



# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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**This Week: Sunday, November 30th, 2025—1st Sunday of Advent**

# Advent

## PREPARE THE WAY

Today we begin a new liturgical year. Advent is a season of hope, expectation, and awakening. It is small in length but enormous in meaning. The Church invites us not simply to prepare for Christmas, but to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ—His coming at Christmas, His coming at the end of time, and His coming into our daily lives. In the Gospel today, Jesus says, “Stay awake... for you do not know the day or the hour.” These are not meant to frighten us, but to awaken us.

Advent calls us to wake up: Many things put us to sleep spiritually: – Routine – Stress – Distractions – Busy-ness – Worry – Screens and noise – Even good things that become too much. Jesus is not telling us to fear the future; He is telling us to be present to God today. To “stay awake” means to live with awareness, gratitude, compassion, and hope.

Advent is a season of hope—not fear. The world often gives us reasons to worry: conflict, division, unexpected losses, illnesses, family struggles. But Advent looks at darkness and says: “The light is coming.” Isaiah tells us today, “Let us walk in the light of the Lord.”

Where do you need God’s light this Advent? – A broken relationship? – A habit that steals your peace? – Family tension? – Loneliness or confusion? – Grief or sadness? Invite Christ into that place. He comes as a light that darkness cannot overcome.

Advent invites us to prepare a place for Christ. We prepare our homes for Christmas with decorations, food, and gifts. Advent asks us to do the same for our hearts.

A simple way to prepare: One quiet moment with God each day, A small act of kindness, A word of forgiveness, A sacrifice that creates space for God, Returning to confession if it’s been a while. Christ is not asking for grand gestures—just a heart that welcomes Him.

Advent invites us to walk in peace. St. Paul today tells us to “throw off the works of darkness” and to “put on the armor of light.”

What is the armor of light? – Patience– Charity – Humility – Gentleness – Mercy These are the true decorations of Advent.

As we wait for Christ, let us also become people who bring Christ into the world: Bring peace where there is conflict. Bring forgiveness where there is hurt. Bring hope where someone feels lost. Bring joy where someone feels forgotten.

**Prayer List:** Betty Baker, Rod & Earline Brady, Glenn Campbell, Helen Clemons, Sharon Clemons, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Charlotte Dennis, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Lisa Graas, Jeff Hack, Ralph Haycraft, Dennis Higdon, Pat Higdon, Nancy Hill, Roz Hill, Mary Jackey, Gibson Jagers, Jr & Eve Jarboe, Donald Kennedy, Ron Kennedy, Chris Lampton, Travis Lampton, Everett Lindsey, Dianna Lush, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Deloris Miller, Gerald Milliner, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Eric Portman, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, Gene Schafer, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Byron Whitworth, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham, Linda Wright

**For Those Serving In The Military:** Phillip Sims

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul**

**Date: Saturday, December 6th**

**Lectors:** Jeff Burkhead; Barbara Tilford  
**Eu Min:** Joe Kipper; Joan Butterworth  
**Servers:** Christian, Payton  
**Gifts:** Joe & Agnes Kipper

**Date: Sunday, December 7th**

**Lectors:** Teresa Lush; Myles Thomas  
**Eu Min:** Emily Drake; Randall Drake  
**Servers:** Alexis, Brooklyn, Kylie  
**Gifts:** Myles & Ruth Ann Thomas

**Mass Intentions for the week December 1-7**

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Hilary Skaggs +
Wednesday	6:00 pm	St. Eliz	David Grant +
Thursday	9:00 am	St. Paul	Shelby Witten +
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Brady/Bergeron Fa
Saturday	10:00 am	St. Eliz	Brenda Stinson +
	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Joyce Whitfill +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Parishioners
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Kyle Jackey +

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth**

**Date: Sunday, December 7th**

**Lectors:** Jim, Roberta  
**Eu Min:** Rich; Sherri  
**Servers:** Alie, Zoey  
**Gifts:** Mason & Jessica Hayes Fam

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL**

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

**\*\*Will Catch these up after holiday printing\***

# Pastors' CORNER



**Feast of St Andrew:** On this Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> Church celebrates the feast of Apostle and Martyr St. Andrew. His name Andrew in Greek means “manly, courageous”. He was the son of Jona and was the elder brother of St. Peter. Initially he was a disciple of John the Baptist, but when Jesus was pointed out to him as the

Messiah, he immediately sought out his brother Peter, and with a sublime faith followed Jesus. After the resurrection of the Lord Andrew preached the Gospel in western Asia Minor ( Turkey). Andrew was martyred during the reign of Nero by being tied to a cross made like the letter X. In this way it was hoped to prolong his suffering, and in fact, Andrew is known to have continued to preach to the faithful for two days before expiring. May this Apostle increase our zeal for the Lord. St. Andrew, Pray for us.



**Changing oneself:** Once upon a time, there was a king who ruled a prosperous country. One day, he went for a trip to some distant areas of his country. When he was back to his palace, he complained that his feet were very painful, because it was the first time that he went for such a long trip, and the road that he went through was very rough and stony. He then ordered his people to cover every road of the entire country with leather. Definitely, this would need thousands of cows' skin, and would cost a huge amount of money. Then one of his wise servants dared himself to tell the king, “Why do you have to spend that unnecessary amount of money? Why don't you just cut a little piece of leather to cover your

feet?” Sometimes as we look around, we see lots of problems around us and we think and say there needs to be a lot of change in the world, in the community, in our family and in the people around us. But it may be important to analyses may be the first change has to be in our life. To make this world a happy place to live in, we have to change ourselves and lead a simple life.



**The most famous man who ever lived:** One day a kindergarten teacher nun said to the class of 5-year-olds, “I'll give \$2 to the child who can tell me who was the most famous man who ever lived.” An Irish boy put his hand up and said, “It was St. Patrick.” The teacher said, “Sorry Sean, that's not correct.” Then a Scottish boy put his hand up and said, “It was St. Andrew.” The teacher replied, “I'm sorry, Hamish, that's not right either.” Finally, a Jewish boy raised his hand and said, “It was Jesus Christ.” The teacher said, “That's absolutely right, Marvin, come up here and I'll give you the \$2.” As the teacher was giving

Marvin his money, she said, “You know Marvin, you being Jewish, I was very surprised you said Jesus Christ.” Marvin replied, “Yeah. In my heart I knew it was Moses, but business is business...”

**Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Week**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, December 2

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM

Saturday, December 6

1st Saturday Mass; St. Elizabeth, 10:00 AM (confessions 9:30 AM)

## UPCOMING:

Monday, December 8

Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation

Mass; St. Paul, 8:00 AM

Mass; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM

### St. Paul School News:

- **\$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 put the names back in for the whole year, even if their names are drawn out for the month. Only 1,000 tickets are being sold. They sell out fast, get yours before they are gone!
- **Next SCRIP/RaiseRight Order – 12/1/25 -** 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 12/1/25 at 10 am
- **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 with her music classes! We will have refresh-

### 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:

Dec 1—Madison Baxter

#### Anniversaries:

None This Week

### St. Paul

#### Birthdays:

Dec 1—Cody Clemons

Dec 2—David Lampton

Dec 3—Jim Gawarecki; Emily Graczyk

Dec 6—Kathleen Hibbard; David Sims

#### Anniversaries:

None This Week

### BULLETIN PRINTING DEADLINES

Throughout the holiday season, the bulletin printing will be off regular schedule. Most weeks, we will be required to submit it a week prior. So if anyone needs information in the bulletin, please let Amy know the week before. For example, December 7 and 14 bulletins are due by December 3—just plan accordingly—  
Thank You!!

### 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.



We are looking for a Cordless vacuum cleaner for our cafeteria. Someone said this Dyson cordless vacuum is excellent and user friendly . Church and school would very much appreciate if someone could donate one . Thank you

Fr. Suneesh