READINGS THIS WEEKEND

1) Isaiah 60, 1-6
2) Ephesians 3, 2-3.5-6
3) Matthew 2, 1-12

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news (2) and worship the long-awaited Messiah and King (3) with the gift of their lives.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: AW, Kathy Anderson, Wendell Anderson, DH, Danis Family, Barbara M., Buck & Mary Kay, Will Gentry, Paul Gochenouer, Julie Grusenmeyer Family, Gus, Heather Huebner, JP, Carol Koeller, Delores Lamont, I. Maresca, Sandy McKenzie, K. Moore, MN Rhodes, Sister Teresa, TK, D. Williams, Active U.S. Military Family & Friends of St. Paul's, and all in need of special prayers & healing.

2012 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES are still available in the Undercroft. We will not be mailing them (we no longer mail them in an effort to save money), so please pick your box up ASAP. **Religious Calendars** also available.

TAX CUTOFF INFORMATION: This past year Dec. 31st fell on a Saturday. Therefore, all offerings placed in the collection basket on Saturday, Dec. 31st have been recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2011 contribution. All offerings placed in the collection basket on Sunday, January 1st and later will be recorded in parishioner tax files as a 2012 contribution. (Please note that this will be the case regardless of when checks are dated, as we must go by when we actually receive them.) - ***Patricia Ross, Bus. Mgr.***

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS **will be mailed by the end of January to any parishioner who made at least one "single" contribution of $250+** during the year. (i.e., if you gave $249 per week, every week, you will not receive a statement, per IRS regulations). Please call Gail at 767-7450, Ext. 10, if you would like to have a statement mailed to you **if you do not meet the IRS requirements** and she'll be more than happy to do so for you! ☺☺

COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR SILVER OR GOLDEN WEDDING Anniversary in 2012 should call Gail at the Office **(767-7450, Ext. 10)** by Monday, February 13th in order to receive a scroll from Archbishop Schnurr. 50th couples will receive an invitation to a special Mass on Saturday, April 14, 2012 (2:00 PM) at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Dayton) with Rev. Lawrence Mierenfeld as the principal celebrant. There are no tickets to the Mass & due to the large number of attendees there is no reception following the liturgy. (It is very important that you ***RSVP*** to your invitation.) **COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 60th, 70th or 75th Anniversaries** are also eligible for a scroll.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UN-DECORATING THE CHURCH ON Tuesday, January 10th at 10:00 AM. If are able to help out, it would really be appreciated! The more the merrier and the lighter the load for everyone … thank you!

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Collections for December 25th	$ 10,452
Collection for January 1st	$ 5,934
Average Weekly Expenses for Parish:	$ 5,650
Maintenance/Restoration Expenses	
POB Furnace	$ 8,820
Office Copier	$ 5,935
3 Air Conditioners	$ 23,772
TOTAL	$ 38,527
Maintenance/Restoration Income	$ 40,351
Maintenance/Restoration December	$ 990

Please remember Saint Paul's in your will.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ▼

PSR / YOUTH MINISTRY resume this Sunday.

RCIA – ADULT ED: Sundays in the Undercroft at 6:00 PM. **All are welcome to attend!**

PRAYER GROUP: Short meditative Rosary or chaplets & litanies prayed on Mondays, 7 PM.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE MTG: Tuesday, Jan. 10th, 7:30 PM in the **POB**. **All welcome!**

CHOIR REHEARSAL Thurs. Jan. 12th at 7 PM. Choir Mass on Sunday, Jan. 15th at 11 AM.

ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL Thurs. Jan. 19, 7 PM. Ensemble Mass Sunday, Jan. 22nd at 11 AM.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. PAUL'S: Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord on the 2nd Friday of each month (**Jan. 13th this month)** from 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

DEEPER PRAYER SERIES CONTINUES on Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25 at 6:30 PM (following 6 PM Mass). Join us as we dive into Deeper Prayer: vocal, meditative, contemplative and much more. Come seek enlightenment through the guidance and teachings of some of our Church's greatest saints.

FREE COPIES OF 'REDISCOVER CATHOLICISM' – A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose, by Matthew Kelly, are still available in the Undercroft and vestibule for anyone who would like to have one. Enjoy!

SCHEDULED MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 7th – 15th:

Saturday (7th)	5:00 PM	Jerry Gacnik (Carolyn & Jack Huey) Joyce Ambs (Steve & Barb Walthall) John Connolly (St. Paul Parish)
Sunday (8th)	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo
Tuesday –	**No Mass,**	**Wednesday – No Mass, Thursday – No Mass, Friday – No Mass**
Saturday (14th)	5:00 PM	John Geis, Sr. & John Geis, Jr. (Nellie Geis Family) Dave Triplett (Co-Workers Carolyn Huey & Kari Higgins) Living & Deceased Members of the Louis and Anna Struewing Family Gene Pitstick – 87th Birthday Remembrance (Edna Pitstick Family)
Sunday (15th)	11:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Paul and St. Charles Borromeo

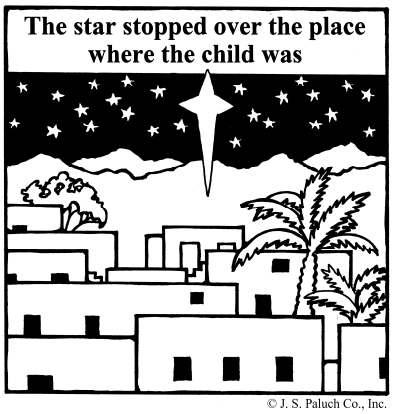
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7-8:

	5:00 PM		11:00 AM
LECTORS	Carolyn Huey / Sherylee Swartz		Kathy Sanders / Jeff Inslee
DISTRIBUTORS	L & S Suwalski / D Dillon-Bloch / P Rich / J Feltz		Blanton / Ditmer /Sizemore / Werner /Linkhart
SERVERS	Cindy Feltz / Jack Erwine / Thomas Wittman		Jeremy Malchow / Dawson & Taylor Hensley
CANTORS	Ann O'Donnell		Tim McLinden
GREETERS	Therese Greene / Lucia deRidder		Jason Hensley / Bob Fairman
COLLECTORS	Jack Huey / Andrzej Bloch		Bob & Mary Fairman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14-15:

	5:00 PM		11:00 AM
LECTORS	Carole Groeber / Rhonda Connolly		Jeff Inslee / Dolores Sizemore
DISTRIBUTORS	Lewis / Heckman / Alexander / Rion / Rich		Blanton / Reynolds T Fisher / Linkhart / Werner
SERVERS	John Jenkins / Karen Loar / Jim Nealon		Greg Meyer / Cierra Richeson / Evan Eggeman
CANTORS	Julie Marshall		Mark Steck

GREETERS	Jean Nealon / Lauretta Donley		Zach Meyers / Jennifer Hensley



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COLLECTORS	Bill Rollins / Vickie Hoomes		Bob & Mary Fairman

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EASTERN STAR

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2012
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— Psalm 72:11

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course,
and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.
—Sir John Beaumont

PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the

beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer. ***— James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.***