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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 Fifth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 8, 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

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Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:30 A.M. Rosary
8:00 A.M. Pere Baljak
by Dinka Vucefic
Jon Anthony Glydon (Living)
by Robert & Peggy Glydon

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 St. Scholastica

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 St. Cyril

6:00 P.M. Rosary

6:30 P.M. Evelyn Hoops
by Paul & Sharon Gordon
Beulah Karcher
by Mim Peters

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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



LECTORS for February 14/15

6:30 P.M. G. Gotthardt

8:00 A.M. K. White

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for February 14/15

6:30 P.M. (Host) K. Cutler

6:30 P.M. (Cup) L. Ligas

8:00 A.M. (Host) S. Drake

8:00 A.M. (Cup) Joan Stevenson

ALTAR SERVERS for February 14/15

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore

8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

TAKE NOTE

This weekend, in celebration of the Feast of **St. Blaise**, Fr. Ben will be offering the Blessing of Throats. All are welcome; participation is optional.

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Take a Rice Bowl This Lent!

Rice Bowls are available at all church entrances. Join Catholics and families across the United States in the CRS Rice Bowl program. A simple way to live out your faith and support those in need. Use your Rice Bowl to pray, fast, and give alms during Lent. Each Rice Bowl comes with a calendar to guide you through 40 days of meaningful reflections, activities, and ways to connect with our global family.

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Ash Wednesday Schedule - February 18, 2026

All are welcome to begin the sacred season of Lent by receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday, a sign of repentance, humility, and renewal. We invite you to take part in this meaningful day as we turn our hearts toward God.

~ 7:00 AM - Distribution of Ashes

~ 11:40 AM - Rosary

~ 12:10 PM - Mass (with distribution of ashes)

Let us begin the Lenten journey together in faith and hope.

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Save the Date: Gather & Feast Community Dinner

Don't cook, take the night off! Come enjoy a free dinner on Thursday, February 19, from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Father Rausch Hall. Hosted by the Hancock Teachers' Association. All are welcome!

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Lenten Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross

St. Paul's will be hosting the **Lenten Soup Suppers** in the Father Rausch Hall every Friday during Lent, from 4:30-6:00 PM. Come enjoy a simple meal and a welcoming space to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts during this sacred season. Following supper, all are invited to gather at St. Paul's Church at 6:30 PM for the **Stations of the Cross**. All are welcome - bring a friend and join us as we walk together through Lent.

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What are the Stations of the Cross? Friday is the day of the week we associate with penance, as it was on a Friday that we commemorate the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. During Lent, it is tradition to pray the 14 Stations of the Cross on Fridays, accompanying Our Lord on his journey to Calvary, where he was crucified. This devotion, also known as the Via Crucis - which is Latin for "Way of the Cross" - can be prayed outdoors, in a

church or at home. It is often accompanied by penitential hymns such as the Stabat Mater, which reflects on the suffering of Mary. This practice helps us meditate on Christ’s suffering for us, while calling to mind the daily suffering of our sisters and brothers. Stations of the Cross at St. Paul’s will be every Friday during Lent starting February 20, at 6:30 PM.

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God of Hope, You journey with us through the desert. You challenge us to become more like Christ. During this **Lenten season**, may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving give us the courage to go forth and share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with you allow us to bring hope to our global family. **Amen**

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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. Who turned Christ into the Romans?
2. The Jews told Christ “We have no king but _____”

ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1. *Was Jesus Christ forced to die?*
No, He gave up his life freely for our salvation and the forgiveness of our sins.

2. *Did Christ have to die for our salvation?*

Yes
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YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:

I Believe in God the Father.
 36) Can we deduce logically that God is triune? **No. The fact that there are three persons (TRINITY) in one God is a mystery. We know only through Jesus Christ that God is Trinitarian.** Men cannot deduce the fact that God is a Trinity by means of their own reason. They acknowledge, however, that this mystery is reasonable when they accept God’s REVELATION in Jesus Christ. If God were alone and solitary, he could not love from all eternity. In the light of Jesus we find already in the OLD TESTAMENT (for example, Gen 1:2; 18:2; 2 Sam 23:2), indeed, even in all of creation, traces of God’s Trinitarian Being.

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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 2/15 Instant Potatoes
 Week of 2/22 Raisin Bran Cereal
 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 February: *For children with incurable diseases.* Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

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Our **Walking with Moms in Need** ministry could use Diapers size 6/7 & Pull-ups size 4/5T. Please place items in the collection bin at the front of the church. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING January 24

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	5
Loose cash and checks.....	\$000.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$269.00
Total.....	\$269.00

SACRIFICIAL GIVING Jan 31/Feb 1

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	25
Loose cash and checks.....	\$474.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$1,378.00
Total.....	\$1,852.00
January Online Giving.....	\$2,476.00

Additional Offerings

Votive.....	\$55.11
Utilities.....	\$100.00
Renovations & Repairs.....	\$100.00

Attendance January 31/February 1

Saturday: 6:30 PM	25
Sunday: 8:00 AM.....	41
Total.....	66

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 9

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, February 11

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

Friday, February 13

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

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

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