

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 22

7:30 AM OSF Hospital (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 AM For Gary Gritton by Tom & Beth Chamberlin

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM For the People of Saint Paul's

7:00 PM For the People of Saint Paul's

Thursday, December 25 (Merry Christmas)

8:30 AM For William Dale by the Dale Family

Friday, December 26

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, December 27

5:30 PM For Monsignor Doug Hennessy by Jack and Jody Legett

Sunday, December 28

7:30 AM For the People of Saint Paul's

10:00 AM For Thomas Hicks by the Ladora Young and Family

Prayer Devotions

Rosary

Monday 9:30 AM For Our Country

Monday 6:30 PM at Holy Family for Cancer Patients

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Church Open for Prayer

Monday - Friday

8:30 AM - 4:00

PM



Sunday Collection for Sunday, December 14, 2025



\$ 11,027.00 Sunday Collection

1,198.00 Online Giving

\$12,225.00 Total

Fourth week of Advent Peace

Prayer to Light the Candle

God of Goodness, we ask you to bless our Advent Wreath and that as we celebrate this Advent, we receive with open hearts the peace that comes from you to bring it to all corners of the earth. Amen

Reflection

The birth of Jesus is a moment of deep meaning and hope. When God became flesh and dwelt among us, He brought with Him a message of love, reconciliation, and peace. Through his life and teachings, Jesus showed us the way to lasting peace.

In that humble manger, God revealed Himself as a Savior accessible to all. He did not choose a royal palace or a cradle of gold, but a simple place. This teaches us that peace is not found in material greatness, but in humility and closeness to God.

Jesus' promise to save us from our sins is an immense gift. His sacrifice on the cross offers us reconciliation with God and inner peace. Through him, we find forgiveness and the hope of a transformed life. The light that Jesus brought into the world dispels our darkness. His message guides us toward peace with ourselves and with others. During difficulties, his presence calms us and reminds us that we are not alone.

The peace that Jesus offers is neither superficial nor temporary. It is a peace that is embodied in our daily lives, transcends circumstances, and is rooted in faith. God invites us to trust him and collaborate in his creation; even when everything seems uncertain, we know that his love and care sustain us. This Advent, let us remember that true peace comes from Jesus. May his light illuminate our hearts and inspire us to be agents of peace in a world in need.

Closing Prayer....Lord, transform death into life, hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, and war into peace. You are our peace; through you, we implore peace for the whole world. Amen.

Christmas 2025:

-Wed, Dec 24 Mass @ 4 PM and 7 PM
-Thurs, Dec 25 Mass @ 8:30 AM

ADA Update

As of 11/30/2025 we have had 97 donors

Pledged \$33,185

Goal: \$62,487.00 (Thank You!)

GIVING TREE

Thank you all that donated to our giving tree this holiday season. May God bless you with your generosity.

Danville Area Women Connect! All women of the parish, along with your daughters and granddaughters, are invited to our 12th Day of Christmas Party on Sunday, January 4, 2026 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Motsett Center. We will share a meal, pray a special devotion for the Feast of the Epiphany, and play holiday games (with prizes!) This is a potluck, so please bring a dish to pass, and \$5 to help cover the cost of table settings and decorations. To RSVP, please call or text Mary Timmons at (217)304-3098 or Kim Padan at (217)898-5256.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS....Zelda Page by Diana Wallace, Suzanne Collum by Patsy Green, Juanita Tallman by Ina L. Tallman and Robert M. Hayden, William Dale and Charles & Josephine Vojak by the Bonarek Family, The Vojak Family by the Dale Family, Martha & Bernard Pufunt, Tom & Lor Martinek, Sydney Lerner, M.D. by Patricia Lerner, Hank, Lois & Connie Shouse by Chris Shouse, Lindsay Marsh by Michael and Debbie Marsh, Westphal and Brennan Families by Bill and Pat Westphal, Faye Rotramel, Myke McMahon, Mona Johnson by Rick and Rotramel, Mariana T. Barcenilla, Sr., Prudencia M. Barcenilla by Lisa Barcenilla, Joe & Agnes Leemon, Darrell Myers by Kathy Myers, Vince Koers by the Koers Family, Pitlik Family by Joann Dernulc, Meridith and Gary Gritton, Roger and Ann Seibert, Don & Justine Pentony by Dan and Linda Pentony, Ron Stitt, Zeke Bratkowski, Carl Thompson by Patt Stitt, John & Helen Thompson by Joe & Abbie Thompson, Tom & Marty Lesak, The Youhas Family by John and Christine Wonderlin, Joe & Rosie Hembrey by Kathy Hembrey, Al Scheeter by Claudine Sheeter, Mark & Teri Goodwin, Jim & Helen Loucks, and Arthur & Therese Rademacher by Matt and Cathy Rademacher, The Stroud, May, Ballard, Alvery Families by Joyce Stroud, Russell Mascari by Sherry Mascari, Mike and Chris Jaruseski. Moorlagton Family by Jay and Vera Huffman, Deceased members of the Tevebaugh Family by Chris and Mary Kriedler, Ms. Suzanne Wells, Deceased members of the Eberhardt & Harmon families by Nancy Harman, Alvin Hintz, Jr. by Fran Hintz. Norman and Reva Lucas and Richard & Jean Goglin by Bill and Kris Lucas. Fred and Anne Mueller and Father Szydlik by Jody Mueller. Pat and Zoe Pate by Richard and Rena Pate, The Boudreau Family and the Flegar Family



PEACE IN THE WOMB

We are planning to have "Peace in the Womb" Christmas caroling on Tuesday, December 23rd from 11 a.m. to noon in front of the Affirmative Care Solutions, 600 N. Logan, Danville, IL. "Peace in the Womb" originated in 2003 and is organized by the Pro-Life Action League. This is a different way to bring a peaceful presence in front of an abortion facility. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and join us!

St. Paul Food Pantry, We are in need of oatmeal, minute rice, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly and pork and beans. We can use hamburger helper, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, and fruit. We accept all non perishable items.

Thank you for all your generous donations during this time in need for many families they are greatly appreciated.

Remember our Sick & Homebound † Sissy Romack, Paul Gilbert, Nyla Neal Hicks, Rowan Huffman, Taylor Huffman, Sue Wells, Kristen Federmeier, Hart Williamson, Libby Beninati, Kasi Mitchell, Wil Buse, Christy Lowery, Donna Kennedy, Jayne Donahue, Lily Harden, Karen Selvin, Carol Koebrich, Neil Newman, Faye Williamson, Keaton Wilkerson, Ron Masengale, John Beninati, Terry Koebrich, Brigit Kleiss, Pam Lane, Lynn Ingrum, Jim Reuther, Francis Lane, Janet Elliott, Mike Roark, John Roark, Jeffery Sparks, Bill Dressler, Michael Miller, Lincoln Downing, Scott Burgess, Mary Ann Merchen, Harvey Bryant, Piaternella Jenkins, Traca Shahan Zorns, Chase Rouse & family, Jay Huffman, Vicky Simons.

Contact the office to be placed on this list, to add someone other than yourself, and please ask permission of the person or their family .



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