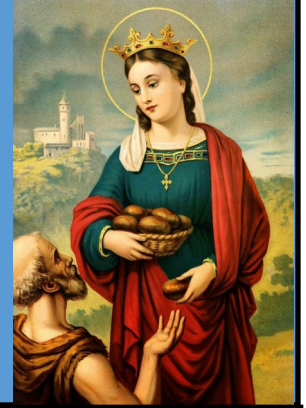


CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH



Contact us at St. Paul: 270 242 7436

St. Elizabeth : 270 242 4414

This Week: Sunday, May 17, 2026—The Ascension of the Lord



Kalynn and Jared O'Connell baptized their children Jayde and Junior O'Connell last Sunday at Saint Elizabeth Church. Congratulations and God's many blessings to the family.



Walter and Cynthia D'Andrea recently treated our 5th- 8th grade students to a wonderful field trip. They began the day by taking the students to enjoy delicious Mexican food at a restaurant in Morgantown. After lunch, they welcomed the students to their business, W.D. Body Works, where they paint and repair motorhomes. They took time to explain the entire painting process and shared many interesting details about their work and business. Walter and Cynthia do so much for our school community. They teach Spanish, Walter generously volunteers to drive the bus whenever needed, they help lead our trivia nights, and they continually support our school with their time, talent, and generosity. We are sincerely grateful to them for all that they do for our school

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, 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, Lora Lashley, Mike & Pat Leonard, Dianna Lush, Teresa Lynn, Bernice McCombs, Mary McDermott, Savanna Mercer, Lucas Meredith, Beverly Miller, Delois Miller, Joe Ed Milliner, Timmy Milliner, Irv & Coreen Moore, Zachary Nelson, Mary Norris, Lois Pack, James Paris, Taylor Pharis, Sharon Portman, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sackstedar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Mary Sue Seward, Michelle Shaffer, Jeff Sherrard, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Mimi Stinson, Misty Thomas, Shelia Thomas, Bud Underwood, Jon Usher, Jerry Wheatley, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Bill Wortham, Ellen Johnson, mother of Sandy Clemons

For Those Serving In The Military: Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Owen Meredith, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims

SCHOOL COLLECTION

There will be a special 2nd collection for the school next weekend at all masses.

If anyone is sick, in the hospital, or would like to see a priest either at home or in a nursing facility, please let me know. I would be very glad to visit them and reach out to them. Often, if I am not informed, I may not know that someone is sick or in need of a visit. Please do not hesitate to contact me, as I would be happy to come and see them. Fr. Suneesh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, May 23

Lectors: Ashley Milliner; Barbara Tilford
Eu Min: Bobby Robinson; Angie Whitworth
Servers: Payton, Waylon, Jack
Gifts: Theresa Crawford

Date: Sunday, May 24

Lectors: Teresa Lush; Myles Thomas
Eu Min: Charlie Drake; Randall Drake
Servers: Nora, Audrey, Mollee
Gifts: Myles & Ruth Ann Thomas

Mass Intentions for the week May 18-24

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Carol Witten Jewel+
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Denette Brown +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Byron Whitworth+
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	JoAnn Pierce +
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Terry Jagers +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Parishioners
Sunday	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Dale Higdon +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, May 24

Lectors: Travis; Carla
Eu Min: Patty; Allen
Servers: Wyatt, Austin
Gifts: Wes & Kristin Dixon Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

May 10 Collection: \$ 1,785.12
Needed for Budget each week: \$2,050.00
 Under /Over this week : **-\$264.88**
 Budget for the whole year : \$106,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$16,457.63**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

May 10 Collection: \$ 3,602.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,380.00
 Under/ Over this week : **+222.00**
 Budget for the whole year : \$176,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$2,520.37**

Pastors' CORNER

Ascension of Jesus: This Sunday the Church celebrates the feast of the ascension of Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Holy Spirit to the Apostles as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him through their lives and preaching throughout the world. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, presents the scene of Jesus' Ascension, the promise of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' instructions to the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Power from above, and missionary command to the apostles to bear witness to him. In the second reading, Paul teaches us that God revealed His might in the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, thus exalting Him over all angelic forces. Jesus remains accessible to us now in the life-giving Holy Spirit, assuring us that one day we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly glory, provided that, with His grace, we live out our Faith in Him through the mission of loving service He entrusts to us. Today's Gospel tells us that, with his return to the Father, Jesus completed his personal mission on earth. But just before his Ascension, Jesus entrusted to the disciples that same mission of preaching the Good News and evangelizing the whole world by bearing witness to him through their lives. It is in his Ascension that we see Jesus entering fully into the Life and Glory of God. In the descriptions of Christ after his Resurrection, we are given a hint of what life will be like in Heaven. The prospect of sharing that glory should be the driving force of our lives.

We need to be proclaimers and evangelizers: To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Spirit of God to bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives. Jesus taught us lessons of Faith, Hope, Love, forgiveness, mercy, and salvation by his life and his preaching and gave us the same mission for the conversion of our brothers and sisters. Hence, let us learn about Jesus and his teachings through our daily study of the Bible and the teachings of the Church, experience Jesus in personal prayer, our reception of the Sacraments and our works of charity, and convey to others the Jesus whom we experience with the help of the Holy Spirit. We need Jesus as our source of strength and encouragement in doing His will. We will be able to overcome doubts about our Faith, as well as baseless fears, anxieties, and worries, by meditating on Jesus' Ascension and the lesson it teaches — that we, too, are called to share his Glory in Heaven.

The Ascension mission to preach the Gospel: After attending a convention led by Billy Graham a woman wrote to him. "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear Madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has already provided you with a congregation in your own home."

Fr. Suneesh Mathew :Have a Blessed week

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, May 17	CCD; St. Elizabeth, after Mass Knights Meeting (RESCHEDULE), St. Elizabeth, 5:00 PM
Tuesday, May 19	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM Grace Marriage Meets; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, May 20	Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, after 6:00 PM Mass
Sunday, May 24	Special Collection for the school—all masses

St. Paul School News:

Congratulations to Our St. Paul 8th Grade Graduates!

We proudly congratulate Chris Brown, Liam Carwile, Zoey Skaggs, and Colton Tipton on this special achievement. May the faith-filled foundation you have built at St. Paul Catholic School continue to guide and strengthen you as you begin your high school journey. We are proud of each of you and pray for God's blessings upon your future.

Golf Scramble is at Shady Hollow on 5/23/26. We welcome all golfers to our tournament. Sign up forms in the vestibule of church. We will provide food and drinks for the golfers and hand out goody bags at registration. *We need business sponsorship for the holes, \$100 per sign to advertise.*

Trivia Night – May 30, 2026

Put your knowledge to the test and gather your team for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and great prizes!

- \$20 per person or \$120 per team (up to 6 players)
- 10 exciting trivia rounds with door prizes awarded throughout the night
- Appetizers and dessert will be served

Cash prize for the winning team

📧 Sponsorship Opportunity:

Support the event and promote your business! Trivia round sponsorships are available for \$100, which includes advertising on the big screen during your sponsored round.

Don't miss this fun-filled night—bring your smartest friends and join us!

Contact Angie, 270-287-3311 to sign up to play trivia or to sponsor a round!

Yard Sale – June 4, 5, 6 at St. Elizabeth. More details coming soon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13-16

9:00 AM—Noon

St. Paul Church/Hall

Please scan QR code to register

For kids entering K-6th Grade

7th Grade and up ask about volunteering



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

May 19—Helen Clemons; Bennie Sims

May 22—Owen Burlison; Korie Hampton

Anniversaries:

May 18—Danny & Janet Skees (8 years)

May 22—Dennis & Cindy Higdon (45 years)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

May 19—Dennis DePoyster; Rance Whobrey

May 20—Lisa Beville

May 21—Phyllis Burkhead; Gunner Higdon;
Beverly King

May 22—Blake Meredith; Tom Portman

Anniversaries:

May 22—Roger & Mimi Stinson (45 years)

May 22—Tim & Tonya Lampton (22 years)

Memorial Day Rosary will be held at the Leitchfield Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial day May 25th at 10am! Come out & join us as we pray for those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.



St. Paul school kids at the court house for the national day of prayer.