

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH BLOOMER, WISCONSIN



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WEEKEND MASSES

St. Paul's
Saturday – 4:00 P.M.
Sunday – 8:00 A.M. &
11:00 A.M.
Daily Mass as scheduled
in Bulletin

St. John's
Saturday – 8:00 P.M.
Sunday – 9:30 A.M.

EMERGENCY:
CALL ANYTIME

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday
8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
(Closed from 12:00 – 1:00 P.M.)

PASTOR:
Father Victor Feltes

DEACON:
Rev. Mr. Richard Kostner

PARISH SECRETARY:
Denise Pake
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Kelly Barrick

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Diane Steinmetz

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:
Mark Schoonover

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:
Dean Ruff

**PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC
WOMEN: (PCCW)**
Jocelyn Wittrock

BAPTISM – Preparation is required of all parents wishing to present their child for Baptism.

MARRIAGE – Arrangements must be made eight months in advance.

COMMUNION – Shut-ins are brought the Eucharist on 1st Fridays; or any time upon request.

ANOINTING THE SICK – Any person with a prolonged illness or in case of any emergency, please contact the Rectory.

RECONCILIATION: Thursday before First Friday at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday at 3:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 17, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday

7:30 a.m. – Ron Michaelis (K or C)

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. – Robert & Phylliss Janssen
2:00 p.m. – Dove Health Care – Willard Meinen

Wednesday – School Mass

8:00 a.m. – Tony & Rita Hassemer
2:00 p.m. – Atrium Health – No Mass

Thursday

7:30 a.m. – Rosemarie Amato

Friday

7:30 a.m. – Gary Rogge (K of C)

SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. – St. Paul's – John & Anna Schmidt
8:00 p.m. – St. John's – Norbert, Lillian & Maynard Swoboda

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Clifford & Mabel LaGessee and for St. Paul's and St. John's Parish Families
9:30 a.m. – St. John's – Deceased Members of Schindler & Swoboda Families
11:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Ray & Christine Steinmetz

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. – St. Paul's – Larry Zwiefelhofer, Toni Dachel & Joe & Anna Zwiefelhofer
8:00 p.m. – St. John's – Betty Lou Bennesch

CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Kathleen Kouba
9:30 a.m. – St. John's – Denis & Terry Prince
11:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Michael Bromberk

SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
4:00 p.m. – Joshua Pake, Anna Pake & James McElroy
Sunday
8:00 a.m. – Taylor Revoir, Brooke Wittrock & Nolan Wysocki
11:00 a.m. – Dominick Escoto, Kamryn Hoecherl & Paige Sittlow

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
4:00 p.m. – Debi Prill & Al Swanson
Sunday
8:00 a.m. – Candy Anderson & Mary Randall
11:00 a.m. – Matt Bowe & Merle Richter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
4:00 p.m. – Diane Kuba, Cathy Ruff, & Deacon Dick
Sunday
8:00 a.m. – Chris Amato, Jean Amato, Mary Ann Kouba, Yvonne Seidling, & Deacon Dick
11:00 a.m. – Frances Ruff, Mike Wachtendonk, & Deacon Dick

USHERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
4:00 p.m. – Chris Meinen, Brad Seibel, Greg Seibel & Judy Dahl
Sunday
8:00 a.m. – Andrew Abrahamson, Tom Seibel, Tom Zeman & Mike Zwiefelhofer
11:00 a.m. – Paul Kouba, Ron Swoboda, David Zwiefelhofer & Jim Zwiefelhofer

SCRIP SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 4:00 p.m. – Lori Score & Gary Score
Sunday, Dec. 24 - 8:00 a.m. – No Scrip Sales
- 11:00 a.m. – No Scrip Sales

SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR:

Al Meuli; Cale Stoik; Vernetta Schwartz; Kristen Bathke; John Stoffel; Emery & Eunice Bowe; Tony & Carol Hable; and Special Intention. If you would like a candle lit for your intentions, please call the rectory at 715-568-3255.

GUIDE OUR JOURNEY

3rd Week of Advent Reflection by Barb Kostner

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we have a unique opportunity to identify the role that all persons of faith are called to by God. Each one of us who has heard the words of this text have seen the importance of John's witness to Jesus. Like John, God commissions us to bear witness to the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the one who had come in the flesh, the one who is here with us, and the one who will come again in his reign of all.

Prayer: *Lord, help me to spread joy and love to all the people I meet. AMEN.*

REBORN IN CHRIST! Congratulations to David and Brittany Heagle on the Baptism of their daughter, Chevelle Patricia, who was Baptized at St. Paul's last Sunday.



This week's featured Lighthouse Catholic CD: To Hell and Back: Divine Love and the Cross by Anne Marie Schmidt

Anne Marie Schmidt grew up in a very devout Catholic family in Czechoslovakia. In this presentation, she shares her incredible experiences of Divine Providence during the infamous Nazi persecution at Auschwitz and on the Russian battlefield. Anne Marie explains how her love for Christ grew through her astounding trials, and how she was led to see the hand of God working in them all.

OUR PARISH FAMILY GIVING	
Week of December 10, 2017	
Envelope Collection.....	\$14,884.00
Loose Collection.....	\$257.01
Total Amount Collected	
This Week..... \$15,141.01	
Religious Retirement Second Collection.....	\$2,331.03

St. Jude's will be open for all to come and see the Christmas decorations in the parish hall on Sunday, December 17th from 1:30 – 4:30. We will have hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies. All are welcome.

Here is Fr. James Arthur address if you would like to remember him on Christmas. Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, P.O. Box 33, Aboso Ghana, West Africa

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING!

ST. PAUL'S PARISH/SCHOOL RAFFLE CALENDAR is underway. **There is a drawing done daily for five months with plenty of chances to win!** The weekend drawings at the end of Mass and as they have been in the past years. The St. Paul's school students do the drawings Monday through Friday, The calendars make wonderful **Christmas gifts!** This is a great way for our parish/school to profit and have fun too. If you need a calendar please call the rectory office at 715-568-3255. Thank you for your support.

THE FORMED PARISH CODE IS – QG4RGY

FREE 2018 CALENDARS: You may pick your 2018 calendar from Schriver-Thompson Funeral Home in the back of church.

Sojourner House News: St. Paul's will be serving a meal at the Sojourner House on Sunday, January 7, 2018. Chairmen for this meal are Mark and Diane Kuba. To help with the food for this meal, please check the bulletin board in back of church to see what items are needed. Sign your name to indicate what you are willing to donate. Nonperishable food items may be placed in the Sojourner House tub in back of church by Sunday, December 31st. Money donations are also needed (for perishable food items) and may be placed in the regular church collection. Please put money in an envelope labeled Sojourner House. Thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions please call Karen LaGesse (568-2981), Lana Durch (568-3228), Candace Wolf (288-6926), Danielle Rubenzer (568-2214), Ann Jenneman (568-4789) Ann Bowe (568-2209) or Diane Kuba (568-2388).



St. Paul's Catholic School News!

All School Christmas Mass! Please come to **Mass** on **Wednesday, December 20 (8:00 am)** to celebrate Christmas with the school students before their vacation. Make sure to take a moment before Mass to stop by the **Nativity** in the school lobby by the trophy case. **Following Mass, join Father Feltes** in the **procession** from Church to the school's Nativity for a special surprise. We really hope that you can be with us!

2018 Distinguished Graduate Award! Nominations are now being accepted through **January 7, 2018** for our Distinguished Graduate Award. Prior graduates of at least 10 years from St. Paul's Catholic School are eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award that recognizes the accomplishments of our alumni. Nomination forms may be picked up in the school office or rectory. Forms are also available online at <http://stpauls.bloomertel.net> click on the "Print Forms" tab.

END OF THE YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS: All church donations must be received in the church office no later than December 31st in order to be credited to your 2017 giving statements. Any contributions received after December 31st will be posted to the 2018 year. Thank you for your cooperation.

You May Be Wondering...

Q: This year the 4th Sunday of Advent (December 23rd/24th) comes right before Christmas. Do we have to come to Mass twice?

A: Yes. This is on Jesus' gift list this year.

Q: How can we fulfill our Holy Day obligations?

A: We have six options. Come to Mass:

- (1) Saturday PM & Sunday PM (Christmas Eve)
- (2) Saturday PM & Monday (Christmas Day)
- (3) Sunday PM & Monday
- (4) Sunday AM & Sunday PM
- (5) Sunday AM & Monday
- (6) Sunday PM Twice

Q: Will the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God also be a Holy Day of obligation?

A: No. New Year's Day is not a Holy Day of obligation in 2018.

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION: Join the new Coordinator of Youth Ministry of the Chippewa Falls Deanery for an Advent Evening of Reflection! We'll dive into *lectio divina*, and learning how to pray with the Bible. Join us Tuesday December 19th, at 6:30 pm in St. Paul's church basement.

SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT UP-DATE:

Wonderful news! We have more than half of the 79 school windows sponsored. We have approval from the Diocese, to sign the contract, and start the project as soon as this school year ends. There are currently 29 more windows that need to be sponsored by the end of May. It is \$2,700 to sponsor a window. See the display in back of church to see the windows still available. To sponsor a window contact the rectory office at 715-568-3255. If you are unable to sponsor a window by yourself we will combine smaller donations to pay for window. This is a great tax deduction before the end of the year.

Here is Father John Potaczek's address if you would like to remember him on Christmas or for his Birthday on December 31st. St. Patrick's, 401 Mansion Street, Mauston, WI 53948-1393.

THANK YOU to everyone that brought Christmas baking's for the bake sale. Thank you to the ladies that took care of the selling. And a huge THANK YOU to everyone that supported the PCCW with purchases. With everyone's help we made \$533.00. Thank you again, PCCW officers

THE 2017/18 DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL supports the Bishop's Office and the seminary formation, etc. It replaces 14 "second collections" during the year that support charitable causes. St. Paul's has directly received \$26,317.44 in school support last year along with other Beet Grants. If we exceed our goal of \$55,620.00 it comes directly back to St. Paul's parish. **Currently 19% of parishioners have donated. We have \$22,270.00 and are in need of \$33,350.00 to meet our parish goal of \$55,620.00.** If you have already donated we Thank You. If you have not yet donated please take the time and fill out your pledge card. If you need a pledge card please call the rectory office at 715-568-3255 and we will mail you one.

Please Note: There will be no monthly healing Masses at St. Jude's in New Auburn during the months of December, January, and February.

NOTICE: The rectory office will be closed on Friday, December 22nd and Monday, December 25th for Christmas.

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