

ST. PAUL & ST. ELIZABETH

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026 - 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR: FR. SUNEESH MATHEW



Our bulletin cover this week features some wonderful moments from our parish community. The first photo shows our youth from St. Paul and St. Elizabeth who joined the youth group in Madisonville, where Fr. Steve Holman is pastor, for a youth event last Sunday. It was a wonderful opportunity for our young people to come together, share their faith, and enjoy fellowship with other Catholic youth. The second photo features the Women's Club at St. Paul, which meets once a month for fellowship, faith, and various activities. At their most recent gathering, Judy Summers shared her talents by teaching the ladies a craft. We are grateful to Judy and to all the women who make this group such a welcoming and vibrant part of our parish community. The final photo is of my family, who recently came to visit. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been so kind and welcoming to my parents, my uncle, Fr. Philip, and my sister, Shimila. They had a wonderful time here and were touched by the warmth and hospitality they received from so many of you. They will be returning to India this Tuesday. Thank you once again for making their visit so special and for welcoming them so warmly into our parish family. It means a great deal to me and to my family.



St. Paul Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 12

Lectors: Becky Lucas

Ashley Milliner

Euch Min: Barbara Tilford

Angie Whitworth

Servers: Annie, Adalyn, Rosie

Gifts: Steve & Judy Summers

Sunday, September 13

Lectors: Brayden Kingrey

Beth Geary

Euch Min: Tina Disselkamp

Charlie Drake

Servers: Collin, Ethan

Gifts: Adam & Amber Thomas

St. Elizabeth Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, September 13

Lectors: Laura; Scarlett

Euch Min: Carla; Rich

Servers: Shelby, Lucy, Leah

Gifts: Charlie & Laura Stinson

MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 7-13

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00am - St. Paul Sharon & Jim Robbins

Wednesday 6:00pm - St. Eliz Brenda Meschede +

Thursday 8:00am - St. Paul J. Bryan Meredith Sr+

Friday Noon - St. Paul Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday 5:00pm - St. Paul Terry Jagggers +

Sunday 8:30am - St. Paul Clark/Stinson Family

10:30am - St. Eliz Parishioners

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 Jagggers, 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

Scripture readings summarized: In the first reading, God tells Ezekiel that he is to be a watchman obliged to warn Israel of moral dangers. If Ezekiel should refrain from speaking God's word given to convert the wicked, God will hold Ezekiel responsible for the death of the wicked. In the second reading,

St. Paul points out that the love we should have for one another should be our only reason for admonishing and correcting the sinner. Love seeks the good of the one who is loved. Therefore, we should admonish one another with love, so that each of us may repent and grow in holiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that true Christian charity obliges a Christian, not only to assist his neighbors in their temporal and spiritual needs with material help and prayer, but also to aid with correction those brothers and sisters who have damaged the community by public sin. Modern believers tend to think that they have no right to intervene in the private lives of their fellow believers. Others evade the issue saying,

"As a sinner, I don't have the moral courage or the right to correct anyone." But Jesus emphatically affirms that we are our brothers' keepers, and we have the serious obligation to correct others. We need to offer advice and encouragement to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers when it is needed, and loving correction, in private, for a personal offense where that is possible.

The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary: September 8th Church celebrates the birthday of our Lady. The Church celebrates only three persons birthday in the church and they are Jesus, Mary and St John the Baptist. Born a great saint, her “soul was the most beautiful” ever created by God, exults St Alphonsus De Liguori. He adds, ‘Having been destined to become the Mother of the Eternal Word, this Child was enriched with so great a grace that even at the moment of her Immaculate conception she exceeded all the Saints and Angels in sanctity, for she was given a higher order of grace, which corresponded to her dignity of Mother of God. Mary is the joy of the Father who was delighted with her, His marvelous masterpiece. Mary is the joy of the Son who contemplated in her the tabernacle wherein He was to take flesh in order to save the world unto the Father. Scripturally, there is no certainty as to the birthplace of Mary, however tradition positions it in Jerusalem. Let us always know that we have a mother in heaven who intercedes for us always to her son Jesus.

Great Advice: Stephen Brown tells about a man who was sitting on a board of nails, and it was hurting. A psychologist came along and said, “Sir, the reason you are hurting is rooted in a childhood trauma. You need therapy.” A sociologist then came along, saw the hurting man, and said, “You’ve got a problem, and it is obviously the result of the kind of environment in which you grew up. Hurt is from an improper environment.” An economist next came along and said, “Money is the root of all hurt. Let me help you with your portfolio.” Then a minister came along and said, “If you learn to praise the Lord in all your circumstances, you won’t hurt so much. Your spiritual life leaves something to be desired. Start reading your Bible and praying every day, and it will get better.” Finally, a little girl came along and said, “Mister, why don’t you get off the board?”. Some time we can blame all people and circumstances for our aches and pains but it may be important to see if we need to get off the tack. We need to get moving and get help

Caring for the elderly: Pope Francis said that as a child, he heard a story of a family with a mother, father, many children and a grandfather. The grandfather, suffering from Parkinson’s disease, would drop food on the dining table, drop and break bowls, and smear food all over his face when he ate. His son considered it disgusting. Hence, one day he bought a small table, a wooden bowl and spoon and set it off to the side of the dining room so the grandfather could eat, make a mess and not disturb the rest of the family. One day, the Pope said, the grandfather’s son came home and found one of his sons playing with a piece of wood. “What are you making?” he asked his son. “A table,” the son replies. “Why?” the father asks. “It’s for you, Dad. When you get old like Grandpa, I am going to give you this table.” Many cultures believe that if we care for the elderly we will be cared when we are old. But much more its our duty to care the vulnerable.

Fr. Suneesh Mathew. Have a Blessed Week

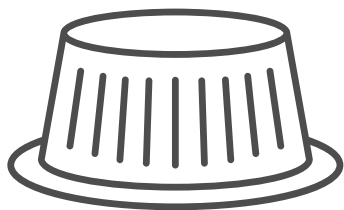
THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Sunday, September 6	Honeyfest Meat Collection; St. Elizabeth, 10:30 AM Mass
Tuesday, September 8	Eucharistic Adoration; St. Elizabeth, 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration; St. Paul, 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM Fellowship Cafe - White Team
Wednesday, Sept 9	Parish Council; St. Elizabeth, after 6:00 PM Mass
Saturday, September 12	St. Paul School Annual Car Show (see school news for details)
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

SCHOOL NEWS:

- 22nd Annual Car Show — September 12, 2026
- 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.
- 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!!



CAKE CONTAINERS will be available at each door of St. Paul Church - please use these for cake and desserts for the car show! Thanks!

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 Aug 30	\$1,391.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$2,120.00
Under/Over This Week	-\$729.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$5,061.74

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

St. Paul

Collection Aug 16	\$2,827.00
Needed for Budget Each Week	\$3,480.00
Under/Over This Week	-\$653.00
Under/Over from July 1	-\$2,025.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries

St. Elizabeth:

Birthdays:

Sept 7 - Jane Winn

Sept 9 - Ron Johnson

Anniversaries:

Sept 7 - Hayward & Sharon Roberts (53 Years)

St. Paul:

Birthdays:

Sept 7 - Randall Drake; Willena Skees

Sept 11 - Corbin Geary

Anniversaries:

Sept 9 - Larry & Geneva Pawley (59 Years)

Sept 11 - Rodney & Teresa Lush (39 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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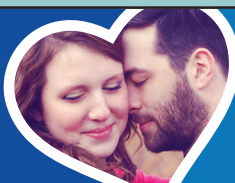
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