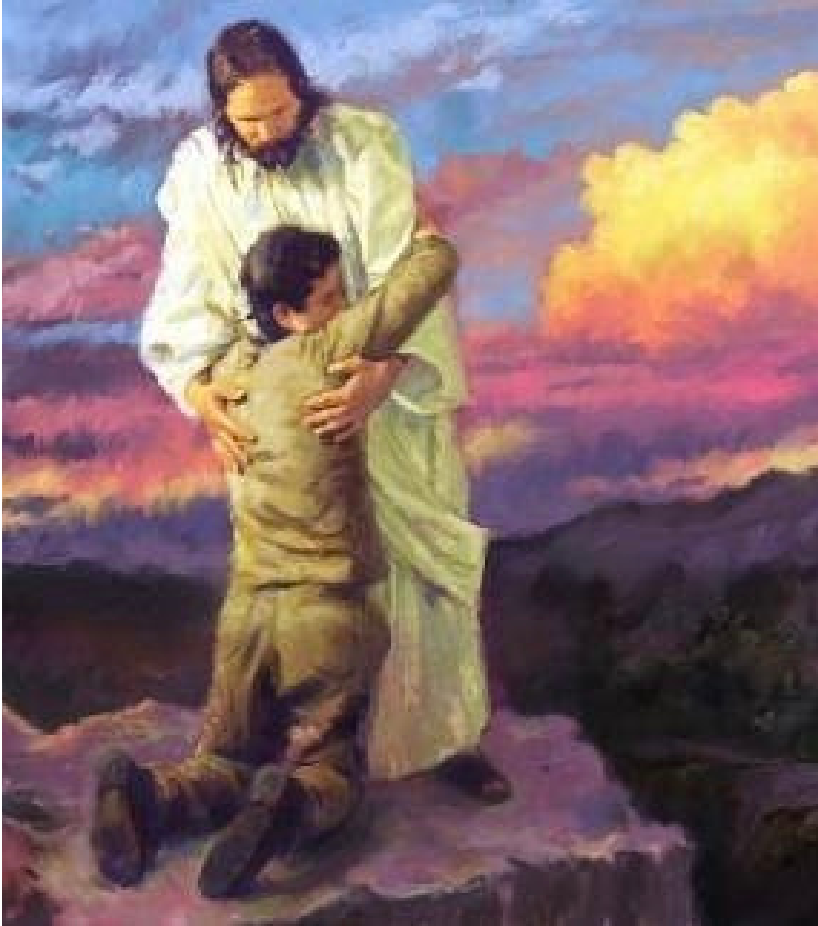


ST. PAUL & ST. ELIZABETH

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026 - 24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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In the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our span of life, harboring old grudges is pointless. We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can, with God's ongoing grace, choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on, and we remember an incident that was hurtful and roused great anger in us, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive, we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-



St. Paul Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 19

Lectors: Luke Milliner
Jeff Burkhead

Euch Min: Joe Kipper
Jarek Whitworth

Servers: Payton, Waylon, Jack
Gifts: Jane & Barbara Tilford

Sunday, September 20

Lectors: Teresa Lush
Amy DePoyster

Euch Min: Randall Drake
Larry Pawley

Servers: Layton, Dean, Maveric
Gifts: Myles & Ruth Ann Thomas

St. Elizabeth Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, September 20

Lectors: Pat; Sheila

Euch Min: Sherri; Edna

Servers: Raylan, Vivian, Maggie
Gifts: Yvette Tilford/Sherri Ball

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 14-20

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00am - St. Paul Derek Fenton +

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

Thursday 8:00am - St. Paul Mary Sue Seward+

Friday Noon - St. Paul Lisa York +

Saturday 5:00pm - St. Paul Nick Krahn +

Sunday 8:30am - St. Paul Parishioners

10:30am - St. Eliz Brenda Stinson +

prayer list

PRAYER LIST Emila Adkins, Connie Allen, Mark Alvey, Betty Baker, Hunter Beck, Scott Broussard, Glenn Campbell, Carol Carter, Linda R. Clark, Sheena Clemons, 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, Abby Puckett, Sharon Roberts, Bobby & Michelle Robinson Family, Belinda Roof, James Ryan, Karen Smallwood Sackstedar, Gene Schafer, Dan Scholl, Ellen Schraeder, Mark Seabolt, Michelle Shaffer, Jeff Sherrard, Ann Skaggs, David Skaggs, Iris Smith, Linda Steinhoffer, Lucy Stinson, Mimi Stinson, Kaye Taylor, 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, Linda Vincent, Myka Keown. For Those Serving In The Military: Ben Foster, Dan Harrison, Dan Leonard, Owen Meredith, Shelby Gregorio, Phillip Sims, Dillan Ward

A professional Juggler: Driving to his next performance, a professional juggler was stopped by the police. "What are you doing with these matches and lighter fluid in your car? The police officer asked. "Actually, officer, I am a juggler. I juggle flaming torches in my act." "Oh year? Let's see you do it." The juggler gets out of the car and begins juggling the blazing torches masterfully. A couple driving by slows down to watch the performance. "Wow," the driver says to his wife. "I am glad I quit drinking. Look at the test they are giving now!"

David is finally engaged and is excited to show off his new bride. Ma he said to his mother, I am going to bring home three girls and I want you to guess which one is my fiancé. Sure enough twenty minutes later, David walks in the door with three girls following behind him, its that one said his mother, without blinking an eye, holy cow, exclaimed David, how in the world did you know it was her? I just don't like her, she replied

The Virtue of Forgiveness: The readings of this Sunday speak about the importance of forgiving one another. The Lord says to Peter in Gospel that there is no limit as how many times we should forgive the other. It is easy said than done. It is said forgiveness is the quality of a strong person. Weak person cannot forgive. There are so many merits when we forgive others. First, we are able to free our hearts from all the negative feelings and sentiments. Unwillingness to forgive leads to the accumulation of resentments, hatred, insecurities and hurt feelings in our hearts that cause undue strain to our emotional, psychological and physical health. On the other hand, learning to forgive gives us peace of mind and a healthier and positive mood. Indeed, forgiveness benefits the forgiver more than the forgiven. when we forgive others, we become disposed to receive God's forgiveness. We are all sinners. As St. Paul said, "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God" And most importantly, when we forgive, we show that we are children of God. We always say, "To err is human, to forgive is divine." Forgiveness is a quality of God. It is the expression of His love for sinners. There is a quotation, "Faults are thick where love is thin; faults are thin where love is thick." It is not difficult for God to forgive us "seventy-times seven times" because His love for us is infinitely superabundant. On the other hand, we find it difficult to forgive others because we have not enough love. So let us ask the Lord: "Lord, fill our hearts with your love so that we may be able to forgive those who have wronged us, and become instruments of peace and harmony in the world.

Triumph of the Holy Cross: The paschal Mystery that is the life, passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, is the source and promise of eternal life. The ultimate and abiding symbol of this glorious of all Mysteries is the Cross, on which hung the world's salvation. On Monday the 14th the Church celebrates the feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross. This feast was originally known as the **Exaltation of the Cross**. The word "exaltation" meaning placing high, according high importance, lifting up. This feast has four- fold significance for every believer. Firstly, the lifting up of the Cross on Calvary Hill that fateful Friday had involved much suffering and shame. Yet, it was a sacrifice for the love of the Father, and for the love the Father bore all humankind. Raised high up, Jesus made the cross a pulpit when he preached, by word and example, the most stirring sermon of his entire ministry on earth- he forgave and he gave. Secondly, it was in 326 that St Helena the Empress, and mother of Emperor Constantine, discovered three crosses on Calvary. A miracle worked touching a cripple to each of the three crosses in turn, helped identify the true cross. Consequently, she had the Cross exalted in her place in to me which she got converted into the monumental Church of the Holy Cross. Thanks to her effort. Thirdly, the triumphal sign of the Cross at the last judgement: Jesus said to Nicodemus, just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. Finally, the acceptance of and dedication to the Cross of Christ by every believer. The Crucifix has a place of honor in every Christian heart, home and place of worship. It is in and with the sign of the Cross that we begin our actions. Indeed, whatever we do, we do as our part in bearing the Cross of Christ and thus share in the redemption of the world.

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Week

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, September 13	CCD; St. Elizabeth, 9:15 AM Honeyfest Meat Collection; St. Elizabeth, 10:30 AM Mass Knights of Columbus Meeting; St. Elizabeth, 5:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM Grace Marriage; St. Elizabeth, 6:00 PM
Saturday, September 19	Honeyfest Meal at St. Elizabeth

NOTE: No Senior Meal at St. Elizabeth this month

SCHOOL NEWS:

- Amazon Wish list is still available - info posted on all bulletin boards at St. Paul Church.
- First Trivia Night of the school year - October 10, 2026, after Mass at 6:30. Appetizers will be provided for food. We need players and round sponsors. Contact Angie to register or to sponsor. \$20 to play, \$120 per 6 person team, and \$100 to sponsor a round. We also need door prizes donated, if anyone wants to donate a door prize worth \$20 - \$25.

GO COMETS!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PIG ROAST

Where: St. Elizabeth Church

When: Saturday, Sept 26 at 6:00 PM

Details: Everyone welcome and
Everything is furnished

LADIES GROUP DONATION DRIVE

The St. Paul Ladies Group will be collecting peanut butter for the GC Food Pantry during September. Boxes are at each door and in the cry room at St Paul

Thanks for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Elizabeth

Collection Sept 6 & 13	\$0.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$2,120.00
Under/Over This Week	\$0.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$5,061.74

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Paul

Collection Sept 6 & 13	\$0.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$3,480.00
Under/Over This Week	\$0.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$2,025.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

St. Elizabeth:

Birthdays:

Sept 18 - Case Hayes

Sept 19 - Bill Alvey

Anniversaries:

Sept 20 - James & Joan Chaney (52 Years)

St. Paul:

Birthdays:

Sept 15 - Griffin Horn

Sept 16 - Angie Whitworth

Sept 17 - Layton Lush

Sept 18 - Jerry Sims

Sept 19 - Renee Smith

Anniversaries:

Sept 18 - Dale & Anna Jean Clark (55 Years)

Sept 19 - Justin & Erica Cockerel (11 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 Friday, Sept. 18th
before 8 am.**

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

Please turn in raffle money! Seperate checks
are appreciated.

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

Thank you for supporting our Honeyfest
Meal!



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