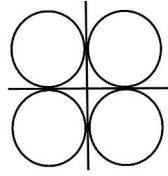


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

July 26, 2026 Seventeenth 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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the
end of the age.
The angels will go out
and separate the wicked
from the righteous."
- Mt 13:49-51

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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, July 27****Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, July 28**Weekday**

8:30A Mass-anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, July 29**Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, July 30**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Friday, July 31**Weekday**

No Mass

Saturday, August 1**St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church****Birthday Blessing during Mass**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

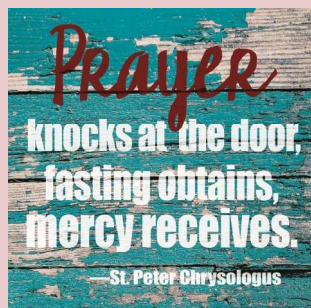
2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, August 2**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Birthday Blessing during Masses**

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass

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Phone: 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	June 2026	July-June 2026
Collections	\$46,581	\$524,519
Donations/ other revenue	\$29,953	\$92,632
Expenses	\$46,988	\$600,220
Operating surplus/deficit	\$29,545	\$16,924



The flowers in the
Sanctuary this weekend
are in memory of:
Katie Speicher
from
Mom, Dad & John



This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns
for
John Chilbert
from
Family

In my Seeds article from June 14th, I offered a brief description of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) which rest at the heart of Pope Leo XIV's recent Encyclical, Magnifica Humanita. The document addresses the inviolability of human dignity in the light of technological advancements, specifically in relation to artificial intelligence. These principles help us to live Jesus' command to us to love God and our neighbor. They don't, however, stand alone, as if they were simply independent guidelines. Instead, they work together to promote the good of society. Moreover, these principles of CST rest upon four collaborative pillars that help support the moral framework for living our faith in society, namely, The Dignity of the Human Person, The Common Good, Subsidiarity, and Solidarity. Below is a brief description of these four pillars.

The Dignity of the Human Person: In his Encyclical, Magnifica Humanita (#51), Pope Leo XIV discusses the different types of dignity associated with the human person. He speaks of moral dignity as the means by which we make decisions, social dignity in reference to one's relationship with the society in which they live, and existential dignity in reference to the manner in which a person perceives his or her own self-worth. The most important form of dignity, however, is what the Pope refers to as ontological dignity, the dignity that belongs to every person by virtue of one's existence – that we have been created in the image of God. Human dignity, then, is a fundamental attribute of every person. It can neither be earned nor lost in the eyes of God. As Pope Leo states human dignity is *"a gift that precedes and transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love."* As the primary pillar of CST, human dignity must be reflected in the way society views and treats every man and woman.

The Common Good: The Vatican II document, Gaudium et Spes (#26), defines the common good as, *"the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily."* It is the good of society achieved through the collective efforts of each individual person. The common good is achieved when each person moves beyond their own personal interests and commits themselves to the building up of the community in which they live. Pursuing the common good instills in us the reality that society is not just a collection of individuals, but that we are a community of persons who use their God-given-gifts for the good of the greater community, especially for that of society's most vulnerable.

Subsidiarity: According to the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, subsidiarity is among the most constant and characteristic directives of the Church's social doctrine, whereby the contributions of every person and group in society are respected. In other words, everyone has something to offer. Perhaps the simplest way to understand its meaning is to view it from a bottom's up perspective. In other words, respect for human dignity and the building of the common good is accomplished beginning with the lowest levels of society: individuals, families, local communities. It is the responsibility of higher levels of society, e.g., governments, institutions, etc., to ensure that the freedoms and responsibilities of lower levels of society are respected, enabling them to grow as individuals and as a community. To that end, decisions impacting a given community should first be made at the local level rather than being dictated from above. In this way, according to Pope Leo XIV, *"social life becomes more accessible to people, services become more attuned to real needs, and solutions are more creative and respectful of the dignity of each person."*

Solidarity: Throughout his papacy Saint John Paul II taught that solidarity is a virtue by which we each take responsibility for one another, especially those most in need. He referred to solidarity as, *"a firm and persevering determination - to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say- to the good of all- and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."* In other words, we are not just neighbors, we are family, connected to and responsible for the future of one another. Through solidarity we are bound together as family: the rich to the poor, the free to the oppressed, the healthy to the sick, the weak to the strong, the immigrant to the citizen, in a mutual sense of responsibility and cooperation for the common good in a manner that supports our inherent dignity as individual human beings.

One of the most common ways people view their lives and the world around them is through the fractured lens of politics and social norms. The Church, however, offers us a different lens through which to view humanity – the lens of Catholic social teaching. More than a perspective, though, CST is a way of being in the world, a way of thinking that places the dignity of the human person at the forefront. CST reveals to us the beauty of human life and our interconnectedness with one another and with creation itself. If your desire is to change the world, to make a difference, to leave this world in a better place, CST provides the means to do just that.

Deacon Mark

This Weekend is St. Paul's Annual Parish Picnic



Sunday, July 27th

12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

rain or shine

Still Need a Last Minute Ticket:

Stop by our registration table (in front of the church, in the driveway) to purchase your tickets and join the fun!

Ticket Info

Individual Ticket: \$8

Family (5+) Tickets: \$35 (max per family)

****Exact Cash or Check Accepted****

Activities:

Lawn games, candy bingo, artisan table, music, activities for kids & door prizes

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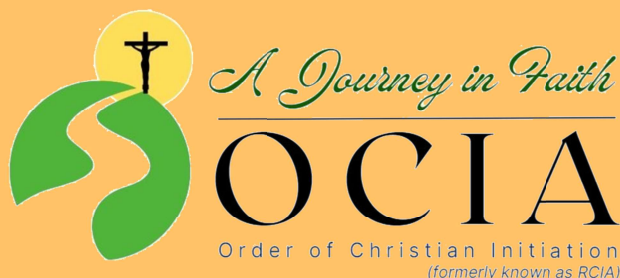
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(6 glazed, 3 cinnamon, 3 plain)

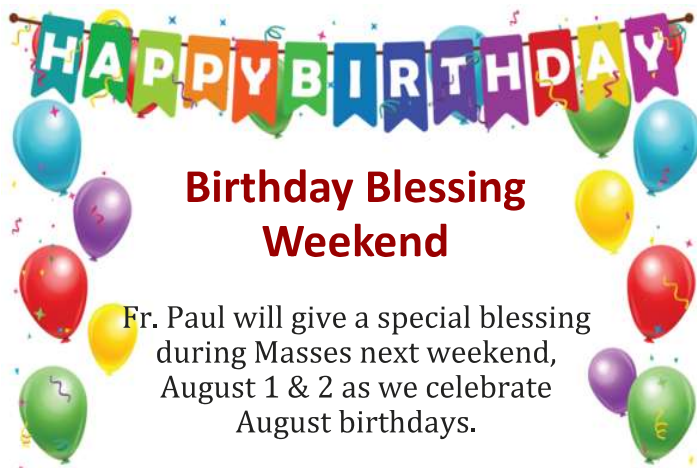
 Sale dates : August 8 & 9 & August 15 & 16
after all Masses

 Payment- due when ordering
Exact cash or check (payable to St. Paul's)

 Pick up at St. Paul's
Friday, August 21 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
or after Mass on Saturday, August 22 with last call
on Sunday, August 23.



Registration is now open for the OCIA here at St Paul's. The OCIA is sacramental preparation journey for unbaptized adults preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also meant for baptized Christians wishing to enter the Roman Catholic Church or baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested persons or those who need more information about the process, should contact Anselm, the Director of Faith Formation via email at anslem.mesue@dor.org.





St. Mother Teresa's Prayer for Family

*Heavenly Father,
you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Help us, O Loving Father, to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign. May it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic and vibrant with joy.*

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer. Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family, especially in their distressing disguise.

*May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like His, and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way. May we love one another as God loves each one of us, more and more each day, and forgive each others faults
as you forgive our sins.*

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and to give whatever you take, with a big smile.

Help us, O Holy Father, to make our families one heart, full of love, in the Heart of Jesus through Mary. Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

*St. Joseph, pray for us. Holy Guardian Angels,
be always with us, guide and protect us.
Amen.*

~St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we *all* need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Registration for School of Religion classes here at St Paul's is currently going on for grades K to 7. Registration is also currently going on for First Communion and Penance preparation. The registration fee for School of Religion is \$75 per child, \$150 for 2 children and \$185 for three or more children in the program. The registration fee for the sacraments prep is \$65 per child, and this includes two books. Kindly spread the word. Registration forms are on the bulletin board next to the music room. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm:

helen.stirpe@dor.org
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Ministry Schedule for August 1 & 2, 2026

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Bob Frank Volunteer Needed	Trisha DeBacco Jack Black	Ellen Santora Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Ebertz family	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne LaClair
Lectors	Barb Robbins	Ethan Navarette	Kim Patterson
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Olbrich family	Jane Adams	Connie Gurske
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	TBD TBD	TBD TBD

Webster Hope August Wish List

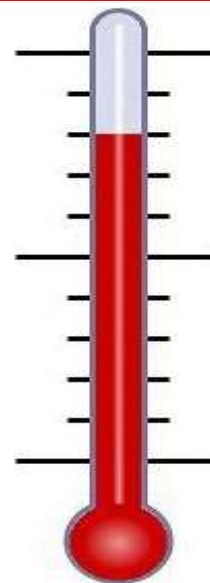


Jarred spaghetti sauce	Canned pineapple
Flour	Jarred applesauce
Cereal	Cooking oil
Pasta	Deodorant
Canned beets	Hand soap
Sugar	Laundry detergent

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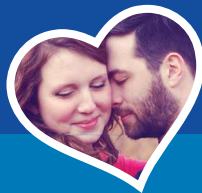
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