



Mass
Intentions
Of The Week

Monday, December 1st

7:00 A.M. Alfredo Maitland

Tuesday, December 2nd

7:00 A.M. Intentions of John Wyrwas

Wednesday, December 3rd

7:00 A.M. John Ardini and Walter Fawcett

8:15 A.M. Intentions of Sister Joan Carberry, OSF

Thursday, December 4th

9:00 A.M. Intentions of Jonathan Dampf

Friday, December 5th

7:00 A.M. Intentions of Joseph Roubal

Saturday, December 6th

8:30 A.M. Intentions of Mary and Matt Shepherdson

5:30 P.M. Intentions of Christa Weinker

Sunday, December 7th

7:30 A.M. Donald Multer and Elizabeth Marshall

9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners

11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner

6:00 P.M. John Webb and Betty Genco



Is what I do after I say "I believe"...

**Due to the early holiday printing cutoff,
the offertory information for the week of Nov. 23rd
will be reported in our next bulletin.**

*The Lord will shower his gifts,
and our land will yield its fruits.
(Psalm 84:13)*

Through our Advent stewardship,
we show gratitude for the Lord's greatest gift,
his only Son.

Please remember St. Paul's Church
in your Christmas giving.

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*Jesus said to his disciples:
'Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.'
(Mark 13:33)*

A former parishioner, who moved up north a few years back, recently e-mailed me this message,
"I know I tell you this every time I write, but it is worth repeating. We miss St Paul's every day. We just don't fit in at our new parish, and it cannot even compare to St. Paul's. I remember the very first time we attended Mass at St. Paul's, and the priest asked the parishioners to take a minute to find a new face and introduce themselves. . . . We were sold and joined the parish the next week. We have been at the new parish for almost 2 years and still haven't had that welcome. We are nameless/faceless parishioners and attending Mass is back to being an obligation and not the privilege it was when we belonged to St. Paul's. . . . Don't ever doubt for one second that St. Paul's parishioners touch the lives of others in a way that stays with them forever . . . so much so that moving away and trying to find another church becomes almost IMPOSSIBLE!!!"

I share this story for two reasons. First, it shows us how important it is to show welcoming hospitality to those who come to our church. You never know how it is going to impact their lives, *in a way that stays with them forever.* Maybe we should always start Mass by introducing ourselves to a "new face."

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On **Monday, December 8th**, we will honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Mass for the Feast will be celebrated Saturday in the Church at **7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.** It being a holyday of obligation, participation in Mass is required of all Catholics. *All honor to you, Mary! From you arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.* (Communion Antiphon for the Feast).

The 2008 Advent Books with daily reflections and prayers for this special season are available in the back of the church. Please take one per family.

New Parishioners Registration meeting is next Sunday, December 7, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. Current parishioners and staff members will be present to welcome newcomers and answer questions about parish services and activities. These meetings are held on the first Sunday of every month.



St. Paul Says

Brothers and Sisters:

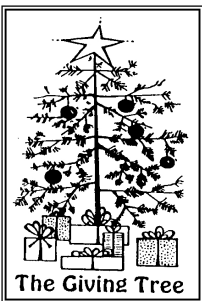
“God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1 Corinthians 1:9

O.B.I.C. YOUTH NEWS

No high school meeting tonight. See you next week!

Middle School. Wed. night, Dec. 3rd “Preparing the Stable.” Middle school dance is Fri., Dec. 5th, from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. \$6.00, at the St. Paul’s gym!



St. Vincent De Paul Giving Tree will be set up next weekend, November 29th in the church. Tags hung on the trees represent gift requests taken by St. Paul Vincentians during home visits. Please take a tag, two if you can, and return the wrapped gifts to the Church before December 21st. Your generosity will ensure a brighter Christmas for our neighbors in need.

I'm Dreaming of a Green Christmas: St. Paul's **Green Team** invites you to a showing of The Story of Stuff today, Nov. 30, at 11a.m., in the cafeteria. Haitian handicrafts and fair-trade Haitian coffee will be available for purchase along with informative material on alternative Christmas giving.

St. Paul Senior Club will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center Blue Room. Plans for the Children’s Christmas Sale will be finalized and refreshments will be served. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

Women's CRHP Holiday Reunion & Christmas Party! Please join your St. Paul's CRHP sisters for fun, frolic and food on Wed., Dec. 10, at the Parish Center Blue Room at 7:00 PM. We can all benefit from some sisterly support at this time of year! Bring your frosty beverage of choice, a simple hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share, and a non-perishable food item for St. Vincent dePaul's food bank. Have an unwanted, useless or ugly gift left over from last year? Bring that too, for the Silly Santa Swap! Call Laurie Jaworski 417-2636 or Lori Russell 525-1936 by Dec. 8 to RSVP.

Change of Address Cards are in the back of the church. We are also trying to collect and update email addresses in our database. Please fill out a card with your email address.

Stewardship Thoughts. The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.

That Man Is You! meets this Wednesday, December 3, at 5:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria, for prayer and spiritual development. All men of the parish are invited. You'll be on the road by 7 a.m.

Poinsettias. Columbiettes are selling poinsettia plants again this year for the Christmas season for **\$15.00** a plant. These are florist quality plants dressed with a beautiful bow. You may order them to pick up for decoration & gifts, for donation to our homebound, or for the church during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one. All proceeds benefit charities supported by the Columbiettes.

The Third Annual "Walk for Health in Haiti" is Saturday morning, Dec. 6, at 8 a.m. Please help raise funds for the medical needs of our twin parish in Haiti. Registration forms are in the church and on the St. Paul web-site.

Scripture Study Epistles of St. Paul. One of the opportunities to celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Paul is to gather as "household churches" to learn about the teachings of St. Paul! "Households" (small Christian Communities) are being formed now and it is not too late to join a study group. This limited study is perfect for those of us with very busy lives - **only 4 meetings**. We will all come to know Christ better through St. Paul's teachings as we learn about his zeal for the faith and his tenacity to want us to understand and love and live our faith. For more information and to join a "household church," email Joan Dirrigl jhdmary@aol.com or call the parish office.

OUTREACH MINISTRY. *“Everyone in the crowd sought to touch Him because power came forth from Him and healed them all.” Luke 6:19.* The SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be offered at all the Masses on the weekend of DECEMBER 6-7, 2008. The front row pews will be the designated seating for all those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity to receive spiritual and physical strength through the anointing with the Holy Oils and the Laying on of Hands. Anyone with any need for this healing is encouraged to receive this Sacrament. *“And one of them realizing he had been healed, returned glorifying God in a loud voice.” Luke 17:15*

Calling St. Paul’s Women Advent Day of Recollection

The Franciscan Center in Tampa, on the Hillsborough River
Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

At this time of great noise around and within us, Sister Kathleen has planned a quiet space for you to prepare for Christmas. Many of us are faced with some of the trials of our times, so this is a good opportunity to come away and be renewed and refreshed. Women especially need a day like this – beginning with a continental breakfast followed by Father Sam Vaccarella’s presentation. Then some time for reflection on the peaceful grounds of the Center. Lunch and Liturgy included. All this for \$35. Treat yourself. Make checks payable to St Paul Catholic Church. Register ASAP. Call the parish office.