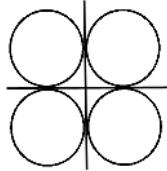


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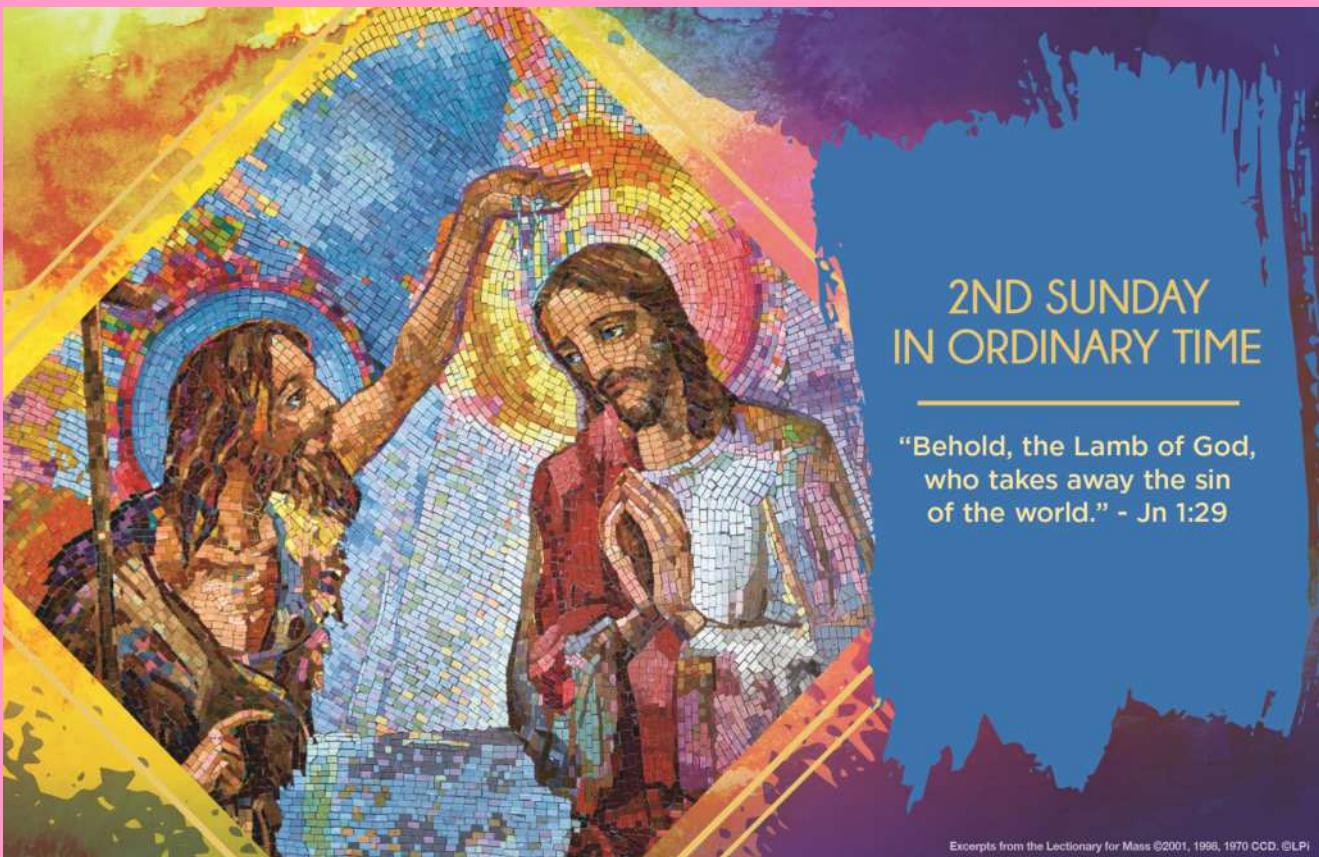


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

January 18, 2026 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.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, January 19

Weekday

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Parish Office Closed
 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, January 20

Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing
 12:00P Rosary Group
 6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 3:15P Pasta Dinner Planning mtg.
 6:00P Bible Study
 7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30A Mass

Friday, January 23

Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales After Mass
 2:00P Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, January 25

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales After Masses
 9:00A Mass
 10:00A SOR classes
 10:00A SOR Christian Community Lessons
 10:00A Confirmation Prep classes yrs. 1 & 2
 11:00A Mass

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul Gitau
Deacon: Mark Robbins
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Director of Faith Formation: Anselm Mesue x27
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Financial Snapshot

	December 2025	July-December 2025
Collections	\$75,956	\$266,643
Donations/other revenue	\$8,360	\$30,961
Expenses	\$59,131	\$286,705
Operating surplus/deficit	\$25,185	\$10,899

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Regina McGinnis
 From
 Ginny, Christine & Suzie*

Seeds for the Journey

Jesus, the Lamb of God

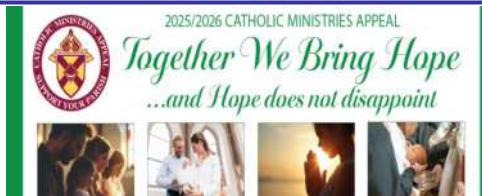
Dear friends, with the end of the Christmas season last Sunday, we begin today the second week of Ordinary time. Ordinary Time is the period within the Liturgical calendar that occurs between Christmas and Lent and between Easter and Advent. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation. During Ordinary Time, the liturgical color is green; our worship space is decorated with the color green, Fr. Paul and Deacon Mark wear green colored liturgical vestments.

In today's Gospel pericope from John, John the Baptist describes Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. It is generally accepted that this event happened John's Baptism of Jesus had taken place. Jesus probably came back to see John in his baptizing work. By referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, John summarizes Jesus' work here on earth, Jesus rescues humanity from sin, bringing us closer to God. In announcing Jesus as the Lamb of God, John revealed the essential aspects of Christ's redemptive mission.

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St Paul refers to Christ as 'our Paschal lamb.' In his passion and death, Jesus reveals himself as the Lamb of God sacrificed on the cross to take away the sins of the world. Jesus was killed at the very hour when it was customary to sacrifice lambs in the Temple of Jerusalem. Christ is the innocent and meek lamb who was killed on the cross for us, to free us from sin with his blood poured out for us. Jesus Christ sacrificed himself for redemption offering to us the gift of God's life and love. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we re-live that event. The Eucharistic celebration is the unbloody sacrifice of Christ on the altar. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ, whole and entire. During this Ordinary Time, we are challenged to open our spirit to Christ, who died and rose from the dead in order to renew us, in order to make us whole, giving us eternal life.

Today's Gospel text also emphasizes John the Baptist's role as a witness to Christ. John's role was to prepare the way for Christ, to offer testimony that he was the Son of God. John insists that Jesus is greater than him. John offers us an example of humility. Although he had a huge following, he did not lose sight of his mission, to prepare the way for Christ. We are also challenged to embrace the virtue of humility, perfectly exemplified in Christ himself, who, like St Paul says, though he was God, did not cling to equality to God; rather, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, death on the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 2559) teaches that humility is the foundation of prayer, which means before we can have a relationship with God, we must be humble. Through humility, we are reminded that without God's life in us, we are nothing, and that all that we have comes through Jesus, who has sacrificed himself for us. If we lack humility, we shall not fully appreciate Jesus' sacrifice for us on the Cross.

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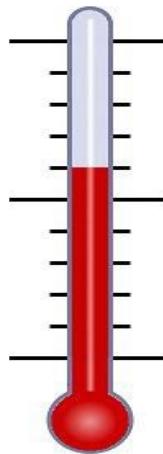


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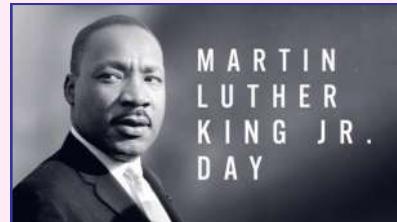
Please consult with your tax advisor or IRA administrator regarding tax or account-specific questions.

Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales

I wanted to share some important details about our upcoming Pasta Dinner, scheduled for **Saturday, February 7th at 5:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. Tickets will be available for purchase after the Masses on the following dates: **Saturday, January 24, Sunday, January 25, Saturday, January 31, and Sunday, February 1.** Additionally, tickets can be purchased from the parish office during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to Noon beginning Monday, January 26 through Friday, January 30.

The ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids ages 10 and under. Thank you for your support in promoting this event!

Anselm



Monday, January 19

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m.
The Parish Office will be closed
in observance of the holiday

Pasta Dinner Placemats



I wanted to share that we are preparing placemats for the upcoming Pasta Dinner. Individuals or businesses can purchase a slot for \$10. This presents a wonderful opportunity to advertise your business, give a shout-out to someone special, or promote your family's name. More importantly, it's a way to sponsor this fantastic event.

Please note that placemat advertisements or shout-outs are due by the end of January. If you or anyone you know is interested, or if you need more information, feel free to reach out to me via email:

anselm.mesue@dor.org
Thank you for your support!
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Permanent Diaconate

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edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate. The Diocese anticipates that the next formation class will begin in Fall 2027, with the application process beginning in early 2027.



Rochester Hope January Wish List



Peanut butter, sugar, socks, gloves, mittens, diapers sizes 3,4,5 & 6, toothpaste, bar soap & toothbrushes (individually wrapped)

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity.

Join us at Bible Study



**Wednesday, January 21 at
6:00 p.m. in the worship area**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 18-25, 2026

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as You are one. In Your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To You we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in Your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love You. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against Your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim Your Good News to all of creation. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Every 4th Tuesday of the month, Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada at 8 p.m. To learn more and to register, contact Anselm via email: anselm.mesue@dor.org.

Ministry Schedule for January 24 & 25, 2026

If **TBD or Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	Bonnie Serio	Tom Napoli
EMHC	Cindy Ottina Sue Dettman	Mary Beth Speicher Trisha DeBacco	Ruth Prinizivalli Nancy Willard
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Dave Swinson	Tim Thomas	Kay Vargo
Linens	Cindy Rutan No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
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Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Jack Black Paul Fetter	Charlie & Nancy Carson Dallas & Joanne Miller

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SEEN
JESUS?"



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