



St Paul Catholic Church

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*He broke it and said,
"This is My body, which
is for you; do this in
remembrance of Me..."*
1 Cor. 11:23

*"When he was at table with them, he took
the bread and blessed it, and broke it, and
gave it to them. And their eyes were
opened and they recognized him..."*
Luke 24:30-31

NOVEMBER 4, 2018 • 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OFFICE STAFF & OFFICE HOURS

Deacon.....Dennis Kobs—256-232-1426
Resources and Facilities Management Coordinator
.....Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Secretary..... April Bryant
256-232-4191, Ext. 4; stpauloffice@gmail.com
Monday.....8AM—1PM or by appointment
Tuesday—Friday..... 9AM—2PM or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

Altar Server Ministry..... Lori Wilson
tolife5433@aol.com
Youth Ministry..... Rachel Bloemer—256-771-3994
Prison Ministry..... Chuck Butler—256-420-2296
Dir. of Religious Education.....Ann Margaret Chapman
256-232-4191, Ext. 6

Knights of Columbus
2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the Parish Hall Youth Room
(Eddie Davidson, **Grand Knight**; 256-431-4828
www.kofc-athensalabama.org)

St. Paul Catholic Women
2nd Thursday, 9:00 am in The Parish Hall Youth Room
(Pam McCue; mccue50@gmail.com, 256-233-0831)

Hispanic Ministry.....Maria Taylor
256-874-6073 or 256-233-0226

MASS TIMES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30, 11:15 AM, 12:25 PM (Hispanic)
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday8:30 AM
Wednesday..... 6:00 PM

ADORATION & CHAPEL HOURS

Join us any time for adoration during designated hours
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM
Wednesday..... 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM
Friday..... 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Christian community of St. Paul, are committed to serving the Lord and His people through witnessing and stewardship of time, talent and treasure, and, rooted in the Word and Tradition, are focused on encountering Him in the Breaking of the Bread.

31st Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME
31^º DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

Jesús, viendo que había hablado muy sensatamente, le dijo:
"No estás lejos del Reino de Dios". - Mc 12, 34

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SACRAMENTS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness.

BAPTISM

Baptisms will be held in the Chapel on Sundays after 11:15 Mass. Baptism Preparation Class: Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months; call the parish office for an appointment 256-232-4191.

RECONCILIATION (Confession):

Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or by appt.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Planning a funeral for a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences we will face. When a funeral is needed, please contact the Church office before arrangements are made and we will assist.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30pm Rosary
- 5:00pm Holy Mass *in Memory of Uleah Bet-Sayad*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 • Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass *for the Healing of the Ndolo Family*
- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Holy Mass
- 12:25pm Holy Mass Hispanic

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- 8:00am Rosary & Adoration
- 8:30am Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Holy Mass/Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 5:30pm Rosary
- 6:00pm Holy Mass/Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass/Chapel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass in the Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 4:30pm Rosary
- 5:00pm Holy Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00am Rosary
- 8:30am Holy Mass *in Memory of John Conlon*
- 10:45am Rosary
- 11:15am Holy Mass
- 12:25pm Holy Mass Hispanic



11/04 Angel & Angela Rios 18 yrs
11/07 Martin & Isidra Perez 26 yrs



May every joy you share and every challenge you face bring you closer together and closer to God, our Father.



Coffee and Doughnuts
Coffee and Doughnuts will be served following the 8:30AM Mass.

All are welcome to attend!



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

	Weekly Collection	Weekly Budget	YTD Collected	YTD Budgeted	YTD Difference
10/28/2018					
Regular	\$3,912	\$7,558	\$264,044	\$324,981	-\$60,937
Building	\$4,745	\$3,846	\$111,797	\$165,385	-\$53,588

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please add to your prayer list:

Mickey Akers (<i>Butler</i>)	Kathy Landry (<i>McLemore</i>)
Edilberto Aliviado, Jr.	Dennis Lewis (<i>Louis</i>)
Carol Bailey	June Maplesden
Dorothy Brannan	Marjorie McBride
Jerry Brown	Pam Reynolds (<i>Gibbs</i>)
Kenny Carwile	Mona Ridgeway (<i>Davis</i>)
Jan Crosby (<i>Pagani</i>)	Noah Ritchey (<i>Frey</i>)
Tiffany Dabney (<i>granddaughter of June Maplesden</i>)	Jackie Serocki
William Gavora (<i>Guenther</i>)	Steve Smith
Amelia Gutierrez	Jerry Stickney
Andrew Gutierrez	Maryann Stickney
Wilma Koehler	Mack Thompson
Sandra Krieger (<i>Frey</i>)	Louise Wales (<i>Thompson</i>)
	Dennis Wheelahan (<i>Davis</i>)

Please keep in your prayers the following parishioners who are in need at this particular time:

Jackie Adams	Cheri Gurganus	Mack and Ann Thompson
Isabel Bradford	Madeline Madlen	Terri Tompkins
Francisco Cepeda	Christopher Nuessly	Molly Valleroy
Pauline Garlen	Emma Schexnayder	
Brenda Gibbs	Pete Stromquist	

For all our parishioners & friends who are ill, we ask God to keep them in His care & restore them to good physical & spiritual health. We pray for our Military, for Peace, for our Country and for our Pope!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Sunday:	Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday:	Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 [26a]/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Sunday:	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	
Thursday:	
Friday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Saturday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Veterans Day

GOSPEL MEDITATION

"You are not far from the kingdom of God." What does it mean to be close to God's kingdom? In today's Gospel, Jesus is in a dialogue with teachers of the law. They know well the Law of Moses, with its complex codes, expectations, and punishments. What will Jesus say?

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus effortlessly distills all the books of law into two commands. The simplicity of the Gospel message doesn't mean it's easy to follow. Far from it! The simplicity of the Gospel indicates its totality. Anything that requires the passions of our heart, the choice of our soul, the reason in our mind, or the strength of our body - all of this ought to be animated by love. As you can imagine, that means pretty much everything! The love of God and love of neighbor is meant to flow into our entire lives.

The Gospel can appear complicated because life is complicated. Not every outcast is easy to love. We lack the knowledge or compassion to heal everyone who suffers. Personal sacrifice is not always noticed or valued. In the face of the unknown, fear can be easier than faith. Life's circumstances can seem like obstacles to God's love, not opportunities. And yet Jesus' command still stands. As you reflect this week, examine those areas where it's easy to love. Thank God for them! But take some time to consider the people and circumstances that challenge you. Ask God to show you what it means to love there. How is He inviting you to enlarge your heart, strengthen your soul, open your mind, and persevere in your strength? How is He inviting you to love?

FOOD PANTRY



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REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Adult Formation Program: *Sundays 9:40-10:30*

The Holy Family Parish Hall Classroom #1
Deacon Dennis Kobs (256) 232-1426

RCIA/INQUIRY CLASS

Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

The Holy Family Parish Hall Youth Room
(*Jim Reisz; 256-614-0038*)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K—12)

Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Religious Ed Bldg.

Parents pick up at 10:45 in Church Hall

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Parish Hall during school year
(For 8th Grade through 12th grade)

OTHER

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm

in Church (*Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640*)

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Basket in Vestibule

Saint Paul Adult Formation Program

The Adult Formation Program Schedule

November 4th **Fifth Commandment**

November 11th **Sixth Commandment**

November 18th **Seventh Commandment**

November 25th **NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)**

December 2nd **Eighth Commandment**

December 9th **Ninth and Tenth Commandments**

December 16th **Summary**

Saint Paul Catholic Women

SPCW will meet in the Church Hall Youth Room at 9AM on November 8th.



We'll soon be collecting food items for Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets for those in need. Please pick up a bag and return it with the

items listed on the tag. As always, thank you for your generosity and concern for others.

Eventos e Información Hispana

Ministerio Hispano

Para cualquier asunto comuníquese con la
Sra. Maria A. Taylor, Tel: 256-233-0226 or 256-874-6073
E-mail: mariataylor88@yahoo.com



Pronto estaremos recolectando alimentos para el Día de Acción de Gracias y canastas de Navidad para los necesitados. Recoja una bolsa y devuélvala con los artículos que figuran

en la etiqueta. Como siempre, gracias por su generosidad y preocupación por los demás.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El amor a Dios y el amor al prójimo son dos cosas que están atados íntimamente. No puede existir uno sin el otro. ¿Quién es mi prójimo y cómo lo amo? Es fácil confesar con los labios que amamos al otro, pero ¿cómo se demuestra esto en acción? Nuestros prójimos no son solo esas personas que están a nuestro alrededor. Todos son nuestros prójimos: los extranjeros, los que han llegado aquí sin papeles, los que nos han lastimado, los que envidiamos, los que damos por hecho y los pobres. Aceptar a la humanidad en todas sus formas no siempre es algo fácil, y hacerlo nos puede sacar de nuestro confort. Trabajar hacia la justicia, como Dios quiere, muchas veces significa ajustar cuánto se sacrifica uno y ajustar sus deseos. La imagen de Dios está en las caras de nuestros prójimos y también está en la nuestra. ¿Cuánto ama usted a su prójimo?

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA - INVITAR A PARROQUIANOS A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera lectura

Moisés les recuerda a los Israelitas que les enseñen a sus hijos y a sus nietos el más grande mandamiento que Dios les dio antes de entrar a la Tierra Prometida. ¿Qué les enseña usted a sus hijos y nietos sobre Dios?

Segunda lectura

El autor de la epístola a los hebreos enfatiza que Jesús es el perfecto, eterno y santo sacerdote que intercede a Dios por nosotros los pecadores. ¿Para cuáles pecados en su vida necesita la intercesión de Jesús?

Lectura del Evangelio

Escuchamos hoy un encuentro positivo entre Jesús y un escriba. Jesús afirma al escriba porque le contesta con "entendimiento." ¿Por qué cree que tantos de los líderes religiosos del tiempo de Jesús lo malinterpretaban?

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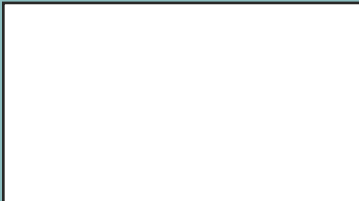
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