



Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Adopt a Family outreach program. As you can see from the picture, everyone was more than generous in giving their time and treasure to ensure a wonderful Christmas for this family of 6. Each member of the family has 6 or more gifts to open on Christmas morning! In addition, using money from the Vitality Grant funds, we purchased a \$100 gift card to Walmart for the family's Christmas dinner.

Deb and I delivered four overflowing boxes to Youth and Family Center (YFC) this week. The director of YFC was overwhelmed by the generosity of St. Paul's and asked that we extend their gratitude to our parish. We spent some time at their facility learning about their work in the McHenry County community - very impressive! We exchanged contact information and have expressed a desire to work on future projects with them in 2023. We have some handouts explaining their mission and services that they provide, which we will make available at coffee hour this Sunday.

Thank you again to everyone who shopped, who donated, and who wrapped! This is truly what Christmas is all about, and I couldn't be prouder to be a member of St. Paul's and call all of you friends.

Beth Lukas, Sr. Warden

Community Christmas Carol Sing Along at St. Mary's

On **Saturday, December 17th** St. Mary's, Crystal Lake, will welcome friends and neighbors in from the cold for a Christmas Carol Sing Along with Voices in Harmony. Bring some friends and drop by St. Mary's Great Hall anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 pm for hot cocoa, cookies, and a photo op with Santa!

The Community Christmas Carol Sing Along is being hosted by St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Raue Center School for the Arts. All are Welcome!

Advent / Christmas events at FUMC

Cantata - December 18 at 9:00 am **Christmas Eve Service** – 4:00 pm **Christmas Day Service** – 9:00 am

Advent / Christmas events at St. Ann's & St. Mary's

Lessons and Carols – St. Ann's, December 11, 5:00 pm Community Carol Sing Along - St. Mary's, December 17, 1-3:00 pm Christmas Eve - St. Ann's Woodstock – 4:00 pm Christmas Eve - St. Mary's Crystal Lake – 6:00 pm Christmas Day - St. Ann's Woodstock – 10:30 am



Lifeline Screening Event Saturday, January 17, 2023

On January 17, Lifeline will be coming to church for a heath screening event. St. Paul's has hosted these events in the past, and it is an opportunity to screen for risk factors without going to the doctor's office.

These screenings offer the opportunity to discover the risk for chronic diseases such as atherosclerosis, peripheral arterial disease, or other vascular conditions and are conducted by highly trained sonographers using the same sophisticated ultrasound equipment employed by major hospitals. Results are reviewed and sent to participants to share with their personal physician. More information can be found at <u>lifelinescreening.com</u>.

The cost for 4 different screenings is \$149. Be sure to pick up a flyer here at church. To register and receive a special discount, you may call 800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC to register. Questions? Call the church office.

<u>2022 Pledges</u>

The end of the year is approaching, and this is a gentle reminder that you may wish to catch up on your remaining balance before the end of the month for tax purposes.

Pledge envelopes for 2023 will be available soon for pickup at church.

Sunday Servants for December 11

Reader/Usher - Jeff Zabor Intercessor - Terry Jaworski Vestry Person of the Day - Jeff Zabor

On St. Paul's Calendar

Sunday, December 11 - Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 18 - Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day - Zoom Morning Prayer Service, 10:30 am Link will be same as Sunday's.

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of December 11 - December 17

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing prayers: Yasmin, Kay, and Jerry

Current prayers: Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Arne, Jimmy, Diane, Julie, Bridget, and Cindy
For those celebrating birthdays: Lisa Strandberg (Dec. 12)
For those celebrating anniversaries: Doris & Peter Gaic (Dec. 14)
For our MCC scholarship recipients: Ashley, Ciara, Julia, Yaksi, and Gavin



"Yes, Mabel, it is very festive... But Advent wreaths are only supposed to have four candles!"

Cartoon by the Rev. Bill McLemore

Questions or concerns? Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

In need of pastoral care? Please contact Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts: shanleyroberts@gmail.com or Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

> **Office Hours** Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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