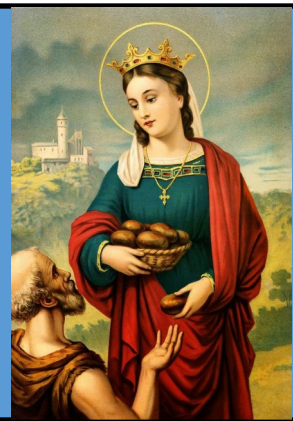




CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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This Week: Sunday, August 16th, 2026—Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time



God of all people and nation: Exclusivism, discrimination, social prejudices and divisions are definitely not pleasing in the eyes of God. Indeed, God wants all people to be united in love and harmony for it was He who created them all. That is why He made sure that His house “shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Is 56:7) so that all nations will praise Him: “O God, may all the peoples praise you” (Ps 67:4). As the Psalmist exclaimed, “How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one! Like fine oil on the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, upon the collar of his robe” (Ps 133:1-2). The Gospel this Sunday teaches us a lesson on unity and fraternal solidarity among all of God’s people. Interestingly, this lesson comes neither from the disciples nor from any member of God’s Chosen People, but from an outsider – a Canaanite woman. She was not just a pagan. She was a Canaanite. The Promised Land was originally occupied by the Canaanites. They were pushed out by the Israelites. That is why, since then, the relationship between the Jews and the Canaanites was that of deep animosity. But the woman did not mind that. She mustered all courage to come near Jesus. At first, Jesus seemed cold and indifferent: “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” He even said something, which may have sounded insulting, which again, the woman did not mind. But Jesus did not mean to degrade or malign her. He was simply testing her faith, making sure her faith is pure and strong. She could not be dissuaded. She truly believed in Jesus. She repeatedly called out, “Lord, help me!” She was persistent, but, at the same time, profoundly humble: “Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.” Jesus, who always looks into the heart, praised her: “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” Jesus acted in her favor because of her true faith. She was a Canaanite, but she truly believed in Jesus, unlike the Jews of his time who rejected him. She was nobody, an unnamed woman, and even a nuisance in the eyes of the disciples; but she was really “great” in the eyes of Jesus. Clearly, then, it is faith, not social or religious affiliation, that unites us to Jesus.

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

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Mark Alvey, Betty Baker, Hunter Beck, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sharon Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, 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

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

If Angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion. St. Maxmillion Kolbe
If we but knew the grace hidden in the Eucharist, we would need nothing else to make us holy. St. Angela of Foligno

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, Aug 22

Lectors: Jeff Burkhead; Luke Milliner
Eu Min: Barbara Tilford; Angie Whitworth
Servers: Liam, Sophie
Gifts: Mary Pierce; Norma Jean Witten

Date: Sunday, Aug 23

Lectors: Beth Geary; Teresa Lush
Eu Min: Ruth Ann Thomas; Keith Shellhart
Servers: Abby, Bryant, Alli
Gifts: Jimmy & Sarah Tilford Family

Mass Intentions for the week August 17-23

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Kimberly Cripps +
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Lena Jackey +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Marie Ice+
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Gerald Milliner +
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Terry Jagers +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Alan Drake +
	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, Aug 23

Lectors: Rich; Mary Ellen
Eu Min: Pat; Carol
Servers: Alie, Zoey, Zane
Gifts: Travis & Stephanie Skaggs

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Aug 9 Collection: \$ 1308.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$2,120
Under /Over this week : **-812.00**
Budget for the whole year : \$110,160
Under/ Over from July 1st: **-\$2,977.39**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Aug 9 Collection: \$2,115.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,480.00
Under/ Over this week : **-\$1,365.00**
Budget for the whole year : \$181,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: **+\$555.00**

When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. St. Theresa of Calcutta

Pastors' CORNER

Queenship of Mary: On August 22nd the Church celebrates the feast of the Queenship of Mary. The solemnity of the Assumption is prolonged in the celebration of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary which occurs seven days later. On this day we contemplate her who, seated beside the King of Ages, shines forth as Queen and intercedes as Mother. From the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have addressed fervent prayers and hymns of praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because of her eminence, she is entitled to the highest honor that can be bestowed upon any creature, for she is the glorious Queen of the universe. As we honor her let us approach with greater confidence to the throne of mercy and grace of our queen and Mother to help us in difficulty, light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow

“If Christians have caste differences” : Mahatma Gandhi in his autobiography tells how, during his days in South Africa as a young Indian lawyer, he read the Gospels and saw in the teachings of Jesus the answer to the major problem facing the people of India, the caste system. Seriously considering embracing the Christian faith, Gandhi went to a white-only church one Sunday morning, intending to talk to the pastor about the idea. When he entered the Church, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and told him to go and worship in another church with his own colored people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. *“If Christians have caste differences also,”* he said, *“I might as well remain a Hindu.”*

The Two Seeds: Two seeds were lying in the soil. The first seed said, “I’m afraid. If I grow, I might get hurt by the rain, the wind, or the animals. I think I’ll stay here.” So the first seed never grew. The second seed said, “I may face storms and difficulties, but I was created to become something more. I will trust the process.” It pushed through the soil, reached toward the sunlight, and eventually became a beautiful tree that gave shade and fruit to many people. Sometimes we are afraid to take the next step because we don’t know what will happen. But if we stay buried in fear, we never discover what we were created to become. **Have courage, take the next step, and trust God with the rest.**

The Bamboo Tree: A man planted a bamboo seed and watered it every day. For the first year, nothing appeared. The second year came—still nothing. The third year—nothing. The fourth year—still nothing. People laughed at him. “Why are you wasting your time? Nothing is growing!” But the man continued to water it. Then, during the fifth year, a tiny green shoot finally appeared. And within a few weeks, the bamboo grew **many feet tall**. Someone asked, “How did it grow so quickly?” The man replied, “It wasn’t growing quickly. It was growing underground. For years, it was building a strong root system so that when the time came, it could rise.” Sometimes we pray, work, and wait, and it seems like **nothing is happening**. But God may be working beneath the surface, preparing us for something we cannot yet see. **Don’t give up just because you don’t see results. Keep watering your faith.**

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Day

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, August 18

Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM
Grace Marriage; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM
Parish Council; St. Paul, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19

Senior Meal; St. Elizabeth, 11:30 AM
Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, 6:45 PM

Friday, August 21

Pork Lunch; St. Paul (see school news for info)

Sat/Sunday Aug 22/23

St. Paul School Collection

NOTE: When St. Paul School is in session—the parish hall will be locked from 10:30 AM– 1:45 PM. If you need to come to Amy’s office—please call or knock.

ST PAUL SCHOOL NEWS:

Wish List – 26-27 – Please take a moment to look at our Wish List. We made a wish list on Amazon and there are some other items needed as well listed on the flyer. The QR code will take you directly to Amazon.



First Pork Lunch of the school year – August 21, 2026. Lunches are \$12, please contact 270-287-3311 to order lunches and deliveries, deadline to pre-order: 8/19/26.

22nd Annual Car Show — September 12, 2026

This year's Car Show will be especially meaningful as we come together to honor several important milestones: the 25th anniversary of September 11 with a special remembrance ceremony, the 120th anniversary of St. Paul Catholic School, and the 250th anniversary of the United States! We are celebrating in a big way, and we would be incredibly grateful for your help. We need cakes for the Cake Walk, desserts for the Schnitzel Meal, and additional volunteers throughout the event. Thank you in advance for generously sharing your time and talents. It truly takes our entire St. Paul family and community to make this event successful, and we appreciate every person who helps. Together, let's make this year's Car Show our best and most memorable one yet!

Honey Fest: Saturday September 17th is the honey fest. This is the only fund raiser we have for Saint Elizabeth thought the year. Thanks to Carla Winn and the picnic committee for all the prep toward it. Please continue to sell the raffle tickets and bring to Church after they are sold. Please also bring items for the silent auction. You could bring them on Wednesdays or Sunday as you come to Church and can leave it in the parish hall.



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

Aug 18—Carol Hill
Aug 19—Cindy Higdon
Aug 20—Sharon Roberts
Aug 21—Rose Mary Kenney

Anniversaries:

Aug 23—Allen & Rhonda Clemons (52 Years)

St. Paul

Birthdays:

Aug 18—Joan Butterworth; Angie Crawford;
John Penny
Aug 20—Tim Geary; Daron Milliner; Pat Skees
Aug 22—Sharon Cooper; Lily Geary;
Wayne Powell

Anniversaries:

Aug 18—John & Bonnie Lampton (47 Years)

St. Paul Ladies Group

The Ladies Group will meet on Wednesday, Aug 26 at 5:30 PM at St. Paul School. Join us is making a fabric pumpkin. Bring a snack to share if you like!

See you there!

YOUTH GROUP

We will kick off our next youth group year with a trip to Christ the King in Madisonville for a Deanery (and beyond) event. This will be a longer day than our usual 2 hour meeting—plan for a half day. This will be a day of games, mass, food, and fellowship. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 30. More details to come.

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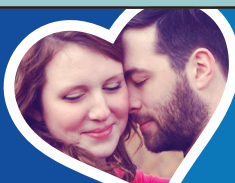
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