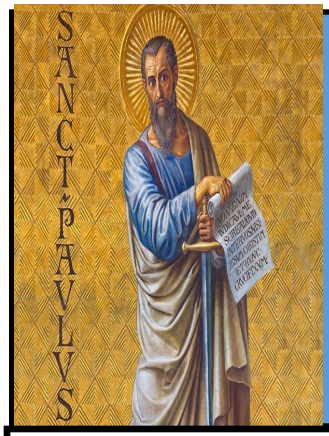

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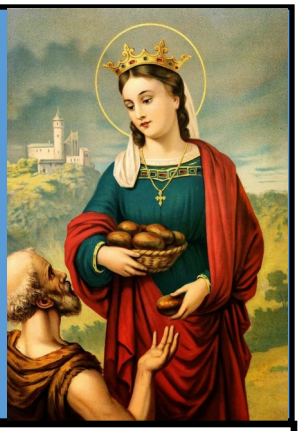

This Week: Sunday, November 16th, 2025—33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

"Living Wisely in the End Times"

When we hear the words "the end of the world," our first reaction is often fear. We think of destruction, war, natural disasters, or death. But the truth is, the "end times" are not meant to terrify us — they are meant to purify us and prepare us. Every generation of believers has lived in "end times," because from the Resurrection of Jesus onward, history is always moving toward its fulfillment in Him.

How do we live as people of the end times?
Stay awake spiritually. Not in fear, but in faith. Examine your heart often.
Be faithful in little things. As St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians, holiness begins in daily work, patience, and service.
Be a witness. Jesus said, "This will be your opportunity to bear witness." In your words, kindness, and courage, you proclaim that Christ reigns.
Keep hope alive. When the world grows dark, the light of a hopeful Christian shines even brighter.

The "end" is coming — yes — but for us, that means the coming of the Lord, not the coming of destruction. Our destiny is not death but resurrection. Our future is not chaos but communion with God. So let us not fear the end times, but live ready: with faith that endures, hope that never fails, and love that conquers all. Because when Christ returns, He will not ask how much we feared, but how much we loved.

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. Eliz
THURSDAY 8:00 AM—St. Paul
FRIDAY 12:00 Noon—St. Paul

CONFESSIONS

ST. PAUL: Sat 4:00-4:45 PM
ST. ELIZ: Wed: 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT ST ELIZABETH AND EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT ST. PAUL DURING THE MASS.

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For Those Serving In The Military: Phillip Sims

A Bible group study leader says to his group, "What would you do if you knew you only had four weeks left before the great Judgment Day?" A gentleman says, "I would go out into my community and minister the Gospel to those that have not yet accepted the Lord into their lives." "Very good!" says the group leader. One lady speaks up and says enthusiastically, "I would dedicate all of my remaining time to serving God, my family, my church, and my fellow man with a greater conviction." "That's wonderful!" the group leader comments. One gentleman in the back finally speaks up loudly and says, "I would go to my mother-in-laws house for the four weeks." The group leader asks, "Why your mother-in-law's home?" "Because that will make it the longest four weeks of my life!"

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, November 22nd

Lectors: Angie Whitworth; Joan Butterworth
Eu Min: Barbara Tilford; Joe Kipper
Servers: Greyson, Bailey
Gifts: Dale & Anna Jean Clark

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Lectors: Emily Drake; Amanda Decker
Eu Min: Richard Darst; Yvonne DePoyster
Servers: Eli, Maveric, Mollee
Gifts: Rance & Amber Whobrey

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Lectors: Amanda; Stacey
Eu Min: Ron; Pat
Servers: Raylan; Vivian
Gifts: Burlison Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Nov 9 Collection: $1,899.00
Needed for Budget: $2,050.00
Under /Over this week : -$151.00
Budget for the whole year : $106,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: -$6,163.09

Mass Intentions for the week November 17-23

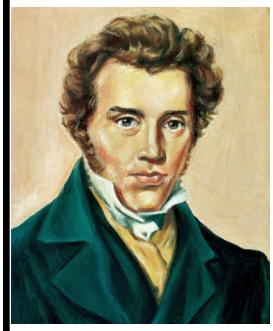
Monday	**No Mass**		
Tuesday	**8:00 am**	**St. Paul**	**Paul Clark Family**
Wednesday	**6:00 pm**	**St. Eliz**	**Hurley & Juanita Higdon+**
Thursday	**8:00 am**	**St. Paul**	**Tom Johnson**
Friday	**Noon**	**St. Paul**	**Mitchel Clark Family**
Saturday	**5:00 pm**	**St. Paul**	**Aaron Gawarecki +**
Sunday	**8:30 am**	**St. Paul**	**Floyd Milliner +**
Sunday	**10:30 am**	**St. Eliz**	**Parishioners**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Nov 9 Collection: $ 2,847.00
Needed for Budget: $ 3,380.00
Under/ Over this week : -$533.00
Budget for the whole year : $176,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: -$1,448.87

Pastors' CORNER

Day of the Lord: The central theme of this Sunday's readings is "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. The readings warn us about the final days of the world, our own death, and the final judgment. Prophet Malachi, in the first reading, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the "proud and all evil doers." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did. This Sunday's Gospel passage underlines the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, trust in God, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness.



The theater is on fire: The Danish philosopher, Søren Kierkegaard, tells the parable of a theater where a variety show is proceeding. Each act is more fantastic than the last, and each is applauded by the audience. Suddenly the manager appears on the stage, apologizing for the interruption. He announces at the top of his voice that the theater is on fire, and begs his patrons to leave the theatre immediately, without causing a commotion. The spectators think that it is the most amusing turn of the evening, and cheer thunderously. The manager again feverishly implores them to leave the burning building, and he is again applauded vigorously. At last, he can do no more. The fire races through the whole building engulfing the fun-loving audience with it. "And so," concludes Kierkegaard, "will our age, I sometimes think, go down in fiery destruction to the applause of a crowded house of cheering spectators". Today's readings warn us about a similar fate if we are not well prepared when the "Day of the Lord" dawns quite unexpectedly, marking the end of the world.

Teeth will be provided: Grandma told her little grandson: "Be a good boy. At the end of the world all the disobedient and bad people will be cast into fiery hell where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The little boy raised an intelligent doubt. "Grandma, you don't have any teeth and you always quarrel with others. How would you gnash your teeth when you are cast into hell?" Grandma replied: "You naughty boy, don't you know that teeth will be provided in hell."

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Week

St. Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, November 18	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov 19	Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM
	Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, after 6:00 PM Mass
Sunday, November 23	Youth Group Cooking with Kevin Mudd; St. Paul Hall, 5-7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, November 25	Parish Council; St. Paul, 6:00 PM

St. Paul School News:

- **Next SCRIP/RaiseRight Order – 11/17/25 -** Please have orders and payment submitted to school by 10 am. Download the RaiseRight app on your smartphone and sign up for an account and us Join Code: 65A8LE6B27247. This will allow you to place your order online through the app and can choose to pay coordinator directly and send payment into school. Due by 11/17/25 at 10 am
- **THANKSGIVING BREAK – 11/26/25 – 11/28/25. School back in session 12/1/25.**
- **SANTA'S WORKSHOP – Starts on 12/1/25**. Now accepting donations for new and gently used items for Men, Women and Children. These items will be available for our school children to shop as gifts for their family members.
- **Christmas play – 12/11/25 -** St. Paul School Christmas Play will be at 6 pm in St. Paul Church. Gina Sims is already working on music and skits in her music classes! We will have refreshments in Parish Hall after the play.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The St. Paul Ladies group is collecting canned goods for the food pantry through November. Boxes are located at each door and in the cry room at St. Paul Church. Thank you for your generosity!

SPEAKING OF GENEROSITY…

Special Jamaica Collection Amounts:

St. Elizabeth—$2,333

St. Paul—$2,692

Our parishes are always so giving to our sister Diocese of Mandeville—thank you!

REMINDER

If anyone would like collection envelopes for 2026 and you don't currently receive them, please let Glenda or Amy know.

St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

Nov 17—Lindsey Smith
Nov 19—Harper Williams
Nov 21—Jamie Clemons
Nov 22—Zoey Skaggs
Nov 23—Vivian Burlison

Anniversaries:

None This Month

St. Paul

Birthdays:

Nov 18—Mia Cornwell
Nov 19—Jeff Burkhead; Reva Milliner; Julie Penny
Nov 22—Becky Lucas
Nov 23—Stacey VanMetre

Anniversaries:

Nov 19—Jeff & Sylvia Sanders (43 years)
Nov 23—Bobby & Michelle Robinson (31 years)

YOUTH GROUP MEETING…

Cooking with Kevin Mudd!

We invite our middle and high schoolers to join us for a cooking lesson with Kevin Mudd on Sunday, November 23rd from 5-7pm. We do need to get an idea of how many will be attending, so please let Beth or Amy know if your child(ren) plan to be there.

March For Life Trip

Fr Steve is taking a group from Madisonville to the March for Life in Washington DC in January. He has extended the invitation to our parishes here as well. If anyone is interested in going on this trip, please contact Fr. Steve by Thanksgiving. His number is the same at 270-662-1830.