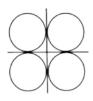
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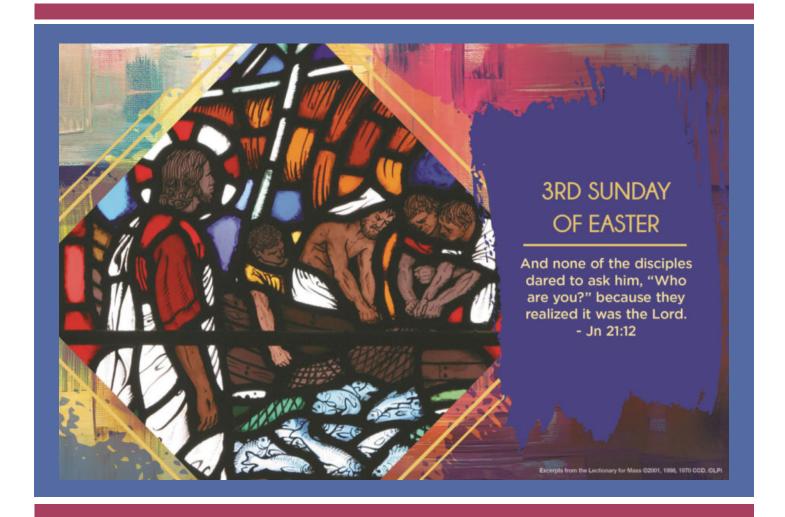


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### May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

#### **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, May 5 Easter Weekday 8:30A Mass

Tuesday, May 6
Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing 12:00P Rosary Group

Wednesday, May 7
Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament

7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 8
Easter Weekday

8:30A Mass

Friday, May 9 Easter Weekday No Mass

Saturday, May 10 Easter Weekday 2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass-Blessing of mothers

Sunday, May 11
4th Sunday of Easter
Mother's day
World Day of Prayer for
Vocations
No SOR Classes

No Confirmation Prep Classes

9:00A Mass-Blessing of mothers 11:00A Mass-Blessing of mothers



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## **Financial Snapshot**

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	March 2025	July 2024-March 2025		
Collections	\$25,740	\$382,320		
Donations/ other revenue	\$5,200	\$35,580		
Expenses	\$46,100	\$402,100		
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(15,100)	\$15,800		
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## Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman Josh Bartlett
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# Seeds for the Journey

## **Christ has Arisen!**

Today, Holy Mother Church celebrates the Third Sunday of Easter. As we are aware, we are in the season of Easter. During this season, we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. Our Blessed Lord destroyed death, leading us unto a living hope. Because Christ rose from the dead, as followers of Christ, we believe that one day we shall also rise from the dead. Easter is not just like other feasts, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes it as the "Feast of feasts," and the "Solemnity of Solemnities." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* n. 1169). I invite you to meditate on Verse 1 and the Refrain of this Easter Song: "This Joyful Eastertide" by George Ratcliffe Woodward written in 1894.

#### Verse 1.

This Joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

#### Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain; But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!

What does it mean to rise from the dead? When the Church teaches that Christ rose from the dead, the Church does not mean Christ returning to this earthly life. After the Resurrection, Christ did not return to this earthly body like Lazarus did, but he had a transformed and glorified body. Christ was no linger subjected to the laws of time and space.

In today's Gospel reading from John, the apostles were able to recognize Jesus after he helped them catch fish when they had previously tried all night and caught nothing. The disciple whom Jesus loved, John, said to Peter, "It is the Lord." This account is one of the appearances of Jesus in the Gospel. The appearances are a positive sign of the Resurrection. It is one of the indicators that Christ rose from the dead. Given that the resurrection is a metahistorical event, we cannot humanly prove the resurrection. The Resurrection goes beyond history. However, the manifestations of the resurrection can be historically verified. The Resurrection is so profound that it goes beyond and deeper than human and even artificial intelligence can explain scientifically.

Because Christ rose from the dead, He was seen by his apostles. Christ also comes to us in various ways, especially in the Eucharist. We receive Christ whole and entire when we receive Holy Communion. We also encounter Christ in our brothers and sisters in the community. We are filled with Easter Hope. Even in midst of trials and tribulations, suffering and pain, the resurrected Christ assures us that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. This is even more evident today as we mourn the death of Pope Francis and celebrate his life and ministry. Throughout his illness, Pope Francis was filled with the joy of the Gospel, right up to his death on Easter Monday. We pray that the Good Lord whom he served so well, may have mercy on him and welcome him into eternal life, where there is neither pain nor sorrow.

The Cardinals would soon go into a Conclave to elect a new Pope with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The word 'conclave' comes from two Latin Words meaning "with a key." Cardinals are referred to as the princes of the Church. There are 135 cardinal electors. Cardinal electors have to be below 80 years old. They would be locked up in the Sistine Chapel until they elect a Pope. Let us pray that guided by the Holy Spirit, the cardinals, may elect a successor of St Peter who will faithfully preserve the fidei depositum (the deposit of the faith) and who will be a good shepherd following the example of Christ.





### You Deserve A Round of Applause!

Once again St. Paul's parishioners responded with unbounded generosity to our Lenten Food Drive. Thank you to each and every one of you!!

Recipients of our donations were so very grateful and want you to know how much they appreciate our support. Following the teaching of Jesus Christ we took care of those in need, helping to fill many near-empty shelves.

In these trying times we hope you will continue donating to our monthly food collections for Rochester Hope and Webster Hope. Every little bit helps!

Good Sam Outreach Committee

## **Rosary Group**

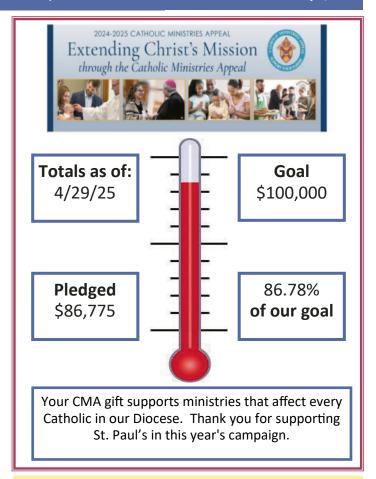


You are invited to join the Rosary Group for weekly prayer every Tuesday, at Noon in the worship area.

All are welcome.



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



## Live the Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep.

## **Mother's Day Flowers**



We invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of plants and flowers to decorate the church, in memory or honor of your loved ones, for Mother's Day.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's Church" adding "Mother's Day Flowers" on the memo line. Be sure to include who the donation is

in memory/honor of; and who it is from. Please have your requests to the parish office by Monday, May 5.

Contact Jodie or Kasey with questions at 671-2100 or email at:

jodie.hickey@dor.org or Kasey.baker@dor.org.

## Learn more about a Jubilee focus each month as a family!

## May: Jubilee of Workers

So many jobs are part of the large and intricate puzzle that make up society. Some find they are not respected in their jobs; others desire work and cannot find it or are not paid a living wage. May is a wonderful month to think about the jobs that affect your daily lives. Show appreciation for those who go unnoticed, and learn more about Catholic Social teaching and our commitment to the Dignity and Rights of Workers.

### **Rochester Hope May Wish List**

Peanut butter	Single wrapped tooth- brushes	
Jelly	Soap	
Cereal	Sugar	
Diapers size: 4, 5, & 6	Salt	
Toothpaste		

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.

### **Angelus**

In the Church, there is a Marian prayer known as the Angelus. The *Angelus* is traditionally prayed at 6am, noon and at 6pm. It is fine however, to pray this prayer at any time throughout the day. During the Easter season, this prayer is traditionally replaced by the *Regina Caeli* (O Queen of Heaven) prayer. We are strongly encouraged to pray the Regina Caeli during the season of Easter.

#### The *Regina Caeli* in English

- V. O Queen of Heaven Rejoice, Alleluia!
- R. For He whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia!
- V. Has risen, as he said, Alleluia!
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia
- V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
- R. For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia!

God our Father, you give joy to the world, by the resurrection of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal Life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## From the John Walsh Library



# Diane Schoemperlen Our Lady of the Lost and Found A Novel of Mary, Faith, and Friendship

What would you do if Mary showed up in your home in April, weary after two thousand years of adoration and petition? In this fiction, Mary needed to "crash" for a week before the intercessions in May begin. Although Mary is mentioned directly only a few times in the gospels, in this novel the story of Mary unfolds along with her changing image in culture, art history, as well as the thousands of recorded sightings that have placed her everywhere from a privet hedge to the dented bumper of a Camaro.

As the week passes, the narrator and Mary become friends, sitting at the kitchen table drinking coffee. The novel explores the enduring relevance of Mary in contemporary society, particularly her role as a figure of hope and comfort for those who feel lost or uncertain. Told with humor and grace, Our Lady of the Lost and Found is an absorbing tour through Mary's history and a thoughtful meditation on spirituality, our need for faith, and our desire to believe in something larger than ourselves.

The spiritual meaning of "Our Lady of the Lost and Found" revolves around the concept of God's unwavering love and compassion for those who have strayed, and the joy that comes with their return to faith and community. It highlights the idea of God's persistent search for those who are lost, both spiritually and physically, and the celebration that follows when they are found. (Call No. FIC SCH).

#### **Communion for Homebound**



When bringing Communion to the homebound, please wait until after Mass to receive the Consecrated Host from Fr. Paul or Deacon Mark.
Thank you for your cooperation.

## Ministry Schedule for May 10 & 11, 2025

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
ЕМНС	Mary Beth Speicher Sue Dettman	Margaret Milner Jack Black	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Greeters	Forest Shick Julie Shick	DA Hutnick Volunteer Needed	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
Lectors	Peg Barry	Ethan Navarette	Marcia Cusse
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Olbrich family	DA Hutnick	TBD
Stream Team	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	TBD TBD	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore

## First Holy Communion April 20, 2025







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