



**Celebrating 94 Years**

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**Mission Statement**

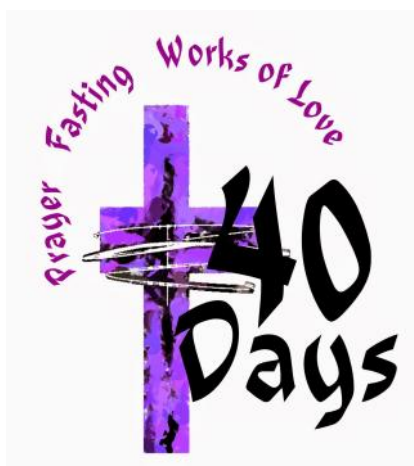
Inspired by the charism of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the mission of St. Paul Catholic School is to provide students with a foundation for life through faith, academics, and service and to assist students in developing their gifts and talents, so that they may fulfill the plan God has for their lives.

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**Eagle Update**

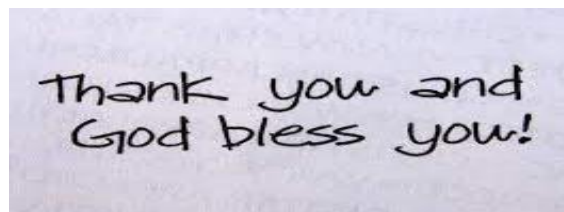
Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family

March 7, 2025



As we begin the season of Lent let us reflect on Jesus' Lent in the desert, a journey that led him through the pathways of Galilee to Jerusalem and His suffering, death, and resurrection. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of such a journey for each of us. The cross of ashes that we received on Ash Wednesday is the starting line of our journey to Easter. We encourage you and your family to read and reflect on the daily meditations, actions, and prayers in the Lenten 2025 **Living with Passion** booklet that you received at Mass last weekend.

Fasting and abstinence have always been essential to Lent. The purpose of such practices is to open us to the Word of God, to the world around us, and to our own mortality, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in us. The call to Lenten penance is a call to conversion— to a change of heart. A change that will best prepare us to celebrate the Easter mysteries. **Please refer to the parish bulletin for the Lenten regulations regarding fast and abstinence. Meat will not be served in the cafeteria during the Friday's of Lent.**



We want to thank Paul Chistolini festival chairperson, his committee, our school parents and parish members for their support and many hours of work during the festival. Please know how grateful we are for your support and commitment to Catholic education here at St. Paul's. As you know all proceeds from the festival come to the school. As soon as all expenses are paid we will notify you of the profits. We've all heard the expression, "It takes a village to raise a child", well it takes a school and parish like St. Paul's to make a successful festival!!!! God bless you!

If you worked the festival be sure to record your HOPE hours. Thanks again for all that you do for St. Paul Catholic School. We are truly blessed to have you in our school family

The Festival's 50/50 Raffle prize amount was \$4,537.00. The winning ticket was drawn under the big tent as the Festival concluded last Sunday night; it belonged to our long-time parishioners Al & Patricia McKenney. When they received word of their good fortune, they said, "We want to donate the entire amount back to St. Paul Catholic School." Wow! Such tremendous generosity! Al has been an active member of our Knights of Columbus, and Pat is a faithful volunteer in our school's clinic. We are grateful beyond measure to Pat and Al for their tremendous generosity.



**Friday**  
**March 14**  
**Field Day 8:15 AM**  
**Class T- Shirt Day**

**Stations of the Cross 2:15 PM**  
**Church**  
**Grades 2-8**  
**Parents are encouraged to Attend**

**MOMS Prayer Group**  
**on the Plaza after**  
**Morning Opening**  
**every Friday**

**March 17-21**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**LENTEN**  
**BREAK**

**MONDAY**  
**March 24**  
**Classes Resume**

**Wednesday**  
**March 26**  
**Mass of Dads**  
**8:15 Am**  
**Light reception to follow in the Cafeteria**

**Sunday**  
**March 30**  
**Spring Uniform Exchange**

**Monday**  
**March 31**  
**NJHS Tapping at Morning Opening**

**LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!**



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life remembering in a special way our alum, Kevin Buete, who is currently studying for the priesthood. We continually pray as well for our sick relatives, friends and benefactors especially, Ashley Goodbread, mother of Jacob and Charlotte; Nilda Jaynal, mother of ALP teacher, Ms. Fran Jaynal; Kelly Graham, aunt of Gracie Grove; Pat Dugan, grandfather of Luke and Brie Franks; Shannon and Chris Hand, sister and brother of our art teacher Mrs. Mandy Hand; Pam Hendry, grandmother of Mackenzie, James and Kate Williams; Kristin Bedinghaus, daughter of Title 1 teacher Mrs. Carmen Bender; Kevin Harris, grandfather of Everly and Tenlym Jordanov; Maria Swasey, sister-in-law of Mrs. Yadira Emery, teacher assistant; Wally Gill, great uncle of Josh and Asher Thompson; Ruth Butcher, grandmother of principal Mr. Butcher; Tony Mendez, husband of Mrs. Virginia Mendez, office staff; Maureen Tinneny, grandmother of Colton, Cassidy, and Leo Kraft, and Millie Price, clinic volunteer. We also pray for our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors especially Manuel Caballes Jr., uncle of Kaiden Caballes. May Manuel's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



Ask God, every day, **“What does my soul need?”** Just ask, and wait quietly, because we're very good at fooling ourselves about how we're doing. It might take several days of praying this question before we're truly open and humble enough to know the answer.

Ask God, every day, **“What about my life makes you happy?”** Yes, when God looks at your life, some parts of it, perhaps, many aspects of it brings joy to God's heart. Think of how your children or grandchildren or other people close to you make you happy. God is in relation-ship with you, which means that your sins grieve God's heart, but also that your growth and love and freedom and kindness bring joy to God of the universe. Again, you will probably need to pray this a few times before you are willing to consider that you give God pleasure, that you make God happy in any way. Stick with this little prayer and keep listening.

Tell God, and yourself, every day, **“I want to be open to the graces of this Lenten season.”** Maybe you're not open right now, or you're not as open and willing as you'd like to be or think you should be. What else is new? We can always open our lives a bit more, let go of more stuff, listen better, and do more quickly and passionately what we know helps nurture God's kingdom on earth.

(Ignatian Spirituality.com)

Hello St. Paul Catholic School Dads,

Wednesday March 26, 2025 is the final Mass for Dads of the school year. Below is a list of all the positions that we need filled for the Mass for Dads. Please respond via email if you would like to volunteer with your child(ren) for one of the below roles. We will be filling roles on a first come first served basis. If you would like to sing in the choir or play an instrument with your child(ren), please send an email to Mrs. Freitas at [dfreitas@stpaul1930.org](mailto:dfreitas@stpaul1930.org). Thank you in advance for your participation!

**First Reading:** Dad 1 & Child(ren)

**Responsorial Psalm:** Dad 2 & Child(ren)

**Prayer of the Faithful Petitions 1-2:** Dad 3 & Child(ren)

**Prayer of the Faithful Petitions 3-4:** Dad 4 & Child(ren)

**Prayer of the Faithful Petitions 5-6:** Dad 5 & Child(ren)

**Prayer of the Faithful Petitions 7-8:** Dad 6 & Child(ren)

**Prayer of the Faithful Petitions 9-10:** Dad 7 & Child(ren)

**Gift bearer:** Dad 8 & Child(ren)

**Poster maker/sign holder:** Dad 9 & Child(ren)

**Eucharistic Minister 1:** Dad 10

**Eucharistic Minister 2:** Dad 11

**Eucharistic Minister 3:** Dad 12

This is a great way to reinforce the importance of the Mass to your children and a great way to get reacquainted with the Mass if you have been away for a while.

Please contact me if you want to participate. Ideally, we will have dads with children at the Mass, but Grandfathers, Uncles, and other father figures are all welcome.

In the Peace of Christ,  
Eric

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