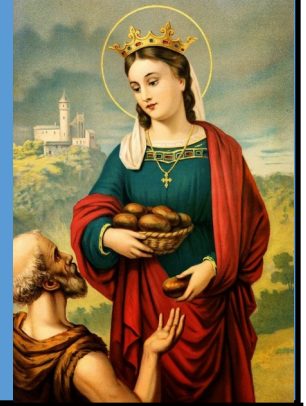


# CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH



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**This Week: Sunday, March 15th : Fourth Sunday of Lent**



Wishing everyone Happy Saint Patrick Day on March 17th. May the intercession of this great saint be upon us always



Please continue pray for our beautiful 11 kids from both Saint Paul and Saint Elizabeth who will be making their first Holy Communion on Sunday April 12th. Thanks to Gina Sims and Cheryl Kipper who have been preparing them.



## Lenten Communal Pen- ance Service

**Saint Elizabeth: Sunday March 29th at 3.30 pm**

**Saint Paul: Sunday March 30th at 5 PM.**

Saint Paul Archery team at the archery tournament in Bowling-Green last Saturday. In the Picture are Coach Travis Skaggs and Carla Butler with the kids

**Prayer List:** Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Denette Brown, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Teresa Elmore, Crystal Frazee, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, 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, Mike & Pat Leonard, Dianna Lush, Teresa Lynn, Bernice McCombs, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Lucas Meredith, Delois Miller, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Marvin Patterson, Taylor Pharis, Eric Portman, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sacksteadar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Bud Underwood, Jon Usher, Jerry Wheatley, Byron Whitworth, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham **For Those Serving In The Military:** Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims

**St. Patrick:** St Patrick, the great apostle and patron of Ireland was born in Roman-ruled Britain to loving parents, perhaps as an only child. At the age of sixteen, Gaelic slave traders from Ireland arrived by ship and raided Patrick’s village. Patrick was captured and “was taken into captivity in Ireland with many thousands of people.” After 6 years of captivity Patrick escaped and came back to his homeland. Back in Britain, Patrick continued to pray, study Scripture, and learn the Catholic faith. His prayer led him into deep union with God. He had dreams and visions, including a vision in which he heard the voice of the Irish say to him, “We beg you, holy youth, that you shall come and shall walk again among us.” Patrick knew that he had to return, not as a slave, but as a missionary. Despite opposition from his family, Patrick was determined to answer God’s call. Since Patrick had learned much about Irish culture and language, he was an ideal candidate for missionary work. After years of study, probably in France, he was ordained a bishop and sent by the Church back to Ireland to convert the pagans, his captors, to Christ. And that he did. Humble, yet courageous, Patrick’s determination to accept suffering and success with equal candour guided him in winning most of Ireland for Christ. Indeed, by the time he died at Sabhall in 461, he had established the Church in Ireland on a truly solid foundation

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul**

**Date: Saturday, March 21st**

**Lectors:** Jeff Burkhead; Ashley Milliner  
**Eu Min:** Joan Butterworth; Bobby Robinson  
**Servers:** Colton, Jaden  
**Gifts:** Carolyn Minton/Faye Milliner

**Date: Sunday, March 22nd**

**Lectors:** Brayden Kingrey; Beth Geary  
**Eu Min:** Linda Cripps; Dale Darst  
**Servers:** Lucas, Cason, Tanner  
**Gifts:** Murrell & Ann Sims

**Mass Intentions for the week March 16-22**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>No Mass</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Gil &amp; Patti Stovall</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>St. Eliz</b>	<b>Kevin &amp; Roni Mudd</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Carl &amp; Iva Hazelwood +</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Rod Brady +</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>St. Paul</b>	<b>Ann&amp;Regina Whitfill+</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>St. Eliz</b>	<b>Juanita &amp; Hurley Higdon +</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth**

**Date: Sunday, March 22nd**

**Lectors:** Scarlett; Pat  
**Eu Min:** Sherri; Edna  
**Servers:** Wyatt; Austin  
**Gifts:** Blake & Vanda Aubrey Fam

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH**

Mar 8 Collection: \$ 1,837.00  
**Needed for Budget each week: \$2,050.00**  
 Under /Over this week : **-213.00**  
 Budget for the whole year : \$106,000  
**Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$11,138.58****

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL**

Mar 8 Collection: \$ 3,806.00  
**Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,380.00**  
 Under/ Over this week : **+\$426.00**  
 Budget for the whole year : \$176,000  
**Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$3,281.37****

## Pastors' CORNER



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unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. We need to ask the Lord to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like. Let us pray, God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly” day by day.

**Where is my blindness:** This Sunday’s Gospel presents the miracle of Jesus’ giving sight to a man born blind. Through this miracle the Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by Faith, and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who

blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus. We need to ask the Lord to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like. Let us pray, God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly” day by day.



**Blinded by prejudice:** In the late 1700s, the manager of a large hotel in Baltimore refused lodging to a man dressed like a farmer. He turned the farmer away because he thought this fellow’s shabby appearance would discredit the reputation of his distinguished hotel. The farmer picked up his bag and left without saying a further word to anyone. Later that evening, the innkeeper discovered that he had turned away none other than the Vice-President of the United States – Thomas Jefferson! Immediately, the manager sent a note of apology to the famed patriot, asking him to come back and be his guest in the hotel. Jefferson

replied by instructing the messenger as follows, “Tell him I have already reserved a room. I value his good intentions highly, but if he has no room for a common American farmer, then he has no room for the Vice-President of the United States of America.



**Blind Man and the Dog:** A blind man is walking down the street with his guide dog one day. They come to a busy intersection and the dog, ignoring the high volume of traffic zooming by on the street, leads the blind man right out into the thick of the traffic. This is followed by the screech of tires as panicked drivers try desperately not to run the pair down. Horns blaring around them, the blind man and the dog finally reach the safety of the sidewalk on the other side of the street, and the blind man pulls a cookie out of his coat pocket, which he offers to the dog. A passerby, having observed the near fatal incident, can’t control his amazement and says to the blind man, “Why

on earth are you rewarding your dog with a cookie? He nearly got you killed!” The blind man turns partially in his direction and replies, “To find out where his head is, so I can kick his rear end!”

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a great week

### THE WEEK AHEAD Sunday, March 15

CCD, St. Elizabeth  
Youth Group; St. Paul Church, 5:00—7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

Stations of the Cross; St. Elizabeth, 5:30 PM

Friday, March 20

Fish Fry; St. Paul, 4:30—7:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross; St. Paul, 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 21

Painting at Parish Hall; St. Paul, 8:00 AM

## St. Paul School News:

- **300 Club Winners for February were:** Phyllis Payne and Don Spinney. Congratulations!
  - **Fish Fry Fridays** – St. Paul School in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus. Meals will be \$12 each and will be dine in or carry out, from 4:30-7 pm CST. We look forward to seeing you there!
  - **Fish Fry 3/6/26** – We sold 365 meals! Thanks to all who volunteered, donated desserts and all who purchased fish meals! We cleared a profit of \$3,679.54 on our second meal. Congratulations to Adam Ashley on winning the 50/50 drawing! We will have a 50/50 drawing each week we have fish fries.
  - **Trivia Night – 3/7/26** – Trivia Night was a fun night! Thank you to Walter and Cynthia D’Andrea for putting together the trivia night and to Andy D’Andrea for hosting! Total profit was \$1,863.30.
  - **Reverse Raffle – 3/28/26** – We still have a few tickets available for Reverse Raffle drawing, they are \$50 each and grand prize for the last name drawn is \$2,500. We will have door prizes, and auction items available throughout the night! This will be streaming online on the St. Paul Leitchfield, KY Facebook page. Contact Angie at 270-287-3311 to purchase a ticket before they are sold out. Only 150 total will be sold.
  - **Next SCRIP/RaiseRight Order 3/30/26** - 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 3/30/26 at 10 am.
  - **Pork Lunches will return on 4/24/26 and 5/8/26.**
  - **Golf Scramble is scheduled on 5/23/26.**
- \*Yard Sale – June 4, 5, 6**

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597- 2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to [ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call 1-800-276-1562.



### St. Elizabeth

#### Birthdays:

March 16—Travis Skaggs

March 21—Rose Pharris; Jared Baxter

Anniversaries: None This Week

### St. Paul

#### Birthdays:

March 16—Keegan Paris

March 18—Asher Thomas

March 19—Karen Kingrey

March 20—Connie Whitworth

#### Anniversaries:

None This Week

### St. Paul Parish Hall Painting

We will be painting the front hallways and cafeteria of the parish hall on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 8:00 AM. We will have the paint but feel free to bring supplies if you have them. Also if you would like to sign up to bring lunch for the workers that would be a much appreciated way to contribute. Hope to see y’all there!

### Inspiring quotes from Catholic Saints:

“Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.” *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

“Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.” *St. Rose of Lima*

“A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God.” *St. Faustina*

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.” *St. Augustine of Hippo*