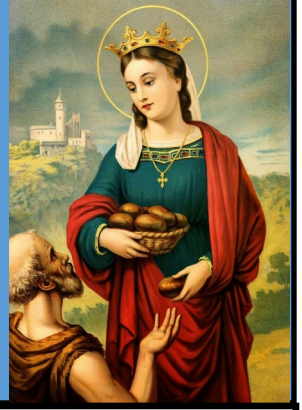




CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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This Week: Sunday, July 26th, 2026—Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



This weeks bulletin cover depicts the pics from our Vacations bible school and the Altar Servers trip to the Holiday World.

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Betty Baker, Hunter Beck, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Norman & Hettie Conder, Dale & Donna Darst, Sam Dennis, Teresa Elmore, Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, Helen Gawarecki, Erica Gibson, Lisa Graas, Jeff Hack, Ralph Haycraft, Dennis Higdon, Pat Higdon, Nancy Hill, Roz Hill, Sharon Hilton, Mary Hopkins, 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, Anna Lee Portman, Sharon Portman, Larry Ray, 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, Dan Vincent, Jerry Wheatley, Brian Wilson, Norma Jean Witten, Ellen Johnson, mother of Sandy Clemons, David Lampton, Carma Duvall, Judy Hack, Abby Pucket niece of Linda Clark.

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

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for smile is the beginning of love: Mother Theresa

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. Martin Louthier King

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, Aug 1

Lectors: Mike Foster; Joan Butterworth
Eu Min: Barbara Tilford; Bobby Robinson
Servers: Annie, Adalyn, Rosie
Gifts: Becky Lucas

Date: Sunday, Aug 2

Lectors: Teresa Lush; Myles Thomas
Eu Min: Yvonne DePoyster; Tina Disselkamp
Servers: Maveric, Layton, Dean
Gifts: Larry & Geneva Pawley

Mass Intentions for the week July 27-Aug 2

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Ruth Cross +
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Bob Kostin +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Donnie Pierce+
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Roger Hart +
Saturday	10:00 am	St. Eliz	Peggy Sims +
	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Derrick Sims +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Larry McGrew+
	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, Aug 2

Lectors: Travis, Carla
Eu Min: Sherri, Edna
Servers: Jude, Abel, Lucy
Gifts: Rose & Mike Pharris

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

July 5/12/19Collection:\$2,247.61;1,251, 1619.50

Needed for Budget each week: \$2,130

Under /Over this week : **-\$1,271.89**

Budget for the whole year : \$110,760

Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$1,271.89**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

July 12/19 Collection: \$6,360; \$2,955

Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,480.00

Under/ Over this week : **+\$2,352.00**

Budget for the whole year : \$181,000

Under/ Over from July 1st: **+\$2,830**

A parish grows stronger when its people gather– not only to worship, but also to celebrate, serve, and support one another. Join us at our Parish Picnic

Pastors' CORNER

Scripture Summarized: This Sunday's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Savior and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the "*pearl of great price*". The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing His will. That is why he requested of God the gift of prudence, "*an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong,*" so that he might govern God's people properly. The Lord God was pleased with Solomon's request and granted him "*a wise and discerning heart,*" which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. **In the second reading,** Paul teaches that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" This is true of all who accept a close relationship with God as their greatest treasure. **In the Gospel,** using three mini-parables and one concluding simile, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom, is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded

Words of Gratitude: Our vacation Bible school this year was awesome. This could have not happened if Kriston Dixon didn't take the initiative to Co-ordinate it. She had it organized so well having lots of volunteers that included adults and teenagers. I want to thank the following people who helped Kristan with this year's vacation Bible School. Kristin Dixon, Stephanie Burlison, Carla Wynn, Emily Drake, Kalynn O'Connell, Rose Pharris, Chelsea Gilbert, Morgan Roberts, Mike Foster, Amy Taylor, Kim Smith, Dale and Kathy Jenkins. We had 61 K-5th kids and 15 6th and up student helpers. Thanks to every one so much.

My treasure is apple pie. Little Mary listened intently in Sunday school while the teacher explained the parable of the "treasure" and "pearl" and gave a detailed description of eternal bliss in Heaven. She concluded her class asking the question, "All those who are ready to go to Heaven, raise your hands." Every hand went up except one. "Don't you want to go to Heaven, Mary?" asked the teacher. "Not this minute," Mary replied, "Mom was baking apple pie when I left home!"

Proposal: It was dinner time at St Mary's assisted living. The man and woman both widowed had known each other for a number of years, The two were at the same table, seated across from one another. As the meal progressed, he took a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered the courage to ask, will you marry me? After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered yes yes I will. The meal ended and with few more pleasant escanges, they went to their respective apartments. Next morning he was troubled. Did she say yes or did she say no? he couldn't remember. Try as he might he just could not recall, not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he picked up his phone and called her. First he explained that he didn't remember things as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past. As he gained a little more courage, he inquired, when I asked if you would marry me, did you say yes or no? he was delighted to hear her say, why I said, yes yes I wil and I meant it with all my heart. Then she continued, and I am so glad you called , because I couldn't remember who asked me.

Fr. Suneesh Mathew: Have an awesome week ahead

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, July 27	Back to School Night; St. Paul School, 5:00 PM
Tuesday, July 28	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM
Wednesday, July 29	Anointing of the Sick; St. Elizabeth Mass, 6:00 PM
Friday, July 31	Anointing of the Sick; St. Paul Mass, Noon
Saturday, August 1	1st Saturday Mass; St. Elizabeth, 10:00 AM (Confessions 9:30)



Old man Speeding: A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, What am I doing? I am too old for this, and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival. Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the corvette, looked at his watch, and said, Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I have never heard before, I will let you go. The old gentleman paused. Then he said, years ago, my wife ran off with a State trooper. I thought you were bringing her back. "Have a good day, sir replied the trooper.

Parish Council Members St. Paul

Ruth Ann Thomas—Chair
Melanie Crawford— Secretary
Joan Butterworth- St. Paul School
Randall Drake— Youth /CCD
Terry Jagers— Social Activities
Dennis DePoyster— Maintenance
Rance Whobrey— Outreach/Service
Angie Whitworth— Liturgy and Worship

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Donna White—Chair
Laura Baxter—Secretary
Bennie Sims—Art & Environment
Mason Hayes—Building & Grounds
Edna Bratcher—Liturgy & Worship
Social Activity—Blake Aubrey
Social Concerns— Roberta Adams
Youth—Jamie Clemons



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

July 27—Ellie Hampton
 July 28—Abel Winn
 July 31—Ellis Hayes
 Aug 1—Jessica Williams
 Aug 2—Roslyn Hill; Jude Winn

Anniversaries:

July 27—Dan & Dot Peterson (52 Years)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

July 30—Melanie Crawford
 July 31—Amanda Decker; Molly Geary

Anniversaries:

July 31—James & Lisa Beville (39 Years)



Elephantine shock therapy. The story has been told of a lion who was very proud. He decided to take a walk one day to demonstrate his mastery over all the other creatures. He strutted his way through the forest until he came across a bear. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, BEAR?" "Why of course you are, mighty lion." He went on until he found the tiger. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, TIGER?" "Why you are, great lion." Next the lion found the elephant. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, ELEPHANT?" The elephant instantly grabbed the lion with his trunk and spun him around a few times and slammed him to the ground. He then stepped on him a few times, picked him up and dunked him in the water and then threw him up against a tree. The lion staggered to his feet and said, "LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO UPSET!"

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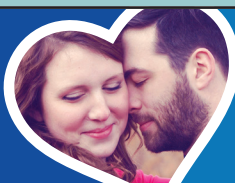
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