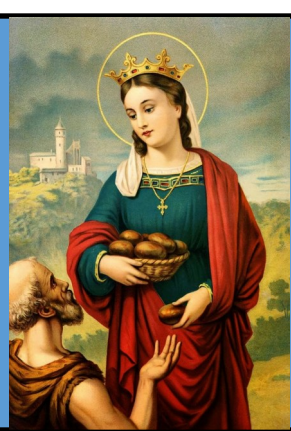




CATHOLIC PARISHES OF ST. PAUL AND ST ELIZABETH

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This Week: Sunday, August 9th, 2026—Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time



In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples are caught in a storm. The waves are crashing, the wind is against them, and they are terrified. How often that sounds like our own lives. We all face storms—illness, grief, family struggles, financial worries, loneliness, or uncertainty about the future. In the middle of the storm, Jesus comes to them walking on the water. He doesn't remove the storm immediately. Instead, He comes into it. His first words are, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." God's first response to our fears is His presence.

Peter steps out of the boat with great faith. As long as he keeps his eyes on Jesus, he walks on the water. But when he focuses on the wind and the waves, he begins to sink. Isn't that true for us? When we focus only on our problems, fear overwhelms us. But when we keep our eyes on Christ through prayer, the Eucharist, and trust in His promises, He gives us the strength to persevere. Notice that even when Peter begins to sink, Jesus immediately reaches out His hand. God never abandons us. Even when our faith is weak, His love is strong.

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. Elizabeth

THURSDAY 8:00 AM—St. Paul

FRIDAY 12:00 Noon—St. Paul

CONFESSIONS

ST. PAUL: Sat 4:00-4:45 PM

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EVERY LAST WEDNESDAY OF
THE MONTH AT ST ELIZABETH
AND EVERY LAST FRIDAY OF
THE MONTH AT ST. PAUL DURING
THE MASS.

The storms of life are inevitable, but we do not face them alone. Christ is in every storm, saying to each of us, "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid." May we trust Him, keep our eyes fixed on Him, and discover that His presence is stronger than every wind and every wave.

Prayer List: Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, 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

Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude : St. Theresa of Lisieux
Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible: Saint Francis of Assisi

LITURGICAL MINISTERS—St. Paul

Date: Saturday, Aug 15

Lectors: Ashley Milliner; Becky Lucas
Eu Min: Joan Butterworth; Bobby Robinson
Servers: Annie; Ridgley
Gifts: John & Julie Penny

Date: Sunday, Aug 16

Lectors: Amanda Decker; Brayden Kingrey
Eu Min: Larry Pawley; Jacob Risner
Servers: Cannon D, Cason, Cannon C
Gifts: Doug & Mary Smith

Mass Intentions for the week Aug 10-16

Monday	No Mass		
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Michael Witten +
Wednesday	6:00pm	St. Eliz	Barry Higdon +
Thursday	8:00 am	St. Paul	Chuck Darst+
Friday	Noon	St. Paul	Sharon & Jim Robbins
Saturday	5:00 pm	St. Paul	Hattie Whitfill +
Sunday	8:30 am	St. Paul	Parishioners
	10:30 am	St. Eliz	Raymond Hill +

LITURGICAL MINISTERS –St. Elizabeth

Date: Sunday, Aug 16

Lectors: Yvette, Jim
Eu Min: Patty, Allen
Servers: Raylan, Vivian, Maggie
Gifts: Garry & Trensia Skaggs

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. ELIZABETH

Aug 2 Collection:\$ 2090.50
Needed for Budget each week: \$2,120
Under /Over this week : -29.50
Budget for the whole year : \$110,160
Under/ Over from July 1st: -\$2,165.39

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AT ST. PAUL

Aug 2 Collection: \$4,534.00
Needed for Budget each week: \$ 3,480.00
Under/ Over this week : +1,054
Budget for the whole year : \$181,000
Under/ Over from July 1st: +\$1,920

St. John Mar Vianney Quotes:

If we really understood the Mass we would die of joy
Humility is the chain by which all the virtues are linked together



An old story about trustful Faith: In the middle of a dark winter's night in a small Mid-west farming community, the two-story home of a young family caught fire. Quickly, parents and children followed their well-practiced emergency plan and made their way through the smoke-filled home out into the front yard. There the father quickly counted heads and realized that their 5-year-old son was not among them. Suddenly he heard a wail and looked up to see the boy at his bedroom window, crying and rubbing his eyes. Knowing the danger of reentering the house to rescue his son, the father called, "Jump, Son! I'll catch you!" Between sobs, the boy responded to the voice he knew so well. "But I can't see you, Daddy!" The father answered with great assurance. "No, Son, you can't see me, but I can see you! Jump!" At that, the boy jumped into the smoky darkness and found himself safely cradled in his father's arms. Our Scripture readings for today are about trusting – about having Faith – about being able to discern the fact that our God is always with us, even in storms of life.

The Pencil Maker: Before putting a pencil into the world, the pencil maker said: "There are five things you must remember if you are to become the best pencil you can be. First, you will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be guided by a steady hand. Second, you will experience painful sharpening from time to time, but it will make you a better pencil. Third, you will be able to correct any mistakes you make. Fourth, the most important part of you will always be what is inside. Finally, no matter what surface you are used on, leave a clear mark. In every situation, continue to write your story with courage." The pencil understood and went into the box with purpose. God is the Pencil Maker, and we are His pencils. If we allow Him to guide us, accept life's challenges, learn from our mistakes, and live with love and integrity, our lives will leave a lasting mark for His glory.

The Old Man and the Tree: An old man planted a small fruit tree in his garden. A neighbor asked him, "Why are you planting this tree? You may never live long enough to eat its fruit."

The old man smiled and said, "I eat the fruits from trees planted by people before me. Now I am planting this tree so that others may enjoy its fruit after me." Years later, many people rested under the shade of that tree and enjoyed its fruit. A truly generous person does not live only for himself but leaves blessings for those who come after him. Our acts of kindness, faith, and love can bear fruit long after we are gone.

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Day

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, August 9	Knights of Columbus Meeting; St. Elizabeth,
Tuesday, August 11	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM—6:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration; St. Elizabeth, 11:00 AM—8:00 PM
Wednesday, August 12	OCIA Begins

UPCOMING NOTES:

There will be a St. Paul School Collection the weekend of Aug 22/23
CCD Begins at St. Elizabeth on Aug 30 and the new time is 9:15 AM

ST PAUL SCHOOL NEWS:

• **Our Alumni Appeal is underway!** If you are a graduate of St. Paul School, you should have recently received a letter from Fr. Suneesh in the mail. We are sincerely grateful for the generous response we have already received and for every donation that has been returned. Your support helps ensure that St. Paul School can continue its mission of providing a faith-filled, quality Catholic education for future generations. As costs continue to rise each year, our school depends on fundraisers, benefactors, and the generosity of our alumni to help bridge the gap. Thank you for remembering your St. Paul roots and for helping us keep our cherished school strong for years to come. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a meaningful difference. ♥

• **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.

* First Pork Lunch of the school year – August 21, 2026.

* First Trivia Night of the school year - September 5, 2026.

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.

Familiar story. In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So, he said the cost would be 100 dollars. Twain walked away as he said, "Now I know why Jesus walked on water."



St. Elizabeth

Birthdays:

Aug 10—Donna White

Aug 11—Neil Higdon

Aug 12—Felicity Burlison

Aug 13—Joey White

Aug 15—Leah Smith

Aug 16—Brandon Baxter

Anniversaries:

None This Week

St. Paul

Birthdays:

Aug 11—Adeline Byrd; Nathan Witten

Aug 14—Linda R Clark; Riley Jagers

Anniversaries:

None This Week

Ministers walking on water! There's an old joke about three pastor friends who are on a beach together. The first, a Catholic priest gets up from his beach towel and walks about a quarter mile out to a raft in the ocean. The second, a Protestant minister, does the same. The third, a rabbi, the newcomer in the group, gets up and walks toward the raft to join his colleagues. Suddenly he finds himself underwater. The priest turns to the minister and says, "Didn't you show

God is not watching : The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

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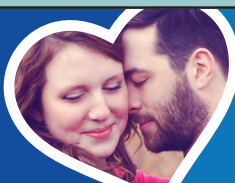
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