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ST. PAUL CHURCH IN FLORENCE, KY

APRIL 2022



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10

April 9: Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

April 10: Mass 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### HOLY THURSDAY

APRIL 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

### GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 15

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3:00 PM

Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 16

Easter Vigil Mass: 9:00 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17

Easter Mass: 9:00AM and 11:00AM



## FLORENCE ROTARY CLUB TEACHERS OF THE YEAR!!!

Congratulations to Tara Kelly, St. Paul School 2nd Grade Teacher, and Sara Chalfant, St. Paul School 3rd Grade Teacher, for being recognized as 2022 Florence Rotary Club Teachers of the Year! To be considered for this award, the Florence Rotary Club had the following criteria:

- Teachers who inspire students to learn.
- Teachers who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.
- Teachers who play an active and useful role in the community, as well as in the school.
- Teachers who are poised, articulate, and possess the energy to withstand a taxing schedule.
- Teachers who exemplify the "Service above Self" standard of the Florence Rotary organization in his or her professional and community environment.

In the nomination, Mrs. Chalfant and Ms. Kelly were recognized for their work with the 8th grade play, St. Paul Fish Fry, St. Paul Festival, working with students in tutoring programs and their dedication to students and families. Their nomination included support letters from colleagues on their involvement and impact on the school community and parent support letters of the impact both teachers have had on their children. The St. Paul School community celebrated this award on February 22. Tara Kelly and Sara Chalfant will be recognized as 2022 Florence Rotary Club Teachers of the Year at an awards luncheon on March 21.



# ST . PAUL SCHOOL NEWS!

*By Joanne Nesmith, Principal*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELEMENTARY ACADEMIC TEAM!

On Saturday, February 5, our elementary quick recall team placed second in the districts, which advanced them to the Regional Tournament that was held on Saturday, March 5 at Thornwilde Elementary School. Congratulations to the quick recall team members:

Emery Rice	Cullen Doepker
Henry Dunham	Lily Theus
Brayden Hughes	Brayden Koenig
Evelyn Addington	Michael Laws
Vinny Donoghue	Mallorie Schlueter
Riley Eibel	Evan Oberjohn

The following students advanced to the Regional Tournament in the written assessment competition based on their scores at the district tournament:

- Evelyn Addington – Science
- Henry Dunham – Social Studies and Language Arts
- Riley Eibel – Arts & Humanities
- Emery Rice - Science
- Mallorie Schleuter: Mathematics and Arts & Humanities
- Lily Theus – Language Arts



## WHY I LOVE ST. PAUL!

*“The thing I love the most about St. Paul is that we are not just a community of students, teachers, and parents, we are a family.”*

*- McKenna,  
7th Grade Student*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO AARYA!

We would like to congratulate Aarya for qualifying for the WCPO Regional Spelling Bee! This year, WCPO decided to send no more than twenty spellers to the Regional Spelling Bee and established a cut score for candidates to qualify. Upon completion of the qualifying round, only seventeen students made that cut score and Aarya was one of them! The Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, March 19. We wish Aarya the best of luck! Special thanks to Mrs. Goetz, our Literature Teacher for sponsoring this event for our students every year!



## 2022-23 School Registration Is Going on Now!

St. Paul School Registration for the 2022-23 School Year is going on now! Registration for new families opened on March 1st. If you are interested in learning what St. Paul School has to offer your children, or if you know of any families looking for a new school, please have them contact the School Office at (859) 647-4070 or [stpaul1@stpaulnky.org](mailto:stpaul1@stpaulnky.org). We would be happy to meet with any interested family, take them on a tour of our school and provide the registration paperwork. St. Paul is a unique place for all to be...wrapped in faith, academics, friendship, learning, teamwork, community, experiences and traditions.

*St. Paul*  
**Summer**  
**Festival**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday, June 10 – Swan  
 Saturday, June 11 – Karate Girls  
 Sunday, June 12 – Marty Connor Band

Plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend with awesome bands each day! We are welcoming new committee members and would love to have anyone interested join our team. If you would like to help in any way, please email [festival@stpaulnky.org](mailto:festival@stpaulnky.org).



The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, April 13 through Sunday, April 24. For an emergency, call the office at 859-371-8051 and follow the prompts.



**EXPOSITION/  
 BLESSED  
 SACRAMENT**

Friday, April 1 and Friday, May 6 at 9:15 a.m.—12:00 p.m. in the Church.



5th Annual  
**SPRING**  
 flower sale

Deadline to Order: Wednesday, April 20

<https://spsflowersale.com/>

St. Paul School is hosting its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Flower Sale on Saturday, April 30 beginning at 7:00 a.m. All orders **must** be placed by Wednesday, April 20. Orders over \$250 qualify for FREE delivery in Boone and Kenton Counties. Place your order TODAY at <https://spsflowersale.com/>! Due to the current supply issues, some products may be limited this year. Thank you for your continued support!

**GIFT CARDS NEEDED FOR PRIZES AT THE FESTIVAL**

The Festival Committee is in need of gift cards to be used as prizes in the Gift Card Booth. \$25.00 gift cards for restaurants, gas, hardware stores, grocery stores, department stores, etc. The more variety we have to offer the winners the better. Please drop the gift cards off at the Parish Office or place them in the collection basket marked – Festival Gift Card Booth. If you have any questions, contact June Cahill—859-630-1679. Thank you!



\*\*\* GOODBYE SILENT AUCTION \*\*\*

It is with regret that I have decided that this year will be my last year to chair the Silent Auction. With that in mind, I am looking for someone who would be willing to take it over. I am offering that person the opportunity to shadow me to see how I handle contacting companies for donations, how to incorporate donations into the auction and how to use them to create the wonderful baskets that we have to offer. Please contact me, Judy Kidwell, at 859-393-5601 or [j54kidwell@hotmail.com](mailto:j54kidwell@hotmail.com).

# Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Ackerman Council donated \$10,000 toward the new church sound system expected to be installed in April. Thank you for your generosity!



## St. Paul Fish Fry

**4:30 - 7:30 PM each Friday during Lent except Good Friday**

See menu and online ordering details at <https://stpaulnky.org/fish-fry/>

Dine-in, Drive Thru or Order Online and Pick Up

Do you want to volunteer for the Fish Fry? We have spots open for our Thursday Prep and Friday Dining Room. For volunteer sign-up, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4fafac28a3f94-thursday>

**PANTHER**  
Blue Ribbon Special

Week 1 - March 4  
Week 3 - March 18  
Week 5 - April 1:

**Sweet Bourbon-Glazed Salmon - \$15**  
w/ New Potatoes & Oriental Sauteed Green Beans

Week 2 - March 11  
Week 6 - April 8:

**Cajun Barbecue Shrimp - \$13**  
w/ Wild Rice Blend & Mixed Vegetables

Week 4 - March 25:  
**Shrimp in a Light Basil Sauce over Linguini - \$13**

All specials come with a bread stick

**Cod Sandwich (4oz)**  
Rye, White or Bun  
(Includes 2 sides) **\$9**

**PANTHER Favorite**

(All platters include 2 sides and cole slaw - Beer Battered or Baked Cod Available)

- \$13 Cod & Shrimp - Two 4oz fish, 3 shrimp
- \$13 Haddock & Shrimp - 8oz fish, 3 shrimp
- \$11 Cod Platter - Two 4oz fish
- \$11 Haddock 8 oz.
- \$11 Fried Shrimp - 8 Piece

**Fish or Shrimp Tacos \$13**

3 fish or shrimp tacos includes chips & salsa  
Baked or fried fish available

**PANTHER Platters**

Sides	
Onion Rings	\$3
Mac and Cheese	\$3
Green Beans	\$3
French Fries	\$3
Stewed Tomatoes	\$3
Baked Potato	\$3
Hush Puppies	\$3
Apple Sauce	\$1

  

A la Carte	
Haddock	\$8
Fried Shrimp (5)	\$6
Cod Sandwich	\$6
Crab Bisque	\$4
Cheese Pizza	\$4
Grilled Cheese	\$3

  

\$6 Kids Combo's - (includes one side / ages 11 and under)	
Cod sandwich - (Rye, white bread or white bun)	
Fried Shrimp (3)	
Cheese Pizza	
Grilled Cheese	

## Year of the Family *By Deacon Scott Folz*

*Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.  
Ephesians 6:4*

March is the month we celebrate St. Joseph, so it is fitting we look closely at the Holy Family and especially at St. Joseph, earthly father of our Lord and spouse of the Most Holy Virgin.

Not much is said of St. Joseph in scripture. And nothing of him was ever quoted. Yet, he was instrumental in the Nativity narrative for not wanting to cause scandal for Mary, finding a place to stay when no Inn was open and especially for caring for and protecting the Holy Family from the murderous rage of Herod.

We don't know what Joseph did during the adolescence of Jesus or when he left this earth. But we can say for certain that he was a good man, a good husband and a good father. He taught Jesus to be a good follower of God, raising Him as a faithful Jew, loving Him as a true father. He loved Mary as a faithful husband. He provided for the Holy Family, putting a roof over their heads and making sure they were fed and clothed. He did what all fathers aspire to, leading his family on the right path.

And Mary and Jesus followed him as a good wife and Good Son.

What makes the Holy Family holy? Jesus is God. And He is fully human. He is perfect in all things. Mary was chosen. And she said "Yes" when asked to be the Mother of God. And Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family, cared for them. Both are holy in their own way. Together, they provide the perfect example for us to follow.

Was Joseph like Jesus? No. Joseph is a man like us men. Was Joseph chosen as Mary was chosen? No. He was Mary's spouse by choice, but he was not granted the graces Mary was. This is what makes St. Joseph so special to all men. He was and is a man's man.

Those of you familiar with Coco Melon may be able to relate to this story: My wife and I gathered with all her sisters, cousins and nieces. All women, except for my wife's niece's husband and me, just us two men. He made the observation that no man can live up to the perfect representation of the good father like JJ's dad in Coco Melon.

But that is something good to strive for. Just like St. Joseph, we men can strive for what St. Joseph did for the Holy Family. None of us can match that example perfectly, but each of us has the capability to take the gifts God has given us and learn from scripture and tradition what God wants us to do.

St. Joseph didn't say much, but it was in his actions we can take direction. We may not be able to build a table from raw lumber, but we can provide for our family selflessly. We may not have to escape our homeland to avoid the mad raging of a dictator, but we can provide for our family's basic needs; food, clothing, shelter, protection. And, most importantly, we can love our family.

We love them by being a good example. We lead by showing how to love God and our neighbor. We lead by tempering our anger and standing up to injustice. We demonstrate how to act in public and how to love at home. We take our strengths and apply them to caring for and teaching our children how to live in this world and how to strive for perfection, knowing we'll never get there but striving just the same.

Some husbands and fathers are good at sports; teach our families about good sportsmanship. Some husbands and fathers are good at business; teach our families ethics and morals in dealing with people. Some husbands and fathers are thoughtful and quiet; teach our families the benefits of reflection and renewal. And, most importantly, husbands and fathers can lead by example: pray as a family and show how to depend on God's love for us. We use our gifts to benefit not only ourselves but our wives and our children. And we can learn from them as well. Don't forget they have gifts granted them by God, too. We can enjoy each other's gifts to make our families whole and holy.

And remember to teach them how to be good stewards of God's manifest gifts. We begin as a child of God, grow as the family in the image of the Triune God and continue as the Body of Christ, in union with the One Who desires to be one with us.

Men: Let's be the men that God made us to be.

# St. Paul Families for Life

By Marla Kelly



*St. Joseph, defender of Life,  
pray for us*

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – 2022 SPRING CAMPAIGN

It seems with each campaign we are told “this is the largest campaign ever,” and every time it is true. In recent years, each campaign involves more and more cities in the US, Canada and Mexico and more countries joining from around the world. In our own area, it seems the hours are taken quicker than in the past. All of this is wonderful because more and more people are seeing the need to reach out to the vulnerable woman going into these clinics. They are realizing how valuable these peaceful and prayerful events are in changing hearts: Hearts of the mother, father and even workers within the clinics. One such story from this spring event:

A 40 Days for Life leader on the Atlantic Coast was praying at her vigil when she got a most unexpected phone call. It was an abortion worker on the line. "She had a mom she wanted us to help," said the leader, who also runs a nearby pregnancy help ministry. "We have mobile medical [units] where we do free ultrasounds and support the families with the baby items they need." The 40 Days for Life leader is used to helping moms in crisis--but getting a referral from an abortion worker was an unexpected blessing. "I was definitely surprised to get the call," the leader said. "Only God can shine light into the heart of an abortion worker and have her reach out to pro-life supporters to help one of their clients. This was one of the most amazing situations I have ever been a part of," the leader said. "A true modern-day miracle!" The 40 Days for Life leader was able to see the expectant mother right away. She chose life and is considering placing her child for adoption. (*from 40 Days for Life – 40daysforlife.com*)

The Spring Campaign ends on Palm Sunday, April 10. Please see the bulletin for the closing information.

## **BITS OF NEW:** Following reported by KRTL – Ky Right to Life

- By a vote of 8-2, Kentucky’s Senate Judiciary Committee Thursday (3/10/22) passed a measure that would lower the maximum age an abortion can be performed from 20 weeks down to 15 weeks. Amidst criticism that the bill, SB 321, is not necessary, sponsor Sen. Max Wise said passage is important “because it mirrors a Mississippi law that is currently before the U.S. Supreme Court in a challenge to Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision establishing abortion as a constitutional right,” reported Deborah Yetter, Louisville Courier Journal. Sen. Wise said, “If the Supreme Court upholds Mississippi’s law, we would have a law in place.”
- The Supreme Court [has] agreed with Kentucky’s Attorney General that he should be allowed to defend “The 2018 Human Rights of the Child Act.” Kentucky’s H.B. 454 prohibits live dismemberment abortions that “will result in the bodily dismemberment, crushing, or human vivisection of the unborn child” when the unborn child is 11 weeks or older. “The justices ruled 8-1 in favor of Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the top legal officer in the state, in his appeal of a lower court’s rejection of his request to intervene in the litigation,” wrote Andrew Chung. The issue before the justices was not the constitutionality of the law. The question, rather, was whether Cameron would be allowed to intervene to defend HB 454.
- March 3, 2022 - House Bill 3, the Humanity In Healthcare Act 2022, has passed the Kentucky House! *Now on to the Senate.* See more on this bill at [krla.org](http://krla.org)

# St. Vincent de Paul News

By Claudia Diehl

The story below, submitted by Mary Gray, is an example of how Vincentians work to serve people in need and collaborate with other organizations to address the needs that are bigger than what St. Paul SVdP alone can do.

Lisa's case file indicated she needed some food and diapers. Within a few minutes of talking to her, it became very obvious she needed a lot more help than food and diapers. Lisa has two girls, ages three and almost one. She had been living with two other women until very recently for close to a year. The two other women provided child care so Lisa could work at a very low paying job. She had two over the past year. It seems there was a falling out among the women, which resulted in a disturbance that caused the two women to move out of the apartment and the landlord to issue an eviction notice effective at the end of March. Lisa lost her job as she had no day care.

Lisa is raising her children on her own resources and her only income was WIC. She has Medicaid. She has no transportation. She did not have any debt as utilities and rent had been paid.

I asked her if she had filed her taxes for her refund and child assistance from 2021. She had not but did so immediately. She was to receive over \$6,000, but would not get any of the money until April. After consulting with our St. Vincent de Paul Treasurer, we informed her to set up an appointment to apply for SNAP, CCAP, and KTAP. Martin and I took food and diapers to her as well as some bus passes. When contacting her a few days later, she had an appointment. She had been assigned a social worker who assisted her with applying for the different programs she was eligible to receive. The social worker also accompanied her to speak to the landlord about moving out and removing her name from the lease. She was to move to the Family Promise Shelter. She was going to try to get support from her friends so she could obtain employment.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

Ms. Jasmine Vance and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hayes and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mahle and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy McLane and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Cole O'brien and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Strange and Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Peterson  
Ms. Jennifer Blanchett and Family

## DEATHS

Ruth Schwarte (February 18)  
Gerry Dames (March 3)

## SVDP TREASURER REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2022

- 41 calls serving 93 people and 146 hours of Vincentians' time
- Conference-funded Aid: \$6,884 (\$4,393 for rent, \$2,021 for utilities, \$120 for food, transportation \$350)
- In-Kind Goods: \$1,088 (\$385 pantry food, \$175 furniture vouchers, \$320 clothing vouchers, \$208 household vouchers)
- Total Receipts/Income: \$7,126

Income includes \$2,768 from corporate matching proceeds, twinning from council totaled \$1,853 and the balance represents weekly collections. This puts the conference in good standing for cash flow at this time.





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If you are unable to send via email, please drop off a copy at the Parish Office.**

**The deadline to submit articles is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.**

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