

ST. PAUL & ST. ELIZABETH

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

AUGUST 30TH, 2026 - 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: FR. SUNEESH MATHEW



This week's bulletin highlights the joyous Sophia Award celebration held at St. Stephen Cathedral. Heartfelt congratulations go to Rich and Mary Ellen Wygant, who were honored as recipients from St. Elizabeth, and to Lynda Crawford, the deserving recipient from St. Paul. Additionally, congratulations are in order for Amanda and Shawn Decker, who baptized their baby, Gray Thomas, this past Sunday.



St. Paul Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 5

Lectors: Barbara Tilford

Angie Whitworth

Euch Min: Joan Butterworth

Bobby Robinson

Servers: Grayson, Bailey

Gifts: Jerry & Evelyn Sims

Sunday, September 6

Lectors: Erica Cockerel

Amanda Decker

Euch Min: Richard Darst

Yvonne DePoyster

Servers: Alexis, Brooklyn

Gifts: Rance & Amber Whobrey

St. Elizabeth Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, September 6

Lectors: Grant; Patty

Euch Min: Stephanie; Donna

Servers: Jude, Abel, Lucy

Gifts: Adam & Lindsey Smith

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 31 - SEPT 6

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00am - St. Paul Sandy Risinger +

Wednesday 6:00pm - St. Eliz Raeburn & Nellie Mattingly +

Thursday 8:00am - St. Paul Joyce Whitfill +

Friday Noon - St. Paul Jerry Jackey +

Saturday 10:00am St. Eliz David Grant +

5:00pm - St. Paul Parishioners

Sunday 8:30am - St. Paul Rod Brady +

10:30am - St. Eliz Brenda Stinson +

PRAYER LIST

Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Mark Alvey, Betty Baker, Hunter Beck, Scott Broussard, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Sheena Clemons, Allie Sue Collins, Hettie Conder, Paula Cooper, 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, 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, Diane Ward, Tiffany Webb, 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, Dillan Ward

THANK YOU:

The family of Mary Norris wishes to thank the parish and all the ladies who provided food for the meal after the service. We also want to thank everyone who came to visit at the funeral home. Mostly, we thank everyone who kept mom in their prayers these past few years.

In Christ's Love, Joey & Donna White; Blake & Vanda Aubrey Family; and Nolan & Hannah White



St. Teresa of Kolkatta. Agnes Gonzha Bojaxhiu was born on 27th August 1910 in Yugoslavia. At the age of 18, having completed her studies, she joined Loreto Abbey in Ireland on 25th September 1928 and took the name “Teresa’. In 1929 she was sent to Calcutta, India, where she taught for 16 long years at St Mary’s School and mastered the local language. On 10th September 1946 she was travelling by train to Darjeeling (India) for rest and recuperation from a long illness, when she got what she referred to as “the call within the call’, to be God’s love in action to the poorest of the poor. She realized that she was called “to take care of the sick and the dying, the hungry, the naked, the homeless”. Having sought and obtained due permission from her congregation, she abandoned the comfort and security of the Loreto Convent on 16th August 1948 to go out into the world and face harsh realities of the slums of Calcutta. Clad in a coarse blue- bordered white sari, a crucifix pinned at her shoulder, a Bible in hand and with less than Rupees Five in her pocket, but with boundless faith and courage, she set about in right earnest serving Jesus in the Poorest of the poor. She nursed the sick and the dying with the utmost tender care and lovingly cleansing their maggot- infested wounds, washing their naked bodies, cradled them into the Lord’s peace the way only someone divinely possessed could. In time, the life of this “Saint of the Gutters” as she came to be known, inspired her Sisters and Brothers to live frugal but disciplined lives like her, voluntarily foregoing all kinds of modern day comfort and recreation. In time, Mother Teresa came to be bestowed with innumerable awards in recognition of her work, the most notable being the Nobel Peace Prize and the Bharat Ratna (The highest award in India) . Mother Teresa died on September 5th 1997 and was beatified on October 19th 2003.

Waddling ducks: Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, once told about a make-believe country where only ducks lived. On Sunday morning all the ducks came into Church, waddled down the aisle, waddled into their pews and squatted. Then the duck minister came in, took his place behind the pulpit, opened the Duck Bible and read, “Ducks! You have wings, and with wings you can fly like eagles. You can soar into the skies! Ducks! You have wings!” All the ducks yelled, “Amen!” and then they all waddled home. No one flew or even tried. There’s just too much truth to that little fable. All of us have different gifts and talents and it is unique to each of us. We have to use our God-given talents and blessings for us and for the welfare of others, thus glorifying God and becoming eligible for our eternal reward.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born in Poland. It seems that his early years – while good – were not that remarkable. He was devoted to Mary. He became a Conventual Franciscan priest. His Faith was important to him. But when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939, Kolbe saw the writing on the wall. He knew that if he were to be a person of Faith – and be true to his Faith – he would probably have to suffer. In February 1941, because he spoke out against the horror of the Nazis, he was arrested and imprisoned at Auschwitz. On July 30, 1941, a prisoner escaped from Auschwitz, and in retaliation, the commandant of the camp lined up the inmates of cellblock 14 and ordered that ten of them be selected at random for punishment. They would be consigned to an underground bunker and starved to death. Ten men were selected. One of them, Francis Gajowniczek, cried out in tears, “My poor wife and children! I will never see them again.” At this point Maximilian Kolbe stepped forward and volunteered to take his place. The commandant accepted his offer, and so Fr. Maximillian Kolbe assumed his place among the condemned. By August 14, Kolbe was dead, his body cremated in the camp ovens.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Weekend Aug 29/30	Anointing of the Sick; All Masses
Sunday, August 30	CCD; St. Elizabeth, 9:15 AM CCD; St. Paul, 9:30 AM Youth Group Deanery Event; Madisonville, leaves 12:30pm
Tuesday, September 1	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday, September 5	1 st Saturday Mass; St. Elizabeth, 10:00 AM; Confessions 9:30 AM
Sunday, September 6	Honeyfest Meat Collection; St. Elizabeth, 10:30 AM Mass

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. Thanks for your continued support. Amazon link is <https://a.co/0bP95y.y6>
- 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!

GO COMETS!!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Elizabeth

Collection Aug 23	\$1,554.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$2,120.00
Under/Over This Week	-\$556.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$4,332.74

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Paul

Collection Aug 16	\$1,716.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$3,480.00
Under/Over This Week	-\$1,764.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$1,372.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

St. Elizabeth:

Birthdays:

Aug 31 - Wyatt Dixon

Sept 1 - Mary Jackey

Sept 3 - Fr. Suneesh; Sandy Clemons

Anniversaries:

Sept 5 - Mark & Stephanie Burlison (17 Years)

St. Paul:

Birthdays:

Aug 31 - Larry Butterworth; Maggie Clark

Sept 1 - Rhonda McGrew

Sept 2 - Landen Jenkins; Ada Thomas

Sept 3 - Fr. Suneesh; Rebecca DePoyster

Sept 5 - Allison Whitworth

Sept 6 - Keith Shellhart

Anniversaries:

Sept 1 - Mike & Janie Foster (47 Years)

Sept 6 - James & Karen Kingrey (23 Years)

Honeyfest Fundraiser Updates: Our Honeyfest Meal fundraiser is quickly approaching!

Each parish family is asked to donate:

- **2-3 desserts**
 - **5-10 lbs. of diced, cooked potatoes**
- Please bring them in Wednesday Sept. 16
– Friday, Sept. 18th before 8 am.**

**Silent Auction and Grocery Cart
donations** may be brought in now. Grocery
items must be **new, unexpired, and name
brand.**

Meat collections: September 6 & 13

And don't forget to put out your yard signs!

Thank you for supporting our Honeyfest
Meal!



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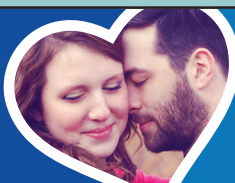
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