

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



CHURCH AND GIFT SHOP
WABASH AVENUE & KEM ROAD
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MARION, INDIANA 46952
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MON.-FRI. 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

MASS AT ST. PAUL
SUNDAY, 10 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 5 P.M.
SPANISH MASS 1ST SUNDAY EACH MONTH; 12:30P.M.
MISA EN ESPAÑOL PRIMER DOMINGO DEL MES; 12:30P.M.

MASS AT HOLY FAMILY, GAS CITY
SATURDAY, 5 P.M.
SUNDAY, 8:00 A.M.

RECONCILIATION AT ST. PAUL (FRIDAY, 5 - 5:20 P.M.)
(OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT)
RECONCILIATION AT HOLY FAMILY (SATURDAY, 4:15 - 4:45 P.M.)

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:
AS SCHEDULED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: CALL PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.
PARENT PREPARATION SESSION REQUIRED.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: CONTACT PRIEST AT LEAST SIX MONTHS
IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED WEDDING DATE.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: ADULTS INTERESTED IN
INQUIRING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH, PLEASE CALL
PARISH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

QUINCEAÑERA CELEBRATIONS (15 YR. OLD) ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE
MADE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE. PARISH GUIDELINES ARE RE-
QUIRED. CALL DEACON DOMINGO CASTILLO
765-662-6078 FOR APPOINTMENT.

PARISHIONERS WHO CHOOSE TO HOMESCHOOL
FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEED APPROVAL
FROM THE PASTOR FOR SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION.

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRE - 6TH GRADE
1009 W. Kem Road
765-662-2883; 765-664-5953 (FAX)
www.stpaulcatholicmarion.com
Mon.-Fri 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Except school holidays and summer break

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
BY TUESDAY NOON

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec. 24	10:00 am	For the Parish
	12:30 pm	Carol Small
Monday, Dec. 25	5:00pm	Erlene Mills (Christmas Vigil)
	Midnight 11:30am	For the Parish Robert L. Martin Christmas mass
Tuesday, Dec. 26	8:00am	Josephine C. Hunt
Wednesday, Dec. 27	8:00am	Charles Ankenbruck
Thursday, Dec. 28	8:00am	Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 29	5:30pm	Esther Florendo
Sunday, Dec. 31	10:00 am	Anne Howell
	12:30 pm	For the Parish
	5:00 pm	Erlene Mills

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
WITHIN THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

Monday, Dec. 25— THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday, Dec. 26— Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, Dec. 27— Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, Dec. 28— Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Friday, Dec. 29— Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, Dec. 30— Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, Dec. 31—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40



**"LISTEN! YOU ARE TO
CONCEIVE AND BEAR A
SON."**

Mission Statement

The members of St. Paul Parish are gathered by the Holy Spirit to worship God in word, action and sacrament and to serve Jesus Christ by serving others, especially the poor and needy. We are committed to handing on the faith we have received from the Apostles to our children and others.

Dear Parishioners,

This evening, December 24, we begin Christmas Season. During these days the Church unfolds for us the implication of God the Son being made flesh and dwelling among us. On December 26 we celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr and are reminded that faithfulness to Jesus Christ always includes a willingness to share His sufferings. December 27 is the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist celebrating the reality that Jesus Christ comes to bring the Good News of eternal life. December 28 is the Feast of The Holy Innocents which underlines the fact that seeking the Kingdom of God will sometimes bring us into conflict with earthly kingdoms. December 31 is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This Feast emphasizes that we work out our salvation through the joys and struggles of life with others. Happy Feast Day to our sister Grant County Parish. January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This Solemnity underlines the reality that God really became human, that He did not simply appear to be one of us but in fact became one with us so that we might become one again with God. Because January 1 falls on Monday in 2018 it is not a day of obligation. On January 7, we celebrate the Epiphany and are called to rejoice that in Christ all are invited to become members of God's Chosen People. Finally, Christmas Season concludes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Even though Jesus' baptism occurred many years after His birth it is fitting that it concludes this season because it reminds us that God the Son came into the world to proclaim The Kingdom of God. His baptism marks the beginning of His public life and mission. As St. Augustine said many centuries ago during a Christmas Homily, "We have the Christ Child, let us grow with Him." As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, let us deepen our commitment to follow Him. Merry Christmas!

Fr. Richard Weisenberger

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fiscal Year 2016-2017

Offertory Income Report

Total Income needed to meet weekly operating expenses	*\$	13,281.00
Offertory Income received this week	\$	15,916.09
Other Income received this week	\$	2,669.96
Offertory Income received year to date	\$	262,675.87
Other Income received year to date	\$	26,068.03
Total income needed year to date	\$	332,025.00
Amount over (under) operating expenses	\$	(43,281.10)

* This amount includes \$1,000 to meet the anticipated 2016-2018 Fruitful Harvest shortfall

- 12/17/17 \$795.80, 5% of our Offertory Income—Marion Grant County Senior Center
- 12/24/17 5% of our Offertory Income—Services for the Visually and Hearing Impaired
- 12/31/17 5% of our Offertory Income—Circles of Grant Co.
- 01/07/18 Collection for St. Martin Center
- 01/14/18 Collection for Religious Retirement Fund
- 01/21/18 5% of our Offertory Income—Jail Chaplaincy
- 01/28/18 5% of our Offertory Income—Grace House
- 02/04/18 Collection for—Propagation of the Faith

Liturgical Ministers for Next Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017

<u>Time</u>	<u>Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10:00 am	B. Krevda S. Krevda J. Roper M. Roper	A. Reynolds	L. Waters M. Waters G. Scher
12:30 pm	C. Esparza M. Rangel P. Rangel E. Ballinger	N. Trout	M. Marin J. Marin
5:00 pm	A. Karlin L. Day B. Weirich M. Weirich	J. Fafinski	K. Miller M. de las Alas

Greeters for Sundays in Dec. 2017

- 10:00 A.M. R. Gallagher, B. Perez, J. Jekel
- 12:30 P.M. K. Kidwell, M. Marin, M. Gentry
- 5:00 P.M. A. Karlin, J.Zoch, M. Weirich

In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" — "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say".—that the promise finds fulfillment.

Parish Staff Directory: 664-6345

- Pastor.....Rev. Richard Weisenberger - ext.107
- Business Manager.....Karen Browder - ext.108
- Secretary.....Maria Esparza - ext.104
- Liturgical Music Director.....Carla Tucker - ext.119
- Development Director.....Kelly Scher - ext.110
- Maintenance.....Nathan Huff - ext.102
- Dir. Religious Education.....Nora Reynolds - ext.117

REST IN PEACE

James K. Duncan

Whose funeral was Dec. 7, 2017

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.

Matthew 5:4



READERS MEETING



The next formation session for all
Readers will be
Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at 3 P.M.
St. Hannah's Room.

These sessions are especially designed for
Readers, Catechists for Liturgy of the Word with
Children and RCIA Catechists. Readers bring your
workbooks. All parishioners are welcome.

Father Weisenberger will lead the session.

SCRIP

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compromised when you use it at a gas pump?
Do you worry a bit about skimmers and scammers and
identity theft?

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SCRIP doesn't cost you anything and your parish
school makes money every time you use a SCRIP card.

At the grocery, driving thru your
favorite fast food place, shopping for the Holidays--use
SCRIP and benefit your parish school.

Pick up a sheet at the bulletin boards in church, fill it
out, sign a check, then turn it in to the school office.
Pick up your cards the next week for **WORRY- FREE
SHOPPING**

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Music begins 1/2 hr. before each liturgy

Dec. 24th-- 5pm vigil--16 voice choir
Midnite Mass-- Frecker Family-- harps & voices
Dec. 25th 11:30a-- brass quartet

And to end the Christmas Season our Elementary/
Family choir will minister Jan 7th, Epiphany, 5pm

Tues morning, Jan 9th the Christmas
Season ends after we celebrate the Feast
of the Baptism of Christ. SO-after mass,
about 9:30am, we take down the
greenery (it's dry & prickly, bring work
gloves) and decorate the Church for the
winter weeks of Ordinary Time. And
clean up the mess.

Movie Night
McCarthy Hall
Third Wednesday of the month
(6:00-7:30pm)

Save the
DATE™

January 17

**"JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AND
DEEP INTO FAITH"**, is from the Catholicism
Series by Aux. Bishop Robert Barron.

Episode 5 - The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the
Missionary Adventure

Bishop Barron calls Peter and Paul "two indispensable
men, the ones without whom the church never would
have emerged and survived." In telling each man's story,
Bishop Barron shows how the Holy Spirit worked through
all the apostles and disciples to build the Church. Follow-
ing the trail of these apostles as they took the Gospel to
the ends of the earth, Bishop Barron presents the founda-
tions of the apostolic faith, particularly the revelation of
Christ's resurrection from the dead.

Come learn about Peter and Paul before our Feast of The
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle January 25th

Discussion will follow after the movie.
Snack will be provided.

Sat. - Jan. 27, 2018

Doors open at 6 p.m. Trivia at 7 p.m.

McCarthy Hall

battle of the brains
**TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Bring Yourself OR Team of up to 8
\$10 per person (21 & over please)

Trivia Round Sponsorships - \$25 per round

Reserve your spot by Jan. 23, 2018

Call 765-662-2883 ext. 110

SPONSOR FOR THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN:

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Randy & Peggy Chekouras
Parishioners



FLOWER MEMORIAL

This Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017
the flower memorial is in memory of
Charles Ankenbruck

If you would like to purchase flowers in memory of a loved one please call the parish office.

Call for dates available. The cost is \$23.00



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in January, 2018

All Night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Fri., Jan 5, and Sat. Jan. 6, 2018

Following 5:30 P.M. Mass
Evening Prayer (Vespers), 7:30 P.M. Fri.
Benediction at noon Sat.

Please sign up for a time slot from
8 P.M. Fri. until 12 P.M. Sat.

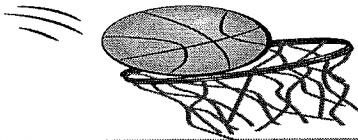
Sign-up sheet is on the wall at the
East entrance of the church

THE THIRD ANNUAL CASOCK CLASSIC THURSDAY, DEC. 28TH

PRIESTS VS SEMINARIANS

GUERIN HIGH SCHOOL
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
TIP-OFF AT 6:30PM

\$5 PER PERSON | \$20 PER FAMILY
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE FRASSATI
SOCIETY OF YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS
TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR



SRE and Lifeteen Information

There are no SRE or Lifeteen classes on December 17, 24, or 31st due to Christmas Break. Classes resume on January 7, 2018.

Destination Jesus High School Retreat Information. Youth in grades 9-12 are invited to attend Destination Jesus 2018-Friday, February 16, 2018 through Sunday, February 18, 2018.

DJ will be held at St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 N. Gray Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

To make your retreat reservation please contact Nora Reynolds at 662-2883 or Maria Esparza at 664-6345.

Cost to attend is

\$75.00 per person (if payment is received by January 3, 2018)

\$85.00 per person (payments received after January 5, 2018 through January 26, 2018)

NOTE: Group Registration closes on January 26, 2018 at 5:00pm. NO additional spots will be accepted after this date and time.

Payment is due to St. Paul Parish by January 3, 2018.

Registration forms are available in the parish and school offices Monday-Friday 8 am-4 pm.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The Parish Council exists as a bridge between the parishioner's needs and the Parish's various activities, leaders, clergy, and staff. There are three openings on the Parish Council for 2018. You can nominate any parishioner, including yourself, who is at least 16 years old for one of these positions. If you nominate someone other than yourself, please get his/her permission first. Please return the form below in the Collection basket, or mail/bring to the Parish Office no later than Sunday, December 31. Elections will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION NOMINATION FORM, DECEMBER, 2017

I wish to submit my name for election to St. Paul Parish Council for a three-year term beginning January, 2018. I am a registered member of St. Paul Parish.

Name _____ Address _____

Ph. Number: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

OR

I have nominated the above person who I think would be an excellent member of the St. Paul Parish Council.

Signed (by person submitting name) _____