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# St. Paul The Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## Mass for The Sabbath

Saturday 6:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM  
Daily Service:  
As scheduled in Bulletin

The Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
January 25, 2026

## **Our Mission**

We are a Eucharistic community dedicated to making disciples of Jesus who love God wholeheartedly and others compassionately, serving the world selflessly, and boldly evangelizing Christ's Good News.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday after 6:30 PM Mass  
Other times by appointment.

### **Low gluten**

Those suffering from an intolerance to gluten are advised that St. Paul's keeps Low Gluten Hosts on hand for those who need them. Simply check in with an usher to arrange for one.

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man or woman of faith you chose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. We suggest calling the church office during your pregnancy so that a more thorough preparation may take place. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism. Baptisms will normally take place at a parish weekend Mass. Date and time will be scheduled by the pastor.

### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

For adequate preparation, arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.

### **Sacrament of Anointing**

Please let the parish office know if someone is seriously ill. If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass, we would be glad to help arrange transportation.

### **Membership in our Catholic Community**

New members are warmly welcomed and may register by calling the parish office or online. If you move out of the area or change your address, please notify the parish office.

### **Pastor**

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TBD

### **St. Paul's Sainly Sweepers Sacristan**

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### **Hospitality Team**

Call 607-637-2571

### **Walking with Moms in Need**

Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 St. Francis de Sales**

6:00 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Zachary Possemato  
by Nick & Maria Possemato  
Mario Tarantino  
Paul & Sharon Gordon

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Deceased Members  
of St. Paul's Parish

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 26 St. Timothy**

9:00 A.M. Rosary

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 St. Angela Merici**

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Miraculous Medal Novena

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 St. Thomas Aquinas**

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

9:00 A.M. Rosary

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 St. John Bosco**

6:00 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Deceased Members  
of St. Paul's Parish

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Kailer Lucille White  
by Pat O'Brien & Family  
Pere Baljak  
by Vjekoslav & Katica Brkaric  
Dale Stesko  
by Cindy Gill & Family



### **LECTORS for Jan 31/Feb 1**

6:30 P.M. M. Hunt

8:00 A.M. P. Esolen

### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for Jan 31/Feb 1**

6:30 P.M. (Host) J. David

6:30 P.M. (Cup) K. Caramore

8:00 A.M. (Host) J. Salvestrini

8:00 A.M. (Cup) K. White

### **ALTAR SERVERS for Jan 31/Feb 1**

6:30 P.M. K. Cutler

8:00 A.M. O. Esolen, X. Esolen

## TAKE NOTE

**Saint Francis de Sales' Story** - Saint Francis de Sales was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Saint Francis de Sales set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success. At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar." Besides his two well-known books, the Introduction to the Devout Life and A Treatise on the Love of God, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in The Introduction to the Devout Life: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world." In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

**Reflection** - Saint Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, February 5 at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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**St. Paul's Cancellation Policy:** When the Hancock Central School District is closed or on a 2 hour delay due to weather, whatever is scheduled that morning will also be canceled. This information will be posted at least one hour before the scheduled time, on the home page of our website, St. Paul's Facebook Page, as well as an e-mail. For a weekend Mass cancellation the notification procedure will be the same. Is your e-mail address on file at St. Paul's? If not, call the office at 607-637-2571.

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**Catholic Trivia** - Test your knowledge of the faith! Each week, two Catholic trivia questions will be posted here in the bulletin. Come back next week to check your answers and see how well you did. Have fun learning and growing in faith!

1. What are devils?
2. If someone's body is still preserved years after death, what are they known as?

**ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:**

1. *Can someone after they die become an angel? If not, can they become a Saint?*

- A.) No
- B.) Yes

2. *What are angels?*

**An angel is a pure spirit created by God, employed by God as the minister of his will (messengers).**

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**YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:**

I Believe in God the Father.

34) What should you do once you have come to know God? **Once you have come to know God, you must put him in the first place in your life. And with that a new life begins. You should be able to recognize Christians by the fact that they love even their enemies.** After all, to know God means to know that he who created and willed me, who looks at me every moment with love, who blesses and upholds my life, who has the world and the people I love in his hand, who waits longingly for me, who wishes to fulfill and perfect me and to make me dwell forever with him - is there. To nod with your head at this is not enough. Christians must adopt Jesus' way of life.

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**This week's spotlight for the businesses that support St. Paul's by advertising in the bulletin**

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**MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

Week of 2/1 Rice and Chicken Mix

Week of 2/8 Pancake Mix and syrup

Coffee, Tea and Sugar are welcomed anytime. Please drop off items at the church doors. Thank you for your generosity.

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**Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for January:** *For prayer with the Word of God.* Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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Our **Walking with Moms in Need** ministry could use newborn baby diapers and wipes. Please place items in the collection bin at the front of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

**STEWARDSHIP**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING January 17/18**

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	16
Loose cash and checks.....	\$229.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$890.00
Total.....	\$1,119.00

**Additional Offerings**

Votive.....	\$51.00
Evangelist.....	\$5.00
Utilities.....	\$30.00

**Attendance January 17/18**

Saturday: 6:30 PM .....	35
Sunday: 8:00 AM .....	23
Total.....	58

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Monday, January 26**

(Office Closed)

**Wednesday, January 28**

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory  
6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

**Friday, January 30**

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall  
Cleaning Group # 1: M. Hall, L. Ligas

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