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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Tues. through Sat.: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Wed. 9:30 a.m. Sat.: 9:00 a.m.

ADORATION

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



August 31, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Phone: (541)344-1401 School Website: 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.

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Deacon's Corner

The Penitent Man Will Pass

There is a great scene in the movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade where Indiana Jones (played by Harrison Ford) is confronted by a booby-trapped tunnel filled with lethal knives hidden in the walls designed to stop anyone attempting to reach the sanctuary of the Holy Grail. As Indiana enters the first stage of the tunnel, he is reminded of something written in his father's diary (Professor Henry Jones Sr. played by Sean Connery) about humility which he begins to repeat: "The penitent man will pass. The penitent will pass." Taking advice from his father's diary, he assumes a lowly posture kneeling in repentance and begins to crawl on his hands and knees just as a deadly knife blade sweeps above his head.

The humility shown by Indiana Jones reminds me of a true WWII story of humility and courage written by Laura Hillenbrand titled "Unbroken" about the life of Louis Zamperini. As a troubled youth, Zamperini turned his energies to long distance running. He was so good at running that he was invited to compete in the 1936 . . .

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Liturgical Volunteers September 6 & 7, 2025

Greeters

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

Lectors

Sat: 4:30p–William Sun: 8:00a–Steve Sun: 10:30a–Randel

EMHC

Sat 4:30p-Pete, Kay, Carla Sun:8:00a-Blake, Terri, Jeremy Sun:10:30a-Steve, Zeny, Tom

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday August 30

8:30 a.m. The Poor & Starving of the

World

4:30 p.m. Retired Priests

Sunday August 31

8:00 a.m. St. Paul Parishioners &

Guests

10:30 a.m. Amanda McDonald †

Monday September 1 8:30 a.m. All Workers

Tuesday September 2 8:30 a.m. Joseph Pham †

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

/ September 3 Don Murray †

Thursday 8:30 a.m.

September 4
Ryan Huisman †

Friday 8:30 a.m. September 5
Dianne Foglefong

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

September 6
James Lang †

St. Parishioners & Guests

Let Us Pray

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday August 31 9:15 a.m. RCIA

Monday September 1 Labor Day Closed

September 2
Koffee Klatch

9:30 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Catholic in Recovery

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Wednesday September 3

9:00 a.m. SVdP

Tuesday

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. Reconciliation 9:30 a.m. Book Club 1:30 p.m. Craft & Coffee

Thursday September 4 7 p.m. **September 4** Catholic Sisterhood

Friday September 5 9:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday September 6 9 a.m.—10 a.m. Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Snack & Chat

Sunday September 7 9 a.m.—12 p.m. Snack & Chat

9:15 a.m. OCIA

Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Financial Report August 24, 2025

 Identified
 \$ 7,041.01

 Unidentified
 \$ 941.00

 Maintenance
 \$ 30.00

 eGiving
 \$ 6,858.00

 TOTAL
 \$ 14,870.01

Readings for September 7, 2025 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Wisdom 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,

17

Reading 2: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for all youth ministries are open. This includes Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children).

We also have Fall Schedules for Middle and High School Youth Groups. To get up to date info please follow stpaulygeugene on Instagram or contact Kristin to get on our Flocknote where regular messages and updates are sent out.

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. Online Applications available by contacting Kristin

We are looking for dedicated Adults to join our Core Team, and to join our amazing catechists working with the Youth of our St Paul Community. We are excited to meet you!

Please contact Kristin at kwhite@archdpdx.org with any questions and inquiries.

SCHOOL

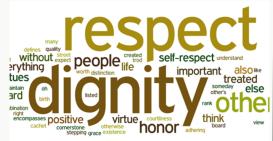
Dear St. Paul Families,

Our goal each year is to partner with families to bring out the best in each child. We believe that parents are the primary educators and know that we can count on you to be present and invested in your child's growth during all of their years at St. Paul. Thank you for choosing St. Paul and for trusting us in this great adventure.

Blessings, Mrs. Penwell

Parish News





Dignity is something every person has simply because they are made in God's image. God created all humans in His image and likeness. This means that every single person has value, no matter who they are, where they come from, or what they've done. We don't earn dignity by being successful, smart, or popular. It's not something that depends on how we look or what others think of us. It's a gift from God.



Special September Masses

During the month of September Father David will be celebrating four special Masses on Mondays.

Monday, September 1 at 8:30 a.m. - World Day of Prayer for Creation and Labor Day

Monday, September 8 at 8:30 a.m. - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Sorrows

Monday, September 29 at 8:30 a.m. - SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels.

Parish News

Improvements Made Possible by Special Gifts

With the various high profile projects and additions around the parish, some have asked if Capital Campaign funds were used. The answer is no.

We have been very blessed here at St. Paul to have parishioners who have given generously to make these things possible. From the statues in the church, to the improved ramp and drainage system installed to allow the ramp and automatic door to be usable year-round including the rainy season (which is most of the year here in Eugene), and the many heating and air conditioning systems that have had to be replaced due to them failing after 25+ years - well beyond their life expectancy.

Special thanks to those who were willing and able to donate above and beyond their regular giving to the parish and the Capital Campaign to make these projects possible. We are blessed.

Welcome Back! There's something for everyone here at St. Paul Catholic Church.

The book club, SVdP, and Craft and Coffee return Wednesday, September 3rd.

All are invited to visit with the St. Vincent de Paul Council of St. Paul Church at 9 a.m.

Women are invited to come at 9:30 a.m. and see what the women's book club will be reading these next few months to see if it sounds like something you would enjoy.

Anyone who enjoys doing crafts is invited to come at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday to see what the Craft and Coffee group is working on.

Catholic women are invited to a Catholic Sisterhood gathering on Thursday, September 4 at 7 p.m. Women of all ages and stages of life are welcome.

Snack & Chat

Stop by after the Masses next weekend to talk with representatives from A Voyage into the Future to hear the latest news on our Capital Campaign.

Save the Date

Mark your Calendars! The Annual Black Top Event is returning Saturday, September 27! For more information please contact Autumn at awhittaker@saintpaul-school.org

Community

Taize' Prayer Service

All are welcome Thursday, September 4 at 7 p.m. to St. Thomas Newman Center for 45 minutes of meditative prayer including chants, periods of silence, and short readings. For more information please call Garry or Sandy at 541-913-0886

Deacon's Corner (cont'd)

Olympics being held in Berlin. When World War II breaks out, Zamperini enlists in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a bombardier and during one of his sorties, his plane crashes into the Pacific Ocean with he and two other members of his crew. The three survive for 47 days at sea only to be captured by the Japanese and sent to a series of prisoner-of-war camps.

At one of these camps, Zamperini becomes the focus of a particularly cruel guard named "The Bird" Watanabe. Following the end of the war, Zamperini returns to the United States a broken man traumatized by his treatment during his imprisonment. His hatred for the prison guards, especially Watanabe, drives him to excessive drinking and nearly costs him his marriage. But in 1947, at the urging of his wife, Zamperini attends a Billy Graham revival where he confesses his sins and gives his life to Christ.

Zamperini's conversion to Christianity not only frees him from the bitterness he holds but convinces him that he needs to find Watanabe, not to take revenge, but to seek forgiveness for their mutual war experience in the prison camp. Zamperini actually travels to Japan and is able to reconcile with some of the guards who had been so cruel to him but Watanabe, hiding out on a rural farm after the war, refused to meet with Zamperini. Without giving a reason for his refusal, Watanabe remained in seclusion not wanting to take responsibility for this cruelty. While Zamperini found spiritual freedom in his decision to forgive, Watanabe remained a prisoner in a spiritual war-camp of his own making by stubbornly clinging to his pride and lack of remorse over his role in the war.

In this weekend's first reading from Sirach we are told, "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God." And in the Gospel of Luke we are told that, "[T]he one who humbles himself will be exalted." For the remainder of Zamperini's life, he was exalted not only as a war hero and an Olympic athlete, but received national honor for being a penitent man. Amen?



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