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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

**Nineteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
August 9, 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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TBD

## St. Paul's Sainly Sweepers Sacristan

Maureen Hunt 607-637-2571

## Hospitality Team

Call 607-637-2571

## Walking with Moms in Need

Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 St. Dominic

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. John O'Brien  
by Pat O'Brien & Family

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10 St. Lawrence

9:00 A.M. Rosary

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 St. Clare

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

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer  
6:00 P.M. Adoration

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 St. Pontian

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 A.M. Rosary

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:00 P.M. Rosary  
6:30 P.M. Communion Service

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

7:30 A.M. Rosary  
8:00 A.M. Cameron Hall  
by Evan & Margaret Hall



### LECTORS for August 15/16

6:30 P.M. M. Hunt  
8:00 A.M. K. White

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for August 15/16

6:30 P.M. (Host) C. Christensen  
6:30 P.M. No Cup due to Communion Service  
8:00 A.M. (Host) S. Drake  
8:00 A.M. (Cup) Joan Stevenson

### ALTAR SERVERS for August 15/16

6:30 P.M. No Altar Server due to Communion Svc.  
8:00 A.M. J. Stevenson

## TAKE NOTE

Join us for **St. Paul's Summer Movie Night** this Tuesday, August 11, at 6:30 PM with Episode 3&4 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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The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, August 13 at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

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This week we honor **St. Maximilian Kolbe**, a Franciscan priest whose life was a powerful witness to faith, charity, and self-sacrificing love. Deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, he founded the Militia of the Immaculata to help bring souls to Christ through Mary's loving intercession. Even amid the darkness of World War II, he continued to proclaim the Gospel with courage and hope. After being imprisoned in the Auschwitz concentration camp, St. Maximilian offered his own life in place of a husband and father who had been selected to die. His heroic act of love reflected the words of Jesus: "*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). St. Maximilian Kolbe reminds us that true holiness is found in loving God completely and serving others with generous hearts. May his example inspire us to live our faith with courage, to entrust ourselves to the care of the Blessed Mother, and to become instruments of Christ's love in our families, our parish, and our community.

**St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us!**

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**Important Mass Schedule Update for next Saturday, August 15.** Due to Bishop Mark's visitation at Sacred Heart Church in Sidney on Saturday, August 15, Fr. Ben will be unable to celebrate the 6:30 PM Mass at St. Paul's. A Communion Service will be held at 6:30 PM in place of Mass. Participation in this Communion Service **does fulfill your Sunday obligation**. Fr. Ben will be here for the Sunday Mass. Please note that August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, as it falls on a Saturday. Thank you for your understanding, and please keep Bishop Mark and Fr. Ben in your prayers as they gather with the faithful of Sacred Heart Church in Sidney.

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the glorious **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, whom you raised body and soul into heavenly glory. Through her loving intercession, strengthen our faith, deepen our hope, and increase our love for your Son, Jesus Christ. May we follow Mary's humble obedience to your will, so that one day we may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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. Why do we genuflect?
2. Why do we make the sign of the cross upon entering the church (2 reasons)?

### ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1. *What are the two parts of the Mass?*

**1. The Liturgy of the Word (i.e. Mass of the Catechumens) 2. The Liturgy of the Eucharist (i.e. Mass of the Faithful).**

2. *Recite the Nicene Creed.*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

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### YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:

I Believe in God the Father. Man the Creature

62) *What is the soul?* **The soul is what makes every individual person a man: his spiritual life-principle and inmost being. The soul causes the material body to be a living human body. Through his soul, man is a creature who can say "I" and stand before God as an irreplaceable individual. Men are bodily and spiritual creatures. A man's spirit is more than a function of his body and cannot be explained in terms of man's material composition. Reason tells us that there must be a spiritual principle that is united with the body but not identical to it. We call it the "soul". Although the soul's existence cannot be "proved" scientifically, man cannot be understood as a spiritual or intellectual being without accepting this spiritual principle that transcends matter.**

**Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for August:** *For evangelization in the city.* Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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### MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Week of 8/9 Canned potatoes

Week of 8/16 Complete Pancake Mix

Coffee, Tea & 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** - We are currently assisting an expectant mother due September 1. At this time, we are in need of newborn and size 1 diapers, diaper rash cream, floor cleaner, men's & women's deodorant, shampoo for both adults & children. Thank you for your generosity!

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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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## STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING August 1/2

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Number of regular collection envelopes..... | 14         |
| Loose cash and checks.....                  | \$658.00   |
| Regular envelope collection.....            | \$655.00   |
| Total.....                                  | \$1,313.00 |

### Additional Offerings

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Votive Candles.....       | \$40.00  |
| Renovation & Repairs..... | \$135.00 |

### Attendance August 1/2

|                        |    |
|------------------------|----|
| Saturday: 6:30 PM..... | 35 |
| Sunday: 8:00 AM .....  | 54 |
| Total:.....            | 89 |

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, August 10

(Office Closed)

### Tuesday, August 11

6:30 PM St. Paul's Movie Night - Bridgewater Church

### Wednesday, August 12

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

### Thursday, August 13

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

### Friday, August 14

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Cleaning Group # 3: K. White

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