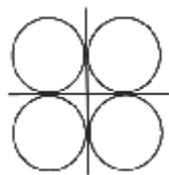


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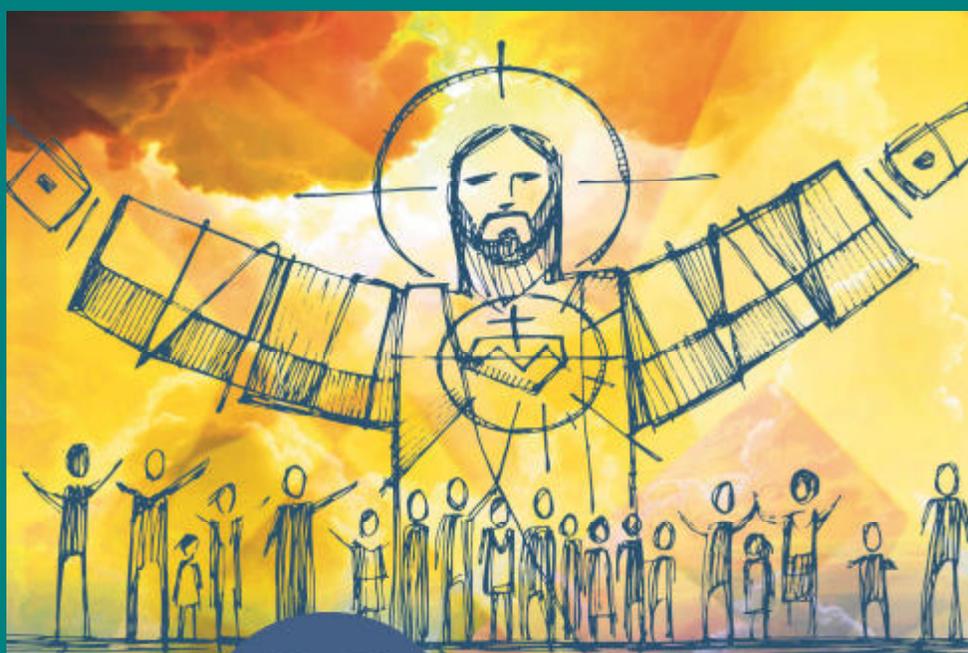


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August 29, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



22nd

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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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Looking Ahead...

Monday, August 30

Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, August 31

Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Wednesday, September 1

Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 2

Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Friday, September 3

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 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 4

Weekday
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass

Financial Snapshot

	July 2021	July 2021-July 2021
Collections	\$36,551	\$36,551
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,349	\$2,349
Expenses	\$62,441	\$62,441
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(23,541)	\$(23,541)

July began a new fiscal year!
 Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.

This week the flowers in the sanctuary are in thanksgiving for the baptism of Rylee Richardson
 From
 Nana & Papa



Seeds for the Journey

I am gladly grateful that I have made tremendous progress in my recovery. I'm feeling better day by day even though the healing process is slow. I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, get well cards, email messages, phone calls and all support. I had some tough days and sleepless nights with discomfort and a lot of pain, but I knew your prayers would bring relief. When I called my mother to inform her about the surgery, she was worried. She asked me, "Who will take care of you because your family members are far away in other States and in Kenya?" I told her not to worry because I have a very good caring staff and parishioners. I'm therefore grateful for all the support I got from our St. Paul's family. I appreciate the help from Dr. Holley my primary care physician, Dr. DiMarco my urologist, Dr. Eichel my surgeon, other staff at RGH and Center for Urology and visiting nurses from Lifetime Care Home Services.

When did my problem start? Or when did I discover I have prostate cancer? Well, it was last year around November I started having some urinary problems. I googled what would be the cause of those symptoms and realized it could be prostate enlargement. I tried to change my diet and buy some supplements and I lost 15-20 pounds. I remember few parishioners mentioning to me that I have lost some weight. After few months on March 1, I decided to write a letter to my doctor to explain my situation: "Dear Dr Holley, This is to draw your attention that I'm having the following urinary symptoms that might be associated with prostate enlargement and I fear it can lead to prostate cancer...I have my usual appointment with you on May 10th. Do I need to wait till then or I should come to see you before? You are my doctor please help me because this problem is devastating and affects my sleep. Thanking you for all your help."

Immediately the doctor received the letter, her office called saying that I should go the following day. She checked me and order PSA test and then sent me to see Dr. DiMarco the urologist. Seeing elevated PSA, he scheduled for Biopsy and the result was one sample out of twelve had tumor with cancer. This followed a lot of tests such as bone scan whole body series, pelvis scan and genetic/DNA. We discussed and agreed the best treatment is surgery and he told me, "I will send you to Dr. Eichel who is one of the best urologist-surgeons." One week after successful surgery I had ultrasound CT Scan Fluoroscopy and several visits to the Center for Urology. My letter to the doctor saved me a lot because it led the cancer to be discovered at an early stage.

I thank God for his healing presence. As Nancy Stout put it in her small booklet, "*Where is God in my Suffering?*" "I have learned about finding God in the midst of suffering, both from my own experience and from stories shared with me" (Page 2). Suffering sickness can be an opportunity for personal growth and a chance to deepen faith and trust in God and community. Sometimes we can lose sight of the love and support that is around us. I am therefore grateful for your love, prayers and support throughout the years I have been here in good times and difficult ones. For your many acts of caring and kindness, I say many thanks.

Fr. Paul



Baptism
 St. Paul's welcomes the
 newest members of our
 faith community
 Janie Kate Burke &
 Rylee Richardson



Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their faith formation? St. Paul's SOR is in need of K-1 and 6th grade Catechists for Sunday classes from September 26, 2021 until May 1, 2022.

No experience required. Full support provided with materials and teaching guides.

Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Please feel free to email Helen at helen.stirpe@dor.org or call 671-2110 with questions or interest.



**Confirmation 2021-2022
 Registration Is Open!**

Preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will meet on site at St Paul's this year (for as long as we can!) on Sunday mornings, beginning September 12th. Please visit our website at stpaulsrcc.org for more details, the class and event schedule, and to register. For questions or for more information, contact Sue Ward at 585-671-2100 ext. 27 or susan.ward@dor.org. See you in September!



Dear St. Paul's parishioners,
 Thank you so much for your recent donation of school supplies. Because of your generosity, the children of our recipients will start school with all they need.

You have always been generous in your giving and we are very grateful to you.

Sincerely,
 Hope Ministry



**St. Paul's School of Religion
 2021-2022 Invitation**

We are excited to begin a new year of Faith Formation!
 Registration is OPEN!!

Please register your child/children in grades K-7 by September 1st to help us in the material preparation.

Classes for grades K-6 will be remote starting Sunday, September 26th. Time to be determined by the Catechist (teacher) of each grade.

In addition to SOR, 2nd graders will prepare for and celebrate the Sacraments of 1st Penance (Reconciliation) and 1st Eucharist (Communion).

Classes for grade 7 will be onsite starting Saturday, September 25th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in room 6.

Please visit our website at stpaulsrcc.org for more information, registration, and payment. The School of Religion will be under the Faith Formation tab. The Sacraments of 1st Penance and 1st Eucharist will be under the Sacraments tab.

Feel free to contact Helen at helen.stirpe@dor.org or 671-2110.

We look forward to seeing your children in September!

Are you Thinking About the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that consists of learning about the Catholic Faith/Church through instruction and group faith sharing, participation in rites/ blessings and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here at St Paul's, we usually meet once per week from October to May.

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover how God is working in your life. Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? For more information, call the office @ 671-2100 or contact Deacon Mark via email, mark.robbins@dor.org.

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Questions?
Call Robin in the office at 671-2100 X30

Thank you!

Bethany House Wish List for September



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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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD,
your God,
which I enjoin upon you,
you shall not add to what I command you nor
subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

PSALM:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the
Lord. (Ps 15)

SECOND READING:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding
yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

GOSPEL:

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to
human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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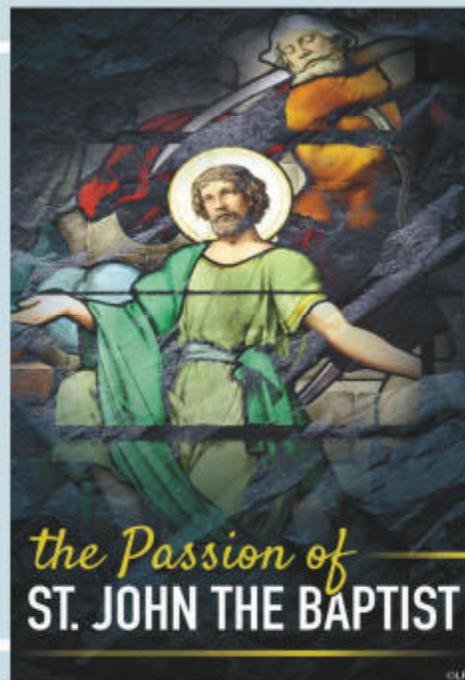
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 29, 2021

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who can find
a woman of worth?
Far beyond jewels
is her value.

PROVERBS 31:10

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REFLECT

FIRST READING

As Moses prepared the Israelites to settle and live in the Promised Land he urged them to stay close to God's commandments and statutes in order to become a "great nation." Why do you think so many nations stray from this idea?

SECOND READING

In the opening verses of his letter, James urges his readers to be "doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves." Why do you think this is wise advice?

GOSPEL READING

In returning to the Gospel of Mark, we hear today how the religious leaders from Jerusalem questioned Jesus about keeping "the tradition of the elders." Jesus responded with the importance of being clean of heart. Why is this such a challenging spiritual exercise?



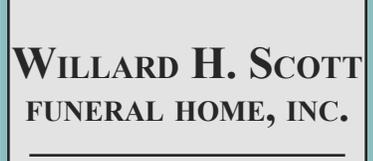
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