

# Churches of St. Paul & St. Elizabeth

Pastor: Fr. Steve Hohman  
Sunday, January 14, 2024

## St. Paul Parish

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## Confessions

### St. Paul

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday: 4:00- 4:45PM

Every Sunday: 7:45-8:15 AM

### St. Elizabeth

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 3:00- 4:00 PM

Every Wednesday: 5:00-5:45 PM

## Baptisms

Those wishing to baptize their small children under the age of 7 should call the office to arrange for preparation classes. Ideally, you should call before the birth of the child. Baptisms will be held during regularly scheduled masses.

## Marriages

Anyone interested in being married must call the office and begin preparation for this no less than 6 months before the desired wedding date. It is common for preparation to take 9-12 months.

## Visits to the sick

If you know someone who is sick or homebound and needs someone to visit them, please contact the office, and we will arrange to have communion taken to them in their homes, nursing homes or the hospital. Visits to the sick are normally done on Sunday.

## Anointing of the sick

If there is someone who is sick and needs anointing, please call the office. If this is an emergency, call Fr. Steve at 270-662-1830.

Grayson County Catholic Outreach: 270-287-3776

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Marty Tilford +
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Richard Witten
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	Parishioners
Monday	9:00 a.m.	St. Paul	Mark Portman +
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	NO MASS	
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS	
Friday	11:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Alan Drake +
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Paul	Parishioners
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Paul	Melvin Sweet +
	10:30 a.m.	St. Elizabeth	Hurley & Juanita Higdon +

## Prayer List:

Robert Baker, Charlie Brangers, Lorene Bratcher, Carlene Braun, Dennette Brown,

Anna Jean & Dale Clark, Mike & Debbie Clemons, Sharon Clemons, Temperance Clemons, Ginny Critchelow, Cathy & Larry Darst, Eileen Davenport, Morgan Dowell, Chad Durbin, Tiffany Durbin, Lisa Dye, Nelson Galloway, Keith Garrett, Frank Gawarecki, David Grant, Dianna Logsdon Green, Joyce Green, Mateo Gregorio, Jeff Hack, Marlene Hedger, Heidi Hickerson, Wanda Higdon, Mary Huffman, Eve Jarboe, Louellen Jones, Toby Keith, Renee Kipper, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Otis Larue, Dawson Lee, Mike & Pat Leonard, Daisie Lizotte, Christine Mandy, Teresa Lynn, Brent McCarty, Elizabeth Mattingly, Savanna Mercer, Sarah Metcalf, Ayden Nelson, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, Sharon Portman, Raymond Portman, Stacey Roberts, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Annie Kay Sanders, Ellen Shraeder, Bennie Sims, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Smith, Mary Rose Sott, Jennifer Smoot, Larry Spear, Linda Steinhoffer, Brenda Stinson, Jason Stinson, John Taylor, Tiffany Webb, Randolph White, Floyd Wilaby, Glenn Wooden, Margaret & Hillard Woosley

**For those who are serving in the military:** Ryan Clemons, Isaac DePoyster, Matt Fischer, Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dereck Lorusso, Kali Milliner, Cody Penny, John Penny, Kyle Portman, Peyton Spears

### St. Paul

Jimmy Tilford- Chair

Melanie Crawford – Secretary

Richard Darst- Youth/CCD

Mike Foster- St. Paul School

Terry Jagers- Social Activities

Mark McGrew- Maintenance

Bobby Robinson – Liturgy & Faith

Ruth Ann Thomas-Outreach/Service

### St. Elizabeth

Mary Ellen Wygant- Chair

Laura Baxter- Secretary

Blake Aubrey-Social Activities

Julie Cox- Liturgy and Worship

Sheila Harris- Youth

Mason Hayes- Building and Grounds

Amanda Roberts - Outreach

Donna White- Art and Environment

## Pastor's Corner

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
January 14, 2024

### IN PRAISE OF ORDINARY TIME

For the first time in a while, you are seeing me wearing Green in masses, now that the Christmas Season has passed, and we are in ordinary time. So what is so great about this time of year, which many may see as sort of “garbage time”, the time that nothing special is happening. But there are two realities of it: One of these lies in the fact that, yes, there are in fact some special things that happen in Ordinary Time, special feasts like All Saints and All Souls Day, the March for Life, Corpus Christi, and many more.

But even more so than that, it is a time to realize that we are with the Lord even in the every day, run of the mill activity that we do throughout the year. To love someone, especially Jesus Christ, is to be with them not just on the days of great celebration, or even the days of great mourning, but also, well, on days that we just celebrate Jesus because he is Jesus. Those who come to church only on days like Christmas and Easter are like someone who talks to their father only on his birthday, or one who only celebrates their friendship when the friend has some great accomplishment, or like one who only cheers for a football team when they get to the Super Bowl. So take advantage of Ordinary Time to build up your faith in Jesus not because of some special event, but simply for the greatest reason that we celebrate him- HE IS LORD.

### THE POPES MESSAGE ON SURROGATE MOTHERHOOD

Pope Francis, this week, gave a speech to a group of foreign ambassadors from various nations. In this speech, he talked about a whole bunch of current events and issues that are going on in our world. He talked of the need of peace in Palestine and Ukraine, and other places. He also talked about the environment, artificial intelligence, and human exploitation.

But of course, the big news is that he firmly condemned the “deplorable” practice of surrogate motherhood. He states that the practice, which now regularly involves artificial forms of fertilization, is “exploitive” and violates human dignity of both the mother and the child, and makes the child and “object of trafficking.”

This should not be surprising, nor is it a new. The church's emphasis on the sacredness of the unborn child, as well as the sacredness of marriage, has been done since ancient times. This teaching, while ancient, was clearly and succinctly expressed in Pope John Paul II's extensive work “the Theology of the Body.” This states the absolute essential link between three sacred entities: 1) the marriage covenant 2) sexual union and 3) openness to child bearing. All three of these are treated in a rightly sacred dignity if and only if all three of them are included. This is why the Church has always condemned contraception and sterilization, because it leads to a physical union closed to life. Likewise, surrogate motherhood separates childbearing with the sacred marital union, and makes it a mere method of production of humans.

Human dignity and the dignity of the child, the mother and the marital covenant are things that are greatly defamed in our culture today. As Christians, we are to carry out God's plans as he gives it to us, accepting the call that He has for us.

### ST. ELIZABETH LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$1,310.000**  
Needed for Budget: **\$1,442.00**

**Date:** Sunday, January 21

**Lector:** Ron, Travis

**Servers:** Wyatt Clemons; Wyatt Dixon

**Euch. Ministers:** Sherri, Stephanie, Donna **Gifts:** Jim & Edna Bratcher

**Collection Counters for January:** Charlie, Kerry

### ST. PAUL LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS:

Collection: **\$3,659.00**  
Needed for budget: **\$2,423.00**

**Date:** Saturday, January 20

**Lector:** Mary Pierce; Jeff Burkhead

**Eu Min:** Barbara, Joe, Joan

**Servers:** Adalyn, Jaden

**Gifts:** John & Julie Penny

**Date:** Sunday, January 21

**Lector:** Emily Drake; Brayden Kingrey

**Eu Min:** Larry, Jacob, Ruth Ann

**Servers:** Lilly, Rebecca, Maveric

**Gifts:** Jerry & Kathleen Crawford

**Special Diocesan Collection This Weekend:** Support Life Ministries

**Special Collection Next Weekend:** St. Paul School at St. Paul

**Jamaica Collection Amounts:** \$471 at St. Elizabeth; \$432 at St. Paul

**Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday** to Elaine Milliner on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday** to Helen Gawarecki on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary** to Bruce & Cathy Meredith on Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy 48<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** to Jim and Tina Higdon on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** to Joe Anthony & Elaine Clark on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, January 14 CCD; St. Paul, after mass

RCIA; St. Paul, 3:00 PM

Monday, January 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, 9 AM Mass at St. Paul

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM- 9:00 PM

Wednesday, January 17 Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM

Thursday, January 18 Jail Ministry, both county jails

Saturday, January 20 School/CCD teacher workshop; St. Elizabeth, 9 AM- 1 PM

Sunday, January 21 CCD; Both churches, after mass (all ages)

Youth Group, High school only; 5:00-7:00 PM

### PRIEST CONVOCATION: FR STEVE WILL BE AWAY

The annual priest convocation will take place on January 15-18, at St. Meinrad, in Indiana. Father Steve will be out most of the week as a result of it. Therefore, there will be NO Wednesday or Thursday mass that week.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22	School Board; St. Paul School
January 22	Parish Council Meeting; St. Elizabeth
January 24	Koinonia Planning Meeting, after Mass at St. Elizabeth
January 26	St. Paul School Pork Lunch
February 9	St. Paul School Pork Dinner
February 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
February 23	Koinonia Retreat Begins; St. Elizabeth
March 4	Youth Group event; Middle School only, 5:00-7:00 PM
March 11-18	Jamaica Mission Trip

### RECRUITING FOR THE KOINONIA RETREAT

We are just now making plans and putting together a team for yet another Koinonia, to be held on February 23-25. If you have not done one of these yet, maybe you need to consider this. It is a great chance to reflect on your own faith, to meet new people, and to ultimately do your part to help in the faith of other people. It is open to all adults, not only in our own parishes, but also in any other parish. Sign ups for this will be soon. It goes from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, and is at St. Elizabeth. The cost is minimal (mainly going toward the food for the retreat). For further information, contact Glenda Killingbeck, Father Steve, or either parish office.

**TEACHERS WORKSHOP NEXT WEEKEND:** On Saturday, January 20, Joe Bland from Restoration ministries will be at St. Elizabeth Church to give a professional development day entitled *Unique Call to Sanctity Workshop for Teachers and Catechist*. This will go from 9 AM to 1 PM. While it is primarily aimed at the St. Paul Faculty and the CCD teachers at our churches, the public is welcomed to join us as well. There is no charge for attending this, but if you wish to come, please let Fr. Steve know, so that we will know how many will be there.

**FR STEVE WILL BE LATE FOR WEDNESDAY MASSES:** On the Wednesdays of January 24, January 31, and February 7, the Wednesday night mass at St. Elizabeth will begin at 6:15 instead of the usual 6:00. This is because Fr. Steve will be covering Fr. Sinoj's 5:30 mass while he is visiting his family in India. The Wednesday night mass will return to its usual time beginning on February 14, which also happens to be Ash Wednesday.

**MEETING TO ORGANIZE STORAGE SPACE AT ST PAUL:** We will soon be getting a meeting together to discuss options of how we can better organize the storage space in the back of the parish hall at St. Paul. As you likely know, it tends to be a mess. Between the school using it, various church events, and the problem of renters who go back there and use gym equipment that they are not supposed to touch, it tends to be very unorganized. I will be getting a meeting of people representing the school, funeral meals, and various church activities. I have already talked to some people specifically about it, but if you yourself also would like to be part of this discussion, please let Fr. Steve know soon. We would like the input of various people on this.

### SCHOOL NEWS:

**\*All of our 300 Club tickets have now been sold.** Thank you very much to all of those who supported us.

**\*Academic team** Middle School District Meet January 13 at Butler County Middle School

**\*Boys Basketball** Game Monday, January 15 at Bethel Christian Academy on 259. This begins at 6:00 PM

**\*Father/Daughter Dance** will be on 1/20/24 from 6-8:00 pm in St. Paul Parish Hall. Admission is \$25 per couple and \$2 extra for each additional daughter.

**\*January Pork Lunch will be on 1/26/24.** Lunch deliveries will be available to all local businesses and factories within the area. Lunches are \$10.

**Boston Butt Sale** will be on 2/17/24. More information to follow in the upcoming weeks on placing orders.

