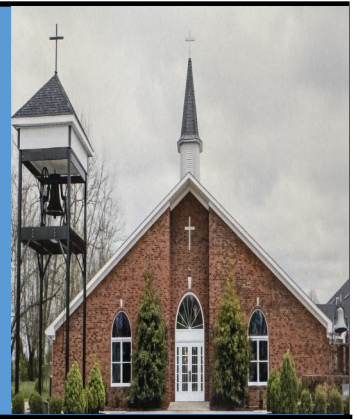


CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH



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

This Week: First Sunday of Lent - Sunday March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Today's Prayer:

Strength I ask You today, Lord, to face all those temptations that are too difficult for me to resist. Only You can defeat them in me, I only say 'yes' to Your will. Amen.

Today's Readings:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

2ND Collection—March 29/March 30

MASS TIMES

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 PM—ST. PAUL

SUNDAY 8:30 AM—ST. PAUL

SUNDAY 10:30 AM—ST. ELIZABETH

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 8:00 AM—ST. PAUL

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM—ST. ELIZABETH

THURSDAY 8:00 AM—ST. PAUL

FRIDAY NOON—ST. PAUL

CONFESSIONS

ST. PAUL : 1st/3rd Sat 4:00-4:45 PM

ST. ELIZ: 2nd/4th Sat 3:00-4:00 PM

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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, Diane Greenwell, Mateo Gregario, Patricia Harris, Ralph Haycraft, Heidi Hickerson, Carol Hill, Leslie Hook, David Jacobson, Eve Jarboe, Louellen Jones, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Mike & Pat Leonard, Nellie Mattingly, Savanna Mercer, Cory Milliner, Timmy C Milliner, John & Sue Mudd, Megan Mudd, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, Sharon Portman, James Ray, Chris Reed, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Ed Seigwald, Michelle Shaffer, Ellen Shrader, Jan Sidebottom, Hilary Skaggs, Iris Smith, Larry Spear, Jackie Stagg, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Ellen Thomas, Shelia Thomas, John Thurman, Bud Underwood, John Usher, Tiffany Webb, Johnny White, 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: \$5,521.00
 Needed for Budget: \$2,423.00
 Under/Over this week: +3,098.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Collection: \$ 1,740.00
 Needed for Budget: \$1,442.00
 Under over this week +298.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT ST. PAUL

Date: Saturday, March 15

Lectors: Becky Lucas; Barbara Tilford
Eu Min: Zack, Joe
Servers: Annie, Adalyn, Waylon
Gifts: Cody & Amber Clemons

Date: Sunday, March 16

Lectors: Brayden Kingrey; Beth Geary
Eu Min: Yvonne, Tina
Servers: Maveric, Mollee, Kylie
Gifts: Matt & Angie Crawford

Mass Intentions for the week March 10-March 16

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Collard Family
Wednesday	6:00 pm	St. Eliz	Darrel Higdon +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Dolores Asher +
Friday	12:00 pm	St. Paul	Danny Milliner +
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Al Darst +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Clark/Stinson Family
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS AT ST. ELIZABETH

Date: Sunday, March 16

Lectors: Amanda, Stacey
Eu Min: Allen, Pat
Servers: Jude, Abel
Gifts: Joey & Donna White

Parish Council Members St. Paul

Jimmy Tilford—Chair
 Melanie Crawford— Secretary
 Mike Foster- St. Paul School
 Richard Darst— Youth /CCD
 Terry Jagers— Social Activities
 Marc 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



Resisting temptation: First Sunday of Lent begins with a reflection on the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. The Church assigns temptation stories to the beginning of Lent because temptations come to everybody, not only to Jesus, and we seem almost genetically programmed to yield to them. Bible scholars think that the graphic temptations of Jesus described by Matthew and Luke in their Gospels are the pictorial and dramatic representations of the inner struggle against a temptation that Jesus experienced throughout his public life. The devil was trying to prevent Jesus from accomplishing (with the willing sacrifice of his own human life), his mission of saving mankind from the bondage of sin. The evil one attacked Jesus through temptations to become the political Messiah of Jewish expectations, and to misuse his Divine power first for his own convenience and then to avoid suffering and death. Like Jesus, every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, and is drawn to the use of unjust or sinful means to attain good ends. Jesus is our model for conquering temptations through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the “Word of God” in Scripture. Temptations make us true warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. We are never tempted beyond the strength God gives us

When to repent? “When should we repent?” the disciples asked their master Rabbi Eliezer. “The day before we die,” said the Rabbi with an air of authority in his words. “But how we do know when we are going to die?” his disciples asked him again. “We do not know when we are going to die,” said the master. “That is all the more reason for us to repent of our sins always!” — However, our repentance should not be meant exclusively as a preparation for our death. It should also be meant to help us live a life of holiness. Our repentance should lead to a change of heart and a radical renewal in our life.

Priestly temptations: Once four priests were spending a couple of days at a cabin. In the evening they decided to tell each other their biggest temptation. The first priest said, “Well, it’s kind of embarrassing, but my big temptation is gluttony.” “My temptation is worse,” said the second priest. “It’s gambling.” “Mine is worse still,” said the third priest. “I sometimes can’t control the urge to drink.” The fourth priest was quiet. “Brothers, I hate to say this,” he said, “but my temptation is worst of all. I love to gossip – and if you guys will excuse me, I’d like to make a few phone calls!”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 9	CCD; St. Elizabeth, after Mass Genesis to Jesus Bible Study; St. Paul Hall, 2:00 PM Youth Group Teaching Mass; St. Elizabeth, 5:00 PM (see details)
Tuesday, March 11	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Elizabeth, 11:00 AM—8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM
Friday, March 14	Stations of the Cross; St. Elizabeth, 5:30 PM
Sunday, March 16	Genesis to Jesus Bible Study; St. Elizabeth, 2:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 18	Parish Council; St. Paul, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 19	Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, after 6:00 PM Mass
Saturday, March 22	Young Adult Meeting; St. Paul, after 5:00 PM Mass

ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEWS

- Trivia Night was a huge success! We had 11 teams participate, and took in \$1,100 before expenses. We thank our donors and sponsors for their donations. Also, Allen Sims for the superb meal he prepared! The D'Andrea family were great hosts and organizers of this event! We are thinking of having another one in the near future it was so much fun!
- We have Reverse Raffle tickets on sale now. Please contact Angie at 270-287-3311 to reserve tickets. They are \$50 each. Reverse Raffle is 3/29. We will hold on online through Facebook live, but at the Center on Main this year, hopefully the internet reception will be better!
- Fish Fry Meal 3/28 is the next one we will have. We will have Fish, Fries, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, and dessert for \$12. This will be similar to the pork dinners and will be carryout, pick-up only. (If you would like to eat your meals fresh, we can set up a few tables in the gym. You will need to bring your own drink).

Thanks for your Support!

Stations of the Cross/Bible Study

During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30. We will alternate between parishes with the next one on March 14th being held at St. Elizabeth.

The Bible Study on Sundays at 2:00 PM will alternate between parishes beginning at St. Paul.

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



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

March 12—Maggie Cox

March 16—Travis Skaggs

Anniversaries:

None this week

St. Paul

Birthdays:

March 11—Kenneth Bush; Adalyn Milliner

March 12—Leon Alvey; Bonnie Lampton; Myles Thomas

March 13—Josh Milliner

March 16—Keegan Paris

Anniversary:

None this week

RESURRECTION FAIR AT ST. PAUL

Mark your calendars for April 27—St. Paul will be hosting a fair after Mass instead of an Easter Egg Hunt this year. We will have donuts, games, and prizes. Age groups will be divided similar to the egg hunt. More details to come. Watch the church bulletin boards for how you can donate or help.

The 1st Sunday of Lent Year C begins our journey through Lent. This is a time to reflect on our faith and grow closer to God.

Faith and Confession: Romans 10:9-10 emphasizes the importance of confessing our faith in Jesus. This theme reminds us to openly profess our belief in Christ during Lent.