

# 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  
OFFICE: 568-3255

**MAINTENANCE ENGINEER:**  
Craig Zwiefelhofer

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Jacqueline Peterson 568-3233

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Kelly Barrick

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Diane Steinmetz

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**NEXT WEEKEND MASSES****Monday**

7:30 a.m. – Clayton &amp; Loretta Olds

**Tuesday**

8:00 a.m. – School Mass - Leon Zwiefelhofer

8:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Vigil - St. John's

**Wednesday – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgil Mary**

8:00 a.m. – School Mass - Marilyn Bowe

6:30 p.m. – (CCD Mass) St. Paul's – Alta Beranek

6:45 p.m. – (CCD Mass) St. John's

8:00 p.m. – St. Paul's – Charlotte Ager

**Thursday**

7:30 a.m. – Special Intention

**Friday**

7:30 a.m. – Helen &amp; Shirley Zenner

**SATURDAY**

4:00 p.m. – St. Paul's – Special Intention

8:00 p.m. – St. John's

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Norman &amp; Kathleen Kouba

9:30 a.m. – St. John's

11:00 a.m. – St. Paul's – Linda Gorka

**SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND****Saturday**

4:00 p.m. – Steve Turner &amp; Server Needed

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Ella Amodt &amp; Server Needed

11:00 a.m. – Don Stoik &amp; Server Needed

**READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND****Saturday**

4:00 p.m. – Diane Steinmetz

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Rita Stewart

11:00 a.m. – Al Swanson

**UHERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND****Saturday**

4:00 p.m. – Jody Eder, Julie Eder, &amp; Ken Seibel

**Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – Cathy Ruff, Pam Szura, &amp; Diane Steinmetz

11:00 a.m. – Pete Wurzer, Diane Steinmetz, &amp; Patti LaGesse

**SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR:**

Rob Jackson, Jeanette Kelly, Leon Zwiefelhofer, Angie & Melvin Fanett, Lucille & Malcolm Thompson, Dorothy & Clarence Woolever, Helen Kellen, Norbert & Angie Berg, and a Special Intention. Call the rectory office if you would like a candle lite for your intentions.

**Our Next Trivia Night**

Mark your calendars – the next Trivia Night will be Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's.

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Our annual special collection for our nation's aging religious brothers and sisters is next weekend, December 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please give by using your religious retirement envelope in your box of offertory envelopes or by dropping a labeled envelope into our collection baskets.

**Christmas Memorial Decorations**

St. Paul's Liturgy Committee is trying something different for Christmas this year. You may purchase a poinsettia or a Christmas ornament in memory or in honor of a loved one. Ornaments will be \$5 apiece and Poinsettias will be \$15 each. Please complete the form (attached to the previous bulletin or available in the back of church) with money enclosed in an envelope marked "Christmas Ornament/Poinsettia" by Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. When the Christmas trees are taken down, if you wish, you will be able to take your ornaments or poinsettias home. If you have any questions, call and leave a message for Diane Steinmetz at 715-568-2855. Monies generated from the sale of the ornaments will go to St. Paul's General Fund.

**Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses**

Celebrating any of the following Masses to fulfill your Holy Day Obligation:

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Vigil of the Immaculate Conception  
8 PM @ St. John's

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception Day

8 AM @ St. Paul's (School Mass)

6:30 PM @ St. Paul's (with CCD)

6:45 PM @ St. John's (with CCD)

8 PM @ St. Paul's

Please, if possible, attend the Tuesday or Wednesday 8 PM Masses above, since the other Masses must accommodate many socially-distanced children.

**OUR PARISH FAMILY GIVING**

Week of November 28, 2021

Envelope Collection...\$5,740.00

Loose Collection..... \$191.00

Total Amount Collected

This Week.....\$5,931.00

**YOU'RE INVITED**

Please come meet Fr. Chinnappan on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, between the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses in the Undercroft. Enjoy a cup of coffee and some treats welcoming Father to St. Paul's.

**All Parish Bake Sale:** The PCCW is sponsoring a parish bake sale this weekend before and after all masses. Please stop by for a variety of Christmas favorites.

**Livestreamed Mass**

Watch Bishop Callahan celebrating the close of the Year of St. Joseph and the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in a livestreamed Mass at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Join this special celebration honoring both our Blessed Mother and her spouse, St. Joseph, at [diolc.org/live](https://diolc.org/live).

## Our Local Seminarians' Favorite Saints

### Deacon Matthew Bowe

My favorite saint is St. Francis de Sales. He is known as the “*gentlemanly*” saint and is a Doctor of the Church. I am drawn to his simple way of living. He advocates for peace, gentleness, and kindness when dealing with oneself and with others. I can often remain calm and collected exteriorly while being frantic interiorly. I call upon St. Francis' intercession regularly to teach me peace, gentleness, and kindness, especially when I become upset or angry with another person. This gentleman knew how to correct people in a kind and gentle manner and I pray that I may do the same.

### Isaac Pecha

The Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas was crucial in my conversion to Catholicism and Aquinas is still my go-to saint for questions of theology and philosophy. In a characteristic story, Jesus appeared to him and said, “*You have written well of me, Thomas. What would you have as your reward?*” Aquinas responded, “*Nothing but you, Lord.*” Aquinas' unwavering focus on Christ is a magnificent example for any priest. Last year, I took a pilgrimage to Naples to see the scene of that apparition. As a bonus, I was even invited to enter his bedroom and office and see his right arm, which is preserved as a relic. I feel inspired to read some of the Summa just thinking about it!

We encourage you to write our seminarians expressing your support and prayers for them:

Deacon Matthew Bowe  
St. Francis de Sales Seminary  
3257 South Lake Drive  
St. Francis, WI 53235



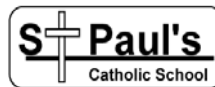
Isaac Pecha  
Pontifical North American College  
Via del Gianicolo, 14  
Rome, Italy 00165



**ST. PAUL'S PRAYER CHAIN:** Join our prayer chain by praying for others in our parish. How does it work? You will receive a phone call to pray for a particular person needing prayer. You then call one other person in the prayer chain to inform them of that person's need. Each person in the prayer chain then keeps them in their prayers. If you are interested in being a prayer warrior or for us to pray for you, please contact Patty LaGessee at 715-568-2570.

### Taste of Tilden and More!

Join us on December 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Tilden from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. or while supplies last. Fresh homemade goodies for Christmas, dumplings, Christmas cookies, candy, homemade soaps and more. For your convenience you can order dumplings ahead. Contact Peggy Longdo palongdo75@gmail.com or 715-577-6138.



## St. Paul's Catholic School News!

**2022 Distinguished Graduate Award!** Nominations are now being accepted through **January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022** for our Distinguished Graduate Award. Prior graduates of at least ten years from St. Paul's Catholic School are eligible to be nominated for this 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.

**Scrip Gift Cards Make Great Christmas Gifts!** Please consider using scrip gift cards for your Christmas shopping. Did you know that more gift card options are available at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) by placing a national order? The last day to get national scrip orders in for Christmas will be December 10<sup>th</sup>. Call the school office at 715-568-3233, if you have any questions.

### Updates & Reminders:

**All School Christmas Mass – Dec. 22 (8:00 a.m.)**

### KC's French Toast & Sausage Breakfast

St. Paul's Council 6585 Knights of Columbus will serve a French Toast and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. in St. Paul's undercroft. Breakfast will be served as cafeteria style or by carryout. The cost is a freewill offering with the proceeds going to Deacon Matt Bowe. Deacon Matt is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Let us give Deacon Matt a show of support by attending the breakfast.

### Help Catholic Charities this Advent

Thousands of Afghan refugees are being housed temporarily at Ft. McCoy near Tomah. They have new hope at last, but imagine how hard it is to start over with nothing, trying to adjust to a new language and culture. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse is right there helping them. Catholic Charities reaches out to our neighbors in need in many other ways as well, from providing shelter to the homeless in our midst to assisting families in need as the Christmas season approaches. Find out more and how you can help at [cclse.org](http://cclse.org).

### Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.

Our diocese is planning to travel to Washington, D.C. for the Pilgrimage for Life, January 19-23, 2022. Visit [diolc.org/yya](http://diolc.org/yya) and click “Pilgrimage for Life” for details and registration.

### Our Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our diocesan annual appeal, supports our diocese's charitable, pastoral, and educational missions throughout Western Wisconsin. The DAA funds our seminarians' (Deacon Matt Bowe and Isaac Pecha's) educations, the popular TV Mass broadcast, diocesan educational and tuition grants to St. Paul's School, and more. This year's goal is \$55,670. Whatever we fail to raise by the end of June must be paid from our general funds; however, whatever we raise in addition to this amount returns to our parish 100% unassessed by the diocese (unlike other donations to St. Paul's). You should be receiving mailings soon, but you may write DAA contributions to “The Diocese of La Crosse” and our parish can mail them in for you.

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