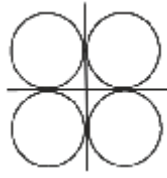


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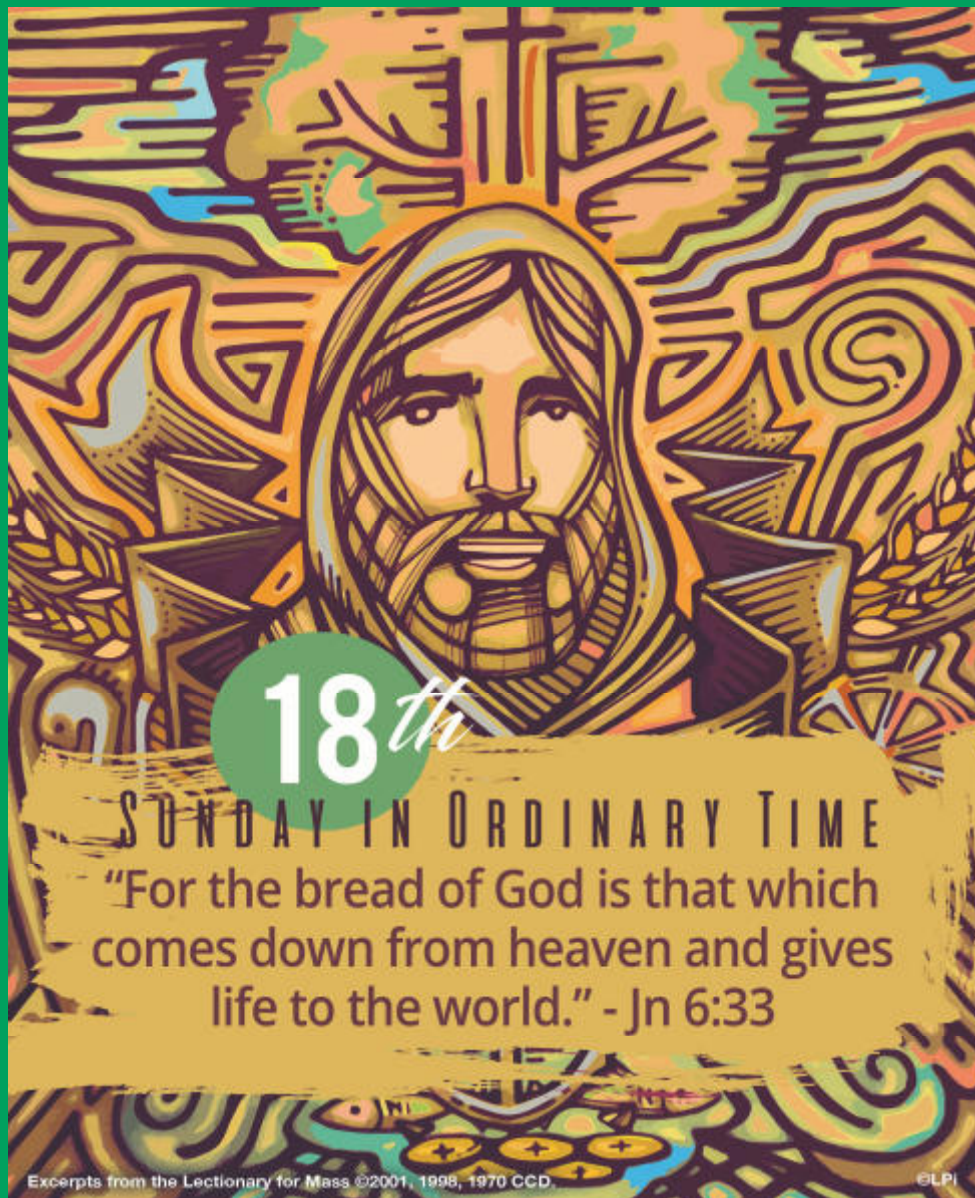


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August 1, 2021 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.

or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &

Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed**Sacrament**

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

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fr.paul.gitau@dor.org

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**UPCOMING
EVENTS**
Monday, August 2**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, August 3**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Wednesday, August 4**St. John Vianney, Priest**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, August 5**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Friday, August 6**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Parish Office Closed at Noon

No Mass or events

Saturday, August 7**Weekday**

9:30-11:30A Prayer Shawl Mtg.

2:00P Individual Confession

4:00P Mass-Baptism during Mass

Sunday, August 8**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

Financial Snapshot

	June 2021	July 2020-June 2021
Collections	\$31,179	\$522,007
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,928	\$42,776
Expenses	\$38,702	\$536,703
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(4,595)	\$28,080

*"Expenses" include quarterly invoices paid.

*"Donations/other revenue" does not include CMA shortage donations of \$41,025 from challengers and donors.

**Let Us Pray for Those in the
Military**

Jason Aman

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Sean Black

Andrew O'Brien

Cydney Blong

Michael J. Desiato

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Seeds for the Journey

In Matthew 12:38 the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." Jesus had performed many signs of healing and miracles: the blind could see again, the mute spoke, the crippled were made well, the lepers were cleansed, and those possessed by evil spirit were liberated. Dead people like Lazarus and Jairus' daughter were raised back to life and yet people continued to demand a sign to prove that Jesus was the Messiah. In today's Gospel the crowd said to Jesus, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?" (John 6:30). Jesus had just performed the miracle of the multiplication of five loaves feeding more than five thousand people and yet the crowd asked for more signs.

In the Old Testament, God had done many signs to show that he was present and caring for his people. There was ten plagues and the angel of death that caused the death of the first-born Egyptians and animals but spared the Jews whose God freed from slavery in Egypt; parted the water of Red Sea for them to pass through and provided manna from heaven and water from the rock in the desert. But the Israelites were looking for more signs as they complained to Moses in today's first reading from the book of Exodus. Why keep complaining or looking for more signs instead of trusting that God would take care and lead them to the Promise Land.

It is difficult to trust that in the long term, God will bring healing and good out of sickness and tough situations. It is human to look for signs that God in need is present and caring for us here and now. As Christians we believe that Jesus Himself is the greatest sign that God loves and cares for us no matter what we go through in our lives. The Most Holy Eucharist is a reminder of God's love and care. Every time we come for mass, Jesus Himself, the bread that comes from heaven to give life to the world, offers Himself to heal, nourishes and strengthen us.

Pope Francis instructs us: "The Eucharist is Jesus Himself who gives Himself entirely to us. Nourishing ourselves of Him and abiding in Him through Eucharistic Communion..." (Angelus message, August 16, 2015). Eucharist unites us with Christ but also with one another. Even Covid-19 pandemic has shown us how we depend on each other. "The global pandemic made us suddenly reflect on our own mortality and reminded us that we are not in control of all the variables in our lives... In addition, the disconnectedness many have felt during this time has reminded us that we are social beings, created for communion with one another" (A Pastoral Guide to Opening Your Parish, Page 15).

So, through the Eucharist we are united and I'm grateful for all your continued support with prayers as I continue to heal through the intercession of Blessed Mother. Today when you receive Holy Communion, know that this is the most powerful sign that Jesus loves and cares for us. Let us continue to come for mass as Jesus promised, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (John 6:35). May He help us to hunger and work for the food that endures for eternal life.

Fr. Paul



This weekend we extend a warm St. Paul's welcome to our visiting priest, Fr. Dan Holland. Thank you for joining us.

HELP WANTED

St. Paul's is looking for a part time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. This person will collaborate in implementing the mission of the parish, through the comprehensive planning and coordination of the parish Adult Faith Formation program. This will be done by developing opportunities for spiritual development for the parish such as Advent & Lenten retreats, recollections, Scripture study, and spiritual direction or pastoral counseling for individuals or groups in the parish. The AFF Coordinator will also coordinate the parish outreach to the homebound.

Qualifications: Masters (preferred) or Undergraduate Degree in Theology or Religious Studies.

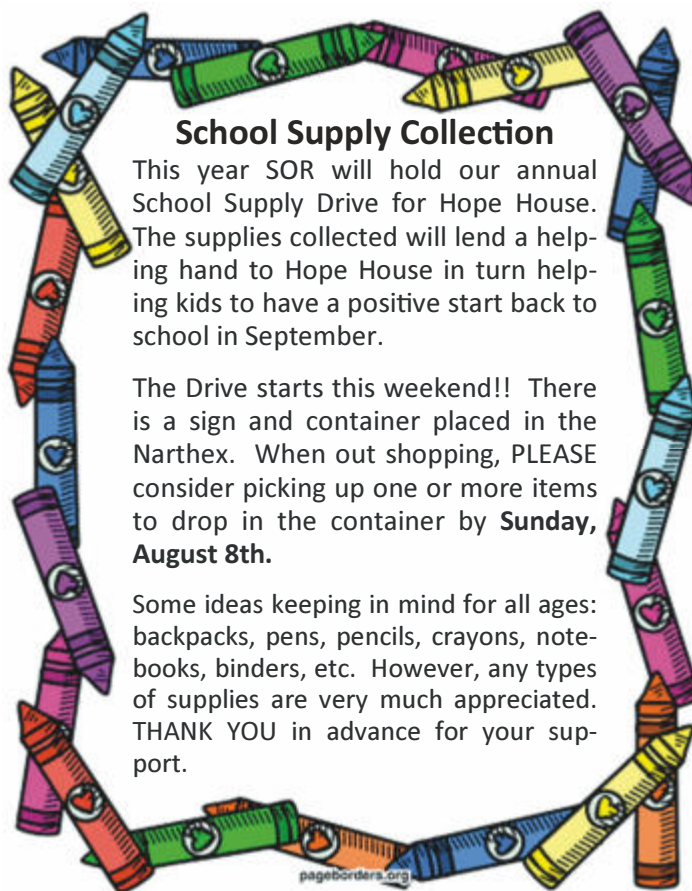
Please send resume to Robin Martz at St. Paul's Church: robin.martz@dor.org

New Members Needed for St. Paul's Pastoral Council

We are currently looking for two adult and one youth representative on the Parish Pastoral Council. The term is for 3 years and the Council meets every third Monday of the month. Please consider serving to help guide the parish and Fr. Paul as we go forward as a faith community.

To nominate yourself or someone else who would be a good representative of our parish community, please call or email Jodie at 671-2100 or Jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Nominations must be in no later than **Monday Aug 9th**. Contact the parish office with any questions or if you want to learn more about the PPC commitment.



School Supply Collection

This year SOR will hold our annual School Supply Drive for Hope House. The supplies collected will lend a helping hand to Hope House in turn helping kids to have a positive start back to school in September.

The Drive starts this weekend!! There is a sign and container placed in the Narthex. When out shopping, PLEASE consider picking up one or more items to drop in the container by **Sunday, August 8th**.

Some ideas keeping in mind for all ages: backpacks, pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, binders, etc. However, any types of supplies are very much appreciated. THANK YOU in advance for your support.

We Really Need You!

As we have reopened, attendance has been increasing which is wonderful! However we have not seen a corresponding return of our volunteers and the need is very great. Can you please help?

Ushers – assist folks in finding a seat, awareness of congregational needs during mass, help with coming up for Communion, assist during dismissal.

Greeters – welcome people entering the building, hand out bulletins at the end of Mass.

Cantors – sing the prayers and refrains

Lectors – do the readings and make announcements

Stream Team – manage streaming of the Masses and also the display of the prayers and readings on the screens in church.

Health Ministry - licensed health professionals needed to assist with blood pressure screenings and to convey health information to the congregation.

These are just brief descriptions, for more information on any volunteer job please contact Jodie in the office and she can help you or direct you to the right person. No experience is necessary, training is provided! We appreciate you considering this appeal!

**St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend
September 24-26
Notre Dame Retreat House
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"Finding God in Life's Transitions"

Come and explore how to find God in the midst of life's graces and challenges. We all experience transitions throughout our lives. Especially within this past year and a half. How we cope with the unexpected; how we discern 'what next' and how we draw strength and wisdom from others will be the focus of the talks and prayer experiences throughout the retreat weekend. Give yourself the gift of retreat this year. To learn more about this weekend retreat and to register please contact Dan Milner at 208-6631 or milnerair@gmail.com

**Bethany House
Wish List for August**

- ◆ Sponges
- ◆ Bathroom cleaner
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Toilet Cleaner
- ◆ Countertop cleaner
- ◆ Disinfectant cleaner

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

**Prayer for the First World Day
for Grandparents & the Elderly**

*I thank You, Lord,
for the comfort of Your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress
since my youth!*

*I thank You for having given me a family
and for having blessed me
with a long life.*

*I thank You for moments of
joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have
already come true in my life
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank You for this time of renewed
fruitfulness to which You call me.*

*Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who
suffer more than me, to never
stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to
new generations.*

*Protect and guide Pope Francis
and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach
the ends of the earth.
Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic
might be calmed,
the poor consoled and wars ended.*

*Sustain me in weakness
and help me to live life to the full
in each moment that You give me,
in the certainty that you are
with me every day,
even until the end of the age.*

Amen.

*Faith
tells me that
no matter what
lies ahead of me,
God
is already there*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Then the LORD said to Moses,
 "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.
 Each day the people are to go out and gather their
 daily portion;
 thus I will test them,
 to see whether they follow my instructions or not."
 (Ex 16:4)

PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)

SECOND READING:

... be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
 and put on the new self,
 created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.
 (Eph 4:23-24)

GOSPEL:

"I am the bread of life;
 whoever comes to me will never hunger,
 and whoever believes in me will never thirst." (Jn 6:35)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop;
 St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
 Wednesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
 Thursday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 Friday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
 Saturday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions,
 Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
 Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



REFLECT

FIRST READING

Early in their Exodus journey, the Israelites expressed fear and frustration to Moses. God heard and responded to their "grumbling" by sending bread from heaven. When you have you experienced God answering your plea for help?

SECOND READING

Paul told the Ephesians that as believers in Christ you should "put away" the bad parts of "your former way of life." How have you done this in your life as a believer in Christ?

GOSPEL READING

We hear today the introduction of Jesus' extended "bread of life" discourse. In referring back to the ancient Israelites who ate "manna" (bread) in the desert, Jesus tells the crowds: "I am the bread of life." How would you explain to someone how Jesus sustains you?

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