

*Behold, you will conceive  
in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall name him Jesus.*

*Lk 1:31*


*Concebirás en tu seno  
y darás a luz un hijo, al que  
pondrás el nombre de Jesús.*

*Lc 1:31*





**St. Paul Catholic Church**  
**Parish Staff - (512) 280-4460**

  
IN OUR PARISH

Reverend Barry Cabell, CSC, Pastor	x101
Reverend James R. Martin, CSC, Associate	x116
Deacon John Pickwell	x115
Deacon Salomon Villegas	x115
Bob Dugas, Parish Administrator	x113
Youth Ministry Fax 291-8452	280-5821
Elaine Resendez, Parish Secretary	x111
Ana Jakoskie, Director, Religious Education	x122
Bernice Machala, Social Ministry, Bookkeeper	x114
Debbi Saunders, Children & Family Ministry	x123

**Music Ministry**

The Christmas season is coming and it's a good time to come and lend a hand in the Christmas Caroling. If you are interested, call Dave at 689-4433.

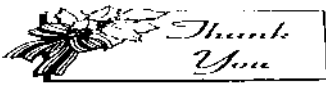
**BIBLE STUDY**

The last day in December for Bible Reflection will be December 23, 2008 in observance of the Christmas Holidays. Bible Reflection classes will resume on January 6, 13, 20, 2009 at the usual time.

Mass Intentions - December 20 - 26, 2008			
Saturday	Dec 20	5:00 pm	St. Paul Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 21	9:00 am	St. Paul Parishioners
		11:00 am	St. Paul Parishioners
Mass in Spanish	Dec 21	12:30 pm	St. Paul Parishioners
Monday	Dec 22	12:00 pm	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday	Dec 23	12:00 pm	†Michael Farmer, Esther Macora, Fr. Athanasius Macora
Wednesday	Dec 24	5:00 pm	Children's Mass
		7:00 pm	Mass in Spanish
		12:00 am	Midnight Mass
Thursday	Dec 25	10:00 am	St. Paul Parishioners
Friday	Dec 26	12:00 pm	

**St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP)**

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited and awed. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. In faith is found the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.



St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity in helping us make our Christmas Project a success. We helped 27 families in our parish boundaries with over 200 gifts, turkeys and HEB Gift Cards. Thank you to the Knights and others who came and helped on Saturday morning to help deliver these gifts to families. St. Vincent de Paul thank Father Barry, Father James and the staff for their continued support.

**Happy Anniversary**  
**Ernesto & Rosa Loera on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Rest in Peace** †Melecio Tomas

**Prayer List**  
**Pray for the Sick**

Please Pray for the Sick in our parish, especially Pat Borowicz, Rose Lubek, Roland Jacques, Manuela Garcia, Santiago Espinosa, Soledad Ceballos, Fred Law, Sgt. Michael Lambert, Maria Luisa Flores, Capt. Rob Ylledes, Irma Lagunas, B. J. Malott, USMC Sgt. Major Payne, Olga Natera, Janet McCubbin, Kent F. Parks, Jr., Eduardo Chapa, Mary Meshbane, Brenda Reese, Sonia Garcia, Jesus Medel Castaneda, Socorro Richard Leos, Erika Jimenez, Cambry Cutter, Ana Creamer, David Rivera, Mike Adams, Case Grammer, John Kuhar, & Adrienne Moore.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

For the Period December 13 - December 14, 2008  
*"Your Stewardship is the source of our growth."*

Weekly Tithing Budgeted	\$10,000.00
Weekly Tithing Income Received	\$12,518.71
Over Budget	\$ 2,518.71
Number of Parishioner's Envelopes Used	214
Children's Envelopes	\$ 20.96
Number of Children's Envelopes Used	14
Feast Of Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,486.68
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 3,558.48

*Thank you for your continued generosity & support.*

SCRIPTURE READING FOR THE WEEK OF December 21, 2008			
Sun	Dec 21	Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38	
Mon	Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d Lk 1:46-56	
Tues	Dec 23	1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d Lk 1:46-56	
Wed	Dec 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79	
	Dec 24	Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25	
Thurs	Dec 25	(Midnight) 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14	
	Dec 25	(Dawn) 15 Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20	
	Dec 25	(Day) 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	
Fri	Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17-21 Mt 10:17-22	
Sat	Dec 27	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:2-8	

**SENIORS ACTIVITIES**  
**Golden Hearts**

The Golden Hearts of St. Paul would like to thank Bill Miller, 136 Slaughter & Thundercloud Subs for contributing gift certificates for the Holiday Social. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

There are 18 seats available for the upcoming trip to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan on February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1, 2009. The cost is \$70.00 which includes round trip bus fare & hotel. Payment is due by January 31, 2009. Please make checks payable to Frances Aguillo. Any questions, call Brenda Hester @ 415-4850.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE				
Wednesday	December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm English	7:00 pm Spanish	12:00 Midnight
Thursday	December 25 Christmas Day	10:00 am English		



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 21, 2008**

*May the Peace  
of the  
Holy Family  
be with you  
always.*



**Father Barry, CSC, Father James, CSC  
Deacon John & Marilyn, Deacon Salomon & Maria Eva  
And The Entire St. Paul Parish Staff Wish You and  
Your Families a Blessed and Safe Christmas**



**Marriage Preparation** - Couples planning to marry should contact their priest or deacon at least six months prior to their wedding date in order to begin the marriage preparation process.



**Retired Clergy & Religious Fund**  
Thank you for your generosity and support for the national Retired Clergy and Religious Fund.



**Knights  
Of  
Columbus  
(KOC)**

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnet – The Knights are still selling car magnets at \$3.50 each. You may purchase a magnet for your car or as a nice gift for someone. You may also purchase a magnet from the Gift Shop. Call Carlos Mendoza at 293-7262 or email [emendoza31@sbcglobal.net](mailto:emendoza31@sbcglobal.net).

The KOC Free Throw Championship is open to all boys & girls in the community, ages 10-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1. This year's local event will be held Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Bedichek Middle School Gym. For more information, call Kevin Russell @ 573-3820 or email [jkross@austin.rr.com](mailto:jkross@austin.rr.com).

**Parish Staff Christmas Schedule**

<i>Dec 24 - Offices Closed</i>	<i>Dec 29 - Offices Open</i>
<i>Dec 25 - Offices Closed</i>	<i>Dec 30 - Offices Open</i>
<i>Dec 26 - Offices Closed</i>	<i>Dec 31 - Offices Closed</i>
<i>Dec 27 - Offices Closed</i>	<i>Jan 1 - Offices Closed</i>
<i>Dec 28 - Offices Closed</i>	<i>Jan 2 - Offices Open</i>

**OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Liturgical Conference will be held January 14-17 in Denver, Colorado. This year's theme is "Pinnacle, Pulpit and Pew." For workshop information and other details, visit [www.swlc.org](http://www.swlc.org) or contact the diocesan Worship Office at [Yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org](mailto:Yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org).

Single, Catholic men (ages 18 & older) interested in discerning their vocation in life are invited to informal monthly dinners with others who are considering the possibility of the seminary & the priesthood. Each evening will include dinner, prayer & a discussion of aspects of discernment and priesthood. The next meeting will be held January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Borromeo House@ 905 Duncan Lane in Austin. For more information, contact Father Mike Sis at [fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org](mailto:fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org) or (512) 697-2405.

January 7 – 11, 2009 – Seminary Sprint is a discernment road trip to visit seminaries and religious communities. It is for college-age Catholic men open to discerning God's call in their lives. Registration is \$100.00 and is required. The cost is \$100.00, but any donation is acceptable. Contact Fr. Mike Sis @ [fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org](mailto:fr-mike-sis@austindiocese.org) or call (512) 949-2405.

**Men in Prison** - There are 7 million men in Texas. There are 850,000 in jail, prison, on parole, on probation or released on bond in Texas. That is about 1:8! Do we have a problem? Do you want to help a person change his lifestyle? Prison ministry is a ministry of presence, taking the time to be there. - *Deacon Doots DuFour, Austin* (512) 651-6108, Director of Jail & Prison Ministries.

*"This is my commandment; love one another as I love you. Whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

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**Children's  
Choir**

Religious Education  
Ana Jakoskie, Director  
St. Paul will have a Children's Choir at the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. It is open to all children from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested in being a part of this choir, please be at the church at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve for practice prior to the Mass. Come join in on the fun.



Religious Education

No Religious Education Classes from December 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume normal class times on January 5, 2009.  
*May everyone have  
A very Blessed Christmas.*



**Month of  
December**

**The Holy Father's Intentions**  
•For those who find the holiday season difficult, especially the depressed and unemployed, that they will have, hope...  
•Por aquellas personas que reciban las fiestas con dificultades, especialmente los deprimidos y desempleados, para que tengan esperanza.....  
*Bishop Gregory Aymond*

**CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY**

Debbi Saunders Email: [dsaunders2002@aol.com](mailto:dsaunders2002@aol.com)

**Protecting God's Children Workshop** -- The Diocese of Austin is committed to Ethics & Integrity in Ministry. To protect our children and volunteers, we ask all who serve our children and vulnerable adults, to attend a workshop, complete an application and go through a criminal background check. Thank you for your ministry here at St. Paul.

The nearest "Protecting God's Children" Workshops currently scheduled and open to the public are:

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 9:00 am - Noon  
Emmaus Parish, Lakeway

Monday, January 19, 2009, 6:30 – 9:30 pm  
St. Thomas More Parish, Austin