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ST. PAUL CHURCH IN FLORENCE, KY

JUNE 2022



### **Bands**

Swan - Friday  
starting at 7:00 PM  
Karate Girls - Saturday  
starting at 7:00 PM  
Marty Connor Band - Sunday  
starting at 4:00 PM

### **Food**

KoC Holy Donuts  
Pizza  
The Grill  
Kona Ice  
Dreamy Whip Ice Cream

### **Judy's Fabulous Silent Auction**

"Dailys" close one hour before  
the festival ends each night.

All other bidding closes on  
Sunday at 8:00 PM.

### **Games and Inflatables for Kids**



### **Ducks for Sale!!!!**

\$100 Per Duck  
Name your duck  
**Nightly Big Race Winners:**  
Friday \$500  
Saturday \$500  
Sunday \$1,000

### **Wheelbarrow of Cheer**

Win the wheelbarrow and the  
"cheer" inside, **\$500 value**  
\$5.00 Per Ticket  
\$5 off Buffalo Bob's coupon on  
back of ticket

### **Shuttle**

Pick-ups from Sim's  
Furniture/Eagle Finance during  
all festival hours and for  
Mass on Saturday starting at  
4:30 pm.

## St. Paul Parish Festival

June 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup>

Fri. - 6-11 pm

Sat. - 6-11 pm

Sun. - 4-9 pm

### **Grand Prize Raffle**

**Grand Prize up to \$20,000**

\$25.00 Per Ticket

*Coupon on back good for use  
at Stephens Golf Center*

### **Games for Adults**

#### **MASS SCHEDULE AND SHUTTLE SERVICE FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 11**

On Saturday, June 11, Mass will be at  
5:00 PM the weekend of the festival  
and shuttle service is available from  
Eagle Finance/Sims Furniture parking  
lot beginning at 4:30 PM.

#### **FESTIVAL SETUP AND TEARDOWN**

Festival setup begins Sunday, June 5, after 11:00 AM Mass and  
continues the following Monday through Thursday from  
approximately 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. We will gather on Friday,  
June 10, at 9:00 AM to approximately 4:30 PM.

Festival teardown begins after close of the festival Sunday, June  
12, at 9:00 PM and will continue Monday, June 13, at  
approximately 9:00 AM. All help is appreciated!

## Congratulations St. Paul Class of 2022!

*By Joanne Nesmith, Principal*

On Friday, May 20, the eighth grade class and their families gathered at St. Paul Church for a Prayer Service, followed by the Awards and Graduation Ceremony. We would like to congratulate the following eighth graders on meeting this milestone:

*Liz Addington, Brady Aubuchon, Savannah Butler, Cooper Chaplin, William Couch, Phoebe Desch, Kendall Donoghue, Taylor Erpenbeck, Charlie Erwin, Lilly Anne Greis, Brennan Lemmond, William McEvoy, Luke Morris, Brayden Proud, AJ Ray, Ashleigh Reed, Reese Reed, Allison Reynolds, Kendall Rice, Michelle Ross, Malia Shaver, Kelsey Walz, Mark Wilhite*

Our eighth graders will be going in many directions next year including Boone County High School, Covington Catholic High School, McNicholas High School, Notre Dame Academy and St. Henry District High School. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



## Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmation & First Communion Classes!

On May 5, the Most Reverend Bishop Iffert confirmed the students of St. Paul School and the Religious Education Program. Also, on May 8th, the students of St. Paul School and the Religious Education Program received the Sacrament of First Communion. Please keep both classes in your prayers.



# Summertime is the Funnest Time

*By Deacon Scott Folz*

*“Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God.”*

Ecclesiastes 3:13

It's summertime. And now is the time many of us take that well-deserved vacation, not that now is the only time to retreat and relax. Some head south for the winter. Some, like me, take advantage of long holiday weekends to take a short getaway to minimize days away from work (maybe not the best sentiment, but often necessary).

But summertime is often the best time for many because of the break from school. We can plan a week away with the family to rest, relax, and do those things we usually can't do during our work week or even those precious two days of the weekend.

I have friends who hunt, fish, golf, and otherwise distract themselves from the grind of everyday life with outdoor activities. I like to spend my free time with my wife, eating out and going to the movies. This is a great way to get away from it all, if only for a few hours. But for those times we can afford to get away for many days or even a week, we like to visit places that inspire us, enrich our souls, help us remember who we are, where we come from and why we are here.

All clergy are conically required to make a retreat. It isn't defined as to what we do or how we do it, but that we get away to reflect on God and how we fit into His creation.

I believe that is what God wants of us. Yes, He made us because He loves us and wants us to love Him and one another. But He also wants us to enjoy His creation and reflect on how we are one with it. He gave us dominion over His creation to cultivate it, make it even better. That's why I enjoy visiting those creations such as Cathedrals and Basilicas, Shrines and Pilgrimages, places where we can enjoy that which man has created to glorify God. And, also, so we can stay at comfortable hotels and eat at nice restaurants.

But most importantly, so we can truly rest and relax in a way that God intended. God wants us to rest in Him; rest in the way that is unique for each of us, in alignment with His Will. God created each of us and gifted us in many and beautiful ways. And we decide how to take these gifts and appreciate them for ourselves and those we love. We bless God when we enjoy ourselves fully and in ways that reflect how we are made, in the image and likeness of God, distinctly individual for us.

Whether we spend our time at the beach, skiing in the mountains, touring other countries, camping in the woods, reading a book, or visiting distant extended family, remember to go to Mass, reflect on all the gifts God has given us and relish in our time with our family and with ourselves.

And if we can't get away for a week or two, we need to take some time, if even for only a day or so, to relax, refresh and recall the wonder of God's earth and all her beauty. We can see a lot in a sunrise or a sunset or the colors of summer in the yards of our neighborhood. And we can see the beauty of God's creation in the face of those closest to us. Enjoy your summer and see you at Mass.

# St. Paul Parish 2021-2022 Third Quarter Financial Report

Our Parishioners of St. Paul Parish,

We continue to make great strides in the financial health of St. Paul Parish and School. This is a result of a very successful Festival, active PTO and Booster Organizations, generous donations of our Parish community, federal grant funding and the prayers of our community. Please help us continue with this momentum as we move forward with plans to get our facilities in good physical health while maintaining and improving the financial standing of the Parish.

The members of the Finance Committee and parish administration met on April 26, 2022 to review the third quarter financial reports. The committee would like to make the following observations regarding the financials:

1. The midyear bottom line: +\$130,625. Both contributions and 2021 DPAA rebates are better than budget projections.
2. One contributing factor to the bottom line is the special funding that the preschool is receiving in response to COVID-19. Preschool's payroll has been paid through these funds, freeing up preschool tuition income for much needed future capital expenses (windows, roof and window AC units). Also being planned is preschool playground improvements. The new fence, to be installed in summer 2022, has already been paid. These expenses will either be reported by the end of fiscal year or next fiscal year.
3. This report contains an unbudgeted capital expense: replacing a portion of the school roof. As of this report, the parish has paid \$31,114 for two sections. Estimates to replace the remainder of the school roof is being obtained. All funds raised from the 2022 National Day of Giving in February, \$33,341, are earmarked for the school roof. Additional donations were also specified for the school roof bringing a total of \$44,041 available.
4. Concern for the parish's aging facilities is an ongoing conversation. The parish administration is researching the estimated costs for these capital improvements. If you can help, through either business connections or resources, please contact Business Manager Judine Hooker at [businessoffice@stpaulnky.org](mailto:businessoffice@stpaulnky.org).
5. The number of families enrolling in WeShare for online giving continues to grow. If you would like to make online contributions, please use the following link: <https://saintpaulflorence.weshareonline.org/>
6. Specified donations and services continue to make a difference in providing the tools/improvements the school and parish need to be successful. A special thank you to all our donors for their generosity of time, treasure, and talents.
7. A special thank you to the St. Paul School PTO and Boosters. Their contributions to the parish continue to be more than is seen on this report. The PTO is contributing toward school workbooks and school staff professional development. The Boosters make sure the extracurricular school sports and activities have what they need. Both organizations continue to provide resources, both monetarily, equipment and time.
8. As of 3/31/22, St. Paul Parish received 2021 DPAA rebates totaling \$88,962. Thank you! The 2022 DPAA campaign is underway. To make an online 2022 DPAA pledge, please go to <https://covdio.org/> and scroll down to the Donate Now button. Be sure to identify St. Paul Church as your parish. You may also send DPAA donations in an envelope with the Sunday collections or via mail.
9. In addition to the DPAA, other opportunities are available for parishioner participation to further the work of the parish's mission of worship and education. These include Secure Our Future, St. Paul Boosters events and St. Paul PTO fundraising activities. Look for more communications on these upcoming opportunities and how you can participate.
10. The school and preschool are continuing to take advantage of federal and state grant opportunities that are available in response to COVID-19. Through the Emergency Assistance to Nonpublic Schools 2 (EANS2), the school will be asking the state to procure additional technology, staffing, curriculum, outdoor classroom items, etc. Preschool has grants awarded for payroll, fixed expenses and cleaning that allowed preschool to use tuition for classroom and playground improvements. All these funds and expenses are reported as extraordinary income/expenses on this report.
11. Thank you to Mike Deckert for his years of service on the committee. Best wishes for you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,

Fr. Jason Bertke, Pastor

Fr. Eric Andriot, Parochial Vicar

Finance Committee: Chris Courtney, Mike Deckert, Mike Riegler, and Melissa Tally

Judine M. Hooker, Business Manager

Joanne Nesmith, St. Paul School Principal

# St. Paul Parish 2021-2022 Midyear Financial Report

## ORDINARY INCOME

July 2021 – Mar 2022

Offertory Collections – Sundays and Holy Days	\$	522,432
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School Fees/School Donations		
Tuition and Fees	\$	773,828
Preschool Fees	\$	215,575
School Donations	\$	7,463
Boosters/PTO Contributions	\$	24,146
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Other Fees – Rel. Ed, Even Exchange	\$	4,153
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Fund Raising (after expenses)		
Festival/Gaming	\$	63,643
Secure Our Future/Other Gaming	\$	12,862
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Diocesan Collections - Represents 6 yearly and any special collections	\$	30,328
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Interest Earned - Checking acct, Savings acct, CD's, etc.	\$	197
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DCAA Rebates	\$	88,962
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Specified/Restricted Funds/Bequests/Insurance Refunds	\$	70,898
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<b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,814,487</b>

## EXPENSES

Pastoral Service – Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$	117,872
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Worship - Salaries, supplies, equipment, music	\$	46,507
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Religious Education – Salaries, supplies	\$	11,186
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School - Teachers/Administrative and support salaries, preschool, supplies, cafeteria	\$	935,811
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Christian Service & Outreach -- Bereavement, R.C.I.A., Faith Formation	\$	10,050
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Rectory - Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$	2,093
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Youth - Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$	0
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Parish Plant and Maintenance		
Salaries, utilities, insurance, repairs ( <b>church expense</b> )	\$	69,316
Salaries, utilities, insurance, repairs ( <b>school expense</b> )	\$	153,378
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Diocesan Collections - Represents 6 yearly and any special collections	\$	30,328
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Diocesan and Secondary School Assessment		
Money paid to Diocese based on <b>parish income</b> (church expense)	\$	72,387
Money paid to Diocese based on <b>tuition income</b> (school expense)	\$	64,942
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Other –Capital expenses (including depreciation) and Specified Donation Expenses	\$	169,992
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,683,862</b>

**—Net Income before Extraordinary Income/Expense \$130,625—**

### EXTRAORDINARY INCOME:

Preschool COVID-19 Funding/K-8 EANS Reimbursements	\$	188,887
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### EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES:

Preschool COVID-19 Funding/K-8 EANS Expenses	\$	188,887
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# St. Paul Families for Life

By Marla Kelly



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

## CARE NET & FAMILIES FOR LIFE - BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Thanks to all who are participating in this campaign. All proceeds will go to Care Net Pregnancy Service of Northern KY. As a Christ centered organization, Care Net's mission is to educate, support and empower people before, during and after an unplanned pregnancy while uplifting the sanctity of human life. Your baby bottle will help this organization continue to serve those in our area. Baby Bottles will be collected at all Masses the weekend of Father's Day, June 18 & 19.

## THE PRO-LIFE IS ENTERING A NEW ERA ...AND WE'RE READY.

If the Supreme Court overturns *Roe v. Wade* this summer, it won't end abortion but send abortion back to the states. Does that mean abortion will never end in blue states or very pro-abortion states? Politically, most likely. Lobbying to get rid of abortion in New York or California will be nearly impossible...

...but with God, all things are possible, *not through politics—but through hearts, minds, and souls.*

The overturn of *Roe vs Wade* will not eliminate abortion in America but will change the geography of the battle and it is something we, at 40 Days of Life, have been preparing for years behind the scene.

*(From 40 Days for Life and Shawn Carney's webcast, the New Era is coming by 40 Days for Life)*

This article is being written as the Supreme Court's draft opinion was leaked causing those supporting abortion to ramp up its attack on the Pro-Life cause and many people who support life. I pray that Mississippi's *Dobb vs Jackson Woman's Health Organization* ban on abortions after 15 weeks will be upheld and also that *Roe* is overturned. But, if so, as stated by Shawn Carney, it changes the geography of the battle and how it will be fought. There will still be a battle and it may require – **no** - it will require all who believe in the protection of life to stand stronger, be bolder, fast more and pray harder. Padre Pio called the Rosary the Weapon For These Times. With tensions growing more and more, we need to turn to God through the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother and the Rosary, which she gave to us through St. Dominic. We need to work to overturn not just laws but, more importantly, hearts and lives. It is a time to continue our battle for the lives of babies as well as, the lives of mothers and fathers and all those who currently support, defend and promote abortion. *For God so loved the world that he gave\* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* These words are for all God's people and not just a few. From Easter to Pentecost, in the readings of the Acts of the Apostles we constantly heard how the Apostles and Disciples went to all peoples, Jews and Gentiles, with the message of our redemption. Let us continue our drive to bring all hearts to God. Pray the Rosary!

*Wishing all fathers and fathers-to-be have a Blessed Father's Day!*





# St. Vincent de Paul News

By Kevin Hooker, Vincentian

I was serving at the Mary Rose Mission on a Thursday evening about 5 weeks ago. When I work at the Mission, I am often assigned to the backdoor. The person at the backdoor has the duty of gathering prayer requests from the guests, offering words of encouragement as they leave, and taking care of the bathrooms. It is not considered by most to be a very desirable assignment, but I take the job very seriously praying a rosary and asking the saints for intercession for each of the clients at the beginning of the shift and by making it a point to try to get the guests to open up about their needs so that we can pray for them more specifically. On this evening, I was approached by two guests, an older lady and a boy, who was about 5 years old. I struck up a conversation with the woman and learned that the little boy was her grandson and that he was living with her in her small apartment. I asked her how we could pray for her and the boy. She asked that we pray for her son, the boy's father instead. Her son was homeless and living in a car. He had applied for housing assistance and was hoping to get an apartment shortly. She said that once he got an apartment, he would still need a bed for the child, better clothes so that he could get a job, and basic furnishings for the apartment. I was really happy that I was at the door that night because, not only could I pray for her, I had the means to be of immediate assistance. I gave her the number to SVDP's call center and told her that she could have her son call as soon as he was in the apartment. SVDP could help with the bed, furnishings and clothing.

This past week, I was once again working at the back door of the Mary Rose Mission and, this time, the grandmother approached me (without her grandson). Her new prayer request was a prayer of thanksgiving. Her grandson was once again living with her son who now had an apartment and a job. She asked me to thank SVDP for helping with the bed, furniture and clothes for his new start. I have told this story to the volunteers at the Mission and at SVDP. It is so rewarding to see that, through God's Providence, our humble efforts can make a real difference in people's life.

If you have the desire to help people in their time of need, prayerfully consider joining St. Vincent de Paul. Come to one of our monthly meetings to find out more about what we do. Next meeting is Saturday, June 11 at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center (located under the church) or call Claudia at 859-760-0731 to find out more about SVdP.



## NEW PARISHIONERS

Ken and Caitlin Carlisle & Family  
 Jacquie Mifele & Family  
 Anthony and Jennifer O'Daniel & Family  
 Anthony 'Tony' and Stacie Bollin & Family  
 Thomas and Ellen Renchko

## DEATHS

Ruth Gleason (May 1)

## BAPTISMS

Genesis Marmalejo  
 Daughter of Herachio Galen and Maria Isabel Maciel  
 Sylvia Esola Boele  
 Daughter of Alphonse Bakualufu and Jackeline Mifele  
 Claire Ann King  
 Daughter of Eric and Jessica King  
 Luella Ann Sadler  
 Daughter of Nate Verst and Rachel Sadler  
 Cayden Lane Honaker  
 Son of Chelsea Marie Honaker

*Welcome*  
 BJ FRYMAN

**We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest staff member, William "BJ" Fryman. He will be in charge of maintenance for the church and school as the Facilities Manager.**





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**2022 NORTHERN KENTUCKY  
 SUMMER FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

<p><b>ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA</b>          JUNE 3: 7-11 PM          JUNE 4: 5:30-11 PM          1803 N Ft. Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas  <a href="http://stcatherineofsiena.org/events">stcatherineofsiena.org/events</a></p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL</b>          JUNE 10: 6-11 PM          JUNE 11: 6-11 PM          JUNE 12: 4-9 PM          7301 Dixie Highway, Florence  <a href="http://stpaulnky.org">stpaulnky.org</a></p>
<p><b>MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN</b>          JUNE 24: 6-11 PM          JUNE 25: 5-11 PM          JUNE 26: 3-8 PM          1150 Donaldson Highway, Erlanger  <a href="http://www.mqhparish.com">www.mqhparish.com</a></p>	<p><b>ST. PIUS X</b>          JULY 15: 6-MIDNIGHT          JULY 16: 6-MIDNIGHT          JULY 17: 4-10 PM          348 Dudley Road, Edgewood  <a href="http://www.nkybestfestival.com">www.nkybestfestival.com</a></p>
<p><b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>          JULY 15: 6-MIDNIGHT          JULY 16: 5-MIDNIGHT          JULY 17: 4-10 PM          5876 Veterans Way, Burlington  <a href="http://www.ihmfestival.com">www.ihmfestival.com</a></p>	<p><b>ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION</b>          AUG 12: 6-MIDNIGHT          AUG 13: 5-11 PM          8246 East Main Street, Alexandria          859-635-4188</p>
<p><b>ST. JOSEPH - CRESCENT SPRINGS</b>          AUGUST 12: 6-MIDNIGHT          AUGUST 13: 6-MIDNIGHT          AUGUST 14: 3-9 PM          2470 Lorraine Court, Crescent Springs  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StJosephSummerCelebration">Facebook.com/StJosephSummerCelebration</a></p>	<p><b>ST. CECILIA</b>          SEPTEMBER 4, 6-MIDNIGHT          SEPTEMBER 5, 4-MIDNIGHT          SEPTEMBER 6, 1-9 PM          5313 Madison Pike, Independence  <a href="http://saintceciliaparish.net">saintceciliaparish.net</a></p>
<p><b>ST. BARBARA ROCKTOBERFEST</b>          SEPTEMBER 9: 6-MIDNIGHT          SEPTEMBER 10: 5-MIDNIGHT          SEPTEMBER 11: 2-7 PM          4042 Turkeyfoot Road, Erlanger  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger">Facebook.com/SaintBarbaraErlanger</a></p>	<p><b>ST. TIMOTHY OKTOBERFEST</b>          SEPTEMBER 16: 6-11 PM          SEPTEMBER 17: 5:30-MIDNIGHT          SEPTEMBER 18: 12:30-6 PM          10272 U.S. 42, Union  <a href="http://saint-timothy.org">saint-timothy.org</a></p>
<p><b>SAINT BENEDICT</b>          SEPTEMBER 23: 5-11 PM          SEPTEMBER 24: 5-11 PM          338 East 16th Street   Festival Chair 859-743-0223  <a href="mailto:stbenedict@zoomtown.com">stbenedict@zoomtown.com</a></p>	

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