



# ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



## August 3, 2025 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PARISH STAFF

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<b>Pastoral Council:</b>	Rev. David Brown
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<b>Prayer Chain:</b>	Lynn Powell
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	Joe Podhasky
<b>Catholic Sisterhood:</b>	Erin Dowdy
<b>Senior Koffee Klatch:</b>	Tom Meienberg
<b>Women of St. Paul:</b>	Jeanne Smith
<b>Quilting Group:</b>	Janice Krom
<b>Catholic in Recovery:</b>	Jeremy Starr
<b>Oregon Right to Life:</b>	David Dowdy

### ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Phone:** (541)344-1401

**School Website:** [www.saintpaul-school.org](http://www.saintpaul-school.org)

**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.*

# August 3, 2025 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Deacon's Corner

#### The Incredible Lightness of An Uncluttered Life

Years ago I had a dream. In this dream I was in the ocean on a sunny day just below the surface of the water with my arms wrapped around a very large duffle bag filled with all my earthly possessions. As that dream continued to form in my mind, I also realized I wasn't particularly cold or seemed to be in need of air to breathe, I was just quietly floating with the duffle bag firmly in my grasp.

After several more moments in the dream, I also realized that I was slowly but perceptively sinking because of the sheer size and weight of the duffle bag. I knew I was sinking because the sunlight that was filtering through the water above me was slowly growing dimmer as I moved deeper and deeper into the depths. As I continued to drift downward, a voice in my head pleaded, "Let go of the duffle bag and swim back to the light. Let go."

As my descent into the depths continued, the voice in my head became even more insistent, "Let go of the duffle bag and swim back to the surface and save yourself!"...Continued on Page 3

#### Liturgical Volunteers August 9 & 10, 2025

##### Greeters

Sat: 4:30p-Vicky  
Sun: 8:00a-Blake  
Sun: 10:30a-Penny

##### Lectors

Sat: 4:30p-Yvonne  
Sun: 8:00a-Tim  
Sun: 10:30a-Katie Jo

##### EMHC

Sat 4:30p-Brian, Carla, Colleen  
Sun:8:00a-Blake, Phoebe, Sam  
Sun:10:30a-Adam

### Mass Times & Intentions

#### Saturday

8:30 a.m.  
4:30 p.m.

#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

8:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

8:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.

#### Thursday

8:30 a.m.

#### Friday

8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday

8:30 a.m.  
4:30 p.m.

#### August 2

Mary H. Pham †  
St. Paul Parishioners &  
Guest

#### August 3

Freda Zalonis †  
Barney & DeLora Vitus ††

#### August 4

Prayer

#### August 5

Mary T. Pham †

#### August 6

Pope Francis †

#### August 7

Marvin Krush †

#### August 8

Weixelman Family

#### August 9

Stella & Adam Klocek ††  
Michael John Brown †

*Pray for the sick.*

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

**Sunday**  
9:15 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
9:00 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

**Friday**  
9:00 a.m.

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

**Sunday**  
9:15 a.m.

**August 3**  
RCIA

**August 5**  
Koffee Klatch  
Quilters  
Catholic in Recovery

**August 6**  
Reconciliation  
SVdP

**August 8**  
Adoration

**August 9**  
Reconciliation

**August 10**  
RCIA

*Each of you must give as you have  
made up your mind, not  
reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*— 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*Thank you for your generosity.  
We are blessed.*

#### Weekly Financial Report July 27, 2025

Identified	\$ 6,230.00
Unidentified	\$ 822.00
Maintenance	\$ 85.00
eGiving	\$ 6,323.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,460.00</b>

#### Readings for August 10, 2025 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Wisdom 18:6-9  
Responsorial Psalm: 33:1,12, 18-19, 20-22  
Reading 2: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Gospel: Luke 12:32-48  
Communion Antiphon: John 6:51

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for Fall ministries will be available August 15 including Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children) formerly RCIC.

Registrations and schedules for Middle and High School Youth Group will also be available.

Are you an incoming junior or senior? Active in youth group? Have a heart for our parish and your youth group!?! Join our St Paul Youth Group Core Team. Applications available on August 15 by contacting Kristin.

Email Kristin ([kwhite@archdpdx.org](mailto:kwhite@archdpdx.org)) with any questions.

## SCHOOL

#### 2025-2026 School Year Kickoff

August 28 Popsicles on the Playground & Middle School Social, 6p.m.  
September 2 Orientation Day  
September 3 First Day of Classes  
September 9 Lifetouch Photo Day  
September 11 Back to School Night

## Parish News

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Today may be a good day to ask ourselves: Who and what is most important in my life? Is it money, status, possessions, esteem? Or is it the people that I love or the many individuals who are in need? Do I strive to make a difference in our world by my love, care, and generosity? Do I freely share the many gifts that God has given me?

Today and every day we are paving our road to heaven. What is the path we will pave today by our choices? Will Jesus approve of our path?

### Catholic Sisterhood Retreat Early Bird Registration Opens August 1, 2025!

The Catholic Sisterhood invites you to **SAVE THE DATE** for our 2nd annual Fall Retreat on October 25th — **Poured Out: A Day of Retreat and Restoration for Women.** At this full-day retreat, the team from Hazelnut Catholic will offer a gentle invitation to step out of survival mode and into sacred restoration.

**Who:** Adult Catholic women of all ages and stages

**When:** October 25

**Where:** Parish Hall

**Cost:** Early Bird Registration - \$65 per person\*\* Regular Price - \$79

For more information please visit <https://www.catholicsisterhood.com>

## Parish News



### All are Invited

The St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscan Fraternity of Eugene invites you to join in the Transitus of St. Clare prayer service Sunday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. This is a celebration of the transfer of St. Clare of Assisi to eternal life. This service is held the night before St. Clare's feast day of Monday, August 11. For more information contact Dave Olszyk, Councilor at 541-689-8070.



Our generous donors have currently pledged more than **\$24 thousand** to this year's campaign - bringing us to **44%** of our Parish goal.

This is a powerful testament to the faith and commitment of our Catholic community across western Oregon. Thank you for your continued sup-



### Come Join Us!

Everyone is invited to our monthly St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Wednesday, August 6 at 9 a.m. in the St. Paul room of the Parish Center. Learn how our St. Paul society of SVdP makes a difference in the local community. Hear about what we have done in the past month, how your monthly donations are used and what we are currently working on. We assist the poor and those in need of consolation, seeking out and utilizing every resource. Being mindful of the sanctity and dignity of all, we know that any charitable work that advances those goals is within the mission of St. Vincent de Paul.

## Community

### Navigate College With Faith

Don't go through college alone. Join a campus ministry that helps you deepen your faith, make lasting friendships, and find your purpose. Visit [connection.newmanministry.com](http://connection.newmanministry.com)

### Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

For an understanding that eludes me to this day, I can't figure out why in the world (or in real life) would I clung so stubbornly to my earthly possessions.

After reflecting on this dream in the days that followed, it was obvious that within the context of the dream, I would sooner or later be forced to release the duffle bag, and all my possessions, as age and/or death would ultimately loosen my grip. So why did I, or maybe why are we, so determined to hold onto things that have lost their relevancy or usefulness in our lives?

Mary Oliver, an American Poet, touched on this idea of hanging onto our possessions in spite of their lack of usefulness in her poem called 'Storage.'

*When I moved from one house to another there were many things I had no room for. What does one do? I rented a storage space. And filled it. Years passed. Occasionally I went there and looked in, but nothing happened, not a single twinge of the heart.*

*As I grew older the things I cared about grew fewer, but were more important. So one day I undid the lock and called the trash man. He took everything.*

*I felt like the little donkey when his burden is finally lifted. Things! Burn them, burn them! Make a beautiful fire! More room in your heart for love, for the trees! For the birds who own nothing—the reason they fly.*

Mary Oliver

In this weekend's Gospel reading from Luke, a rich man contemplates building new barns to contain his bountiful harvest only to lose his life that night. Maybe this is a good time to take inventory of our 'barns' and give away the things that burden our hearts so that we have more room to love, more space to breathe. St. Vincent de Paul is a perfect destination for the surplus possessions in our storage closets and on our garage shelves that might be real blessing to those who live with far less and who are in greater need. Amen?





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