

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
DECEMBER 21-27**

- Sunday** **2 Timothy 1-4 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**
9:00am **Worship Service**
10:30am Adult Bible Study
10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation Class
11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice
- Monday** **Exodus 25 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 2 Peter 1-3, Jude (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
12:30pm Prayer Shawl
 No Stephen Ministry Training
 No Men's Bible Study
- Tuesday** **Exodus 26 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Hebrews 1-6 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
 No Grief Share
- Wednesday** **Exodus 27 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Hebrews 7-10 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
5:00pm **Christmas Eve Worship**
11:00pm **Christmas Eve Worship**
 Office Closed
- Thursday** **Exodus 28 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 Hebrews 11-13 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
10:00am **Christmas Day Worship with Communion**
 Office Closed
- Friday** **Exodus 29 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 1 John 1-5 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
 Office Closed
- Saturday** **Exodus 30 (Daily Bible Reading)**
 2 John, 3 John (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)
2:00pm Fellowship Hall Rental
 No Men's Bible Study



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“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 7:10-17 p727
Epistle Reading Romans 1:1-7 p1194
Holy Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25 p1026

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Ladies Aid.

Baptism – Through the water and the Word Paxton Jeremy Norton is being baptized into God’s family, and we rejoice with his parents, Jeremy & Kim, for the gift of life and new life in Christ. We pray that he will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him. Jeremy’s sponsors are Jeff Koerner & Christy Schmaedeke.

A Special Thank You to our Rejoicing Ringers for playing “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” and “Silent Night, Holy Night” at our worship service this morning.

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Megan Rudzinski

Acolyte – Sammy Golf

Ushers – Dennis & Elaine Schmeckpeper

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Rob Lyke, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy & Don Smith,
Pete Whalen, Matt Schulz and Bradley Coen,

Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitch Troester, Paul Szymanski & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Mary Schmidtke

Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume

Sacred Grounds – Brian Smith & Marilyn Micetich

Readers needed for our Christmas Eve Service – if you would like to be a reader on Christmas Eve (5:00pm or 11:00pm), please sign up on the sheet that is on the info table.

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailboxes for the January schedule. If you have any questions, please contact me. Vivian Purnell: (708) 748-8808 Thank you.

2026 Flower Chart is up on the bulletin board in the narthex. We would like to **thank Sue Fleming for putting together the chart**; Sue has done this for us for many of years and we truly appreciate it! (If you wish to remember or honor a loved one with flowers the cost for flower is \$40.)

Church Mailboxes – If you haven't picked up your 2026 Offering Envelopes you can find them in your church mailbox. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office. We will be re-alphabetizing the mailboxes after the first of the year. If you could, please pick up anything that is in your mailbox before the first of the year; we would appreciate it. Thank you!

You are Invited - John Crist is a Christian and a comedian who will be at the Realto Theatre in Joliet on January 23rd. We have 15 tickets available, and there is a possibility of getting more if we exceed that number. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like tickets. As of now this event is limited to our youth members and their families and friends.** If there are tickets leftover we will expand to our members of the congregation. Transportation will be available/provided if necessary. See Paul Szymanski with any questions.

Online Pictorial Directory – In order to update and complete the Online Directory for St. Paul we need your updated digital pictures. Please email a digital picture to Diane Norcutt, at sec3@stpaulsonline.org. If you don't have our Online Directory, go to our St. Paul webpage and look for the Church Directory link to get started.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Chicago – If you have a snow blower that you could give them, or you want to help them purchase one, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Troester.

Food Pantry - Tiffany Fincher, from District 162 Matteson schools wrote a thank you to St. Paul for our donation of 70 bags of groceries and 70 Meijer gift cards for families to purchase a ham or turkey for the holiday season. You can read the note of the Bulletin Board in the narthex. They are deeply grateful for our support and look forward to a growing partnership with us as we work together to uplift and strengthen our community.

Sunrise Retirement Home, Olympia Fields – Come and join us this coming Tuesday as we celebrate Christmas with the residents at Sunrise in Olympia Fields at 3633 Breakers Drive, Olympia Fields. We will gather at 2:00 p.m. and sing the songs of Christmas along with reading the Christmas story and Message.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS
THIS WEEK**

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf,
Steve Siezega, Bill Tucker, Paul
Szymanski, Ethel Habel, Carlos &
Corinne Torres

College Students – Joshua
VanderVelde & Emma Whalen

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$8,542.77
Building Fund	\$577	\$315
Mission	\$327	\$720

Discretionary Fund-\$245; Scholarship
Fund-\$150; St Matthews-\$105;
Returning Citizens-\$25; St Paul Alaska
Mission Trip-\$100; Sacred Grounds-\$36;
Advent By Candlelight Donations-\$96;
Christmas-\$100; Ladies Aid-\$400;
Advent-\$834; Women’s Ministries-\$470;
National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

Keep a touch of Christmas tucked within your heart; Keep a touch, but share a touch with those both near and far. For Christmas speaks of giving to each and every one; did God not give at Christmas His own beloved Son? Keep a touch of Christmas tucked within your heart; Let its sacred meaning never from you depart. Keep a touch, but share a touch with those along life’s way, that each may come to realize the truth of Christmas Day. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

by: Loise Pinkerton Fritz



Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, December 24th
5:00pm & 11:00pm

Christmas Day Worship Service

Thursday, December 25th
10:00am