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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tues. through Sat.: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. & Sat.: 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION

Fridays: 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.



May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

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Catholic in Recovery:	Jeremy Starr
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Principal: Christine Penwell

Mission Statement

Professing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired by the example of our patron Saint Paul, educating our children, serving others and supporting one another as loving witnesses for the Lord.

Deacon's Corner

What Kind of Love is This?

I'm always reluctant to talk about pets but in my experience pets come closest to exemplifying the love that Jesus suggests in this weekend's reading from the Gospel of John when he states, "*As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.*" The pets we choose as companions can very quickly take-up residence in our hearts as beloved and devoted friends.

Last week I was having breakfast with a friend whose pet had become sick enough that the only option was to have their beloved pet put down. An act of compassion that only reflects the love they held for their faithful friend. This is not easy stuff; being forced to choose between an animal suffering or setting them free from whatever disease has infected their bodies. This is not easy stuff because taking the life of something so precious to you while literally becoming part of your family is heart-wrenching.

This breakfast conversation reminded me of our Golden Retriever, Maggie May, who at the age of 10 years developed a . . .

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Liturgical Volunteers May 24 & 25, 2025

Greeters

Sat: 4:30p—Gerry
Sun: 8:00a—Ortons
Sun: 10:30a—Tom M.

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p—William
Sun: 8:00a—Katie Jo
Sun: 10:30a—Jim H.

EMHC

Sat 4:30p—BrianT, CarlaL, Susan D
Sun: 8:00a—Phoebe, Jeremy DaveS
Sun: 10:30a—JimH, JimM, Carla H

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday	May 17
8:30 a.m.	Robert Bercellie †
4:30 p.m.	Naheed Brown
Sunday	May 18
8:00 a.m.	Truman Baird †
10:30 a.m.	St. Paul Parishioners & Guests
Monday	May 19
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	May 20
8:30 a.m.	Mary H. Pham †
Wednesday	May 21 School Mass
8:30 a.m.	Lois Pollak †
Thursday	May 22
8:30 a.m.	Jody & Max
Friday	May 23
8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Saturday	May 24
8:30 a.m.	The Coddington Family
4:30 p.m.	St. Paul Parishioners & Guests

† = Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

Pray for the sick.

If you would like to be included on our prayer list, please phone the parish office.

Bob Simon	Kelly Bryson
William Thompson	Colleen Bushmaker
Faline Sikes	Timothy McDonald
Judah Sikes	Cheryl Suzuki
Raini Nelson	Ray Miller
Gracie Guardino	Larry Wade
Ella	Sharon Wade
Kirk Bemby	Doralyn Bocchi
Pamela Blanton	Patty Roland
Tracy Villada	Loretta Cook
Sr. Miriam	Stephanie Cook
Carmen Isabel Singh	Ally Angelastro
	Frank Paula

Sunday	May 18
9:00 a.m.	Steubenville Bake Sale
9:30 a.m.	RCIA
11:30 a.m.	Steubenville Bake Sale
5:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	High School Youth Group
Monday	May 19
6:15 p.m.	Sacramental Prep
Tuesday	May 20
9:00 a.m.	Koffee Klatch
9:30 a.m.	Quilters
7:00 p.m.	Oregon Right to Life
7:00 p.m.	Catholic in Recovery
Wednesday	May 21
9:00 a.m.	SVdP
9:30 a.m.	Reconciliation
1:30 p.m.	Craft and Coffee
4:30p-7p	Adoration
5:30 p.m.	RCIA
Thursday	May 22
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
Saturday	May 24
9 a.m.-10 a.m.	Reconciliation

Thank You for your Support!!

Weekly Financial Report May 11, 2025

Identified	\$ 6,669.00
Unidentified	\$ 791.00
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
eGiving	\$ 4,941.00
TOTAL	\$ 12,506.00

Catholic Charities \$ 1,543.00

Readings for May 25, 2025 6th Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Responsorial Psalm 67:2-3, 5,6,8
Reading 2: Rev. 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel: John 14:23-29
Communion Antiphon: John 14:15-16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

May 18th: Steubenville Fundraiser Bake Sale
May 18th: Middle School Youth Group 5 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. (last regular meeting of the School Year).
May 18th: High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m.
May 19th: Sacramental Prep 6:15 p.m. 1st Communion Rehearsal. Meet in the Church.
May 21st: Altar Server Training 3-4 p.m. in the Church (4th Grade & Up).

Contact Religious Education Coordinator, Kristin White (kwhite@archdpx.org), with questions about Religious Education at St. Paul Catholic Church.

SCHOOL

May the Month of Mary

We will be having an All School Mass on Wednesday, May 21 at 8:30am in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Kindergarten class will be leading us in this special Mass.
• We will also be holding a Living Rosary & May Crowning this day at 1:00 pm. • All are welcome to both events!

Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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Archbishop's Catholic Appeal May 18, 2025

"Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:21
The gifts of the Holy Spirit can help us in our living today AND prepare us for life everlasting. Through the support of the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, we can help others receive the consolation of Christ and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Let us share the Holy Spirit with others through our support. When we do, we will help make our Lord more intimately felt by those in need. Regardless of ability to make a gift, please pray for the success of the *Archbishop's Catholic Appeal*.

Volunteers Needed

Men, women, and teens are urged to consider volunteering for our Parish Garage Sale! We need help starting with the gym set up on July 1st, to take down/clean up on July 14th. Half-day, all-day, or flexible times are available. In 2023, 1476 volunteer hours over 10 days made the sale a huge success, but more volunteers would lighten everyone's load. Volunteer signups will be accepted outside the church after the following Mass dates: June 7th and 8th, as well as June 21st and 22nd. School parents and grandparents may earn Family Participation Program (FPP) hours to be applied to the following school year (2025-2026). This is a fun way to see friends and to be of service to your parish and community!

Parish News

May, The Month of MARY



As we honor Mary each May, her example poses a question to each of us. What situations, what thoughts, what feelings, what memories, what experiences might the Lord be inviting me to hold in my heart and ponder with him? What would it mean to bring them to him in the light and the power of his Resurrection, and to allow that Resurrection to claim my heart and my entire life?



"Behold this Heart which has so loved men."

This June we invite you to rediscover the love of Jesus. Our 4-week Sacred Heart study will take you deep into the history, theology, and devotion behind the image of Christ's Sacred Heart—a symbol of mercy, suffering, and tender love. We will meet weekly on Sunday, June 1st at 9:15 a.m. or Thursday, June 5th at 6 p.m. Let His Heart change yours.

Have you been Yet?

If you haven't been to "Lunch Bunch" yet please join us Thursday, May 22 at 12 p.m. for lunch with fellow Parishioners. Bring a dish to share all else will be provided. Please give it a try!

A message from Francis our Library Volunteer

Please visit our library Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. We have several new books and movies on DVD. A large selection of books you may have never read but could enjoy.

"A mother's hardest to forgive. Life is the fruit she longs to hand you ripe on a plate. And while you live, relentlessly she understands you." Phyllis McGinley, Catholic Poet.

Community



Help St. Paul Parish Provide a meal for First Place Family Center. The meal should include a main dish, side dishes if appropriate, and a dessert. Please visit <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/5eyymz/> to sign up.

Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

cancerous growth in her throat to such an extent that she was progressively unable to swallow her favorite foods or treats. She suffered in silence as she ate less and less until she seemed to just give up. One morning she solemnly dragged herself into the house from being outside with her head hung low; almost as if to say, *"I don't know how much longer I can keep this up; but I don't want to disappoint you by not trying."*

That morning my heart broke. What if Maggie was enduring this suffering so as not to deprive us of her friendship; maybe she was continuing to live for us out of a sense of loyalty and love? An instinct so ingrained in her loving nature that she knew no other option but to live for us; overlooking her own pain and suffering. I think this is the kind of love Jesus speaks of in this weekend's gospel reading.

Not long after she had all but given up eating, we had a veterinary doctor come to our home to help Maggie move quietly from this world to the next. She died peacefully in our/her home with both Deborah and me at her side. As I sat with Maggie after the veterinary doctor had left, tears filling my eyes, I asked myself, *"What kind of love is this?"* What kind of love likely put us before her own pain and suffering? What kind of love carried her to her death with so little consideration or concern for what she might receive in return other than *our* love?

I honestly don't think the love Maggie (or any other pet) exemplifies for their owners is humanly possible except for the love we experience when we are operating in the realm of the Holy Spirit: such as a mother who cradles her newborn child, parents who watch their toddler take their first few steps or speak their first few words or when we hold an eight-week old puppy in our arms. It is in these moments we experience the nature and kind of love that Christ holds for his children. Amen?



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