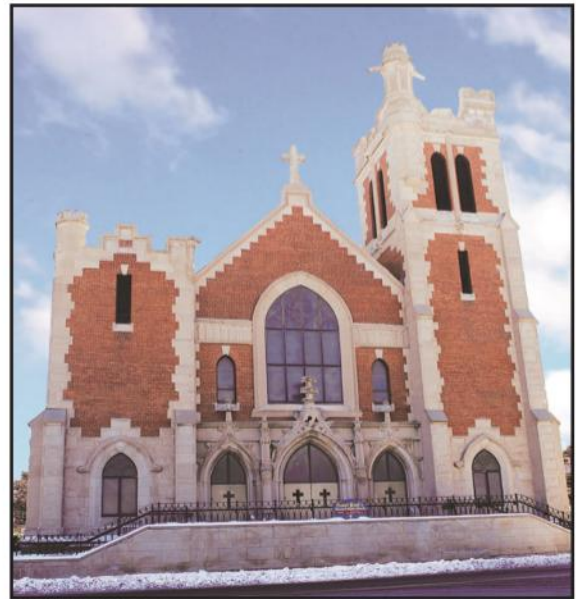


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**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 p.m. St. Paul's

**Sunday**  
7:30 a.m. St. Mary's  
9:00 a.m. St. Paul's  
11:30 a.m. St. Mary's

**Weekday Masses**  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
12:10 p.m. St. Paul's  
**Wednesday & Friday**  
12:10 p.m. St. Mary's

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday**  
4:15-4:45 p.m. St. Paul's  
**Wednesday**  
Following 12:10 pm Mass  
St. Mary's or by appointment

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\_\_\_\_\_ Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_ You may publish my name in the bulletin

Please cut out and drop in collection basket or mail to rectory



## Parish Stewardship

### SATURDAY, August 24, 2024 Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +John & Timothy Reilly /Req. Paul & Sue Kucera  
+Eleanor Blodgett/Req. Jaqi Kenefick  
+Thomas Foody /Req. Kathy Blodgett  
+Mary Walsh Millus /Req. Cathy Axtell-Shaddock & Norm Shaddock  
+Frank & Dolores Gross /Req. Frank & Kathy

### SUNDAY, August 25, 2024

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Bruce DeShay /Req. Patricia Griffin  
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Helen Capani /Req. Family  
+Mary Surowka /Req. Carns Family  
+James & Mary Burke /Req. Katie Burke-Zindle  
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +James & Maryclare Wahl /Req. Clare & Tony Stenta  
+Robert Mion /Req. Vestal Council #4746 K of C  
+Robert Frederick /Req. Mike & Cindy Frederick

### MONDAY, August 26, 2024 NO MASS

### TUESDAY, August 27, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Parishioners' Intentions

### WEDNESDAY, August 28, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Leo Cianciosi /Req. Mary Serafini  
+Parishioners' Intentions

### THURSDAY, August 29, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SP) + Carl McLaughlin, Patricia McLaughlin /Req. Sister, Mary J. Paterniti

### FRIDAY, August 30, 2024

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Eleanore Yanuzzi /Req. Daughter, Angela Mion Robert Sweet /Req. Bill & Sue Berg

### SATURDAY, August 31, 2024, Vigil of Sunday

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Ric Hensberry (Anniv.) /Req. Joan & Family  
+Barbara Carney /Req. Women's Ministry Group

### SUNDAY, September 1, 2024

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Mary Masciarelli /Req. Laura Masciarelli & Family  
9:00 a.m. (SMA) + **LATIN MASS**...Parishioners' Intentions  
9:00 a.m. (SP) +Dorothy Gabello Sherman (Anniv.) /Req. Daughter, Paula & Granddaughters  
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Antonio Masciarelli (Anniv.) /Req. Mom & Family

### Last Sunday's Offerings St. Mary's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$5,917.33
Loose	\$646.00
Youth	\$20.00
Candles	\$121.00
Fuel	\$100.00
Electricity	\$517.00
Assumption	\$1,379.00
Sister Retirement	\$1,011.00
On-Line Giving	\$84.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,711.33</b>

We need \$7,100 weekly to meet our expenses.

### Some of our expenses this week:

Electric & Gas (Rectory)	\$650.75
Electric & Gas (Church)	\$453.24

### Last Sunday's Offerings St. Paul's:

In Adult Envelopes	\$4,545.00
Loose	\$359.00
Candles	\$60.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$344.00
Flowers	\$21.00
Youth	\$3.00
Fuel	\$48.00
Electricity	\$276.00
Assumption	\$766.00
Sister Retirement	\$1,268.00
On-Line Giving	\$18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,708.00</b>

We need \$6,100 weekly to meet our expenses.

### Some of our expenses this week:

Gas (Church)	\$21.85
Gas (Rectory)	\$252.92
Electric (School)	\$20.83

**Thank you! May God reward you for your generosity.**



*Plan ahead...*

Rector's office  
will be closed on Monday  
September 2, 2024

## Dates to Remember

First Sunday of Each Month:  
9:00 AM Latin Mass (SMA)

First Fridays of Each Month:  
Prayers for First Friday following 12:10 pm Mass (SMA)

Thank God it's First Friday Young Adult Holy Hour with food & fellowship at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm

Tuesdays:  
Miraculous Medal Novena following 12:10 Mass (SP)

Wednesdays:  
11:35 AM– Rosary prayer (SMA)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation Following 12:10 pm Mass (SMA)

Fridays:  
11:35 AM– Rosary prayer (SMA)  
After 12:10 PM Mass Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturdays:  
8:00 Rosary Group (SP)  
4:15-4:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (SP)



### Annual Half-way to St. Patrick's Day Hooley

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Friday, September 13, 2024 6-10pm

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#### 50/50 Raffle

Proceeds to Benefit  
I Can Ride Inc.



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Drawing Friday, Sept. 13 at the Hooley  
Call 607-239-9424/607.261.0256  
\$2 each

#### Entertainment

The Shambles

Edward P Maloney Memorial Pipe Band

Carle School of Irish Dance

## Is There a Catholic Approach to Scripture Study?



St. Paul's and St. Mary's RCIA group will present a combination of 4 video /discussions over three evenings on the **World of the Bible**. These sessions are designed for anyone who wants to know more about the Bible but does not know where to begin. No previous Bible study is needed. We will take you on an interesting journey from the world of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures to the religious life and political climate of the days of the historical Jesus.

We will meet in the rectory so seating is limited. Call Mary at **607-722-6492** if you plan to attend.

Dates: Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25  
Where: St. Paul's Rectory meeting room  
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

#### Ticket Information

ADULT (18 & OLDER) ADMISSION \*Advance - \$15 At Door - \$18  
Children Ages 6-17 \$5 5 & under Free  
(payable to LAOH Hooley)

No alcohol under 21 - Photo ID required

Beer, Soda, Water and Coffee included Food available for Purchase

\*Deadline for Advance Ticket Sales 9/12 at 7pm

For tickets - call 607.727.2262 or available at any of the following locations:

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#### Various Raffles

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Req. Hubik Family

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Req. Joan, Amy & Dave



### TABERNACLE CANDLE ...

The Tabernacle Candle maybe lit in honor of a loved one or special occasion for a week at a time. The cost will be \$15.00. Call the office to schedule for either St. Mary's or St. Paul's.



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers</b> <b>St. Paul's</b> <b>August 31 &amp; September 1, 2024</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Time</b> 5:00 PM	<b>Lector/Ciborium: Leon Cosler</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Time</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Lector/Ciborium: Joan Gasper</b>

<b>Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers</b> <b>St. Mary's</b> <b>September 1, 2024</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Time</b> 7:30 AM	<b>Ciborium: Bettie Kurty, Pat Griffin</b> <b>Lector: Carol Mion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Time</b> 11:30 AM	<b>Ciborium: Mike Kinney, Dave Buchanan</b> <b>Lector: Joanne O'Neill</b>

**ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY NEEDS...**

**For the month of July 20224**

In July 2024 Adults-32 Children-12, Families-15 were served. We are looking for mac & cheese, canned meat, canned fruit and vegetables, hygiene products and toilet paper this month. The Food Pantry is open the last Tuesday of each month from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**With Grateful Hearts!**

Starting soon.....

St. Paul's 10th annual raffle for 2024. Look for details in next week's bulletin!



**Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

Are you, or someone you know, attending mass but cannot receive Communion because you are not Catholic? Or do you know someone who is asking questions about our Catholic faith and our Savior, Jesus Christ? These folks are welcome to attend an informal, informational meeting with RCIA team members.

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) process will start on Wednesday, **September 11**. Anyone who is considering becoming Catholic is welcome to attend. The first several meetings, called **Inquiry**, are for those interested in asking questions about the process.

Date: Wednesday, September 11

Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Rectory (On Doubleday Street)



If you plan to attend, please call Mary at St. Paul's parish office, 607-722-6492.

**UP COMING CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION CLASSES....**

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Monday, 9/16, 6:30-8:00pm (RE-Certification Class)

**\*Protecting God's Children**, Saturday, 9/28, 10:00-12noon

All classes will be at St. Mary's Church Basement. For more information, please call Donna at (607)724-7283. If you work/volunteer for *any* event in the church, that has children involved, you must be certified.

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If you or a loved one are going in for an operation or into the hospital/nursing facility and are in need of the Holy Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or a Communion home visit, please call the office. We are here to help **you**.

*Meditation for Sunday, August 25th, John 6:60-69**To whom shall we go?....(John 6:68)*

This was a decisive moment for Jesus' disciples. They had seen him perform miracles, bring people to conversion, and contend with suspicious Jewish leaders. It seemed as if he could do nothing wrong!

But now they had to make a hard decision: Would they keep following Jesus when he said something they didn't understand? How about when they didn't *like* what they heard? He had just told them that he had come down from heaven and that, like God, he had the authority to grant eternal life. Then he said that anyone who wanted to follow him had to eat his body and drink his blood. It was all too much, and most of them "no longer accompanied him" (John 6:66).


But Peter, speaking for himself and the rest of the Twelve, cut through the confusion with one simple question: "Master, to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68). There was no one like Jesus. He truly was "the Holy One of God" (6:69). Peter couldn't let his lack of understanding derail him. He trusted that if he stayed close to Jesus, asked questions, listened carefully, and kept an open heart, he would one day get the answers he sought. Even if it took years, he would still stick with the One whose love and grace had changed his heart so dramatically.

Do some of Jesus' words confuse you or scandalize you? Don't let them cast a shadow over everything else you have heard. Certainly don't let them cause you to doubt his love for you or for others!

Instead, draw closer to him. Recall how patient he has been with you, and resolve to be just as patient in waiting for the answers you seek. And remember: you have the gift of faith for just this very purpose. Allow that supernatural grace to help you trust in the Lord even when you don't understand.

Jesus truly is the Holy One of God. There's nowhere else you can go to receive all that he has for you.

*"Lord, help me to stay close to you, especially when I have questions."*

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