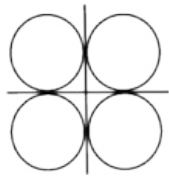


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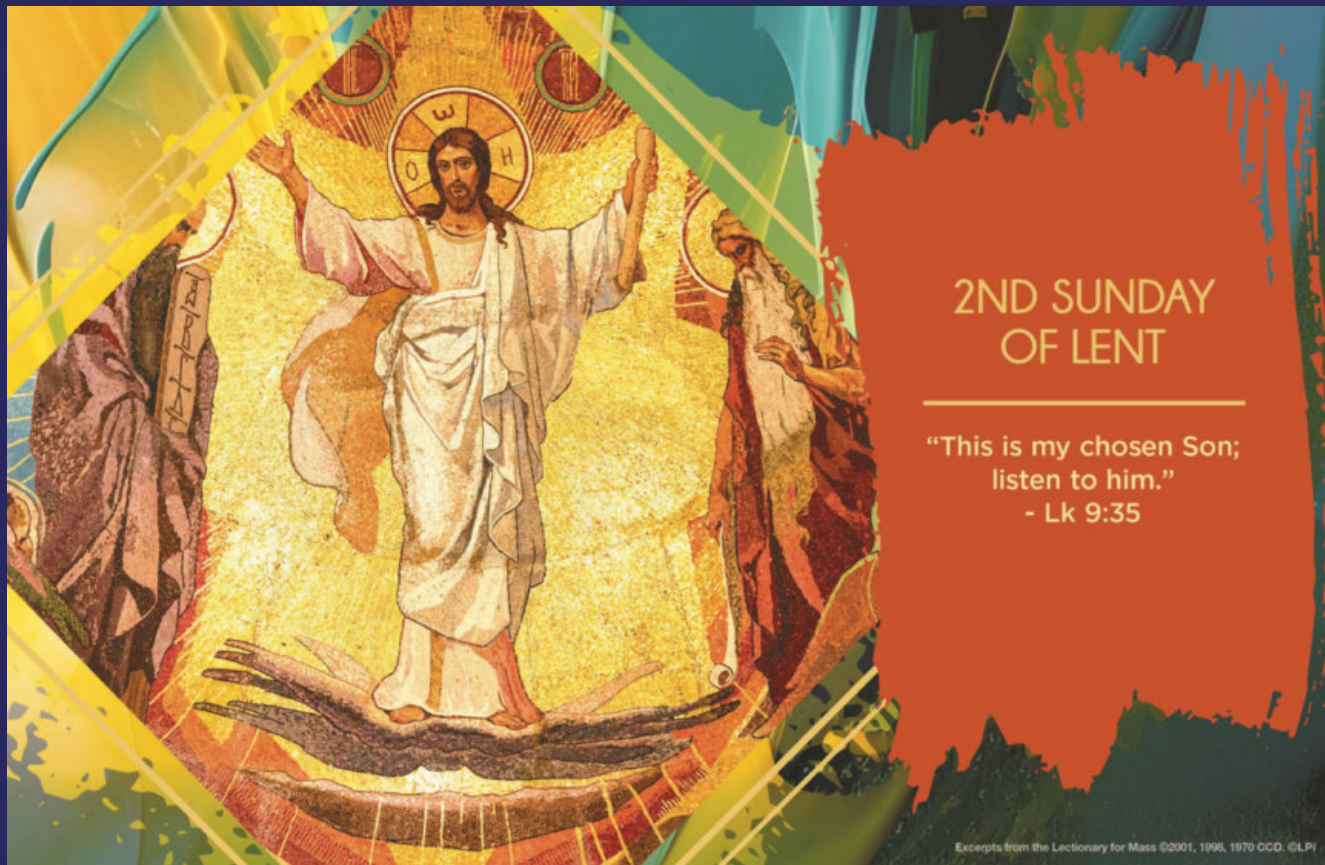


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March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

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.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

No daily Mass March 10-31

Confession

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

No Adoration Wednesday
March 10-31

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, March 17
Lenten Weekday
St. Patrick's Day
 No Mass

Tuesday, March 18
Lenten Weekday
 No Mass
 12:00P Rosary Group
 6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, March 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 No Mass
 No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 4:00-8:00P St. Paul's Panera Night
 7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 20
Lenten Weekday
 No Mass
 11:00A Together in Grief
 6:00P Usher & Sacristan mtg.

Friday, March 21
Lenten Weekday
Abstinence
 No Mass

Saturday, March 22
Lenten Weekday
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass-1st Scrutiny

Sunday, March 23
3rd Sunday of Lent
 9:00A Mass-choir sings
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A Confirmation Prep class yr. 1
 11:00A Mass
 12:00P Confirmation Prep class yr. 2



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Financial Snapshot

| | February 2025 | July 2024-February 2025 |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Collections | \$55,815 | \$347,425 |
| Donations/ other revenue | \$6,235 | \$30,390 |
| Expenses | \$36,313 | \$353,041 |
| Operating surplus/deficit | \$25,737 | \$24,774 |

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

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|------------------|--------------------|
| Jason Aman | Josh Bartlett |
| Bryan Gross | Cydney Blong |
| Tom Weisenreder | Michael J. Desiato |
| Mason Serrano | Daniel Thomas |
| Andrew Zani | Robert Wright |
| Jay Riesenberger | |



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 John Serio
 From
 Wife, Bonnie & family*

Seeds for the Journey

As a Global Fellow with Catholic Relief Services, I have personally witnessed the work of CRS on behalf of our sisters and brothers around the world. I have listened to farmers, students, immigrant parents, and community leaders tell their stories about moving from poverty and despair to prosperity and hope. But one of the most moving experiences I have had, came from a woman I have never met.

During a trip to Uganda in January 2019, our delegation of Global Fellows met with a group of refugees and local community leaders in the refugee camp known as Bidibidi, one of the largest in the world. As we left the meeting and passed through one of the villages, on the way back to our vehicles, a strange motion caught my attention from the corner of my eye. At first, I thought it was an animal, a dog, or a goat, then I realized it was a woman. She was wearing a colorful dress, but she was walking on her hands and knees with her legs up in the air and crossed behind her. She appeared to be heading to her hut. Unfortunately, there was no time for us to stop and speak with her, so I don't know her real name; I call her Angelica. I spent the rest of the day thinking about her.

That night, I woke up from a sound sleep with the most vivid image of Angelica in my mind. It was as if she was in the room with me. For the rest of the night, thoughts of the humility, inhumanity, and indignity that she and the other people in that refugee camp experienced echoed through my mind. I prayed, I cried, I yelled at God: "These are human beings, made in your image," I said, "how can you allow such suffering?" Of course, I knew the answer to that question, as I suspect we all do. God does not deliberately cause human suffering, but human beings do.

To make a long story short, by the time the sun came up the next morning, another image had settled into my head, an image of Jesus, crawling on his hands and knees, alongside of Angelica. I saw that as a clear invitation to me to do the same. I don't know Angelica's real name; I never met her. But wherever I preach or speak on behalf of CRS, her image is with me, her voice speaks through me.

Angelica is more than a symbol, she is a living, breathing soul created in the image of God. She is also one of millions of people around the world whose lives have been changed by the efforts of CRS. Unfortunately, the recent termination of thousands of foreign assistance programs leaves people like Angelica and millions of others vulnerable due to hunger, malnutrition, and the lack of access to shelter, clean water, critical medical care, and more. Even if funding for foreign assistance is restored soon, it will take time for CRS and the communities it serves to recover. We can help!

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl and the annual Bishop's relief fund (on the 4th Sunday of Lent), you can make a significant difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. Over the past fifty years Rice Bowl has raised over \$350 million dollars to help support the work of CRS in over 120 countries, including the U.S., since 25% of our donations support the poor in our own diocese. CRS Rice Bowl not only provides for people's physical needs, but it also empowers communities to be agents of their own future, and most importantly offers people like Angelica dignity, self-respect, and hope for the future.

Please consider supporting the work of Catholic Relief Services during this Lenten season.

Deacon Mark

St. Paul's Lenten Soup Supper

All are invited to join us for our next Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the parish office. During the Soup Supper we will have a fun night of Trivia. Let's see how many questions you can answer correct about our Catholic Faith, Lent, and St. Paul's history. You don't want to miss it!

Diocesan-Wide Day of Penance & Mercy

Wednesday, April 2

Confession Times at St. Paul's:

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Noon-2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in progress all day

Easter Flowers

If you wish to donate to The Easter flower Memorials, you can simply fill out an envelope with who the memorial is in memory or honor along with who it is from so that we can include the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, April 7.** If you have any questions please email Kasey at Kasey.baker@dor.org or Jodie at jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Good Sam Outreach

2025 Lenten Food Drive March 15/16

Eastern Service Workers are in need of the following items:

Canned stew, chili & hearty soups

Canned tuna & chicken

Cereal

Coffee, tea & shelf stable milk

Peanut butter & jelly

Rice

Canned fruit & vegetables

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Deliveries will be made at the beginning of the following week.

CRS Rice Bowl

Paying it Forward as a Lead Mother in Nigeria



In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. To donate to CRS, visit St. Paul's website at stpaulsrcc.org to find the link on our home page. If you would like to read more about Amina's story of hope visit crsricebowl.org/week-2.

St. Paul's Elect

We have a Catechumen now Elect, going through the Order of Christian Initiation here at St Paul's. She will be baptized, receive her First Communion and her Confirmation here at St Paul's on Easter Vigil. Before that, she will do her Scrutinies for the next three weekends during Mass.

What are the Scrutinies? The Scrutinies are rites celebrated on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent by those preparing to be baptized at Easter known as 'The Elect.' They are described by the Church as 'rites for self-searching and repentance, which are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the Elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the Elect from the power of sin and Satan and to protect them against temptation and to give them strength in Christ who is the way the truth and the life. These rites therefore should complete the conversion of the Elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.' Let us join to pray for Kayla Thiel and support her as she takes this great step in completing her Christian Initiation.

March Jubilee of Volunteers Pilgrims of Hope

Volunteering in agencies that serve the marginalized can help us all bring hope to those in need. In what ways does your family work to serve the poor? Choose an agency to support this month. If you are able, bring the family to the site to serve as it will make a meaningful impression on you all. If you cannot serve in person, involve your family in the effort to acquire some of the items on our weekly list to donate to the Good Sam Outreach Lenten Food Drive.

St. Paul's Question of the Week

Question to the editor: Dear editor why is Lent 40 days long?

The number 40 is mentioned 146 times in the Bible. It generally symbolizes a period of testing, trial or probation.

In the Old Testament, Moses lived 40 years in Egypt and 40 years in the desert before God selected him to lead His people out of slavery. Moses was also on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights, on two separate occasions (Exodus 24:18, 34:1-28), receiving God's laws. He also sent spies, for 40 days, to investigate the land God promised the Israelites as an inheritance (Numbers 13:25, 14:34). The prophet Jonah powerfully warned ancient Nineveh, for 40 days, that its destruction would come because of its many sins (Jonah 3:4).

In the New Testament we find the number 40 is significant in the life of Jesus: Jesus fasted 40 days and nights (Matthew 4:2); Jesus was tempted 40 days by Satan (Luke 4:2, Mark 1:13); Jesus remained on earth 40 days after Resurrection (Acts 1:3).

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that because of the above, "by the solemn 40 days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (n. 540).

Lenten Facts Did You Know?

"The Church's constant recognition that all the faithful are required by divine law to do penance. As from the fact of sin we Christians can claim no exception, so from the obligation to penance we can seek no exemption." USCCB

From the John Walsh Library

Subscriptions in the John Walsh Library

The John Walsh Library subscribes to two periodicals of interest. These are available for borrowing on a one week basis:

America is a monthly Catholic magazine published by the Jesuits of the United States and headquartered in midtown Manhattan. It is a forum for discussion of religion, society, politics and culture from a Catholic perspective. The Ignatian traditions of "finding God in all things" and the promotion of justice shape its commentary. Its contributors are the principal figures in the American church; the decision makers and opinion leaders who lead the ecclesial and civil debate about religion, society, politics and the arts. Those with something to say to the American church say it in **America**: popes and presidents, Nobel laureates, Pulitzer Prize winners, world-renowned scholars, and distinguished men and women of letters. It has been published continuously since 1909, and is also available online at americamagazine.org

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The cart in the John Walsh Library has been updated with adult books for meditation, reflection and research about Lent and Easter. There are also children's books that contain stories about Easter, as well as Children's Bible Stories.

Ministry Schedule for March 22 & 23, 2025

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

| | 4:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Acolytes | Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed | Luca Picca Volunteer Needed | Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed |
| Cantors | Bonnie Serio | Bob Slon | Cindy Rutan |
| EMHC | Christine Grant Volunteer Needed | Josephine Cozzo Jack Black | Fred Compertore Ruth Prinzivalli |
| Greeters | Julie Shick Forest Shick | Pat Amedeo Jack Black | Nancy Willard Anne LaClair |
| Lectors | Margie Richardson | Josephine Cozzo | Kay Vargo |
| Linens | Cindy Rutan No specific time for pick up | | |
| Sacristans | Christine Grant | Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch | Sandra Happ |
| Stream Team | John Kosel | Lou Rotundo | George Hanley |
| Ushers | Sue Dettman Alice Bower | Paul Fetter Herb Gauch | Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore |

ESSAY CONTEST

Students in School of Religion and in the Confirmation, Program are invited to participate in the Christ is Alive Essay Contest. Those not attending School of Religion or attending Catholic School can also participate. All Essays are due to Anselm by March 23. Winners will receive \$100 and your choice of a Bible from comcenter.com. Essays can be typed or handwritten.

ESSAY TOPIC:

Describe a moment in the last year when you felt close to God. For example, it could have been when you were praying, on a retreat, or at Mass. Or it could have been in an answer to one of your prayers, or in the mercy or kindness of someone you know. God is at work in the world all the time. He is close to his people in their daily lives, in all their joys and sorrows. He comforts us, heals us and helps us. That's the good news: God is with us! For this essay, think of a time when you felt God was with you and write about it.

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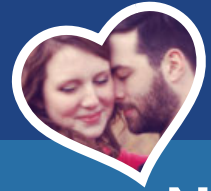
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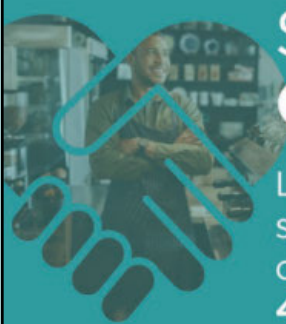
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