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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

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 26, 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.

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Call 607-637-2571

Walking with Moms in Need

Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 25 St. James, Apostle

6:00 P.M. Rosary

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

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:30 A.M. Rosary

8:00 A.M. Bette O'Brien
by Pat O'Brien & Family
Russell & Louise Lee & Bonnie Hall
by Evan & Margaret Hall

MONDAY, JULY 27

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 Sts. Martha, Mary
& Lazarus

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, JULY 30 St. Peter Chrysologus

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

6:00 P.M. Rosary

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

7:30 A.M. Rosary

8:00 A.M. Evan Appley & AJ Satkowski
by Pat O'Brien & Family



LECTORS for August 1/2

6:30 P.M. C. Wray

8:00 A.M. P. Esolen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for August 1/2

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

6:30 P.M. (Cup) M. Hunt

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS for August 1/2

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore

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

TAKE NOTE

Today is the **Peter's Pence Collection**, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, three beloved friends of Jesus who welcomed Him into their home at Bethany. Their lives remind us that holiness is found in both loving service and attentive prayer. Martha teaches us the importance of serving others with generous hearts, while Mary shows us the value of sitting at the feet of Christ and listening to His word. Lazarus, whom Jesus raised from the dead, is a powerful witness to Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life. As we reflect, may we strive to balance the work of our hands with the prayer of our hearts, making time each day to welcome Jesus into our homes and lives. May the example of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus inspire us to serve faithfully, listen attentively, and trust completely in the Lord's life-giving love.

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Red Cross Blood Drive is Monday, August 3, 2026 from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM in the Father Rausch Hall. All are invited.

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Join us as we kick off **St. Paul's Summer Movie Night** on Tuesday, August 4, at 6:30 PM with Episode 1 of "House of David". The showing will take place at the Bridgewater Building (formerly the Hancock Cinemas). Enjoy a free movie, popcorn, and soda as we gather for an evening of entertainment. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family, friends, and neighbors!

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Mission Appeal - Outreach to Haiti - Pope Leo XIV has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer. It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support. Last year, through the Mission Cooperative Program, our Diocese raised \$258,793.28. This year St. Paul's will host the Diocese of Norwich, CT. Outreach for Haiti, August 22 & 23. A second collection will be taken that weekend to support this mission. Please give as you are able, and keep the people of Haiti and all missionaries in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

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 was the split between the Eastern Church and Western Church in 1054 called?
2. What is Mary's promise to anyone who wears a brown Scapular?

ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1. Who were the 4 major prophets?
- 1) Isaiah, 2) Ezekiel, 3) Jeremiah, 4) Daniel
2. Lent has three parts to prepare ourselves for Christ's Resurrection at Easter, what are they as stated in Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18.

1) Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them for then you will have no reward from your father who is in heaven. 2) Thus, when you give alms sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets that they may be praised by man I say to you they have received their reward. 3) But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. 4) So that your alms may be in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5) And when you pray you must not be like the hypocrites for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners that they may be seen by man truly I say to you they have received their reward. 6) But when you pray go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you fast do not look dismal like the hypocrites for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by man. Truly I say to you they have received their reward. But when you fast anoint your head and wash your face. That your fasting may not be seen by man but by your Father who is in secret and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:
I Believe in God the Father.
Man the Creature

60) *Why is Jesus the greatest example in the world?* **Jesus Christ is unique because he shows us not only God's true nature but also the true ideal of man.** Jesus was more than an ideal man. Even seemingly ideal men are sinners. That is why no man can be the measure of humanity. Jesus, however, was without sin. We cannot know what it means to be a man, and what makes man *infinitely loveable* in the truest sense of the word, except in Jesus Christ, who "in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning: (Heb 4:15). Jesus, the Son of God, is the authentic, true man. In him we recognize how God willed man to be.

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for July: *For respect for human life.* Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Week of 7/26 Toilet Tissue

Week of 8/2 Jelly

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

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Walking with Moms in Need - Thank you for your continued generosity and support of mothers and families in need. At this time, we are especially requesting donations of toothbrushes & toothpaste (adult and children), liquid hand/dish soap, kitchen trash bags and cleaning supplies.

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The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, August 13 at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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

Gales Boat Storage 570-616-7951

Smith's Colonial Motel 607-637-2989

Remember to support those that support St. Paul's

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING July 18/19

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	17
Loose cash and checks.....	\$444.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$1,202.00
Total.....	\$1,646.00

Additional Offerings

Votive Candles.....	\$53.00
Donation.....	\$100.00

Attendance July 18/19

Saturday: 6:30 PM.....	35
Sunday: 8:00 AM	41
Total:.....	76

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 27

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, July 29

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

Friday, July 31

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

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