

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Confessions: ½ hour before each Mass for twenty minutes or by appointment. The Reconciliation Room is located on St. Joseph's side in the sanctuary. If the door is closed, do not enter.

St. Paul's Cemetery Information: Contact Sheryl at 656-3323 (Catholic Cemeteries Office)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. In our Gospel today we hear the familiar story of Joseph and Mary fleeing with the infant Jesus to Egypt to avoid Herod's soldiers. Who are today's Herods? Who are today's Holy Innocents? As we remember the Holy Family and our families who we love, we must also remember those families who are in danger this very minute in places not too far from Bethlehem, in places all over the world.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

OFFERTORY COLLECTION December 21, 2008 \$1178.00
Christmas Offering will be in next week's bulletin.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 20th – January 3rd in memory of Michael Burke by Claudia Burke.

Those of you who missed Mass last Sunday due to the weather, which is a legitimate reason for missing Mass, unless you have control of the weather, you should not confess this – it is not a sin and you may go to Communion.

Eternal rest grant to Leo McNulty and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 27,	5:00 PM Masses for Christmas
Sunday,	December 28,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Monday,	December 29,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Tuesday,	December 30,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Wednesday,	December 31,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas 4:00 PM Masses for Christmas
Thursday,	January 1,	9:00 AM Masses for Christmas
Saturday,	January 3,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
Sunday,	January 4,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE

January 1st is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a Holyday of Obligation. Mass for this Feast will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 31st at 4 p.m. and on Thursday, January 1st at 9 a.m.

Vocations – We have so much to learn from the Holy Family: Mary allows God's will to change her life; Joseph pays close attention to and follows the prompting of the angel; Jesus says to the Father "not my will, but Thine be done." What is the Father's will for *you*? Are you taking steps to find out? If you think God might be calling you to live out a religious vocation, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jjcocucci@cdow.org).

March for Life - Mark your calendars! We have a bus taking parishioners to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life on Jan. 22nd. This trip is free due to the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus. To reserve your seat, call Larry Ciskanik at 328-2279.

New Year Message from Father Pollard - Over the years New Year's Day has been a feast for the Holy Name of Jesus, and then came a Mass for peace, and now it is the Feast Day of Mary, the Mother of God. On the civil calendar we begin a New Year. As you know the Church new year begins four Sundays before Christmas. Other faiths celebrate a New Year date at different times. What is important is that all of us look at the past and we look to the future. St. Paul reminds us in his writings that it is the future that we are to strive towards because we cannot change the past but in Christ and the power of the Spirit, as St. Paul encourages us we can go forward and we can make a change in our own life and influence the world that we live in. As we look to the New Year may we do so with this thought of St. Paul in union with all of those throughout the world who truly wish to make this world a better world.