St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
Eufaula, Oklahoma
January 29th 2023

WEEKLY COLLECTION
January 22nd:
Week 30

Envelopes:	$	586.00
Loose Checks:	$	210.00
Loose Cash:	$	197.00
Bathroom Fund:	$	230.00
Total:	$	1,223.00
YTD Budget:	$	41,700.00
YTD Actual:	$	46,560.91

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

2023 Calendars and Collection envelopes are available in the entrance and the hall. See Larry if you need envelopes for 2023

Eucharistic Ministers
Until further notice we only need one additional Eucharistic Minister at Mass.

Birthdays
JANUARY 30th: Peggy Stokes
Paula Galbraith

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	St. John Bosco
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life; Groundhog Day
Friday:	St. Blase; St. Ansgar; First Friday; Blessing of throats
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

You need more than water for a bath. Most family bathrooms contain an arsenal of soaps and emollients, lotions, shampoos, and conditioners to combat grime and honor the body. A bath without oil is still unthinkable. No wonder early Christians used lavish amounts of oil to "paint" the skin of people drawn dripping wet from the baptismal font on Easter. There were two oils used in baptism long ago. "Oil of exorcism" protected candidates from "evil spirits"; it strengthened their resolve and purified their purposes.

The second oil, slathered over them after baptism's bath, "sealed" them, making them like Christ, the anointed one, the priest, the prophet, the king. Chrism has always had a powerful odor; rich resinous perfumes are stirred in before it is consecrated. As the newly baptized were embraced by new brothers and sisters in Christ, the scent permeated the hall of Eucharist, a sign of our connection to Christ and to one another.

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THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S KINGDOM

In our Gospel reading from Matthew, we hear the Beatitudes, the stirring opening to the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus is proclaiming the coming of the kingdom of God, and begins by considering what kind of people will enter and participate in this kingdom. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the clean of heart, the peacemakers. We hear both Zephaniah and Paul echo this, as God specifically chooses the weak and the lowly to be God's agents in ushering in the reign of God. By living with humility and integrity, their hearts are open to being transformed by the grace of God. We too are called to live in this way. Jesus invites us to be people with open hearts, to receive God's blessing. And working through us, God may bless all of creation.

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Pray for ...

The Sick:

Creekmore family, Beverly Stokes, Dana (Boyer) Moore, Tracey Abercrombie, Vera Haver, Jana Gerhart, Terri Morgan, Pam Mitchell, Carlee Eaton, Norma Determan, Charlotte Gibson, Keaton Petrone, Dan Hudson, Elizabeth Hudson, Stan Shade, Jess Phelps, Donna Baldwin, Brady Thornton, Brittany Cagle, C.R. Ramsey, Marianne Determan, Mason & Gunner Anthamatten, Dan Remington, Wyatt Alexander, Alicia Pope, Keirla and Raiden Bennett, Cody Simon, Sonny Fulton, Betty Kelsoe

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY PROJECT WEEKLY COLLECTION

God bless you for your generosity. You have made a positive difference in the lives of hungry families. The requested food item for this week's collection is **CAN GOODS AND ANY NON-PARISHABLE ITEMS ONLY**.

Diocese 50th Anniversary Events:
February 6, 2023
Holy Family Cathedral will host George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center.
6:30p Prayer Service | 7:00p George Weigel Presentation | 8:00p Social by the Alcuin Institute for Catholic Culture.
February 7, 2023
Bishop Konderla celebrates Holy Mass at Holy Family Cathedral at 12:00p.
Social for priests to follow Holy Mass.
All are invited and no registration is necessary

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

God Be in My Head

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.
—Attributed to *Old Sarum Primer*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You humble of the land, seek justice and humility, and the Lord will be your protection
(Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13).
Psalm — The Lord blesses the humble and gives them the heavenly kingdom (Psalm 146).
Second Reading — God chose the weak of the world, those who count for nothing, so that whoever boasts should boast in the Lord (1 Corinthians 1:26-31).
Gospel — Jesus taught from the mountain: Blessed are the poor in spirit (Matthew 5:1-12a).

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jana Gerhart
Beverly Stokes
Billy Haltom
Karen Willoby

Ladies of St. Paul have you ever wondered who works behind the scenes, taking care of all the details of the Church's Altar clothes, linens, priest's and Altar server's robes, etc.? Who sets up the Altar before every scheduled Mass? Who washes and irons Altar linens? Who arranges the beautiful Altar flowers and makes the Christmas and Easter season so beautiful at our church?
We are blessed with a group of lovely, faithful and devoted ladies who quietly and efficiently take care of our church. This service-centered group is the St. Paul Altar Society. The Altar Society's work is quiet and behind the scenes, overseeing the reverent care of the Altar and maintaining flower arrangements that grace the sides of the Tabernacle.
No earthly beauty can compare with the loveliness of God's presence, but it is with great joy for the Altar Society to ensure that His dwelling place is maintained with the greatest dignity, honor, and respect that we can possibly offer.
"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!"- Psalm84:2
All ladies of St. Paul Church are members of the Altar Society. You are invited and encouraged to attend our meeting scheduled the first Sunday of the month after Mass. We look forward to serving with you at the Lord's Table.

God Bless,
Claudia Polston
Altar Society President
Blessed Mother Pray for Us!

CONSTANT FAITH

If you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

—St. Jerome Emiliani

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Mass Schedule:
Wednesday at 9:00 AM
Sunday at 8:30 AM
Holy Days at 5:30 PM
Confession before Mass or by Appointment

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:30 am Mass 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	30	31	1 9:00 am Mass 9:30 Adoration	2	3	4
5 8:30 am Mass 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6	7	8 9:00 am Mass	9	10 10:00 am Food Bank	11
12 8:30 am Mass 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	13	14	15 9:00 am Mass	16	17	18
19 8:30 am Mass 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20	21	22 5:30 pm Mass	23	24	25
26 8:30 am Mass 1st Sunday of Lent	27	28	1 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross	2	3	4