



CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH



Our Vision: To Glorify God through our worship and service and to be a place of hospitality and welcoming to everyone.

This Week: Sunday the 5th of January : Feast of the Epiphany



MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5 PM AT ST. PAUL
SUNDAY 8.30 AM AT ST. PAUL
SUNDAY 10.30 AM AT ST. ELIZABETH

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

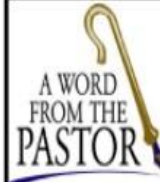
TUESDAY : 8 AM—AT ST. PAUL
WEDNESDAY : 6 PM AT ST. ELIZABETH
THURSDAY: 8 AM AT ST. PAUL
FRIDAY 12 PM AT ST. PAUL

CONFESSIONS

ST. PAUL: 1st and 3rd Saturdays
4 PM to 4:45 PM
ST. ELIZABETH: 2nd and 4th
Saturdays 3 PM 4 PM

This Sunday's Bulletin Cover depicts Mary the Mother of God. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us as we begin this new year 2025.

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Feast of Epiphany: This Sunday Church celebrates the feast of Epiphany. The Greek word Epiphany means *appearance* or *manifestation*. First, the angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds. In the Western Church, the Feast of the Epiphany celebrates Jesus' first manifestation to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi. The Gospel of this Sunday reminds us that if God brought the Magi – foreigners and pagans – to recognize and give Jesus proper respect as the King of Jews, we should know that there is nothing in our sinful lives that would keep God from bringing us to Jesus. There were three groups of people who reacted to the Epiphany of Christ's birth. The first group, headed by King Herod, tried to eliminate Jesus, the second group, priests and scribes, ignored Jesus, and the third group, represented by the shepherds and the Magi, came to adore Jesus. Let us make sure that we belong to the third group: by actively worshipping Jesus at Mass with the gold of our love, the myrrh of our humility and the frankincense of our adoration; by giving a new direction to our lives. Just as the Magi chose another route to return to their homes, let us choose a better way of life, abstaining from proud, unjust, and impure thoughts, words, and actions, evil habits, and selfish behavior; by becoming stars leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Jesus. Let us remove the darkness of the evil around us by radiating the light of Jesus' love through selfless service, unconditional forgiveness, and compassionate care.

Camel on the roof of royal palace: The king of Balkh (northern Afghanistan) named Ebrahim ibn Adam was wealthy according to every earthly measure. At the same time, however, he sincerely and restlessly strove to be wealthy spiritually as well. One night the king was roused from sleep by a fearful stumping on the roof above his bed. Alarmed, he shouted: "Who's there?" "A friend," came the reply from the roof. "I've lost my camel." Perturbed by such stupidity, Ebrahim screamed: "You fool! Are you looking for a camel on the roof?" "You fool!" the voice from the roof answered. "Are you looking for God in silk clothing, and lying on a golden bed?" The story goes on, according to Jesuit theologian Walter G. Burghardt, to tell how these simple words filled the king with such terror that he arose from his sleep to become a most remarkable saint. Every Christmas season Jesus asks the same question to each one of us: "Where are you looking for Me? In the majestically adorned and illuminated cathedrals or in the stables of the poor and the needy?"

God's Many Blessings—Fr. Suneesh Mathew

This week ahead

Tuesday January 7th:
Fellowship Café St. Elizabeth Team
Tuesday January 7th:
Adoration at St. Paul 11.30AM – 6 PM
January 15th:
Senior Lunch at St. Elizabeth 11.30 AM
Quarterly Finance Meeting at 4 PM St. Elizabeth
St. Elizabeth Parish Council at 6:30 PM

Wedding Anniversary (St. Paul)

January 10th: Rod and Earline Brady (55 years)

**Office Hours: Amy will be back in the office
Wednesday, January 8th**

St. Paul

Happy Birthday
Jan 07– Vanessa Bush,
Lukas Powell
Jan 08: Jane Tilford
Jan 09: CJ Graczyk, Lilly DePoyster

St. Elizabeth

Happy Birthday
Jan 08– Mary Ellen
Wygant
Jan 12 : Lori Meredith

**For Baptism, Confession, Marriage, Anointing
of the Sick . Please contact Fr. Suneesh
Mathew at 270 231 5525**

Prayer List: Betty Baker, Joyce Bell, James Beville, Rod & Earline Brady, Dennette Brown, Glenn Campbell, Sharon Clemons, Tammy Cook, Pat Cowen, Larry Darst, Eileen Davenport, Eden Felty, Noah Felty, Crystal Franklin, Keith Garrett, Frank Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Tracy Gilbert, Gladys Given, Lisa Graas, David Grant, Joyce Green, Mateo Gregario, Ralph Haycraft, Heidi Hickerson, Leslie Hook, Eve Jarboe, Louellen Jones, Mike & Pat Leonard, Nellie Mattingly, Savanna Mercer, Cory Milliner, John & Sue Mudd, Megan Mudd, Zachary Nelson, Lois Pack, Chris Reed, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Ed Seigwald, Ellen Shrader, Hilary Skaggs, Iris Smith, Larry Spear, Jackie Stagg, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Shelia Thomas, John Thurman, Bud Underwood, John Usher, Tiffany Webb, Bob Williams, Jeff "Tinker" Wilson, Lisa York,

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



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Collection: \$3,381.00

Needed for budget: \$2,423.00

Difference: + \$958.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Collection: \$1,217.96

Needed for Budget: \$1,442.00

Difference: -\$224.04

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT ST. PAUL

Date: Saturday, January 11

Lectors: Angie Whitworth, Joan Butterworth
Eu Min: Barbara and Melanie
Servers: Bailey, Greyson
Gifts: John and Julie Penny

Date: Sunday January 12th

Lectors: Brayden Kingrey and Beth Geary
Eu Min: Linda and Larry
Servers: Gunner, Collin and Eathan
Gifts: Adam and Autumn Thomas

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT ST. ELIZABETH

Date: Sunday, January 12th

Lectors: Sheila and Ron
Eu Min: Donna and Carla
Servers: Raylan and Vivian
Gifts: Linda and Kelsey Overton

Parish Council Members St. Paul

Jimmy Tilford—Chair
 Melanie Crawford—Secretary
 Mike Foster: St. Paul School
 Richard Darst— Youth /CCD
 Terry Jagers— Social Activities
 Mark McGrew— Maintenance
 Ruth Ann Thomas— Outreach/Service
 Bobby Robinson— Liturgy and Worship

Parish Council Members St. Elizabeth

Mary Ellen Wygant—Chair
 Laura Baxter— Secretary
 Blake Aubrey— Social Activities
 Julie Cox— Liturgy and Worship
 Shiela Harris— Youth
 Mason Hayes— Building and Grounds
 Donna White: Art and Environment

Mass Intentions for the week Jan 6– Sunday Jan 12

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	8 am St. Paul	Rose Kennedy +
Wednesday	6 pm St. Elizabeth	Raeburn Mattingly +
Thursday	8 am St. Paul	Yvonne Rickert +
Friday	12 pm St. Paul	Jack Mueller +
Saturday	5 pm St. Paul	Pat Anthony +
Sunday	8 am St. Paul	Don & Marty Cooper +
Sunday	10:30 am St. Elizabeth	Parishioners

St. Paul School News



Thanks to all who donated items or gave monetary donations to our Santa's Workshop this year. We appreciate your generosity! We raised \$2,480 for the school!

We have our 300 Club tickets on sale now! They are \$20 each and are eligible to win 2 drawings each month all year long in 2025. We have roughly 300 tickets left to sell. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold. They sell out fast, get yours before they are gone!

We still have some St. Paul Comet blankets available. They are 50" x 60" and are \$30.

Does St. Paul School sell RADA products? Yes, we do! We have an ongoing fundraiser with them online. Just type in this link and it should take you directly to the site to order. All proceeds go to St. Paul School. <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=7019568.6fbc0b8>. We do have a catalog at school if any of you would like to order that way instead. You can stop by the school office.

Next SCRIP gift card order is 1/6/25. Please have your orders in by Monday, 1/6 at 10 am. You can place your order on the sheets we have available in church, or online through your smartphone. **You can download the RaiseRight app on your smartphone and use the enrollment code: 65A8LE6B27247 to join our school group.** You will see every card available for purchase. You can pay online through the app, or choose pay coordinator directly and send payment to school.

Our next pork lunch is on 1/24/25. Angie will be taking orders soon for lunches.

FELLOWSHIP CAFÉ' WORKERS NEEDED: St. Elizabeth is need of more workers for Fellowship Cafe'- Please contact Donna White (270 230 2348). St. Elizabeth volunteers the first Tuesday of odd months. Each team only serves twice per year. We would also use substitutes.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS: We will be getting our Calendars in—we had some technical difficulties but they are on the way!!

Next Bible Study at St. Elizabeth is after the Mass on Wednesday the 22nd at 6:30 pm. The Topic is the Gospel of Luke.

Grocery Bags Needed at St. Paul: The Ladies group is collecting clean, hole-free, untied grocery (Wal mart) bags for the food pantry. Please place in the large black bags in the cry room. We will be collecting though the end of the year— the food pantry is very grateful for all the donations so far! Thanks for your contribution.



Three Wise Women: While they were talking about the story of the three wise men, a woman asked her parish priest, this question, "Do you know why God gave the star to the wise men?" When he professed his ignorance, she told him: "God knows men are too proud to ask directions. If there had been three wise women instead of three wise men, they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and given some practical gifts!"

The true epiphany: A rabbi put the following question to his disciples, "How can we determine the hour of dawn, when the night ends and the day begins?" One student replied, "When from a distance you can distinguish between a sheep and a dog." "No," said the rabbi. Another student quickly offered, "When you can tell a fig tree from a grapevine." "No," repeated the rabbi. "Then tell us, please," asked the students. Replied the rabbi, "Darkness ends and day begins when you can look into the faces of all other human beings, and you have enough Light in you to recognize them as your brothers and sisters."