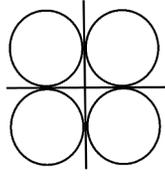


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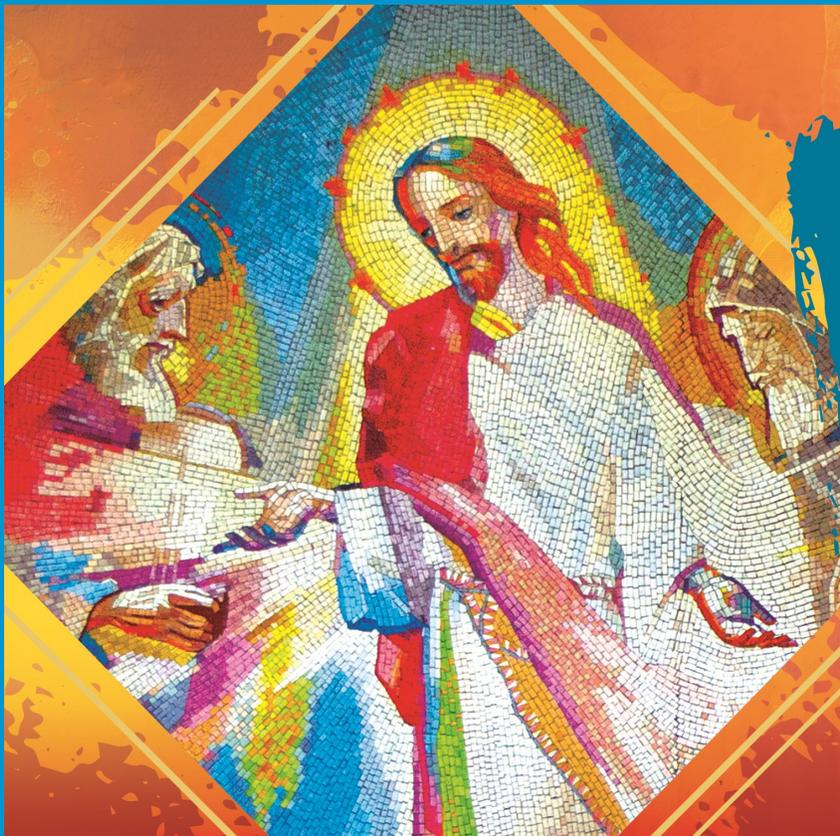


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March 1, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

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.



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone
like the sun and his
clothes became white
as light. - Mt 17:2

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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, March 2
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass

Tuesday, March 3
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, March 4
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 5
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass
6:00P Bible Study
6:00P Building & Grounds mtg.

Friday, March 6
Lenten Weekday
Abstinence
No Mass
8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, March 7
Lenten Weekday
10:00: Prayer Shawl
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass

Sunday, March 8
3rd Sunday of Lent
9:00A Mass-CLOW during Mass
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A SOR Christian
Community Lessons: parents discussion
10:00A Confirmation Prep class yrs. 1 & 2
11:00A Mass



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Financial Snapshot

	January 2026	July-January 2026
Collections	\$50,805	\$317,257
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,081	\$35,404
Expenses	\$73,212	\$360,077
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(18,327)	\$(7,417)

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
Mary Gauch
from
The Marthas*

National Women's History Month and the Influence of Women Saints

Celebrating National Women's History Month

Welcome to March, the month officially designated by Congress in 1987 as National Women's History Month. This special observance began as a grassroots project in 1980, initiated and brought to fruition by the National Women's History Alliance. The purpose of this initiative is to ensure that the remarkable achievements of women throughout our nation's history continue to be recognized and celebrated. The stories of these women provide tremendous encouragement and inspiration to both women and men in our world.

The Spiritual Impact of Women Saints

Recently as I was preparing for Lent, I noticed that my spiritual goals, prayer routines, and the practices I value most are deeply influenced and enriched by the lives of certain saints. Their stories, their lives, and their words have drawn me closer to Christ. As I reflect on this, I realize that these saints—who have such a profound impact on my spiritual growth—are women.

At the forefront of the women saints who are shaping my spiritual journey stands Our Blessed Mother. Her unwavering "YES" to God's invitation, her complete and unconditional surrender to His will, and her life marked by love as both wife and mother, serve as a profound source of inspiration. The depth of her suffering and her perfect trust in God, even in the most difficult moments, are realities that are challenging to fully comprehend. Yet, her example continues to guide and encourage me in my faith.

Other women saints also continue to inspire me. Their lives, though very different, draw me in and provide strength for my personal journey. I love and admire them for their virtues, their courage, their faith and determination, and especially for their love of Jesus. Their words tell their story.

St. Therese of Lisieux – Love of Jesus and Trust

- *"A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul."*
- *"I assure you that God is much better than you believe. He is content with a glance, a sigh of love."*
- *"Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be—and becoming that person."*
- *"You cannot just be half a saint; you must be a whole saint or no saint at all."*

St. Frances Cabrini – Courage and Social Justice for Immigrants

- *"We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success, but on Jesus alone."*
- *"I travel, work, suffer my weak health, meet with a thousand difficulties, but these are nothing, for the world is so small. To me, space is an imperceptible object, as I am accustomed to dwell in eternity."*
- *"What we women cannot do on a large scale to help grave social ills is being done in our small sphere of influence in every state and city where we have opened houses. In them we shelter and care for orphans, the sick and the poor."*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta – Compassion and Humility

- *"Spread love wherever you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."*
- *"The family that prays together stays together, and if they stay together, they will love one another as God has loved each one of them. And works of love are always works of peace."*
- *"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."*

Who are your spiritual heroes? Who is walking with you on your Lenten journey? Our Catholic Faith is filled with holy women and men, just waiting for your invitation. Peace be with you.

Bonnie

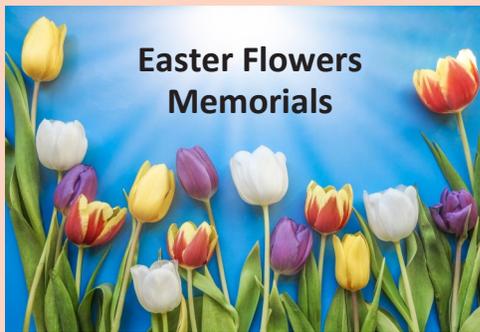
**Good Sam Outreach
2026 Lenten Food Drive
Week 3: March 7-13**



St. Joe's House of Hospitality is in need of the following items:

**Canned beans, pork & beans
Canned fruit & vegetables
Canned tuna & chicken
Hearty soups
Pasta & spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter & Jelly
Coffee & sugar**

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. Deliveries will be made at the beginning of the following week.



**Easter Flowers
Memorials**

An Easter Flower envelope has been included in the March/April envelope packet. The flower memorials will be included in the Easter bulletin.

We will use the parishioner info from the front of the envelope to note who the memorial is from, so if you want something different listed, please write that as well.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, March 23** to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Jodie at 671-2100 or via email jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Operation Rice Bowl



Empowering Growth in Ghana

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth.

This week we pray for Georgina and her family—whom we meet through CRS Rice Bowl—and for all mothers and caregivers worldwide who provide nutrition and educational opportunities for their young children to thrive.

Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read about Georgina and her family in this week's Story of Hope.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) on Sunday, March 8th during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Children in School of Religion and others in grades Kindergarten to seventh are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. After the Opening Prayer at Mass, Fr. Paul will invite the children along with their phenomenal adult catechists to come up to the foot of the sanctuary for a blessing and dismissal. During CLOW, the children will take part in the Sunday scripture at their level. Terminology at the appropriate age level helps the children to understand and appreciate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. This is a great way to help the kids in their faith formation and development. We strongly exhort parents to encourage their kids to attend. Participation at CLOW is required for all those preparing for the First Eucharist and First Penance and Reconciliation.

Diocesan-Wide Day of Penance & Mercy

Tuesday, March 24

Confession Times at St. Paul's:

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Noon-2:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in progress all day

St. Paul's Lenten SOUP Suppers



March 12
March 26



5:30 p.m. in the church hall

Bring the whole family and your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share! Sign up on the bulletin board today!

Adult Faith Formation Programs During & Following the Soup Suppers

March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.:
"Called to be A Priest, King & Prophet" Presented by Scott Rutan

March 26 @ 6:30 p.m.:
Praying & Reflections on Stations of the Cross



A sample of prayer shawls and lap robes are available in hallway across from the music room after all Masses. They are being offered free of charge as a reminder that when in need, you are surrounded by the prayers of others.

BIBLE STUDY



Monday, March 5th at
6:00 p.m. in the worship area

From the John Walsh Library

National Catholic Register and Pope Leo

Pope Leo XIV was elected pope on May 8, 2025. Do you find yourself wondering what actions or changes are occurring? If so, then check out the National Catholic Register newspaper in the John Walsh Library. Headline articles that may be of interest include:

- 6 Themes from Pope Leo's 6 Months as Pope (Nov 21 – Dec 4 2025 edition)
- Pope Leo XIV's Brother Recalls Their Childhood at Home (Jan 16 – Jan 29 2026 edition)
- Pope Leo Charts Collaborative Course (Jan 30 – Feb 12 2026 edition)

The areas of focus of Pope Leo's first 6 months include: Church Unity, Championing Migrants, Personnel as Pastors, Building Bridges, AI, and Finances. His governing style is appealing for collaboration on the part of all cardinals, rather than a small advisory group, with a focus on the Church's mission and synodality.

Issues of the *National Catholic Register* are in the bookcase on the right and can be signed out for one week.

Stop in the Library!

The cart in the John Walsh Library has been updated with books about Lent and Easter. These include meditations on Lent, books about the life of Jesus, reflections on the Stations of the Cross, and even historical fiction (*Iscariot* by Tosca Lee).

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Ministry Schedule for March 7 & 8, 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	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Sue Dettman Cindy Ottina	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Julie Shick Forest Shick	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Dan Bower	Peg Berry	Melanie Mancuso
Linens	Mary Beth Speicher No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Paul Fetter Herb Gauch	Dallas & Joanne Miller Volunteer Needed

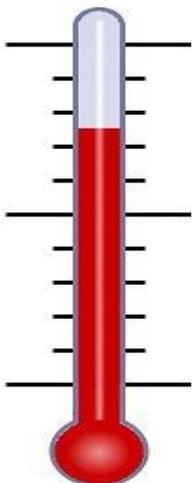


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Lenten Retreat at Holy Trinity Church



Holy Trinity will host a Lenten Retreat on March 9-11 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. On March 11th after the talk they will offer a Tenebrae Service from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The theme of this talk is "Bear One Another's Burdens" and is presented by Fr. Peter Mottola.

A Blessing of Hope



In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
 Help us to know Your abundance and
 Your gifts. Help us to hear Your voice
 and know Your assurance. Help us
 remember what You have done,
 and look forward to what You will do.
 Amen.



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