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April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Weekend Masses Saturday (Anticipated)-4:00 PM Sunday-8:00 AM, 10:00AM, Noon, 5:00 PM

Daily Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday-6:40 AM Monday – Saturday – 8:30 AM Thursday-6:15 PM We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at stpacc.org/livestream.

Mass Times for Holy Days

Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted. First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

Rosary After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church and First Saturdays at 7:00 PM at stpacc.org/onlinerosary

Divine Mercy Chaplet Monday - Friday-3:00PM

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 4 of this bulletin.

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Worship Hymnal Readings - #1089

Hymns

Entrance - Christ Is Alive #510 Offertory - Where Charity and Love Prevail #700 Communion - I Receive the Living God #923 Post Communion - Regina Caeli #519





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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory – I Will Be a Child of Peace O Holy Father, I will be a child of peace and purity, for well I know, Thy hand will bless the seeker after righteousness.

Post-Communion – I Know That My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though my body be destroyed, And though my body be destroyed, Yet in my flesh shall I see God. Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives . . .

Now we see in a glass dimly, but then, face to face; Now I know in part, but then I shall know as I am known. Alleluia, alleluia, I know that my Redeemer lives



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The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to <u>stpacc.org/flocknote</u> or text STPACC to the number 84576.



Pray for Those Newly Confirmed:

Saturday, we celebrated the Confirmation of youth from our school and PSR program. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. Please pray that our young people continue to strong grow spiritually and become true disciples of Christ.

Discover FORMED:

FORMED is a really dynamic online platform that provides access to great Catholic audio talks, movies, eBooks, inspirational presentations, study programs, and wonderful programs for children of all ages as well. It's been described as a free "Catholic Netflix." I highly recommend it. It's quite easy to access FORMED. Simply go to <u>stpacc.org/formed</u> to learn more.

Our Sunday Offering:

I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or go online to <u>www.stpacc.org/donate.</u> If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either <u>dhawking@stpacc.org</u> or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of EasterActs 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-88:00 AM† Bill Tompos**10:00 AM† Linda Troiano Zeigler12:00 PM† Linda Troiano Zeigler5:00 PM† Danny PasqualoneMonday, April 29, Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 14:	:5-18; Ps	115:1-2,	3-4,	15-16;	Jn 14:2	1-26
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6:40 AM †	[.] Matthew Haban
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8:30 AM † Ruyen Thi Tang

Tuesday, April 30

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

8:30 AM † JoAnn Ripley

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 12	2:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
6:40 AM	† Douglas Blaine, Jr.

8:30 AM † Thomas Creamer

Thursday, May 2, Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

8:30 AM † Cecilia Guzzo

Friday, May 3, Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

6:40 AM † Chuck Penry

8:30 AM † Helen Dumlao Orencia

Saturday, May 4

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

8:30 AM Sheumaker Family Intention (Living)

Sixth Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

4:00 PM † Charles F Menzel

Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

8:00 AM Sheumaker Family Intention (Living)

- **10:00 AM † Fernando Rizo
 - 12:00 PM † Bob Searles
- 5:00 PM † Irene Pasqualone

**Mass with incense.

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NEW TO ST. PAUL?

Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

Welcome Home

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!







Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at <u>stpacc.org/rcia</u>.

Get Involved

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at <u>stpacc.org/ministries</u>

St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. <u>stpaulk-8.org</u>

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday–Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at <u>stpacc.org/register</u>.

Baptisms

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

Matrimony

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit <u>stpacc.org/weddings</u> to begin planning.

Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30–6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; <u>stpacc.org/shop</u>

Bulletin

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

Important Contacts

Parish Office	614-882-2109
St. Paul School	614-882-2710
Preschool	614-394-9731
Parish School of Religion	614-882-5045
Prayer Line	stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org
St. Vincent DePaul Helpline	614-973-9772
Young Adults	StPaulYA1@gmail.com
Spirit of Peace Counseling	stpacc.org/counseling-services

Pregnancy Support Resources

Women's Care Center	614-251-0200
Birthright	614-221-0844
PDHC	614-444-4411
Mommies Matter	614-723-9308
Option Llne	optionline.org 1-800-712-4357
Stowe Mission, Columbus	614-445-8400
Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County	740-417-9358

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THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



Are You Sure It Isn't a Goose?

When I was in second grade, my class was preparing for our First Holy Communion. We were playing a speed round of Catholic questions and answers. We all had to stand next to our desks and the teacher would go around the room asking everyone a question about the faith. It was timed, so you had to answer fast. If you got it correct and within time, you lived to see another round. If you got it wrong or took too long to answer, you had to sit back down at your desk. The last one standing was the winner. As my teacher was moving about the class, one of my classmates was asked, "What animal descended upon Jesus during his baptism?" Without missing a beat, he proudly yelled out, "a goose!" Well, that was incorrect, and it got a chuckle from the class. For some reason, it was one of those moments that I clearly remember and will never forget. In the Gospels according to Matthew and John, we read that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. Such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit happens to each of us at our baptism. Still, this unique and total outpouring of the Holy Spirit also occurs at another Sacrament.

Confirmation, what is it? Is it just a lovely ritual when you reach eighth grade? Is it graduation from religious education classes? Both of those questions have a resounding "no" for their answers. Confirmation can be confusing at times. Perhaps the name itself can be misleading. It is thought, at times, that Confirmation is your opportunity to "confirm" your faith. Well, yes, you certainly must do this as you receive this sacrament. But this does not get to the heart of Confirmation. Confirmation is not so much about you confirming your choice to be Catholic; it's about God the Holy Spirit confirming you. It's much more something that God does to you and your eternal soul than something you do for God or even yourself.

Like Baptism, Confirmation changes your soul. You receive a spiritual character (an indelible mark) on your soul, which becomes a permanent source of grace for you throughout

eternity. It's God's way of making a permanent commitment to you by deepening His covenant made to you at Baptism. You cannot remove this mark. You cannot be "unconfirmed."

On Saturday, we celebrated the Confirmation of our School and PSR students. These young men and women are now sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They are to use these gifts to defend their faith and themselves. The final Sacrament of Initiation is meant to prepare and strengthen you in life's journey and battles. Before Vatican II, and even today in the Tridentine Rite, when the Bishop confirmed men and women, he gave them a little slap on the cheek to rouse them up and prepare them for battle as soldiers of Christ. This is never more apparent than Pentecost when the apostles received the Holy Spirit. They were sent to foreign lands to preach and teach Christ to all. Many of them died during their missions. They were soldiers for Christ and would not stop until his name was heard everywhere. This is what we must do today. By virtue of our Baptism and Confirmation, we must go out into the world and preach Jesus Christ and the Church. Many will hate us for it. Jesus never said this life would be easy.

Whether the Holy Spirit is in the form of a dove or a goose, we must enter into a relationship. The Holy Spirit has great plans for us and will give us all we need to fulfill those plans of God. I want to end with a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit. This is a prayer that could be said every day. Pray the entire prayer each morning, and then throughout the day, repeat the first three words: "Come, Holy Spirit." Pray those words as you walk, as you drive, as you do chores, and every time they come to mind. If you can establish this habit, you will be amazed at how close you become with God the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the Earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Andrew **7**. *Burson* Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry

Update from Deacon Mickey Hawkins

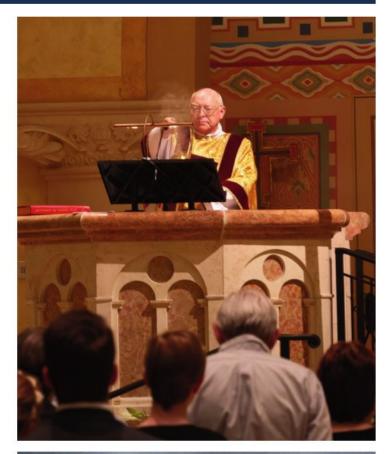
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I haven't communicated much throughout the Advent and Lenten Seasons. St. Paul Parish was a special place for me through Christmas and Easter.

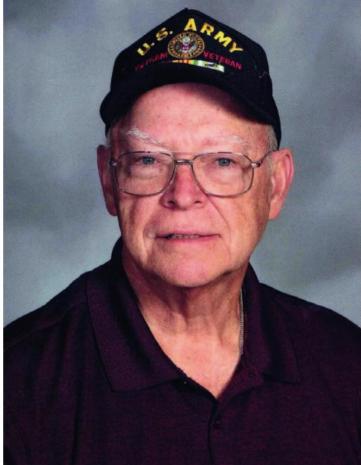
I was very sad that I was not able to assist at the Vigil, especially with the anointing of 67 Confirmandes. The Holy Spirit really worked overtime this year. Assisting at the Chrism Mass was spiritually fulfilling, being with my brother clergy and was able to assist at the noon Mass on Easter. God Is Good!

To report on my health, I had a scheduled followup on April 2nd. Patty and I refer to my Oncologist as our personal angel. The results of my bloodwork confirmed the expected diagnosis: the chemo treatments are no longer effective. Honestly, 19 months of chemo and radiation therapies, have exhausted any medical options. I am now in the care of Hospice, Pain Management Staff. With confidence I say "more angels". For all of you that know me, from family, faith and friends, I will not give up or give in. I will carry on with my love for family and friends and perform whatever diaconal duties that my health allows.

God bless you for all your loving support and prayers throughout my journey. You have provided the hope and strength that enabled my family and me to know God's presence in all the good days and bad days that are a normal part of battling cancer.

God bless you and keep you safe in HIS loving arms.





Deacon Mickey

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This Week in Our Parish Sunday, April 28

Guatemalan Coffee for sale after 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses Parlor 1

11:00 AM – RCIA Klinger Center

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at <u>stpacc.org/rcia</u>

6:00 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

6:00 PM - PSR Family Night Gym

6:30 PM – High School Youth Ministry St. Peter Room

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. Ends at 8:30 PM.

<u>stpacc.org/ym</u>

Monday, April 29

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at <u>stpacc.org/chaplet</u>

6:30 PM – Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7:00 PM – Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Tuesday, April 30

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM - Young Adult Open Gym Klinger Center

Wednesday, May 1

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

4:45 & 6:45 PM –PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. <u>stpacc.org/psr</u>

6:45 PM – 8:00 PM High School Discipleship Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM – Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Bereavement Ministry Spring Support Group Lower Level Room 2 (Church)

Thursday, May 2

6:00 AM – Into the Breach - That Man is You! St. Peter Room

9:15 AM – Confessions Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession.

stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM – Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremony St. Peter Room

7:00 PM - Young Adults Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church) 7:00 PM - Sacred Heart Monthly Meeting Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

Friday, May 3

9:00 AM - Knights of Columbus Agency Meeting Lower Level Room 3

9:30 AM - First Friday Adoration Church Adoration follows 8:30 AM Mass and concludes at 4:00 PM.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Saturday, May 4

Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Trailer Church Parking Lot

7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast St. Peter Room

Join us the first Saturday of every month for Breakfast, prayer and fellowship. <u>stpacc.org/menbiblestudy</u>

10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry Lower Level Room 4

2:30 PM – Confessions Church

Sunday, May 5

Coffee & Doughnuts after AM Masses Lower Level Room 3

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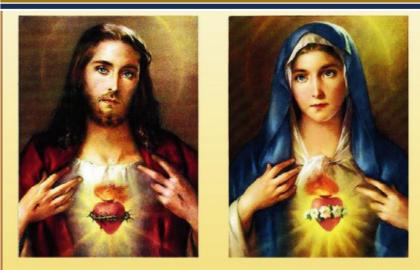
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6:00 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

6:15 PM – Middle School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

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Join us for 6:15 Mass then attend the Sacred Heart monthly meeting with special quest, Fr. Olvera. He will discuss the Two Hearts - the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Also, Fr. Olvera will share the Fifth Promise - "I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings" - one of Jesus' 12 promises to those who keep a loving devotion to His Most Sacred Heart.

Visit welcomehisheart.com to learn more about the Sacred Heart devotion and enthronement of your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.





Fifth Sunday of Easter

All are invited to join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, the faithful from the Diocese of Columbus, and the pilgrims from The National Eucharistic Revival for a weeklong Eucharistic procession from June 24th to 30th through the Diocese of Columbus, while on pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress. Stops along the way will be; St. Joseph, Somerset; St. Francis de Sales, Newark; Seton Parish, Pickerington; Christ the King, Columbus; St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus; St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville; St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus.

The pilgrimage will stop at St. Paul on Saturday, June 29. Events will include Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes followed by Eucharistic Procession, and a vocations fair.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUNE 24 - JUNE 30, 2024

MONDAY JUNE 24

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Somerset
8:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
8:00 pm Eucharistic Procession

TUESDAY JUNE 25

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
4:00 pm Eucharistic Procession Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark
5:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
St. Francis de Sales, Newark
6:30 pm Picnic Dinner

WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Seton Parish, Pickerington 9:00 am All Day Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Eucharistic Procession 8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

THURSDAY JUNE 27

Christ the King, Columbus 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 pm Mass (Spanish) with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes 8:00 pm Picnic Dinner

FRIDAY JUNE 28

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus
5:30 pm Arrival time
6:00 pm Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes (Bilingual)

SATURDAY JUNE 29

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville
9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration
10:00 am Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
11:00 am Eucharistic Procession
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Vocations Fair in the Klinger Center

SUNDAY JUNE 30

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus
12:30 pm Mass (Bilingual)
with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes
2:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
2:30 pm Picnic Dinner

For more information and to register, go to www.columbuscatholic.org/revival



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The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Trailer will be in the Church parking lot on Saturday, May 4, from 12:00 Noon to 5:30 pm and on Sunday, May 5 from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. So, if you are cleaning out your closet, garage or basement and wonder what you will do with the items, please remember the Thrift Store Trailer the weekend of May 4 and 5. When you donate clothing or other household items, we will make sure they are either sold or shared as needed with the people the Thrift Store serves through our Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

By sharing these items with others, you will help SVDP raise money for the work it does in our community, and it will provide others with an opportunity to purchase affordable items to help make their house into a home.

We are unable to take mattresses, baby beds, used bed pillows, children's car seats and large pieces of furniture. If you do have furniture, you can contact the Thrift Store directly at 614-377-1065 and make arrangements for a pickup. For a list of items to donate, please check out the website at svdpthriftstores.com. If you have any questions, just contact Jane Nieman at 614-794-9605.

Please also remember our SVDP Conference's monthly Pantry collection that benefits the Holy Family Kitchen and Pantry and the St. James the Less Food Pantry is the weekend of May 11 and 12. There will be blue bins in the Narthex of the church for your food donations starting Friday, May 10. Items needed include canned soups, canned and individual servings of fruit, canned chili, toothpaste and brushes, toilet paper, non-refrigerated milk, cereal, pretzels, crackers, bags of cookies and sweet and salty snacks. These items are given out daily, however, any food item or toiletry is appreciated. The homeless at Holy Family need small toiletry items.

Thank you for your support in prayer and in donations. The number of people in need is growing each week and our calls to the helpline are increasing daily. Again, thank you for your generosity.

St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Count	(Collections			
6,251	\$	71,959.65			
3,436	\$	130,474.62			
3,254	\$	95,566.02			
3,378	\$	51,320.60			
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Year to Date Collection Summary through April 21, 2024

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 42	Actual	Budget	 Difference	L	ast Year Actual	P	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$ 3,173,035	\$ 3,286,177	\$ (113,141)	\$	2,974,639	\$	198,396
Christmas	\$ 86,383	\$ 85,000	\$ 1,383	\$	83,782	\$	2,601
Easter	\$ 37,716	\$ 38,000	\$ (284)	\$	20,770	\$	16,946
Major Collection Totals	\$ 3,297,134	\$ 3,409,177	\$ (112,043)	\$	3,079,191	\$	217,944
Prior Week Totals	\$ 2,998,183	\$ 3,207,935	\$ (209,752)	\$	2,801,105	\$	197,078

Special Collections To	Date Include:	*Church Building Fund Envelopes		
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 72,254	\$ 73,350		
WARM	\$ 62,020	Church Loan Balance: \$3,555,600		
		Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30		

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

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This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750 Savings Deposit to our Emergency



Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Catholic Men's Luncheon Friday, May 3, 2024 Speaker: Father Steven Beseau

Join the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a talk by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum on the Status of the Josephinum. The May luncheon is sponsored by Jim Flaherty. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at <u>foleyp513@gmail.com</u>.

Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Beseau's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

Our final luncheon before the summer break is Friday June 7, 2024, and will feature Patrick Madrid who will give a talk entitled "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point To The Existence of God." Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!

St. Charles Drama Department presents: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department is proud to announce its spring production, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, May 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad St.

Adult tickets are \$15, students, \$10.

Reservations may be placed by visiting <u>stcharlesprep.org/tickets</u>

Winner of seven Olivier Awards and five Tony Awards, including 'Best Play,' The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time brings Mark Haddon's best-selling novel to thrilling life on stage, adapted by two-time Olivier Award-winning playwright Simon Stephens.



Are you considering becoming a missionary? Then YOU have been invited to Come and See how it's done at Hard as Nails! At this retreat, you will get a taste of the Hard as Nails charism and a glimpse of what they do through prayer experiences, talks, team activities, lots of fun, and so much more! The retreat is held May 10-12 at the missionaries' home base (Ss. Peter & Paul Retreat Center). More information can be found by scanning the code below.



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Reflecting on the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2024 First Reading: Acts 9:26-31; Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24; Gospel: John 15:1-8



Pruning a vine is an important part of helping it to grow and produce not only more fruit but the best fruit. If left unpruned, a grape vine will eventually produce less fruit and poorer quality fruit. Good pruning helps to direct the nourishment of the vine to the new buds that are most fruitful.

Jesus' teaching above uses the imagery of pruning a vine to help us understand that faith must lead to charity. First, Jesus says that He is the "true vine." He is the only source of the nourishment we need for the new life of grace. He is the only way to Heaven and salvation. Knowing our Lord and being attached to Him firmly is faith. Second, our Lord says that He takes away every branch that does not bear fruit. This indicates that faith without the good fruit of charity is dead and is like a branch on a vine that produces nothing. Third, when Jesus finds a branch that bears good fruit, he doesn't leave it alone. Instead, He prunes it with loving attention so that "it bears more fruit."

To apply these teachings to your own life, begin by looking at your faith as if it were a branch firmly attached to a vine. Do you believe all that God has spoken through His holy Word? It is useful to regularly examine your conscience in regard to your faith. Since faith is the first step in the spiritual life, it must remain firmly grounded in the Truth God has revealed. This means we must regularly study the Word of God as it is revealed through the Scriptures and the catechetical teachings of the Church, and assent to those teachings with all our mind.

Next, after affirming your faith in all that God has spoken through the Scriptures and the Church, try to examine your charity. Do you see concrete acts of love in your life that result from your faith? In other words, we can "love" many things in a purely emotional sort of way. But charity is based on faith, not on how we feel. Charity is the fruit of faith. What acts of charity can you point to in your life? What have you sensed God calling you to do in a selfless and sacrificial way? Have you done it?

Finally, when you discover the ways that charity is alive within you, know that God will focus His pruning there. Pruning can be painful. It will require sacrifice, patience in the face of trial, overcoming selfishness, and doing things you don't feel like doing. In fact, sometimes God even makes charitable acts seem unpleasant as a way of pruning your motivations and making them more pure, based more on faith than on emotion. But this is good.

Reflect, today, upon this holy imagery from Jesus. It's a lesson from nature that reveals the supernatural life of grace at work. Don't be deterred by the pruning God wants to do. Embrace suffering with love, respond to injustice with forgiveness, offer mercy when you don't feel like it, and seek to serve selflessly those who seem undeserving. Doing so will prune you so that God will be able to build up His Kingdom in glorious ways through you.

Jesus, most glorious Vine, You and You alone are the source of all nourishment in life. From You all good things come. Help me to have a firm faith in You and all that You have revealed, so that this faith will bud forth and bring about an abundance of good fruit for the glorious building up of Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

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