

## *Saint Mary of the Assumption*

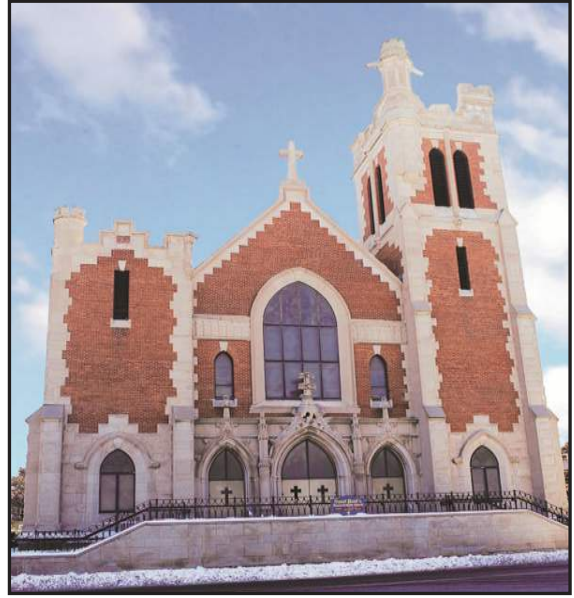


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## *Church of Saint Paul*



### **St. Paul's Trustees:**

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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

### **Parish and Business Offices**

15 Doubleday Street  
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Hours: Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Friday: Offices Closed  
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### **NEW PARISHIONER FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ St. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ New Registration

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

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



**SATURDAY, January 31, 2026 Vigil of Sunday**

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Rose Wacuka Kibui  
/Req. Sr. Lucia  
+Holy Souls

**SUNDAY, February 1, 2026**

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Ann & Bob Woods  
/Req. Mary Grace & Peter Silba  
+Stephen Blanding  
/Req. The Serafini Cousins

9:00 a.m. (SP) **ST. BRIGID MASS**  
/Req. Ladies Ancient Order of  
Hibernians

+Audrey Kenefick  
/Req. Gina Mallon  
+Chad Houseknecht  
/Req. Janice Houseknecht  
\*Healing for Presley Nowak  
/Req. LAOH Division 1  
11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Dorothy J. Pisarcik  
/Req. Marilyn & Joseph Verrastro  
& Jackie & Eric Zeiler

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

**MONDAY, February 2, 2026 NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, February 3, 2026**

12:10 p.m. (SP) +Judith Cavanaugh  
/Req. M/M Bill Cahill

**WEDNESDAY, February 4, 2026**

12:10 p.m. (SMA) +Claude & Juanita Brewer  
/Req. Barbara McKetta

**THURSDAY, February 5, 2026**

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

**FRIDAY, February 6, 2026**

12:10 p.m. (SMA) \*Parishioners' Intentions  
Living & Deceased Members of  
the Chapman & Carey Families  
/Req. John

**SATURDAY, February 7, 2026 Vigil of Sunday**

5:00 p.m. (SP) +Fran O'Neil /Req. Friends  
+John Gaffney  
/Req. Beth Wilcox & Family

**SUNDAY, February 8, 2026**

7:30 a.m. (SMA) +Dominico Tucci  
/Grandson Guido & Family  
+Edward Cisz  
/Req. Marci Cisz & Carol Howard

9:00 a.m. (SP) +Jose' Danilo Marin Lazala  
/Req. Sts. Mary & Paul Women's  
Ministry  
+Edward Bokal (17th Annv.)

/Req.. Family

11:30 a.m. (SMA) +Corradino Stenta /Req. Children  
+Adina Paciocco

/Req. Daughter, Son & Family

2:00 p.m. (SMA) **LATIN MASS**

## Parish Stewardship

**January 18th Offerings St. Mary's:**

Ordinary Offering	\$5,329.00
Fuel	\$75.00
Electricity	\$434.00
Youth	\$1.00
Candles	\$79.00
On-Line Giving	\$209.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,127.57</b>

**We need \$6,500 weekly to meet our expenses.**

**January 18th Offerings St. Paul's:**

Ordinary Offering	\$4,863.00
Fuel	\$50.00
Electricity	\$328.00
Candles	\$82.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$153.00
On Line Giving	\$690.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,166.26</b>

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

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

***JUST A REMINDER...***

**The second collection each weekend will go  
towards our Hope Appeal goal for each church.  
Every little bit helps!  
*Thank you!***



**Due to inclement weather, the Parish  
Stewardship for 1/25/26 will be in the  
2/8/26 bulletin.**

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWEST PARISHIONER**



**David & Siusan (Susan)  
Orlovsky (SP)**



There will be a meeting for the Feast of the Assumption Bazaar on Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ St. Mary's Church, 6PM.

**We have 2 open lead positions to fill:**

1. Food Tent Lead
2. Kid's Game Lead *\*Please note: if we do not get a volunteer to lead the Kids's Games, unfortunately we will not be able to have the games at the bazaar this year.*

All are Welcome!  
Come join our great team to help make this yearly event a continued success!!

For any prior questions:  
please call Dan Svoboda @  
607-634-4253



**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE  
BURNS FOR THE GLORY OF  
GOD AND FOR ...**

**St. Mary's:** Vincent & Carol Sguelia  
(60th Annv.)  
Req. Michelle

**St. Paul's:** Edward Bokal  
Req. Family

Save  
the  
Date

**ST. MARY OF THE  
ASSUMPTION BAZAAR WILL  
BE:**

**AUGUST 14TH & 15TH 2026!!**

**ST PAUL'S RCIA GROUP**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
**Time:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Rectory, 15 Doubleday Street  
**Topic:** The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist



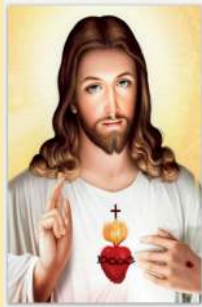
**ST. MARY'S RCIA GROUP**

**Date:** Sunday, February 1, 2026  
**Time:** 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
**Place:** St. Mary's  
**Topic:** The Commandments



***Remember First Fridays...***

***February 6th is First Friday!***  
***There are many Blessings to those who make this devotion each month. So, join us this Friday at the 12:10pm Mass at St. Mary's for this special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.***



**HOPE APPEAL**

**St. Paul's**

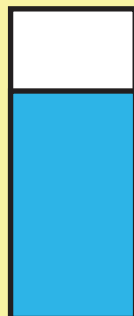
**St. Mary's**

**Goal: \$34,808**

**Goal: \$36,554**

**\$23,912.00**

**\$24,720.00**



**Welcome Back!**

Let's all take a moment and wish a hardy "Welcome Back" to Deacon John Stella.

Deacon Stella will be helping Fr. Art with Weddings, Baptism's, Funeral's, Weekend Homilies etc.

There is so much to do to keep both of our parishes running smoothly. We appreciate the assistance Deacon Stella will give Fr. Art and the parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Paul's.

Although Deacon Stella will recognize many faces, please feel free to introduce yourself to him if you have not had the pleasure in the past.



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers <b>St. Paul's</b> February 7 & 8, 2026		
Saturday	Time 5:00 PM	Lector/Ciborium: Leon Cosler
Sunday	Time 9:00 AM	Lector/Ciborium: Robert Hantsch

Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers <b>St. Mary's</b> February 8, 2026		
Sunday	Time 7:30 AM	Ciborium: Bettie Kurty, Steve Gardner Lector: Marie Truillo
Sunday	Time 11:30 AM	Ciborium: Sr. Lucia, Sharon Galli Lector: Rich Bucci

**IN CHARITY PLEASE PRAY** for the sick, homebound, those in nursing homes and those recovering from surgery, as well as those who minister to them.



Lois Allegrino, William Banovic, Brendan Barrett, Gabriella BarryDonna Baxter, Stephanie Blatt, David Booth, Maureen Bradley, Wahnetta Braungard, Faith Brown, Vita Buccheri, Kathy C., Sharon C., Mary Louise Campos, Weston Chapman, Suzanne (Reardon) Clark, Alice Murphy (Casella), Joyce Capani - Cody, Allyson Collins, David DePastene, Mary DeSisto, Michelle Donahue, John Donnelly, Bonnie & Adam Downing, Sandra Edwards, Samuel E, Louis Falank, Joann Falank, Mary Fiacco, Tony Fiala, Denice Gaetani, Gayle Gilman, Wade Alan Gould, Todd Hubik, Dillon Ingersen, John, Chelsea J., Sharon J., Jadwiga Kaczmarek, Tom Keenan, Camrie Kelly, Tyanne Kenyon, Adam Kroplewski, Paul Kucera, Susan Kucera, Tristen Kucera, CeCe & Michael Lanzoni, William Lasik, Connie Legos, Vicki Leonard, Joan Lepkowski, Alfonzo Lopez, Maria-Ines and Vincente Lozano, Pamela DeRose Lainhart, Donna Marcello, Carol Marchesani, Ruth Marrano Martin, Bob & Maureen McCarthy, Maria McGoff, Ray Miller, Kathy Munro, Peter Normile, Presley Nowak, James O'Neil Jr, Judy Personius, Carol Petrus, David Pierson, Jed Pittsley, A. J. Presto, Maria Rando, Jan Roberts, Colleen Roehn, Jessica Roman, Celia Santalucia, Vicki Scarella, David Schmidt, Maria (Franco) Schoonover, Kathy Shofkom, Melody Slater, Amanda Thrul, Jeffrey Tingley, Christian Valenti, Allison Vaughan, Jean Vavalle, Heather Whitman, Luna Yasharian, Alan Zarate, Joey Ziegler.

**We needed to purchased 2 sets of funeral Palls and matching Vestments, one for each parish.**

**Cost: \$2,400.00/per set**



**We have received donations towards the cost of the new Pall/Vestments. If you are interested in donating the final amount for either St. Mary's or St. Paul's please contact our rectory @ 607-722-6492.**

### **Donations to date:**

#### **St. Mary's:**

- 1. Jim & Marie Truillo: \$800**  
**In Memory of:**  
Adelaide & Nicolas Truillo and  
Rose & Joseph Barnaba
- 2. Steve & Linda Gardner: \$800**  
**In Memory of:**  
Deceased Members of the Vesco,  
Gardner & Dadamio Families

- 3. (Let us know if you are interested) \$800**

#### **St. Paul's:**

- 1. Anonymous: \$800**
- 2. Thomas Shea Funeral Home: \$800**
- 3. (Let us know if you are interested) \$800**



## **ST. MARY & ST. PAUL TAX INFORMATION**

**We will be sending year-end contribution statements ONLY to those who request them. If you would like a copy of your contribution statement, complete the form below and drop it in the collection basket.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Meditation for Sunday, February 1, 2026

### *God chose the lowly. (1 Corinthians 1:28)*

In today's second reading, St. Paul addresses the Corinthians, who were fighting among themselves. One faction favored the apostle Peter, another preferred Paul, and still another followed Apollos. But Paul rebukes them for their rivalries and reminds them that wisdom, power, and worldly recognition count for nothing before the Lord. Quite the opposite: God delights in choosing "the lowly" (1 Corinthians 1:28).

Jesus tells his disciples something similar in the Gospel for today: "Blessed are the poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3). This probably surprises them, because self-confidence, prestige, and wealth are typically considered signs of God's blessing. But Jesus turns them upside down. Humility is the path to blessing. That's because when we are poor in spirit, we recognize that God is the source of all that we have and are. Everything is a gift from him. So when we come before the Lord empty-handed, we can allow him to fill us with his gifts, his wisdom, and his grace.

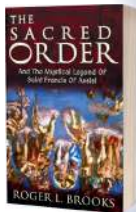
Why did Jesus preach this beatitude? One reason is that it keeps us humble. No matter how gifted we may be, we can't boast about our accomplishments or think of ourselves as superior to anyone else because of them. There is no pecking order with God!

Second, when we are poor in spirit, we *are* blessed! Our hearts are more free and more open to God. We trust in him to fulfill our needs rather than trying to prove ourselves or rely on our own resources. We are at peace with who we are and the way God made us. And our lives are more fruitful because we are "lowly" enough to ask him to guide us and to bless our efforts.

Today at Mass, come before the Lord poor in spirit and knowing that you are loved by God. Open your heart to him and allow him to fill you!



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