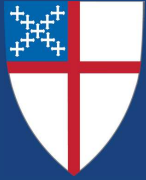


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St. Paul's Episcopal Church Newsletter

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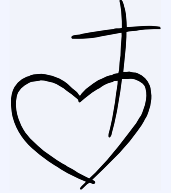
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MOTHER MONICA'S *Message*



For All the Saints Who Keep On Going!

This Sunday we celebrate All Saints Day. In decades past, this feast day was part of a two day celebration: an All Saints Day in which we remembered and honored those past heroes of the Church who had been specifically named and set apart as "Saints" by the Church's leadership and process. Then, on the day after, we celebrated All Soul's Day-- which was the day set apart for praying for all friends, family members and others in our communities who have gone before us.

In the modern church calendar, most congregations have 'conflated' these two days into one-- and we celebrate all who have gone before us at one time on the Feast of All Saints. In many ways, this newer approach seems to be better suited to our recognition that there are many 'heroes' of faith and practice who remain unnamed and unknown except by those whose lives they touched. Celebrating all the saints of the Church-- those who have been granted the lofty title and those who worked tirelessly but were never recognized-- is in keeping with what 'saintliness' is all about. "Saint" means holy, set apart for God's purpose and in our baptism every new Christian is named as both saint and sinner. In Ephesians 1, St Paul confirms it: he expressed love toward all the saints in the present tense and the "hope to which he has called you/us." That hope is not escapist; it is vocation. It looks like naming everyday saints—Barbara organizing potlucks, Sally stocking the food bank, Tom repairing a neighbor's porch—and ringing bells for those who've died while also blessing those who live into the calling of Jesus now. The communion of saints—past, present, and future—frames worship as a shared table where we all gather.

All Saints calls us to speak of death without denial and to live resurrection without delay: to grieve with hope, to love enemies with action, and to bless our communities with tangible mercy. That is how saints—living and dead—teach us to risk, to rejoice, and to keep going.

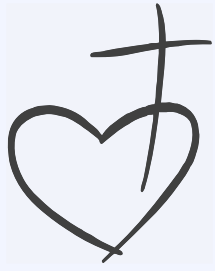
See you Sunday!

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Outreach Collections for November will raise funds for our Food Ministries... a big THANK YOU to all who donated during the past few weeks for the benefit of Razom, Ukraine. Thanks to your generosity, St Paul's will be sending \$1200.00 to benefit the soldiers on the front lines as well as the families struggling to survive on the home front of this tragic war.

THIS Month we will be collecting funds to support all of the food ministries of St Paul's Church: Sandwiches in the Park, Food to Go and Grow, and our Blessing Box. The need to support neighbors who face an empty table is greater than ever. Please help in any way you can.



**Tell Out
My Soul**

God's story began at Creation, found its fullness in Christ, and continues through us—here at St. Paul's. Each of us carries a story of faith, love, and hope that strengthens our shared life together.

Our annual Stewardship Campaign has begun and will run through Sunday Nov 16. During this time we ask you to reflect on how your gifts can be used to connect with God, one another, and our wider community. This year's theme—"Tell Out My Soul"—celebrates how our lives and gifts become part of God's ongoing work in the world.

Please consider your pledge for this year and give as generously as you can. You will be receiving your pledge card in the mail or you can pick one up at church. **Please return it by Sunday, November 16** - mail it, place it in the offering plate, or give it to Jen.

IMPORTANT!



Saint Paul's to Reorient Fundraising Efforts:

After thoughtful discussion and discernment, your ministry and fundraising leaders have decided to combine our four annual fundraisers into two larger events: a Spring Plant Sale/Baking Extravaganza in early May and the annual Holiday Bazaar in November. It is hoped that this will give the fundraisers even better visibility and also be a good use of volunteer resources. **The 2026 Event Dates will be: Spring Extravaganza on Saturday May 2, 2026 and the Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday Nov 21, 2026.**

Women's AA Group Meeting at St. Paul's

As an FYI, a Women's Alcoholics Anonymous group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. in St. Paul's Guild Hall. This is a wonderful, supportive group led by caring and experienced sponsors. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, you are welcome to join at any time—no registration or prior notice is needed. All are welcome.

St. Paul's Event Calendar

Date & Time	Details	Contact
Nov 2 	Clocks Turn Back 1 hour - DST ends	--
Nov 2	Bazaar Meeting during Coffee Hour	Vicki Wright/Juliet Slavens
Nov 9 at 9:50 a.m.	Youth Formation Sunday in Youth Room	Vicki Wright/Jean Kalivoda
Nov 9 	Fill the Box Sunday - Bring Blessing Box Items	Mother Monica
Nov 16-21	Bazaar Set-Up	Vicki Wright/Juliet Slavens
Nov 16 at 6 p.m.	Vestry Meeting via Zoom	Mother Monica
Nov 22 at 9 - 3 Nov 23 at 11 - 1 	Holiday Bazaar Fundraiser 	Vicki Wright/Juliet Slavens
Nov 23 at 4 p.m.	Thanksgiving Community Service at Marquardt Chapel	Mother Monica
Dec 3 at 9:45 a.m.	Mary's Room Diaper Delivery	Ellen Klaus
Dec 4, 11, 18 at 5 p.m.	Advent Study Series: Home by Another Way	Georgia Irre/John Fritz
Dec 7	Viewing of The Chosen: Christmas Story	Mother Monica / Georgia Irre
Dec 9 at 7:30 p.m.	Euterpe Concert	Jen Devers
Dec 14 at 9:50 a.m.	Youth Formation Sunday in the Youth Room	Vicki Wright/Jean Kalivoda
Dec 14 	Fill the Box Sunday - Bring Blessing Box Items	Mother Monica
Dec 16 at 6 p.m.	Vestry Meeting & Potluck Dinner	Mother Monica/Jen Devers
Dec 24 Dec 25	Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.	Mother Monica

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

November

**Happy
Anniversary!**

Georgia Irre Sloan Ferry
Jennie Phelps Vicki Wright Dan Devers
Brent Ferry Sierra Phelps Cindy Krueger

The Main's

St. Paul's Youth

Youth Sunday School Formation

Mark your calendars! Youth Sunday School will meet on **Sunday, November 9th at 9:50 a.m.** in the Youth Room downstairs.

Whether you're been a regular or joining us for the first time, **all youth are welcome!** We can't wait to see you there!



Men's Group - Join Us This Month!

The Men's Group continues to meet on the **fourth Tuesday of each month**, offering a great opportunity for fellowship, conversation, and connection with other men in the church community.

Richard Wackett serves as our coordinator. If you're interested in hosting an upcoming gathering or would like to plan an outing or activity, please don't hesitate to reach out to Richard—new ideas and volunteers are always appreciated!

All men are invited and encouraged to attend. Come as you are and be part of this meaningful ministry!

MEN'S

Group

Ladies' Fellowship Gathering

Thank you to Juliet Slavens for hosting a wonderful Fall gathering at home last month. It was a wonderful time just catching up with one another and enjoying wonderful food, especially the cheese.

With the Holidays, we will take a break for November and December. **We will resume in January.** If you would like to host or have an activity for a ladies fellowship gathering, please speak with Jen Devers.

Ladies Fellowship
at St. Paul's

Coming Soon!

Saturday Jan 10: Diocesan Fellowship and Formation Day

Join Bishop Gunter and various Diocesan leaders in exploring what it means to be a "Disciple" and how we can deepen our teachings and understandings of our faith. This event will be held in the Madison area. More details to follow

Help us spread the word! Please **print out the Holiday Bazaar flyer** included in this newsletter to post around town or share with a friend. And don't forget to check out the event on our **Facebook page: @StPaulsEpiscopalChurchWatertownWI** — share it online to help us reach even more neighbors!



St Paul's
Episcopal
Church

15th Year

Old Fashioned Church HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**S. 3rd St. & Spring St.
Watertown**

NOV 22 9-3
NOV 23 11-1

**NO ADMISSION
CHARGE**

- Jams & Preserves – Perfect for Gifting
- Norwegian Treats – A Taste of Tradition
- Handcrafted Holiday Treasures
- Beautifully Sewn Creations
- Fresh Holiday Greenery
- Homemade Bakery Delights

Our Holiday Bazaar is the perfect place to find unique gifts for everyone on your list

All items made & donated from members & friends for the benefit of St. Paul's & its ministries.

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Accepting Cash,
Checks, Venmo,
& Credit Cards

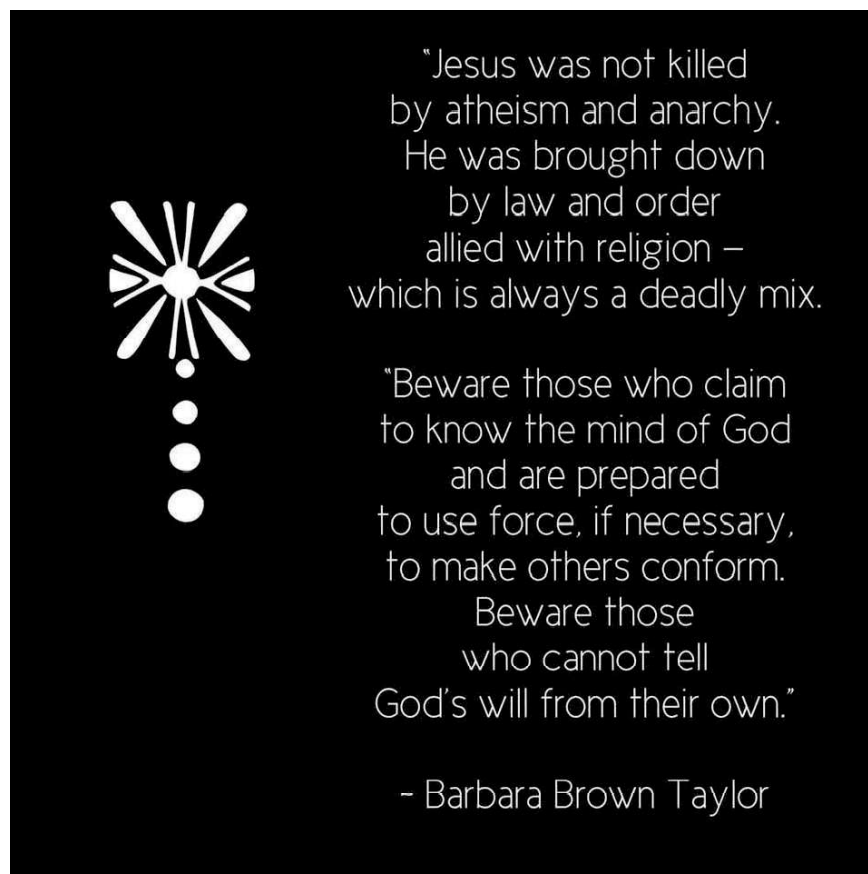
Advent Study Series Starts Dec 4

Join your friends at St. Paul's this Advent season for a meaningful time of reflection and fellowship. **Our Advent Study Series will be based on Home by Another Way, a collection of meditations by the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor.** Together, we'll explore Taylor's inspiring stories that draw us deeper into the wonder of the Advent season and the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

Session Dates:

- Thursdays at **5:00 p.m.** — December **4, 11, and 18**
- A **special fourth session** will feature a showing of *The Christmas Story* from **The Chosen** on **Sunday, December 7**, following the worship service.

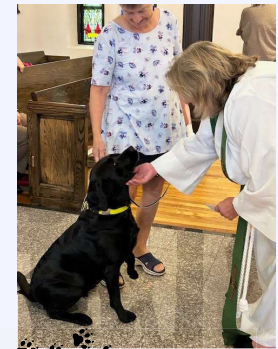
Copies of *Home by Another Way* will be available for purchase at the church, or you may order one through Amazon. Come prepare your heart for Christmas with thoughtful conversation, friendship, and faith.



DOK (Daughters of the King) is starting a training class. We have one trainee so far. Are you *being called to journey of personal spiritual growth*? If so, please let us know. I am beefing up the training program of former years and enriching it to be a training that prepares you for an intentional spiritual life in prayer, service, and evangelism - the premises of DOK. **Interesting? Please call Georgia Irre 920-261-2128 and leave a message.**



Juliet's Pie Making Class:
What a wonderful turnout for Juliet's Pie Making Class! Everyone enjoyed learning her delicious techniques and tips just in time for the holiday season. A big thank-you to Juliet for sharing her time, talent, and tasty recipes with us!



Pet B L E S S I N G S



A Joyful Welcome at the Font



BLESSING BOX

Blessing Box Helping Many Neighbors

Our Blessing Box has gotten off to a roaring start. We find that the need in our immediate neighborhood is significant and likely to grow. Please continue to bring non-perishable food items and small toiletries to church. We have a special ingathering on the 2nd Sunday of every month for items. With winter coming, please see the changes to our shopping. No canned goods or liquids until the weather warms again in spring.

GROCERY LIST

While you're at the grocery store, please consider picking up one or two items from this list to help stock our Blessing Box.

- Tea Bags and Coffee
- Tuna and crackers make a good lunch
- Cake mix and frosting
- Spices or salt and pepper
- Stove Top Stuffing
- Hand & Feet Warmers
- Tooth brushes & Tooth paste
- Feminine hygiene products



OUTREACH NEWS

A donation basket is at the back of the church for any donation drop offs. Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate.

Thank You, Volunteers!

A big thank-you to everyone who came out on October 18th to help sort, clean, and organize at Mary's Room! Your time and teamwork made a huge difference as we prepared winter items for families in need.

The space looks wonderful, and everything is ready for the colder months ahead. We're planning to make this a quarterly volunteer event, so stay tuned for the next Saturday date—many hands make light (and joyful!) work!

Mary's Room

Diaper Delivery  **Nov 5th at 9:45a**





Have a shout-out for a person
or group at St. Paul's?
Email Jen at
saint413paul@gmail.com

To Melissa Lampe, Jen Devers, Mary Flint, Mother Monica, Steve Brist, David Dow, Amy Hartwig, Nathan, Callie Rogalski, Gretta & William Main: Thank you to all who helped sort clothes, vacuum and move boxes for Mary's Room. From Ellen

To Jen Devers: Jen is AMAZING!!! I just don't know how she does it all, but she does! Thank you! YOU'RE the greatest! From Cindy Krueger

To Jean, Julie, Richard and Peter: Thank you for your work on the yard of St. Paul's trimming and preparing the flower beds for spring. From Vicki

To Julie McIntosh: Thank you Julie for sharing your Master Gardener knowledge with us and giving the outside of our church more "Curb Appeal". From Fran

To Julie, Jean, Richard, and Peter: Thank you Julie, Jean, Richard and Peter for doing the heavy lifting in getting the stones moved and bushes trimmed in readiness for the outdoor updates. From Fran

To St. Paul's Choir: Once again a big shout out to our fantastic choir. From Susie

To Ellen Klaus: Thank you for organizing the wonderful Mary's Room Saturday sorting and organizing day. It was great to see everything come together and everyone working together while having a good time.

To Fran Vandre: Thank you for always being willing to assist me - camera operating, folding and stapling, envelope stuffing, etc. From Jen

To Juliet Slavens: Thank you for hosting a wonderful Ladies' event. It was so nice to just sit and chat.

To Everyone who attended the Fundraiser and Outreach Meetings: It is amazing what we can accomplish when we put our minds together. It was productive and informative. I love how we can work together all for the benefit of St. Paul's and its ministries.

Garden Beds Get a New Look:

Thanks to a gift from three of our parish family members, our garden beds near the bell tower and the edging of the church front walk are sporting a new look. The bell tower garden is getting a face lift as well this Fall and next Spring. Thank you to Julie McIntosh and Jean Kalivoda for supervising this project.

