

Welcome! We hope to know you and invite you to serve with us.

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

**Easter Sunday
April 5, 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, APRIL 4 Holy Saturday-No Easter Vigil

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 Easter Sunday

7:30 A.M. Rosary

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

MONDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 A.M. Rosary

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

6:00 P.M. Rosary

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 A.M. Rosary

8:00 A.M. James Chaisson
by Kevin & Charlene Caramore



LECTORS for April 11/12

6:30 P.M. G. Gotthardt

8:00 A.M. E. White

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS for April 11/12

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

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

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

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

ALTAR SERVERS for April 11/12

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore

8:00 A.M. S. Nichols

TAKE NOTE

Happy Easter! Whether you are here every week or just once in a while, we are really glad you are here today. Some of you came out of tradition, some because someone invited you, and some of you might not even be sure why you are here. But wherever you are in your faith - or even if you are not sure what you believe, you are welcome here. Easter is about new life. Not just something that happened long ago, but something that can happen in us. It's about hope when things feel heavy, about second chances when we feel stuck, about knowing that no matter how far we have drifted, we are never beyond being welcomed back. If it has been a while since you have been here, you don't have to have everything figured out. You don't have to be perfect. None of us are. Just come back. Come explore. Come be part of this again. Because this isn't just a place for once a year, it is a place for you ALWAYS!

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What We Celebrate at Easter!

At Easter, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ - the victory of life over death, light over darkness, and hope over despair. This is the foundation of our faith and the promise that God's love is stronger than anything we face.

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Easter Prayer

Heavenly Father, in the Resurrection of Your Son, You have given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as Easter people, filled with faith, joy and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Easter Season

Easter is not just one day: The Church celebrates Easter for 50 days, culminating on Pentecost. This joyful season invites us to continue reflecting on the presence of the risen Christ among us.

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Quote from a Saint

"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song."

- St. John Paul II

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Save the date: Join us for a **FREE** Gather & Feast

Community Dinner on Thursday, April 23 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the hall. Whether you come every month or have never joined us before, you are warmly invited to pull up a chair and share a meal. It's always a joy to welcome familiar faces, and we especially love meeting new friends. Come as you are, bring a friend, a neighbor, or your whole family. There is always room at the table, and the more the merrier!

We are grateful to share that the free will offering collected during our Lenten soup suppers totaled \$1,215. These funds will be divided between our almsgiving efforts in **Ghana** and supporting **Faith Formation** within our own parish. In addition, \$400 was collected through the poor box in the church, designated to assist those in need in Ghana. Combined with half of the soup supper collection, a total of \$1,007 will be sent to support our brothers and sisters in Ghana, while the remaining \$608 from the soup supper collection will support Faith Formation in our parish. Thank you all for your generous donations.

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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. Name the 12 original disciples.
2. What disciple turned Christ into the Romans?

ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1. *How could Peter walk on water?*

Jesus ordered him to walk on water.

2. *True or False: Paul was one of the original disciples?*

False.

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YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:

I Believe in God the Father.

43) *Who created the world? God alone, who is beyond time and space, created the world out of nothing and called all things into being. Everything that exists depends on God and continues in being only because God wills it to be.* The creation of the world is, so to speak, a “community project” of the Trinitarian God. The *Father* is the Creator, the Almighty. The *Son* is the meaning and heart of the world: “All things were created through him and for him” (Col 1:16). We find out what the world is good for only when we come to know Christ and understand that the world is heading for a destination: the truth, goodness, and beauty of the Lord. The *Holy Spirit* holds everything together; he is the one “that gives life” (Jn 6:63).

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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

Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for April: *For priests in crisis.* Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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The next **Men’s Group** will be Thursday, April 9 at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr

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Our **Walking with Moms in Need** ministry is currently in need of the following items: diapers (size 6-7), pull-ups (size 4-5), and baby wipes. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to St. Paul’s and note “Walking with Moms in Need” in the memo line. Donated items may be placed in the collection bin at the front of the church. Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket or mailed/dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING March 28/29

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| Number of regular collection envelopes..... | 33 |
| Loose cash and checks..... | \$554.00 |
| Regular envelope collection..... | \$1,425.00 |
| Total..... | \$1,979.00 |
| March Online Giving..... | \$2,401.00 |

Additional Offerings

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| Easter Flowers..... | \$535.00 |
| CRS Rice Bowl..... | \$306.73 |

Attendance March 28/29

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| Saturday: 6:30 PM | 50 |
| Sunday: 8:00 AM | 65 |
| Total:..... | 115 |

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 6

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Thursday, April 9

6:00 PM Hospitality Meeting - Hall

7:00 PM Men’s Group - DeSerio Ctr.

Friday, April 10

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 1: M. Hall, L. Ligas

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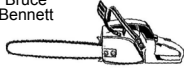
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