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SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

February 4, 2024 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Masses

Saturday (Anticipated)-4 PM Sunday-8 AM, 10 AM, Noon, 5 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday-6:40 AM Monday - Saturday-8:30 AM Thursday-6:15 PM We livestream Sunday 10 AM, Saturday 4 PM, and

8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpacc.org/livestream.

Mass Times for Holy Days

Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

Rosary

After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church First Saturdays at 7 PM at stpacc.org/onlinerosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Monday - Friday-3 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 5 of this bulletin.

Featured

Mom's Mornings

Are you longing for a bigger community? Would you like to meet more Moms here at St. Paul? Join us on the first Wednesday of each month while school is in session.

Join us upstairs after the 8:30 AM Mass on Feb. 7 for fellowship, a small meal, and to meet more Moms like you! Kids are welcome to come to play. Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like. stpacc.org/momsmornings



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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Worship Hymnal Readings - 1122

Hymns

Entrance - Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty #553 Offertory - How Great Thou Art #578 Communion - Take and Eat (Joncas) 940

Choir Anthem Lyrics may be found in this bulletin.







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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Off. Anthem - I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath, And when my voice is lost in death, Praise shall employ my nobler pow'rs; My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life and thought and being last, Or immortality endures.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; The Lord supports the fainting mind; He helps the stranger in distress, The widow and the fatherless. He sends the lab'ring conscience peace; And grants the pris'ner sweet release.

Happy are they whose hopes rely
On Israel's God, He made the sky
And earth and seas with all their train:
His truth forever stands secure;
He saves th' oppressed, He feeds the poor,
And none shall find His promise vain.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Canticle of Praise - O Salutaris Hostia

O salutaris Hostia, Quae caeli pandis ostium: Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria, Qui vitam sine termino Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, who opens the gate of heaven, Hostile wars press on; give us strength, bear us aid.

To the One and Threefold Lord, may there be eternal glory; Who may give us eternal life in the Fatherland.

SPREAD THE WORD

by supporting our parish offertory

Fill out and return your offertory commitment card today to help us continue to be inspired by Saint Paul and spread the Gospel to the far reaches of our community.



Scan here or visit stpacc.org/fundthe-mission to submit your card online

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to stpacc.org/flocknote or text STPACC to the number 84576.



The passing of Mrs. Mary Ann Olvera, Mother of Fr. Olvera: We learned last week that Mrs. Mary Ann Olvera, Fr. Olvera's mother, passed away unexpectedly. Please join me in praying for the repose her soul and for the consolation of Father Olvera and his family as they mourn her loss. Mrs. Olvera's Funeral Mass was celebrated February 3, at St. Christopher's in Grandview.

Welcome back Father Antony:

Please join me in welcoming Father Antony Varghese back as he returns from a four-week trip to India. Fr. Antony has made this trip to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Indian Province of his religious community, the Sons of the Immaculate Conception. He has also been participating in important family events, spending time with family, and, hopefully, enjoying some well-earned rest.

The Catholic Parent Video Series:

I encourage all parents with young children to watch the exciting new video series "The Catholic Parent" produced by the Augustine Institute. Access the trailer and find a link to the series on Formed by opening style="color: blue;">style="color

Our Sunday Offering: I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. Numerous parishioners have found that WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to the number 800-950-9952 or go online to www.stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

8:00 AM † Rebekah Lemmeyer

5:00 PM † Brian James Tierney

Monday, February 5, Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

8:30 AM † Trevor Williams

Tuesday, February 6, Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

8:30 AM † Charles White

Wednesday, February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8, Memorial of Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest, and Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40; Mk 7:24-30

8:30 AM † Mary Jean Rizek 6:15 PM † Todd Wuebker

Friday, February 9

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 7:31-37

6:40 AM † Robert Pangeman

8:30 AM † Larry English

Saturday February 10, Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22; Mk 8:1-10

8:30 AM † Repose of the soul of Chuck Vonderhaar

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (anticipated)

4:00 PM † Richard Barra

Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2; 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31–11:1; Mk 1:40-45

8:00 AM † Eric Letke

**10:00 AM † Theresa Spaulding

12:00 PM † John Kneibies

5:00 PM † Connie Ream

** Mass with incense.

NEW TO ST. PAUL?

Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Welcome Home

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!



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Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at stpace.org/rcia.

Get Involved

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style=type: style="style-type: square;">style=type: style="style-type: square;">style=type: style=type: style

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. stepaulk-8.org

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Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit stpacc.org/weddings to begin planning.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; stpacc.org/shop

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

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Prayer Line stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org

St. Vincent DePaul Helpline 614-973-9772

Young Professionals StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com

Spirit of Peace Counseling stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center 614-251-0200 Birthright 614-221-0844 **PDHC** 614-444-4411 Mommies Matter 614-723-9308

Option Line optionline.org 1-800-712-4357

614-445-8400 Stowe Mission, Columbus Pregnancy Resources of 740-417-9358

Delaware County

THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



Why does he allow this?

If you have ever lost someone close to you, suffered through a disease or any illness, you more than likely asked the question, "Why is this happening?" "Why am I in such anguish?" "Why are bad things happening to me?" Throughout my career working with those who are not Catholic and those who are becoming Catholic, there is one issue that is a struggle to grasp. How can an all-powerful, all-loving God allow his creation to suffer? Can't God take away our pain and suffering?

Suffering is a profound and inevitable aspect of the human experience, also known as free will. It is a topic that has puzzled minds and stirred hearts for centuries. As we grapple with the complexities of pain and adversity, we often turn to our faith in God for solace and understanding. In moments of suffering, it is natural to question the presence of a benevolent and all-powerful God. We may wonder why a loving Creator would allow us to endure pain, loss, and hardship. These questions are not signs of weak faith but rather expressions of the depth of our humanity.

C.S. Lewis (and Peter Kreeft), a renowned Christian author and philosopher, offers some insights in his book "The Problem of Pain." In a world filled with suffering and challenges, Lewis grapples with the ageold question: If God is good and all-powerful, why does he allow pain and suffering? One key point Lewis makes is that pain serves as a megaphone to rouse a deaf world. It is easy to become complacent in our faith in our moments of comfort and ease. However, when pain enters our lives, it acts as a powerful instrument to grab our attention and draw us closer to God. It becomes a wake-up call, prompting us to seek more profound meaning and understanding. Job, for example, experienced the loss of his family, wealth, and health. Yet, through it all, he clung to his faith, ultimately finding renewal and a deeper understanding of God's mysterious ways.

Lewis argues it's through the crucible of suffering that our true selves emerge. Like a skillful artist sculpting a masterpiece, God uses the chisel of pain to mold us into vessels of grace and compassion. While acknowledging the mystery of suffering, Lewis encourages us to trust in God's goodness. He reminds us that our understanding is limited, and God's ways are beyond our comprehension. The cross of Christ stands as a testament to the redemptive power of suffering. In the crucifixion, we see the ultimate example of God entering into the depths of human pain to bring about salvation.

God does not promise a life free from hardship but offers companionship and grace during our trials. Our faith is refined in the crucible of suffering, and our dependence on God deepens. As St. Paul wrote, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

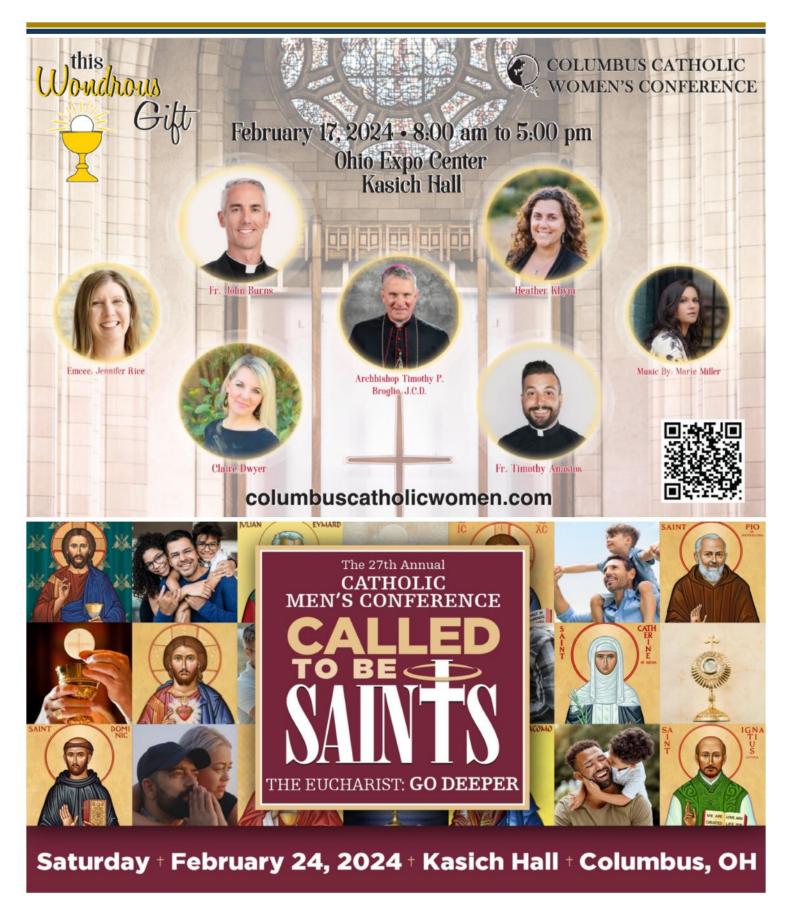
We are invited to draw near to God through suffering, seeking comfort and strength in prayer. It is a time to reflect on the transient nature of worldly pain and the enduring nature of God's love. In our brokenness, we discover the transformative power of God's mercy and the hope of a future where tears will be wiped away and pain will be no more.

As we navigate the valleys of suffering, let us remember that God is present even in the darkest moments. Our faith is not a shield against tribulations but a lantern that guides us through them. May we find solace in the assurance that God, in His infinite wisdom, is working all things together for our good.

We must lift our hearts in prayer, seeking God's guidance and strength as we journey through the trials of life. May we find comfort in the knowledge that, in the tapestry of our existence, God weaves threads of purpose and redemption through our experiences of suffering.

Andrew 7. Burson

Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry



Register here: <u>www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference</u>

This Week in Our Parish Sunday, February 4

Coffee and Doughnut Sunday Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

Join us downstairs for coffee and doughnut after all AM Masses.

11:00 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: style-type: square;">style="style-type: style-type: st

12:00 PM - Scout Sunday Church

All Scouts to be recognized at the noon Mass. Reception to follow in Klinger Center.

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM PAC Spaghetti Dinner Miller Hall

See flyer on page 11 to pre-order.

2:30 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

1:30 PM - Pre-Baptism Workshop St. Peter Room

6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

6:15 PM - Middle School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. Ends at 7:45.

stpacc.org/ym

Monday, February 5 3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at stpacc.org/chaplet

6:30 PM - Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

6:30 PM - Walking With Purpose Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

Walking with Purpose (WWP), the heart of our women's ministry, is our parish-based Bible study program for adult women. stpacc.org/wwp 7:00 PM - Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus St. Peter Room

Tuesday, February 6

9:15 AM - Walking With Purpose Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

2:30 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - St. Vincent de Paul Parish Office Room 2

Wednesday, February 7

9:00 AM - Mom's Mornings St. Peter Room

9:30 AM - Lector Training Church

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM -PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. stpace.org/psr

4:45 & 6:45 PM – The Chosen Parlors

5:30 PM - Men's Ministry Planning Meeting Lower Level Room 2 (Church)

6:30 PM – That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. style="color: blue;">sty

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM High School Discipleship in Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM - Lector Training Church

7:00 PM - Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Young Adults Theology Talk Parlor 1

Thursday, February 8

6:30 AM – That Man is You! St. Peter Room

9:15 AM - Confessions Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession. stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry Lower Level Room 4

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets four times a month on the first and third Saturdays and the second and fourth Thursdays.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

6:00 PM - Adult Choir Social St. Peter Room

7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Young Adult Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church)

Young Adults is a group of young Catholics looking to grow in faith and fellowship. Anyone ages 18 to 40 is welcome to join us for our meetings. stpacc.org/ypm

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

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Friday, February 9

3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Saturday, February 10

7:30 AM - Men's Bible Study St. Peter Room

JWe invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month fo Bible Study <a href="mailto:style="style-st

2:30 PM - Confessions Church

Sunday, February 11

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Pantry Collection

7th Grade Butterbraid Sales

11:30 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

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2:30 PM - Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

The Youth Choir program begins in September and ends with its service at the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass. stpacc.org/ministries/youth-choir

6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Alcoholics Anonymous holds twice-weekly Sundays and Fridays in Room 2 of the Parish Office.

6:30 PM – High School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

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Opportunities to Serve

Altar Linens Ministry Help Needed!

We are looking for one to two people interested in helping out with cleaning and ironing the altar linens, corporals, and other linens used during mass. No experience is required, you will be trained. Commitment is one month per year. Please contact Amy San Filippo at sanfilippo amy@yahoo.com for more information.

SVDP Pantry Collection

The St. Paul SVDP Conference will be having their monthly pantry collection next weekend, February 10 and 11. The blue bins will be in the Narthex of the church on Friday, February 9 until after the 5:00 Mass on Sunday, February 11.

These donations are taken to Holy Family where the homeless and those in need are served Monday thru Friday with a hot lunch and a bagged meal of two sandwiches, a salty snack, a sweet snack and a bottle of water. Also, if available, fruit. Holy Family can always use snack crackers, fruit cups, small individual size toiletry items and flip top cans of fruit, vegetables, soup and pasta. Large bags of cookies, pretzels, oyster crackers and soda crackers are divided into individual snack bags by volunteers.

The St. James the Less Food Pantry also benefits from this food collection. They purchase much of their food from the Ohio Food Bank but many items have been unavailable. Canned soup, canned fruit, canned chili and pasta is always needed.

Both of these facilities always need toilet paper and boxes of cereal.

Last month our collection was overwhelming and we thank you for your generous hearts. Our requests always exceed our expectations and we sincerely thank you.

God bless you for assisting us in our SVDP mission. If you have any questions regarding SVDP, please contact Jane Nieman at 614-794-9605.Thank you.

JOIN Special Collection

Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs, JOIN, is an agency of the Diocese's Catholic Charities Office, located at 578 E Main St. in downtown Columbus. Sharing God's love and word through the assistance provided to our brothers and sisters is our daily aspiration.

Because of the generosity, throughout our Diocese, JOIN is able to help our neighbors with their essential needs such as food, personal care, household items and diapers. We can also assist with more complicated issues such as prescriptions, utilities, birth certificates and transportation.

The Ash Wednesday collection of your church and others, is instrumental in our mission to serve our neighbors with these various needs and more. All donations go directly to improve the quality of life for those we serve. It is a modest but significant way to begin Lent, for you and the community.

On behalf of all of us here at JOIN, and from the neighbors we serve, thank you for all you do through your ministries that serve our brothers and sisters. You are always welcome to visit JOIN or feel free to call or email me, Lisa Keita, director of JOIN, any time 614-241-2530 or Ikeita@columbuscatholic.org.

God bless you with His grace and Peace!



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CARPOOL

Heading to the conference on February 17th? Meet up in front of Mary, we will head out at 7:00 am. Bring your van or big car for others that need rides!

More Information : Contact Sarah Price

(614) 371-7021

sarahmprice.22@gmail.com

* LENT 2024

"Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy on us, for we have sinned against thee..."

ASH WEDNESDAY · FEBRUARY 14

6:40 AM · 8:30 AM · 7 PM | Holy Mass with Ashes 12 PM · 5:30 PM | Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

FRIDAYS OF LENT

 5–7:30 PM | Fish Frv · Miller Hall 7:30 PM | Stations of the Cross

PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 13 · 7 PM Wednesday, March 20 · 7 PM



Parish Mission · March 17–19

Rev. Pawel Rytel-Andrianik, SSD, DPhil Sunday, March 17 – Tuesday, March 19 · 7–9 PM

St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Attendance	Collection				
January 7	3,186	53,197.15				
January 14	3,139	85,827.50				
January 21	3,425	68,944.03				
January 28	3,280	54,798.28				

Year to Date Collection Summary through January 28, 2024

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 30		Actual		Budget		Difference		Last Year Actu	al	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	s	2,156,810	\$	2,347,269	\$	(190,460)	\$	2,048,358	\$	108,451
Christmas	S	86,204	S	85,000	S	1,204	\$	83,552	\$	2,653
Easter	\$	923	\$		S	923	\$	757	\$	166
Major Collection Totals	5	2,243,937	5	2,432,269	5	(188,332)	5	2,132,667	5	111,270
Prior Week Totals	\$	2,117,755	\$	2,269,027	\$	(151,272)	\$	1,852,772	\$	264,983

Special Collections To Date Include: St. Vincent DePaul \$ 55,496

WARM \$ 46,594 Missionary Appeal \$ 16,855 *Church Building Fund Envelopes:

56,016 Church Loan Balance: \$3,668,005 *Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750 Savings Deposit to our Emergency Fund of \$ 7,900



Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.









NEW
THIS YEAR!
50/50
Raffle!



Feb. 4, 1 - 6 PM

http://tinyurl.com/2vnpc239

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive St. Paul Catholic Church

Miller Hall 313 N. State Street Westerville, OH 43082

Saturday, February 17, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

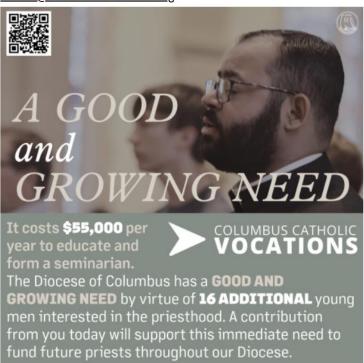
To schedule an appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: SaintPauICC

Around the Diocese

Nursing and Teaching Scholarship Opportunities

The Laihr Teaching & Galbraith Nursing Scholarships provide funds for four years of college tuition for graduating Catholic, high school seniors in good standing at their parish, pursuing degrees in teaching and nursing.

The Catholic Foundation's applications for Scholarships will open on January 29th and close February 26th. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships empowering over 200 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/. If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.





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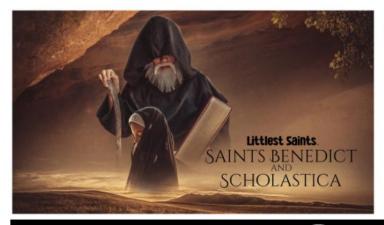
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Reflecting on the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 4, 2024

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus was in the home of Simon Peter whose mother-in-law He had just cured. "The whole town gathered at the door" when evening came. This was Jesus' first time being in Capernaum after beginning His public ministry, and already people were flocking to Him in droves. The next morning, Jesus got up before dawn and went away alone to pray. Soon, some of the disciples found Him and told Him that, once again, the whole town was looking for Him.

The excitement was great. So many were amazed. And their amazement at Jesus was not simply a form of curiosity. It was an amazement fueled by faith, which is why Jesus was able to perform so many miracles there. The people quickly realized that Jesus was the One of Whom the prophets of old had spoken. He was the Messiah, and the people gave Him their full attention. This is a good image for us to ponder. As you think of the crowds and their unwavering desire to be near our Lord, consider your own desires pertaining to God. Do you regularly find yourself consumed with a desire to find our Lord, to be with Him, to listen to Him and to receive His grace and mercy? Or are you tempted to see Jesus and the practice of your faith as boring and uninteresting? One of the unfortunate effects of modern technology is that we easily become fascinated by and intrigued with many superficial things. Perhaps it's the latest short video on a mobile app, or the latest episode of a favorite television series, or a new post by a friend on social media. There are many things today that compete for our attention, intrigue us and even amaze us. Is Jesus one of those things in your life?

In our modern world of constant stimulation and entertainment, we need to understand the difference between being amazed at the latest pop trend and being amazed by the grace and divine actions of our Lord. When we come face-to-face with the power of God in our lives, we will be amazed in a way that fulfills and satisfies us on the deepest level. It will be a spiritual amazement, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

And the satisfaction we receive from this form of amazement is transforming, deep and sustaining. But when we turn to lesser and more sensory "amazements" common within our world today, we will find that they last only for a moment, and we are quickly left dry and wanting for more.

Reflect, today, upon the people in today's Gospel who were so enthralled by Jesus that they continually sought Him out. Consider their excitement, their hope and their genuine joy at their discovery of the Messiah. As you think about them, consider whether you share in their excitement about Jesus. If that excitement is lacking, recommit yourself to seeking out our Lord. And where you see that excitement present, rejoice and give glory to God.

Most glorious Lord, Your love and mercy are truly amazing. Please help me to continually see this in my life and to continually become enthralled by Your presence in my life. May I run to You always, giving You my full attention and love. Jesus, I trust in You.



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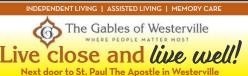
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