St. Paul’s Jubilee Year is Special to Our Parish

This is the bi-millennium jubilee year of the birth of St. Paul and St. Paul the Apostle Church in Richardson, Texas is celebrating with special events in a year-long program entitled “Our journey with St. Paul.”

The journey began with a special Mass on St. Paul’s feast day in June, featuring Msgr. Milam Joseph. The Liturgy Commission, led by Deacon Carl Thelin and Virginia Cardenas, has also planned special Masses, prayer times and more.

So why would we want to celebrate Paul, anyway? What kind of a difference did he really make?
It was in Acts we first hear about Paul. On the road to Damascus he experienced a vision of the resurrected Jesus and it moved him to convert from his Jewish faith to Christianity.

Deacon Carl explains, “St. Paul was so remarkable because he was a very educated, influential and ardent Jew who, upon a personal encounter with the risen Christ, suddenly became one of the most passionate supporters of Christ. Because of his zeal to spread the gospel of Jesus, the Christ, and an ability to communicate very well, Paul had a tremendous influence on how Christianity spread.”

Paul embraced his mission to go and preach, first to Antioch and Asia Minor (now Turkey), and later to Greece and Rome. Along his journey, Paul was persecuted, imprisoned and eventually beheaded for his claims that Jesus is the Son of God that salvation is for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike.

St. Paul:
- Wrote 14 epistles in the New Testament, including the first written account of the relationship of the Christian to the Risen Christ — what it is to be a Christian.
- Was a profound religious thinker who has had a strong and lasting influence in the development of Christianity.
- Is the Patron Saint of authors, writers, evangelists, hailstorms, public relations personnel, journalists, publishers, reporters, lay people, missionary bishops, musicians, poisonous snakes, rope makers and braiders, saddle makers, tent makers, against snakes and snake bites.

For the Pauline Year that will last through June 29, 2009, St. Paul is featuring:
- A series of banners in the church;
- Ongoing activities with St. Paul the Apostle School students;
- The opportunity for full indulgence for those who meet requirements throughout the Pauline Year;
- Plus a number of very worthwhile events sponsored by the Liturgy Commission. Please invite your friends and family to join us any events.

### Jubilee Events 2008/2009

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Six Hours to Stronger Faith
Don’t Miss the St. Paul Symposium Oct. 11

Participate in this lively discussion and exchange of ideas! A Continental Breakfast and Light Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Cost to attend is only $20 per person.

9am to 3pm - Saturday, October 11:
Fr. Sean Martin will:
- speak about the early years of St. Paul and his missionary activities
- lead a session on Paul’s 1st Letter to the Corinthians.

Dean Brian Schmisek will:
- speak on the Letter to the Romans and
- speak on the impact of St. Paul on the Catholic Church.

Please contact the office at St. Paul the Apostle, at 972.235.6105, to register. Seating is limited.

Texas Autumn Dinner & Dance
With Flashback

St. Paul parishioners enjoyed another special dinner and dance in September. Great live music was provided by Flashback, featuring our very own Tony Pirro on the drums! Thank you to all who participated, especially to Bernie Gotway and all the volunteers who made it possible.
We’re Putting the Joy Back in Christmas!

Top 10 reasons to join us for St. Paul the Apostle’s biggest event yet, an all-day Christmas Fest December 6, 2008:

10. Have Breakfast with Santa for the Kids!

9. Pick up your pre-ordered Christmas tree (cut fresh in East Texas!) at the Parish Center.

8. Pick up your pre-ordered poinsettia plants at the Parish Center (Spend more than $100—we’ll deliver them to your location!)

7. Donate a Christmas tree to a needy family

6. Donate food to NETWORK

5. Sing Christmas Carols and have some hot chocolate and cookies

4. Enjoy a wonderful Christmas dinner with St. Paul parishioners.

3. See if you win one of these fantastic raffle prizes!

   1st prize: $2,500 Target Gift Card

   2nd prize: $1,500 Macy’s Gift Card

   3rd prize: $1,000 Gasoline Card

   If you sell a ticket that is drawn, you win $100!

   The organization that sells the most tickets wins $300!

2. Take advantage of this fun way to be a good steward of your time, talent and treasure as God intends.

   1. Keep Christ at the center of your Christmas preparations.

   You can cross off several items from your list alongside people who share the desire to keep Christ central this Christmas Season.

   We hope you will join us for December 6th for the St. Paul Christmas Fest!
St. Paul Youth Ministries

Highlights:

For the first time ever, St. Paul Parish hosted Mission Possible! because we had the coolest new facility (& Youth Center in it)! & then SPY was on Channel 4 news, DNN Neighborsgo & Texas Catholic!

For the first time ever, St. Paul had reps at the annually held Youth Leader at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House.

SPY Walks the Walk

St. Paul Youth (SPY) not only talk the talk, but also walk the walk." This past summer, about 115 of our kids completed 3,000 hours of SERVICE!

Frances Uhrik, St. Paul Youth Director, explained that the most exciting part was that "The kids truly answered Jesus' call to be good disciples & spread the "Good News" all through the work they did.

SPY also:

Planned & hosted Fun Day for children, 6 and under.

Planned, prepared lunch and provided entertainment for the Senior Citizen’s Luncheon & Show in the new Parish Center.

Played Softball & Soccer! We’re very happy we could include St. Monica in our teams.

After all that, we were glad to go to Adventure Landing & Hawaiian Falls to "chillax."

Thank you all who have & continue supporting SPY every step of the way! Frances added, “Let's keep it going for His Glory!”

GET INVOLVED!
HERE’S HOW:

High School Meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 7pm at the Youth Center.

Youth Leaders 2008 held at Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House was a blast!

Please call Frances Uhrik at 972 235-2598

or e-mail spym@saintpaulchurch.org for the latest on SPY.
Stewardship Spotlight: Jim Massey

Jim Danek has called Jim Massey his friend for many years. Becoming fourth-degree Knights together has allowed them to share countless special memories. "In almost every one of those memories, I can picture Jim jumping in to volunteer help wherever he could," he explained.

Bob Seegmiller, who is a fellow Knight, calls Jim "Mr. Everything." He explains, "I've never heard Jim say no, and I've always wondered how he does everything he does!" Bob went on to say Jim is one of the best representatives for the Knights and the Parish and he sets a great example of stewardship and leadership abilities. "When I followed him as Grand Knight, Jim knew just when to step in and when to take a back seat." Bob explained, in other words, Jim's always there when you really need him, but he usually gives you enough guidance to go on your own! "We are fortunate to have Jim at St. Paul's... I feel blessed to know him."

Friend and fellow Knight Jerry Dreher explained that besides his roles in SPOC, the Richardson Planning Commission, and the Knights, Jim became very involved with Special Olympics. As usual, once he got started he became very committed. In fact, before he knew it, Jim was invited to be involved at the state level, and he served that role, and then the Special Olympics Diocesan Coordinator role, for many years."

Bill Eldridge, who often works alongside Jim said, "Jim was named person of the year by the Greater Dallas Association not too many years ago... and I know he's been very active as a voting official, helping elderly with their taxes, and in the association of petroleum engineers - all while he has been doing so much for St. Paul the Apostle. He's truly remarkable."

In addition to all that, Jim has helped a number of people in the parish to get through medical treatments, driving them to doctor appointments or treatments. And it's not because there is a lack of tough times in his own life. Jim has journeyed through a couple of rounds of cancer. These days, he dedicates much of his time to his lovely wife Alice who is facing some very tough health issues. While Jim has taken on all he has through the years, Alice became best known for the wonderful Catholic Daughter teas she would host as well as her participation in the Richardson's Women's Club. We are blessed to have Jim and his wife Alice as members of St. Paul the Apostle community for nearly twenty years.

Jim, we appreciate all you do for St. Paul.
You are an outstanding example of a Christian who uses his God-given talent in a way that inspires our community!

If you would like to recognize someone who you think does a great deal for St. Paul Parish, please send it to jane@koenecke.us or put it in the newsletter box in the narthex. Thank you!
Turn the Hurt into Healing

If you or someone you know is hurting from the pain of separation and divorce, read on. St. Paul the Apostle will feature a 13-series seminar called DivorceCare that is life-changing. Led by Parishioner Anna Redding who knows the pain of divorce, the seminar will help participants heal and rebuild their lives. Participants can begin attending the DivorceCare group on any week because each session is “self-contained.”

DivorceCare
6:30 - 8:30 pm - Mondays
Oct. 13, 2008 - Feb. 16 2009
St. Paul Parish Center, Room 3
Registration $20 (scholarships available)
Call 214-926-3444 for more information.

Kids Love “Parents Day Out”

Life with the 2 and 3-year-olds at Parents Day Out is so much fun! If you would like more information, please contact Pattie Kluck at 972-286-4664.

Upcoming Youth Events:
October 19-
High School Costume Night
October 26 -
World Youth Day - Six Flags

Ideas for the Newsletter?
Please send them to
jane@koenecke.us or call
972.669.9346. Thank you!

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