

St. Paul Catholic Church

Dec. 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

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Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, Dec. 17, after 6:30 Mass and Friday, Jan. 2, at 8 am

Confession: By appointment. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Mission Statement: Let us experience a change in every moment of our lives for the better and touch the lives of other people whom we meet every day

Mass Scheduled Intentions + Deceased blank Living

Monday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
	St. Mark 9 am Makenna Finnegan
	St. Paul 6:30 pm Betty Hippler +
Tuesday, Dec. 9	St. Mark 5 pm Helen Behrend +
Wednesday, Dec. 10	St. Paul 6:30 pm Bruce Gaylord
Thursday, Dec. 11	St. Mark 9 am Fred Cash +
Friday, Dec. 12	St. Paul 9 am Vicki Gaylord
Saturday, Dec. 13	St. Mark 5 pm Hosey Family Confession: 4 - 4:45
Sunday, Dec. 14	St. Mark 8 am For the People of our Parishes
	St. Paul 10 am Johnny Son+

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Reflection:

In the story of creation, God created animals of all kinds: birds of the sky, fish in the waters, wild and tame animals on land. God looked at it all and pronounced it good. No mention is made of wild animals preying on smaller animals or any two animals attacking each other. Eden was a paradise. In order to portray the effect of a Messiah coming to Judah, Isaiah recalls the harmonious interactions of animals in Eden. This is God's plan of coexistence among the myriad species of beasts. This is God's peaceable kingdom. This is a model of the kind of kingdom Isaiah prophesies, John proclaims, and Jesus presents.

Let us now reimagine the animals as people. We think of the different natures, behaviors, and instincts of animals, and the same can be true of people. People have many various faults, traits, habits, and personalities. How to reconcile them all in such a way that all eight billion of us can live together in peace? This continues to be a challenge, but Jesus has given us a road map. Turn the other cheek, forgive each other, love your neighbor, care for the least of your brothers and sisters. If we can see Jesus in the faces of those in need, we can see the kingdom when we serve them.

The harmony among the animals portrayed by Isaiah is recalled when Paul speaks to the Romans, asking that God may "grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). Normally, it's a great challenge to think in harmony with others, even with just other members of your family. But if all are truly thinking in harmony with the Lord, agreement can be found. Importantly, it requires honesty, humility, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. May we take the time and make the effort to increase the harmony of the world.

Question of the Week

How can my family live together more harmoniously? What can I do to help make this happen?

Prayer Requests *Please pray for the Bill McConnell and his family and soul of Charlene McConnell who died December 6. May Charlene rest in peace and rise in glory.*

St. Paul: Steve Alldredge, Karen Riedeman Schalk, Tara Jeanne Perez, Jansen Hubbard, Rachel Smotherman, Lee Weidner, Shirley Carney, Ronald Harper, Michael Gray, Liam Stevenson, Pam Childress, Emily Stolz, Robert Peek, Jason Goodwin, Iris Brandon, Sandy Haberlock, Laura Jean Basso, Christa Strong, Teresa Boyd, Rodger Rush, Norm and Millie Thomas, Max Reil, David Cansler, Margot Shirley, Kendra Redd, Teresa Angelilli, Rick Bennett, Mary Reil, Beth Berton, Lewis Wurtman, Ronald Weidner, Mary Cheeseman

Both Parishes: People of Western KY, Theresa Weidner Griffith ***Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers:*** Barb Adams, William Moertl, **and all those living in nursing homes. *Pray for our military and their families***, especially Monica Dukes, Tucker Pittmann, Aiden Davies, and Jack Rooyakkers.

St. Mark: James Weber, Elaine Collins, Patrick Flear, Bent, Janet Terry, Luca Carlson, Pete Arriola, Margie Hibbard, Makenna Finnegan, McBroom Family, Peggy and Tim Brown Logan Thomas, Steven Dahl, Marie and Richard Berger, Chris and Bernadette Bode, David Russell, Barbara Hughes, Joe and Wanda Loftus, Karen Finnegan, Mary McTiernan, Will Jones, Tom Johnson, Chris Davies, Mary Huhnke, Gail Biskupich, Terry O'Neill, Curtis Fritz, Kathleen and Alan Dale, Zane Pierson, Matt, Chuck Thomas, Rose Oliver, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Ann Munn, Roy Maynard, Pat Merimee, Wendy Welter Teller, Kevin Stuckner, Jim Dunning, Teresa Fuhrman, James I. Hosey, Mawn Family, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Gerry Maynard, Jan Piche, Jim Eich, Karen Reibel, Kenny Pierson, Lonnie O'Neill, Maggie Pierson, Ron Eich, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire, Terence Carlin.

Happy Birthday!

Robert Markham Dec. 13

Pat Hayes Dec. 16

Anna Ray Dec. 16

Austin Rush Dec. 17

Aidan Rush Dec. 21

Kay Cotton Dec. 22

Claire Adams Dec. 23

Gerardo Alonso Dec. 24

Fonciene Giordano Dec. 27

Jeffery Honnold Dec. 27

Conner McEnaney Dec. 30

Save the Date!

Sunday, Dec. 7 - St. Mark First Sunday Breakfast after 8 am Mass

and

Sound of Silence, a Cantata for Christmas, performed by the Ecumenical Choir from Princeton area churches at 3 pm at Ogden Methodist Church

Monday, Dec. 8 – **Holy Day of Obligation** – see Mass Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 14- Second Sunday Dinner- Please join us for a pre-Christmas dinner with family and friends after the 10 am Mass at the Center. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish, casserole, or dessert to share with family and friends. Relax with us before the holiday season begins.

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Advent Penance Services at St. Paul 2:30 pm

Ongoing: Angel Tree - **Now - Dec. 21**

Family Aid Christmas Food Basket Drive - **Now - Dec. 21**

Baby Shower for Jesus - **Now - Jan. 4**

Sacraments:

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a Baptism. One-month notice is required.

Matrimony: To schedule a wedding, please make an appointment with the Pastor. At least six months is needed for preparation.

Please contact Fr. Brad at **(270) 365-6786** for **Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or Pastoral calls** to the sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

DIOCESAN POLICY: "No one should have to live with abuse, and the Diocese of Owensboro, in keeping with the laws of Kentucky and of the Church, encourages any victim of sexual abuse to make the abuse known by contacting local law enforcement: Princeton Police 270-365-2041, the Commonwealth's Attorney (270-388-9494) or Kentucky's Child Protection Hot Line (1-877KYSAFE1, 1-877-597-2331 toll free).

If the abuse involved Church personnel, either paid or volunteer call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/> for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562.

The diocese's commitment to combat sexual abuse concerns can be noted in its revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which can be found at St. Paul on the back table, and on the diocesan web site <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>."

WELCOME! Please see Fr. Brad or Kathy Talley to register. If you are a current parishioner with a change in contact information, please notify Kathy Talley kfct@umich.edu or **(270) 625-3433**.

Bulletin Announcements should be sent directly to Regina Hosey text (931)801-6514 or reg8926@gmail.com or **by Tuesday evening**.

	Altar Server	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMC)	Counts Financial Rep.*
Dec. 8 6:30 pm	JD	Dan Adams	Susan Brinkley Volunteer	George Barber Susan Brinkley	Bob Hayes* Mike Wasielewski
Dec. 14 10am	Colin	Cesar Turnero	Suzanne Rush Volunteer	George Barber Cesar Turnero	Bob Hayes* Mike Wasielewski

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The St. Paul Family Aid Society's Christmas Food Basket Drive continues until Sunday, December 21st. A large basket is in the narthex designated CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE. Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated. Suggestions for donations include instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, Jell-O, canned vegetables, cans of gravy, packaged Christmas cookies/cakes, or any other non-perishable food that would supplement a holiday meal. Every donation will help someone in need this Christmas season. God bless you.



The weekly budget number has been reset to reflect the St. Mark share of the budget. This will bring the budget and YTD collection totals in line with actual costs.

Nov. 30	Week 22	Stewardship	Thanks for your support
Total Deposit:	\$2,784.00	Weekly Budget Expense	\$ 3,800.00
Diocese of Mandeville	\$ 70.00	Year to Date Collections	\$77,826.14
Votive Candles	\$ 75.00	Year to Date Budget	\$83,600.00
Family Aid Society	\$ 345.00	Land Rent income	\$ 1,100.00