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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-Sixth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 27, 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

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Call 607-637-2571

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Virginia Siegler 845-887-5753

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 St. Comas

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 St. Wenceslaus

9:00 A.M. Rosary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 St. Jerome

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Morning Prayer

6:00 P.M. Adoration

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00 A.M. Rosary/Communion Service

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 A.M. Rosary/First Friday Adoration

4:45 P.M. Evening Prayer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

7:30 A.M. Rosary
8:00 A.M. Regina McVey
by Pat Elliott
Albert & Brian Ellis
by Pat O'Brien Family



LECTORS for October 3/4

6:30 P.M. C. Wray
8:00 A.M. S. MacDonald

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS for October 3/4

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 October 3/4

6:30 P.M. K. Caramore
8:00 A.M. X. Esolen

TAKE NOTE

We are excited to begin our first **Adult Education** Book Talk featuring Dr. Arthur C. Brooks' book, The Meaning of Your Life Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 AM in the hall. Didn't sign up? No worries, come anyway! We have extra copies of the book available for you to use. We look forward to seeing you there!

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The Church honors **Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael as the three Archangels** named in Sacred Scripture. Through their heavenly ministry, they reveal God's power, protection, guidance, and healing.

Saint Michael, whose name means "Who is like God?", Is the great defender of God's people and protector against the forces of evil. We seek his intercession for strength and courage in the spiritual battle and for the grace to remain faithful to God.

Saint Gabriel, whose name means "God is my strength," is the messenger of God. He announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was chosen to become the Mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Gabriel reminds us to listen attentively to God's Word and to respond with humility and faith.

Saint Raphael, whose name means "God heals," is presented in the Book of Tobit as a companion, guide, and instrument of God's healing. He is especially invoked by those seeking healing and by travelers.

May Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael intercede for us and lead us ever closer to God, that we may have the courage to defend our faith, the humility to hear His call, and the trust to place our lives in His loving hands.

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St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (The Little Flower)

reminds us that holiness can be found in the little things we do each day. Through her "Little Way," she taught us to trust completely in God's love and to offer even the smallest acts with a loving heart. Her simple message continues to inspire us: We do not have to do great things, we can do small things with great love. May St. Thérèse teach us to trust God like a child, love Him deeply, and bring His love to others in our everyday lives.

Prayer: Little Flower, St. Thérèse, teach us to trust in God's love and to do little things with great love. Help us to remain humble, to love others as Jesus loves us, and to place our lives completely in God's hands. St. Thérèse, pray for us. Amen.

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Guardian Angel Prayer

"Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

Please join us in front of St. Paul the Apostle Church on **Respect Life Sunday** for a Life Chain as we peacefully stand together in prayer and witness for the dignity and sanctity of every human life. All parishioners are warmly invited to participate. Bring your family and friends as we come together to pray, reflect, and give a visible witness to our respect for life at every stage. Everyone is welcome!

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 is Genesis 3:19? On what day do we hear these words?

2. Describe each day and it's meaning in Holy Week.

ANSWERS FROM LAST WEEK:

1. Who was the first Martyr? Why was he murdered?

Saint Stephen, for citing the passages that were ample evidence out of the mouths of the ancient prophets of God that a Savior would be murdered and the Savior was among them even now in the person of Jesus Christ, the son of God, who is also God Himself. St. Stephen was then stoned to death.

2. Whose tomb was Christ buried in?

Joseph of Aramathia

YOUCAT ~ Chapter One:

I Believe in God the Father. Man the Creature

70) *How does God draw us out of the whirlpool of evil?*

God does not just look on as man gradually destroys himself and the world around him through the chain reaction of sin. He sends us Jesus Christ, the Savior and Redeemer, who snatches us from the power of sin. "No one can help me" - this maxim of human

experience is no longer accurate. Wherever man may have strayed by his sins, God the Father has sent his Son there. The consequence of sin is death (Rom 6:23).

Another consequence of sin, however, is the marvelous solidarity of God, who sends us Jesus as our friend and Savior. Therefore original sin is also called *felix culpa* (= happy fault): "O happy fault... which gained for us so great a Redeemer!" (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).

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Prayer Intention of Pope Leo XIV for October: *For mental health ministry.* Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Walking with Moms in Need - At this time, we are in need of size newborn, 1, 3, 4, & 7 diapers, baby bottles (4 or 8 oz.) floor cleaner, bleach, and laundry detergent. Thank you for your generosity!

Diocesan Appeal Update: Our 2026/2027 assessment is \$7,691. If we have reached our goal any contributions over that, St. Paul's will receive 50% back from the diocese after the appeal closes on June 30.

The next **Men's Group** will be Thursday, October 8, at 7 PM in the DeSerio Ctr.

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING September 19/20

Number of regular collection envelopes.....	13
Loose cash and checks.....	\$389.00
Regular envelope collection.....	\$448.00
Total.....	\$837.00

Additional Offerings

Votive.....	\$40.00
Bulletin Ad.....	\$150.00

Attendance September 19/20

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, September 28

(Office Closed)

Wednesday, September 30

6:00 PM Prayer Group - Rectory

6:00 - 7:00 PM Adoration - Church

Friday, October 2

7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - Hall

Saturday, October 3

5:00 PM H.S. Faith Formation - DeSerio Ctr.

Sunday, October 4

PreK-8th Faith Formation after 8 AM Mass - Hall

1:00 PM Respect Life, Life Chain - Front of Church

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

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