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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

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 15, 2024

Our Mission:

We are a Roman Catholic Christian Community whose mission is :

- ✚ to worship God through the Eucharist, the Holy Scriptures and prayer
- ✚ to proclaim the reconciling love of God in Christ by word, deed and evangelization
- ✚ to mature spiritually through the challenge and guidance of the Holy Spirit
- ✚ to welcome and serve others-even the littlest and the weakest-in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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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Hospitality Team

Call 607-637-2571

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 The Exaltation of
the Holy Cross

6:30 P.M. Sharon English
by Neil & Maureen Hunt
Dona Hubbell Wilcox
by Becky Sander

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 St. Cyprian

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 St. Hildegard of Bingen

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, AUGUST SEPTEMBER 19 St. Januarius

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 St. Paul Chong Ha-sang

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 St. Matthew

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 A.M. Marie Carlton
by Kevin & Charlene Caramore



LECTORS for Sept. 21/22

6:30 P.M. M. Hunt

8:00 A.M. S. Drake

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for Sept. 21/22

6:30 P.M. M. Shaul

8:00 A.M. J. Salvestrini

ALTAR SERVERS for Sept. 21/22

6:30 P.M. K. Cutler

8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

TAKE NOTE

Social Gathering (Hosted by the Men's Group)

Stop by the Fr. Rausch Hall after this Sunday 8 AM Mass. Sister Donald from the Transfiguration Monastery in Windsor will be giving a talk. Come have a cup of coffee and breakfast. All are invited!

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Honor Our Catechists and Teachers: September 15, 2024. The U.S. Bishops have designated this day as Catechetical Sunday to honor all those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church. At St. Paul's Parish, we are so grateful for the dedicated ministry of these persons who have accepted the call to catechize other adults, youth and children in our Faith Formation Processes. We acknowledge, with gratitude: Kristy White, Maureen Hunt, Christina Christensen, Joan Salvestrini, Kevin and Charlene Caramore.

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The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, September 19, at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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Next weekend, the (arch)diocese will take up the National Collection for **The Catholic University of America**. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., With over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Projects, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. For more information visit: collection.catholic.edu.

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A staggering statistic tells us that 70% of Americans do not have a **legal will!** Creating an estate plan is an essential step in ensuring that your assets are distributed according to your wishes and that your loved ones are taken care of, no matter the size of your assets. Thanks to our partnership with **FreeWill** courtesy of The Foundation of the RCDA, we highlight this resource that can help you create a legal will for free! Since 2017, FreeWill has helped over one million people create their estate plans, and you can do the

same today! This partnership has supported our parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities and the Diocese by raising planned gifts for these organizations - but beyond that, it makes an important task more accessible. By creating your will, you'll gain peace of mind knowing that your assets and loved ones are well taken care of, no matter what. I hope this resource helps you as you plan for the future. <https://www.freewill.com/dioceesofalbany>

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It was at Mass during the week that I discovered the genius of Catholicism and the beauty of the Mass. It was at these quiet and intimate daily Mass experiences that this sacred ritual really began to ignite my love for Catholicism. I would follow the opening prayer, the readings, and the closing prayer in my missal, and the words began to probe my heart and ignite the fire in my soul. By some grace, I started to listen to the prayers of the Mass, really listen, and it was like the pieces of a puzzle coming together. It was only then that I began to see the incredible vision God has for our lives, for His Church, and for the world.

Matthew Kelly – 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

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The Generosity Habit - How daily giving can change your life and transform the world by Matthew Kelly.

Part One: 17 perspectives on generosity:

GENEROSITY IS GOOD FOR YOU. There are so many ways generosity is good for you. Over the past 25 years, there have been hundreds of studies into the effects of giving and generosity, and yet, in many ways they seem to simply affirm what we already knew intuitively or from experience. Here are sixteen ways generosity is good for you:

- Generosity improves your physical health.
- It improves your mood.
- Generous people live longer.
- It evokes gratitude and contentment.
- It enhances our awareness of the meaning & purpose of life.
- Generous people have better relationships.
- It makes us happy.
- It transforms the way we feel about ourselves.
- Generous people tend to have more friends.
- It stimulates a more positive outlook on life.
- It has a mysterious way of rewarding you tenfold.
- Generosity leads to higher self-esteem, greater life satisfaction, better mental health, lower blood pressure, decreased stress, and the list literally goes on and on.

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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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Remember to support those that support St. Paul's.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Week of 9/15 Jelly

Week of 9/22 Instant potatoes

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 Francis for September:

For the cry of the Earth. We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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Walking with Moms in Need could use Enfamil Gentlease baby formula. Please leave in the vestibule of the church if you would like to donate. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING September 7/8

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	22
Loose cash and checks.....	\$393.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$1,378.00
Total.....	\$1,771.00

Additional Offerings

Votive candles.....	\$29.00
Books.....	\$11.00
Donation.....	\$150.00

Attendance September 7/8

Saturday: 6:30 PM Church.....	44
Sunday: 8:00 AM Church.....	35
Saturday: Facebook Live.....	1
Sunday: Facebook Live.....	1
Total.....	79

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 16

(Office Closed)

Tuesday, September 17

6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Hall

Wednesday, September 18

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Thursday, September 19

6:00 PM Hospitality Meeting - Hall

7:00 PM Men's Group - DeSerio Ctr.

Friday, September 20

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 2: G. Gotthardt, J. Stevenson


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