

*And suddenly there was a multitude  
of the heavenly host with the angel,  
praising God and saying:*

**“GLORY TO  
GOD IN THE  
HIGHEST.”**

*Luke 2:13-14*

December 25, 2022 • Christmas



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### Sts. Peter & Paul Weekend Masses:

Saturdays 5:00 PM

Sundays 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM (10am on Facebook)

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Adoration: First Friday each month  
SPP 10:15 AM - 5:15 PM

### Facebook:

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
St. Anthony Catholic Church of Padua/Farwell

## Have a Blessed Christmas.

*Rejoice in the  
coming of our Lord!*

*And this will be a sign for  
you: you will find a baby  
wrapped in swaddling cloths  
and lying in a manger.*

LUKE 2:12



*Submit a  
Prayer  
Request*  
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*“Pray without ceasing”* 1 Thessalonian 5:17

## CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2022

### Note from our Pastor

Back in 1865, a young pastor in Philadelphia, Phillip Brooks, made a pilgrimage to Palestine. The day before Christmas, he rode on horseback from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. He visited the usual sights in the village then went eastward to the traditional Fields of the Shepherds. As darkness fell, he stood for a while by the cave where the shepherds saw the angels and the glory of heaven. Finally, he joined in the services conducted in Constantine's ancient basilica built in A.D. 32 over the traditional site of the nativity. The service lasted from 10pm to 3am. With these experiences in mind, he returned to Philadelphia and wrote "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The music was composed by his organist Lewis H. Redner. The lyrics and melody exquisitely express what we mean by "back to Bethlehem."

*O Little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,  
Above the deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light,  
The hopes and dreams of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

Jimmy Durante, one of the great entertainers of years back, was asked to be part of a show for World War II veterans. Jimmy informed them that he had a busy schedule and could afford only a few minutes. He'd be happy to do a short monologue, then leave for his next appointment. The show's director happily accepted.

When Jimmy got on stage, something interesting happened. He went through his short monologue and then stayed. As the applause grew louder and louder, Jimmy decided to continue entertaining the veterans. Finally, thirty minutes later he took a last bow and left the stage. Backstage someone stopped him and said, "I thought you had to leave after a few minutes. What happened?" Jimmy answered, "I did have to go, but I can show you the reason I stayed. You can see for yourself if you'll look in the front row." In the front row were two men, each who had lost an arm in the war. One had lost his right arm and the other had lost his left. Together, they were able to clap, and that is exactly what they were doing, loudly and cheerfully.

Applauding is one of the beautiful ways of showing appreciation. Some people are very creative in finding ways to show their appreciation. Together, the veterans applauded Durante.

I applaud the many parishioners who sent me (& parish staff) Christmas cards. I applaud the wonderful bakers and cooks in the parish who gave us the treat of tasting their home made food. We're grateful to those people who brought us their favorite store bought food. It was all so tasty. We appreciate the many cards that were delivered to us!

I applaud our office help who handled many phone calls and office visits. I applaud those who decorated the Church for Christmas (and all the other seasons of the church year).

I applaud the people who are participating in our beautiful Christmas liturgies. In a special way, those who either sang, read, ushered, gave communion and generally made this priest's life a little easier in a very busy time of year.

Finally, I applaud and praise God. God has looked favorably upon us. I thank God for you, and for making Christmas 2022 so memorable. Thank you so much!

*Jr. Vincent L. Parsons*

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE DEC. 26th - JAN. 1st

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12/26</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12/27</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Linda Payne By John & Sandi Mudloff
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12/28</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Margaret Thompson By Evelyn Dvorak
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12/29</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass (SPP)</b> † Roger Wysocki By Kathy Carson
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12/30</b>	<b>9:00 am Mass (Matelyn)</b> † Otto Smolik By Shelly Johns
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>12/31</b>	<b>5:00 pm Mass (SPP)</b> † Jeff Welch By Marion Bahensky
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>8:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> † for Seminarians  <b>10:00 am Mass (SPP)</b> People of the Parishes

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE DEC. 31st & JAN. 1st

### SACRISTANS

Sat - 5pm: Michael Happ / Julie Baquet

Sun - 8am: Mike Pittman / Ken Vincek

Sun - 10am: Russ Kosmicki / Deacon Neil Baquet

### GREETERS

Sat - 5pm: Barb Sack/Pat Gieger

Sun - 8am: Rick Harrahill

Sun - 10am: Paul & Carolyn Scarborough

### LECTORS

Sat - 5pm: Betty Czarnek

Sun - 8am: Sandi Mudloff

Sun - 10am: Linda Kezeor

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat - 5pm: Larry & Jeanne Happ

Sun - 8am: Angie Brennan/Annie Kowalski/Kelsey Scheer/Mike Pittman

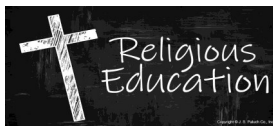
Sun - 10am: Kerry Townsend/Marlene Kosmicki/Paul Dzingile/ Chris Elstermeier

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat -5pm: Layla Bowder/ Braden Hirschman/ Claire Dubas

Sun - 8am: Reise Fowler / Kendyl Fowler

Sun - 10am: Layne Baker / Jessa Baker / Eryn Gregoski



## CLASS TIMES:

Preschool to 4th Grade ~ **Sundays, 9:00 -10:00 am**

5th to 11th Grade ~ **Wednesdays, at 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Classes at the Parish Life Center Classrooms (Grade is on Door)



Christmas/New Year's Break ~

**NO** Religious Ed. Classes

December 18th to January 3rd

May you have a Blessed Christmas Season!

*Special Thanks to all that helped decorate our Churches for the celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus. They look beautiful and we are thankful for your great gifts of time & talent!*

### Parish Office will be Closed

December 26, December 30, & January 2

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

*You will notice a difference in your contribution envelopes for January & February. These will be the first ones from Our Sunday Visitor, & they should be in your mailbox this week, if you haven't gotten them already.*

**Ascension** is launching a daily podcast: *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* on **January 1, 2023!** Listen to a short message each day to: read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church (in one year), understand the essentials of our faith - why it matters & how its rooted in Sacred Scripture, plus encounter God's plan of sheer goodness for your life. For more info search online: [ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://ascensionpress.com/ciy). Questions 308-750-6407

*Busy Time Women's  
Holy Hour*

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AMONGST THE CHAOS**  
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## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is the heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In this prayer, the celebrant acts in the person of Christ as head of his body, the Church. He gathers not only the bread and the wine, but the substance of our lives and joins them to Christ's perfect sacrifice, offering them to the Father.

The introductory dialogue establishes that this prayer is the prayer of the baptized and ordained, is offered in the presence of God, and has thanksgiving as its central focus. Following this dialogue, the celebrant begins the Preface, which consists of four different Eucharistic Prayers. After these prayers, communion is then given.

[usccb.org/eucharist](http://usccb.org/eucharist)

[gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival](http://gdiocese.org/eucharistic-revival) or [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



## Christmas Flower Donations

*In loving honor / memory of...*

- \* Melvin, Alice & Tony Boysen, and Bennie & Lorraine Knutson *by Patricia & Tom Knutson*
- \* David Kuchta, Louis & Criscentia Kuchta, and Joseph & Frances Perk *by Marvin & Pat Kuchta*
- \* Fred Wozniak & Ken Wozniak *by Roger & Annette Ogard*
- \* Bill & Venice Woitalewicz, Herb & Bernice Bals, Dave Woitalewicz, & Danial Samuelson *by Dana & Joanie Samuelson Family*
- \* Stanley Kosmicki Jr. *by James & Charlene Potter*
- \* The O'Hare Family *by Kathy Lewandowski*
- \* Darlene Spotanski, Mike Spotanski, & JR Killion *by Glen & Michele Killion*
- \* Deceased members of Bernard & JoAnn Danczak Families *by Bernard & JoAnn Danczak*
- \* Carla Peters *by Chris & Terri Townsend*
- \* Arden & Linda Porter *by Jackie Synowski*
- \* Alex & Elaine Kulwicki *by Ron & Diane Kulwicki Family*
- \* Alex & Elaine Kulwicki *by Tom & Renee Dalton*
- \* Alex & Elaine Kulwicki *by Mark & Kathleen Seitzinger*
- \* Alex & Elaine Kulwicki *by Karen & Kirk Cisler*
- \* Lukasiewicz Family *by Phil & Tracey Lukasiewicz*
- \* John Wroblewski *by Liana Wroblewski*
- \* Bill & Leila Hester and Maryilyn Roche *by Bryan & Whitney Hake*
- \* Jerry Becker, Deceased Members of Max & LaVonne Scarborough Family *by Connie Becker*
- \* Clem & Irene Kezeor and Jack & Janet Fortson *by Ralph & Linda Kezeor*
- \* Jim Wiek & all deceased Family Members *by Matthew & Christi Stepanek Family*
- \* Eldon Baker, Jon Baker, & David Woitalewicz *by Michael & Judi Baker Family*
- \* Jim & Carolyn Kasson *by Jane Kasson & Family*
- \* Owen Synowski & Stetson Hoos *by Carolyn Just*
- \* Cal & Margaret Thompson and Annie & Jessica Thompson *by Family*
- \* Russell Sack, George & Pauline Sack, and Albert & Clara Schwenk *by Bill Sack Family*
- \* Kenny Wilson & Kelly Hoppes *by Cameron & Stacy Hoppes and Family*
- \* John McIntyre, Oren & Mary McIntyre, and Chris & Marie Wittry *by Dan & Barb McIntyre, Laura & Tom*
- \* Lavern Lukaseiwicz, Catherine Lukasiewicz, Leonard & Josephine Gorecki, Robert Gorecki, Our deceased Grandparents & loved ones *by Terry & Teresa Gorecki & Family*



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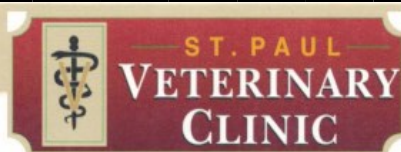
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WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: 11-6 SATURDAY: 10-3

Due to the NEW YEAR'S holiday,  
**BULLETIN** items  
must be submitted by:  
**Noon on Tuesday, Dec. 27**

**DIOCESAN APPEAL** End of Year Incentives  
Parishes that meet their **dollar AND donor** goal by  
**Dec. 31, 2022** will be eligible to be in a drawing to  
receive up to **\$5000**. One Parish drawn in January.

2022-23 DIOCESAN APPEAL	SPP	SA	SJ
Parish Goal	\$28,245	\$3,362	\$1,568
Total Raised	\$15,430	\$2,090	\$252
Donor Goal	90	14	8
# of Donors	60	9	3

## LORD'S PORTION

### Sts. Peter and Paul

General Fund - 2255.00

Plate - \$416.00

Parish Center - \$1,370.00

Maintenance - \$110.00

Mental Health Ministries - \$95.00

Christmas Flowers - \$750.00

### St. Anthony

General Fund - \$545.00

### St. Joseph

General Fund - \$351.00

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dec./Jan.

Monday 26

Tuesday 27

Wednesday 28

26TH - 1ST



NO Daily Mass

*Parish Office will be closed.*

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

\*BULLETIN ITEMS IN BY NOON\*

Daily Mass 8:30am (SPP)

NO Religious Ed. Classes ~ Christmas Break

Thursday 29

Friday 30

Saturday 31

Sunday 1

Daily Mass  
8:30am (SPP)

Daily Mass  
9:00am  
(Matelyn)

*Parish Office will be closed.*

*New Year's Eve*  
Reconciliation 4:30pm (SPP)  
Mass 5:00 pm (SPP)

*New Year's Day*  
*Mary, Mother of God*  
*Holy Day*  
Mass 8:00am & 10:00am (SPP)  
NO Religious Ed. Classes ~ Christmas Break