAF
- 7-8:30PM  Choir/CH

**Saturday, Dec 17  Loaves & Fishes**
- 7-9:30AM  Men's Basketball (**closed after 9:30am)

**Sunday, Dec 18  Loaves & Fishes**
- 8:15am  Kid Zone/Gym
- 9:45-Noon  Family Program/Complex
- 9:45-11AM  CGS/Mark, Luke, John

**Other Upcoming Events**

- **Dec 15** St. Theresa Parish, Eagle Advent Communal Penance, 7pm
- **Dec 24/25** St. Theresa, Eagle, Eve Mass 4pm, Day Mass 8 & 10:30am
- **Dec 24** St. James, Mukwonago Mass at 4pm and 10pm
- **Dec 25** St. James, Mukwonago Mass at 7am-9am-11am
- **Dec 24/25** St. John Neumann, Eve Mass 4pm, Day Mass 8am & 10am

**Catholic Charities** of Waukesha is helping a family that is looking for a ranch style house to rent in the Eagle or Mukwonago area. If you can help or have any information, please call Nancy at Catholic Charities, 262-547-2463, ext.4621

**Happy Birthday** to John Szcygiel, band leader, on Dec. 11, and Mary Ellen Connell on Dec. 16

**Blessings to all.**

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**Special Request:**
Now that snow is in the air and maybe you are looking to upgrade your walk behind snow blower... we here at St. Paul are looking for one too. If you’d like to donate your previously owned one, please call Sherri in the Parish office, 968-3865. Thank You!

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**St. Paul's Liturgical Week**

**Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016**

**Monday:** Zechariah 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38
**Tuesday:** Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13, Matthew 21:28-32
**Wednesday:** Isaiah 45:6b-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

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, December 18**

Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

December Altar Care – Judy Reichow
Home Communion Minister -

**MASS INTENTIONS DEC 12-18**

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**Lectors:** 6:00PM Jaimie Durler, Adam Zabel
8:30AM Laurel Hopkins, Jim Dunlap

**Greeters:** 6:00PM John & Susan Tilch, Bruce Bigari
8:30AM Loaves & Fishes

**Ushers:** 6:00PM Earl Baumann, Brian Campbell, Larry Jendusa, Brian Schneider
8:30AM Andrew Johnson, Tyler Kopydlowski, John Van de Casteele, Dan Zehnpfennig, Dave Rasmussen

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**Sacramental Information**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** Prepare for the sacraments of initiation with a small group to join the Catholic church. Call Mary Krä.

**Infant Baptism:** Parent sessions are required for registered parishioners who would like their child baptized. Call Mary Krä, at least one month in advance, to schedule a class time & make arrangements to pick a date for your child’s baptism.

**Confirmation:** Youth at least 16 years of age or adults seeking to be confirmed, call Parish Office.

**First Eucharist:** Parent and child preparation required. Contact Karen Farrell.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays after 6pm mass or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements should be made six months in advance. One of the parties must be a registered parish member and a practicing Catholic. Weddings on Saturdays, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, or Friday evenings.

**Care of Sick:** Sacramental care of the sick, call the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish office with request.

**St. Paul Cemetery:** Hwy DE & Snowdon Rd. Call Parish Office for information.
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ST. PAUL PARISH OFFICE HOURS
8:00am-4:30pm Monday-Friday

NOTICE: Bulletin articles are due 9am on Mondays. Please submit to khavnen@stpaulgenesee.net
Like us: St. Paul Genesee and/or St. Paul School Genesee

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:
Emily Appenzeller, Jared Bajczyk, Barb Bishop, Owen Fouts, Mary Feaman, Len & Elaine Grassmann, JoAnn Hanson, Jennifer Heidger, Harold Hinterberg, Robert Mather, Steven Seraphine, David Sheehan, Clarence Stellpflug, Robert Stephens, Mary Taugher, Joan Timlin, James Vickio and Dave Wolf.