

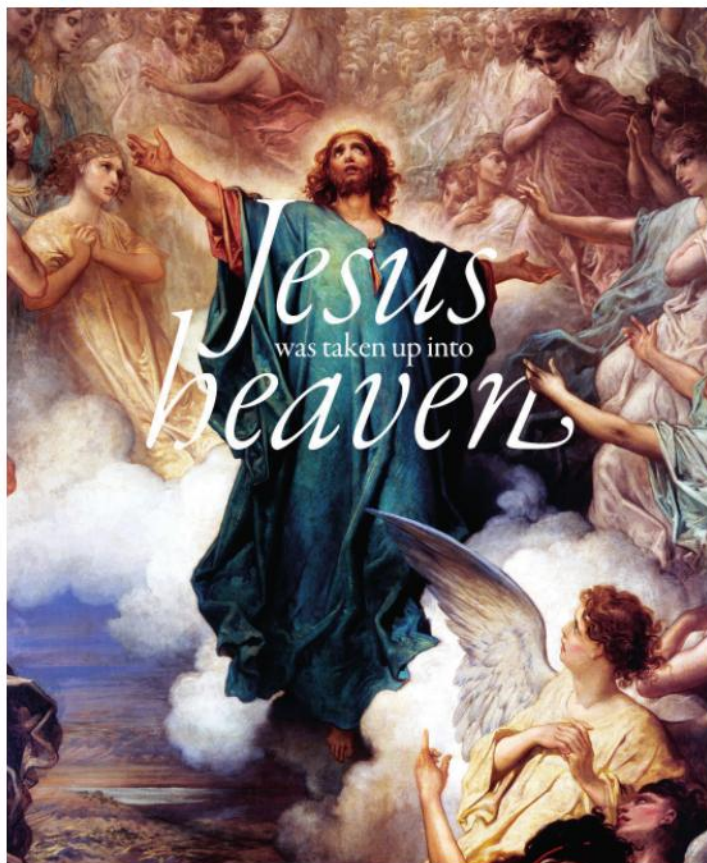
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SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

May 12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord



Weekend Masses

Saturday (Anticipated)–4:00 PM
Sunday–8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 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 at 3:00 PM in the Church

Ascension of the Lord

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.

Featured

The Appeal

This past weekend, Fr. Wilson introduced The Appeal, our annual diocesan campaign to support Catholic ministries. Father asked us to be generous as one way of living out Jesus' command to love one another as Christ has loved us. Please take some time to reflect on how you receive and respond to the love of our Heavenly Father and prayerfully consider your gift to The Appeal.



Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

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Worship Hymnal Readings – #1094

Hymns

Entrance - Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #529

Offertory - Go Make of All Disciples #792

Communion - Eye Has Not Seen #713

Post Communion - Regina Caeli #519

Gloria

All:



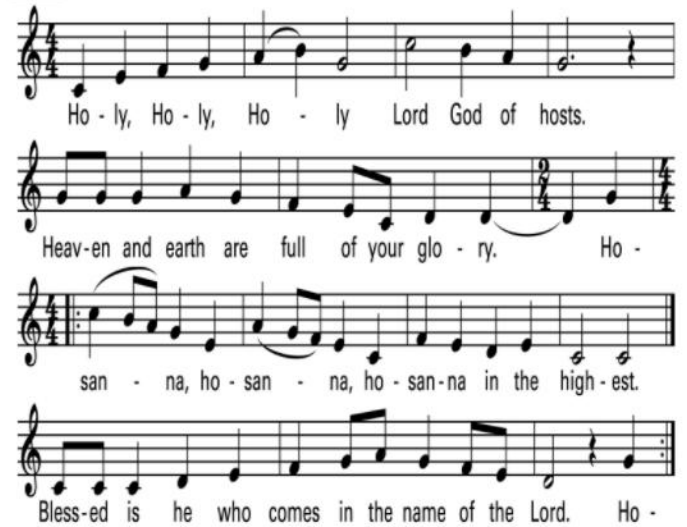
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther.
Choir (Congr. ad lib):
Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you
take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our
prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.
All:
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Eucharistic Acclamations

Holy



Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

Mystery of Faith



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-
rec-tion un-til you come a-gain, un-til you come a-gain.

Amen



A-men, a-men, a-men, a-men.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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Prelude Hymn – On This Day O Beautiful Mother

Refrain:

On This Day, Oh Beautiful Mother,
On This Day We Give Thee Our Love.
Near The, Madonna, Fondly We Hover,
Trusting Thy Gentle Care To Prove.

Verse 1:

On This Day We Ask To Share,
Dearest Mother, Thy Sweet Care;
Aid Us Ere Our Feet Astray,
Wander From Thy Guiding Way. (*refrain*)

Verse 2:

Queen Of Angels, Deign To Hear,
Lisping Children's Humble Prayer;
Young Hearts Gain, Oh Virgin Pure,
Sweetly To Thyself Allure. (*refrain*)

Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory – The Eternal Gates

The eternal gates lift up their heads
The doors are opened wide
The King of glory is gone up
Unto His Father's side
And I'll sing hallelujah, And you'll sing hallelujah
And we'll all sing hallelujah, When we arrive at home

And ever on our earthly path
A gleam of glory lies
A light still breaks behind the cloud
That veils Thee from the eyes, And I'll sing ...

Lift up our hearts, lift up our minds
And let Thy grace be giv'n
That, while we live on earth below
Our treasure be in heav'n, And I'll sing ...

That where thou art, at God's right hand
Our hope, our love, may be
Dwell thou in us, that we may dwell
Forevermore in Thee, And I'll sing ...

Canticle of Praise – If Ye Love Me

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another comforter,
that He may abide with you forever,
e'en the Spirit of truth.

For those unable to clearly hear during Mass, we encourage you to acquire the FREE Listen EVERYWHERE app.



Be sure your device is connected to our Wi-Fi
Network Name: St. Paul Church Guest
Password: WelcomeHome

The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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



First Communion:

Congratulations to the 169 children who received their very first Holy Communion last week! What an exciting day for the youth and their families. I ask that you please keep these children in your prayers as together we encourage them to grow stronger in their faith.

Nationwide Invitation to Prayer for the End of Abortion and for the Protection of Women and pre-Born Children:

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children now through the month of June when a decision is expected. More information can be found at usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitation-prayer.

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](text:stpaulohio) to 800-950-9952 or go online to www.stpacc.org/donate. If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either dhawking@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12, Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

- 8:00 AM † Sheumaker Family Intention
**10:00 AM † Carolina Aufiero
12:00 PM † Cecilia Guzzo
5:00 PM † John Warner

Monday, May 13

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

- 6:40 AM † Darek Hanafi
8:30 AM Sheumaker Special Intention

Tuesday, May 14, Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

- 8:30 AM † Pat and Joe Biggs

Wednesday, May 15, Memorial of Saint Isidore

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

- 6:40 AM † Robert Tangeman
8:30 AM † James Borda

Thursday, May 16

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

- 8:30 AM 49th Anniversary of Ed and Barbara Gebauer
6:15 PM † Carson Stout

Friday, May 17

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

- 6:40 AM † Garry Neltner
8:30 AM † Rebecca A. Patterson

Saturday, May 18

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

- 8:30 AM † Bill Tompos

Pentecost Vigil

Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

- 4:00 PM † Robert Searles

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

- 8:00 AM † Bob Searles
**10:00 AM † Linda Troiano Zeigler
12:00 PM † Henry and Lindy Imperata
5:00 PM † Edward Kana

**Mass with incense.

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!



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STPACC
TO 84576



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 stpacc.org/rcia.

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 stpacc.org/ministries

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. stpaulk-8.org

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Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. (614-882-2109)

Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshipping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

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 stpacc.org/weddings 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. Shop hours:

Sundays: 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Mondays: closed

Tuesday and Thursdays: 2:30–6:30 PM

Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 9:15 AM-- 12:30 PM

Looking for a special gift: 614-882-5257; stpacc.org/shop

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 Line optionline.org 1-800-712-4357

Stowe Mission, Columbus 614-445-8400

Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County 740-417-9358

THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



The Woman I Love

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, one of my “Catholic heroes,” gave a talk in which he began by stating, “The subject of this meditation will be, ‘the woman I love.’” I can only imagine the faces of those listening to him as he began his talk with these words. I am sure they thought they would get some juicy personal history. However, he quickly let his audience know that the object of his love was Mary, the Mother of God. Archbishop Sheen often spoke about Mary's role in salvation history, her significance as the mother of Jesus, and her unique qualities as a model of faith and discipleship. He emphasized Mary's virtues, such as humility, obedience, and purity, and he encouraged Catholics to emulate her example in their own lives. Why is Mary such a stumbling block for Catholics and non-Catholics alike? What does it mean to be the Mother of God? And what happened when this title was challenged?

When we call Mary the Mother of God, we are affirming her unique and exalted status among all humanity. At the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel declared to her, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you,” Mary's fiat, her resounding “yes” to God's plan, forever changed the course of history. In her womb, the Word became flesh, and Jesus Christ, true God and true man, was conceived.

However, early in the Church's history, the title of Mary as Mother of God was challenged. The heresy of Arianism was born when Arius mistakenly thought he was correct in saying that Mary is the mother of Jesus (Christotokos—Christ-bearer), not the Mother of God (Theotokos—God-bearer). Arius taught that Jesus, though the highest of all created beings, was not equal to God the Father. This belief struck at the heart of Christian doctrine, challenging the belief in the Holy Trinity and the eternal nature of Christ.

The Arian controversy shook the early Church's foundations, leading to bitter debates and divisions among Christians. Emperors and bishops weighed in on the theological disputes, and councils were convened to settle the matter.

But amidst the turmoil, the Church stood firm in its defense of the true faith. At the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the Church proclaimed the Nicene Creed (which we say every Sunday), affirming the divinity of Christ as “begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.” This solemn declaration refuted the errors of Arianism and reaffirmed the Church's belief in the Trinity – one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Mary's motherhood reminds us of the unity between the human and divine natures in Jesus Christ. Through her, God entered our world, using our human nature to redeem us from sin and death. Mary's “yes” to God's plan paved the way for our salvation, and through her, we are brought closer to her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is crucial to understand that Mary's motherhood is not merely physical but spiritual as well. She nurtured and cared for Jesus throughout his life, guiding him with love and wisdom. As the Mother of God, Mary holds a special place of honor and intercession in the Church. Just as she cared for Jesus during his earthly ministry, she continues to care for each one of us, her spiritual children, interceding for us before the throne of her Son.

Mary's role as the Mother of God also highlights the dignity of motherhood itself. Through her example, we see the selflessness, love, and sacrifice inherent in the vocation of motherhood. Every mother shares in Mary's calling to nurture and raise her children with love and faith.

In May, we honor Mary as the Mother of God with hearts full of gratitude and devotion. Let us turn to her in times of need, confident that she intercedes for us before the throne of her Son. And let us strive to imitate her faith, humility, and obedience in our lives so that, like her, we may always be open to God's will and cooperate with his grace.



Andrew T. Burson

Andrew T. Burson,
Director of Parish Ministry,
Director of Sacred Liturgy

The Appeal is an annual call to action, uniting the 23 counties of the Diocese of Columbus to provide for our essential mission and amplify our impact on Evangelization, Vocations, Catholic Education, and Social Needs.



Evangelization

The Evangelization pillar of The Appeal supports a new marriage preparation program from the Office of Marriage and Family Life, which includes an updated Pre-Cana experience for engaged couples and formation for newly married couples. These new programs encourage deeper involvement in parish life, encouraging couples to turn to their parish communities for support as they build their new family life.

Our Parish Update

as of May 6th

\$500,000



\$449,000

\$449,000

Diocesan Goal

+ \$51,000

Gym Renovation Goal

\$500,000

Total Goal

Pledged to Date: \$108,810

Number of St. Paul families: 4,232

The Appeal participation: 97 families

The Appeal participation rate: 2%

Give to The Appeal and support Catholic ministries

197 E Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43215 | columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal



This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day

SVDP Food Pantry Drive

Bins will be in the vestibule of the church for your donations of food and toiletry items for the many in need.

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

Monday, May 13

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 stpacc.org/chaplet

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, May 14

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

**7:00 PM - Handmaids of the Eucharist
Church**

**7:30 PM - Young Adult Open Gym
Klinger Center**

Wednesday, May 15

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

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

Thursday, May 16

**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 - Young Adults Bible Study
Lower Level Room 1 (Church)**

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

Friday, May 17

**3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church**

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

Saturday, May 18

**7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study
St. Peter Room**

We invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy.

**10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Lower Level Room 4 (Church)**

**2:30 PM – Confessions
Church**

Sunday, May 19

**9:00 AM - Knights of Columbus
Breakfast
Miller Hall**

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

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage



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.

David McConnell Funeral

The funeral for David McConnell will be at St John Neuman on Saturday, May 18. Anyone with questions should contact Jeff Adair jadair@stpacc.org

Do you have an old wind instrument just gathering dust?



**We have kids that
want to play them!**



**Donations of wind
instruments can be
dropped off at the
school office from
May 2 to June 28.**

*Accepting flutes, clarinets, saxophones, trumpets, and trombones.



Visit these websites for more information.

www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org

<https://www.bottomsup.life/>

Again this year, in cooperation with the Bottoms Up Diaper Bank, St. Paul's Spanish Club will collect your donations of diapers (any size) to help single mothers and their babies. **Donations will be collected from each St. Paul classroom and the church narthex from May 1 to May 24.** The goal of the World's Largest Diaper Drive is to collect 1 million diapers statewide and 2 million nationwide during the month of May. Thanks for your support!

High School Youth Ministry
Summer Events
2024



June 5
Summer Bible Study
High schoolers come meet the Lord in scripture every week on the lower level of the church from 6:45-8:00pm. Free Snacks!

June 23
Amazing RACE
All high schoolers are welcome to come to the St. Peter room for a wild scavenger hunt across campus and dinner from 6-8pm.

June 28
Steubenville Conf.
Encounter Jesus with thousands of other teens in this fun and faith packed weekend. Visit our website for more details.

July 28
Trivia and Ice Cream
In collaboration with our brother parish, St. Michael. Come for trivia and sundaes on a Sunday 6-8pm at St. Michael.

Aug 7
Kings Island Trip
A fun day trip to the amusement park in the Queen City. Leave St. Paul following 8:30am Mass. Register on our website by 8/2.

Aug 11
Open Gym
All high schoolers welcome to come to the Klinger Center for open gym, pizza and games from 6-8pm.

Every Wednesday: HS Discipleship Bible Study on the Lower Level from 6:45pm to 8:00pm

Contact: Nathan Forsthoefel
nforsthoefel@stpacc.org



Parish School of Religion (PSR) Help Needed

We are looking to hire someone to work in the PSR Office as the Coordinator of Religious Education for grades K-2. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic who knows and understands the Catholic Church and its mission. We are looking for someone with a background in education, religious education, and/or a related field. Responsibilities include implementing the Religious Education Curriculum for grades K-2 with extra guidance for preparing for First Holy Communion and working with our catechists who deliver weekly instruction to students. Candidates should possess computer and organizational skills. This position is part-time and flexible, up to 20 hours per week, with attendance required at Wednesday afternoon/evening PSR classes with some weekend hours. Those interested in learning more about this position should contact Susan Streitenberger, Director of Religious Education, at ssreitenberger@stpacc.org or 614-882-5045.

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

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

| <i>Week Ending</i> | <i>Count</i> | <i>Collections</i> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| April 14 | 3,254 | \$ 95,566.02 |
| April 21 | 3,378 | \$ 51,320.60 |
| April 28 | 3,194 | \$ 37,474.12 |
| May 5 | 3,239 | \$ 120,187.92 |

Year to Date Collection Summary through May 5, 2024

| <i>Summary for Week # 44</i> | <i>Actual</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Difference</i> | <i>Last Year Actual</i> | <i>Prior Year +(-)</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday & On-line Collections | \$ 3,311,406 | \$ 3,442,662 | \$ (131,255) | \$ 3,076,997 | \$ 234,409 |
| Christmas | \$ 86,383 | \$ 85,000 | \$ 1,383 | \$ 83,882 | \$ 2,501 |
| Easter | \$ 38,392 | \$ 38,000 | \$ 392 | \$ 37,582 | \$ 810 |
| Major Collection Totals | \$ 3,436,181 | \$ 3,565,662 | \$ (129,481) | \$ 3,198,460 | \$ 237,721 |
| Prior Week Totals | \$ 3,285,449 | \$ 3,364,419 | \$ (78,970) | \$ 3,089,493 | \$ 195,957 |

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

Special Collections To Date Include:

St. Vincent DePaul \$ 78,947
WARM \$ 62,030

***Church Building Fund Envelopes:**

\$ 79,822

Church Loan Balance: \$3,555,600

*Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

This amount includes weekly withdrawals for:
Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750
Savings Deposit to our Emergency Fund of \$ 7,900



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





Executive Speaker Series
FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

7 PM - 9 PM, May 15
St. Peter Catholic Church

Registration required



DR. RODGER DYSON

Join YCP May 15th for a fun night of networking, free food, beverages and a thought-provoking talk delivered by NASA Scientist, Dr. Rodger Dyson on Finding Your Place in This World!

Register at:
www.ycpcolumbus.org



NATIONAL
Eucharistic Congress



ST PETER
ST JOAN OF ARC

It's not too late to join us on the pilgrimage of a lifetime. Space is limited!

National Eucharistic Congress

July 17-21, 2024

Indianapolis, IN

\$785 includes:

5-day conference pass, hotel, breakfast, bus transportation from Columbus to Indianapolis, and daily transportation from hotel to conference.

For more information or to register, visit St. Joan of Arc's website or follow the QR code.



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Reflecting on the Gospel for the Ascension of the Lord, May 12, 2024

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

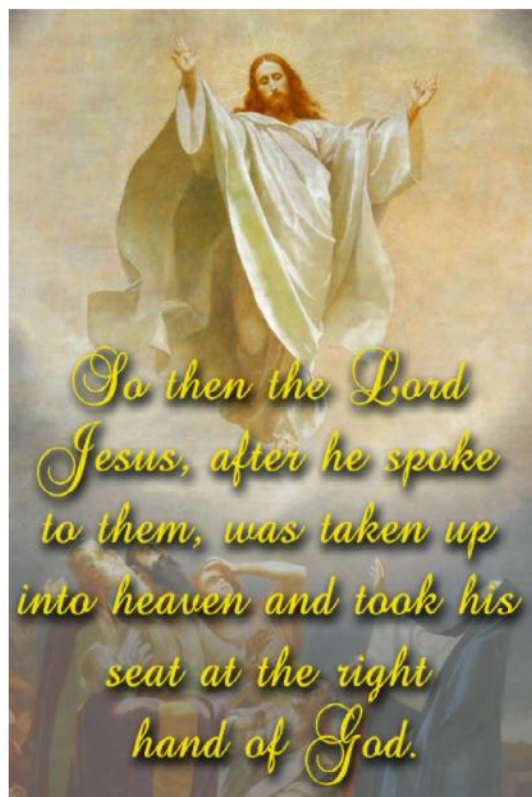
We celebrate today one more step in the completion of the mission of the Son of God. Humanity had sinned at the beginning of time and fallen from Original Innocence. God immediately began to prepare the world for the gift of eternal redemption by establishing a covenant with Noah, Abraham and Moses. He raised up various prophets and kings to further prepare His people for what was to come. And then, when the time was right, God entered our world through the Blessed Virgin Mary. Jesus, the Son of God, eventually entered into His public ministry, teaching, performing miracles, gathering the faithful to Himself, dying, rising and then appearing to His disciples in preparation for the Ascension. The Ascension completes the mission of the Son of God. Today we honor that definitive moment when God the Son, in His transformed and resurrected Human nature, ascends by His own power to the Father, bringing with Himself our humanity so that all humanity may ascend with Him.

As we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, we must first see all that led up to that moment and seek to unite ourselves with all of those preceding events. We must listen to the words of the patriarchs and prophets of the Old Testament. We must especially listen to the teachings of Jesus in the New Testament and embrace His words without hesitation. And we must unite ourselves with His own death, dying to sin, so that we may also share in His Resurrection. Today, we must further see the invitation we are all given to ascend with Jesus to the Father. We must understand that where Jesus has gone, we are invited to follow if we only believe, embrace and live all that took place leading up to this glorious moment.

The Ascension was the end of Jesus' life on Earth but also the beginning of our sharing in the life of Heaven. As Jesus ascended, He commissioned His disciples to go forth and "preach the gospel to every creature." They were to preach to all about the saving plan of God that began at the time of Adam and Eve and was completed with the Ascension.

Reflect, today, upon your calling to not only share in this glorious moment of Jesus' Ascension but also your calling to go forth and to do all you can to draw others into this new life. Reflect upon Jesus, Who also speaks to you today to invite you to bring others to that mountain. By teaching friends, family and all with whom God has entrusted to you to share the Gospel, you fulfill Christ's mission to "go into the whole world" to gather the scattered people into the one fold of Christ so as to ascend with Him one day into eternity.

My ascended Lord, all things throughout history were but a preparation for the moment when You drew fallen humanity into Heaven to be with Your Father forever. Help me to always heed Your holy words, so that I, too, will share in Your Ascension. Use me, dear Lord, to also go forth and to draw many others to You so that the Kingdom will be filled with all those whom You have called. Jesus, I trust in You.



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