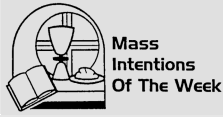


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**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. A. Marie Segawa

**Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Intentions of the Blessed Mother  
8:15 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul School Students

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Lester and Clara Hurley

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 A.M. Prayer for Vocations

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. Living and Deceased Members of the O'Brien and Thornton Families  
5:30 P.M. Hilda and Harry Keens

**Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 A.M. Ann Wasilaukas  
9:30 A.M. Intentions of St. Paul Parishioners  
11:30 A.M. Bernard Misner  
6:00 P.M. Leonard Bronikowski



I am the vine, you are the branches,  
says the Lord.  
(John 15:5)

Well over 300 parishioners completed the parish survey. Many wrote extended comments on many questions. I continue today sharing some of the input received.

People appreciate the many opportunities for service and involvement that the parish offers (e.g., Loaves & Fishes, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Haiti mission, and Green Team). One noted, "St. Paul's has more ministries than any other Catholic church I have known!" Others emphasized, though, that the parish needs to offer more opportunities for adult faith formation, that is, for study of the faith and not just for involvement in activities. "Following Jesus is more than Sunday Mass, and deep discipleship will both comfort and challenge us," one wrote.

There was general appreciation for the quality of the Sunday liturgy experience at St. Paul's. It ranked at the top level. People like the variety of musical styles available at different Masses. The parishioners indicate they really enjoy coming to Mass and singing and being part of the service. Some indicated that the servers and ministers need better training. Most people gave good marks to the homilies. But others felt the homilies could be more challenging, with a stronger emphasis on certain aspects of the Church's moral teaching.

On questions regarding opportunities for parishioners to share in parish leadership, there was a diversity of opinion. Many felt that the parish very effectively tapped the strengths and talents of a wide number of people. "Our pastor is very open to parishioner initiated ideas for ministries and improvements. The people of St Paul's have a long history of involved 'ownership,'" one commented. Another wrote, however, "Certain people seem to do everything. I'm not sure if the others don't do anything or just aren't so visible." Another lamented, "The people on leadership committees have little influence in final decision-making."

You can see there is a lot of food for thought here. I am continuing to plow through the comments, and our parish stewardship council is planning to use them for planning purposes. I'll be sharing more of the comments in weeks ahead.

Msgr. Robert C. Gibbons, Pastor

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**Priesthood ordination next Saturday.** Bishop Lynch will ordain Carl "Buster" Melchior to the priesthood on May 16, in the Cathedral of St. Jude at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Buster spent his pastoral internship year here at St. Paul's in 2006-2007, and we remember him fondly. His first assignment will be as assistant pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Largo.

**Mother's Day.** Today we remember in a special way our mothers, both living and deceased. We are grateful for



Is what I do after I say "I believe"...

**Offertory total for Sunday, May 3, 2009:**

<b>281 Envelopes.....</b>	<b>\$ 10,431.25</b>
<b>Loose.....</b>	<b>\$ 2,160.00</b>
<b>AOP (debit).....</b>	<b>\$ 8,584.33</b>
<b>AOP (credit).....</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 21,175.58</b>

*By this is my Father glorified, says the Lord,  
that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.  
(John 15:8)*

Disciples bear much fruit through sharing  
their time, talent, and treasure.

Please remember St. Paul's Church  
in your estate planning.

- Website** .....stpaulstpete.com
- Parish Offices**.....727-822-3481
- Pastoral Associate**.....Annamaria Dickhaus
- Admin. Assistants**.....Charie Wassmer & Mary Carney
- Outreach Ministry**.....Sr. Kathleen Stagnaro, OSF
- Youth Ministry**.....ext. 12
- Organist & Choir Director**.....Paul Dixon
- St. Vincent de Paul Society** .....ext. 50
- Children's Center**.....Valerie Gervais, ext. 18
- Prayer Team**.....727-894-8846 or jhdmary@aol.com
- School**.....Mrs. Elizabeth Fulham, Principal  
727-823-6144
- Counseling Ministry**.....Mary Ann Holtz, LMHC  
727-327-5045

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their tireless dedication, sacrifice and influence. Congratulations to all our mothers.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered to thirty (30) of our parish youth next Sunday, May 17, at the 6 p.m. Mass. We look forward to welcoming Bishop Lynch as celebrant for the occasion. The candidates enjoyed a retreat day here last weekend as part of their preparation.

**Daily Mass schedule changes.** St. Paul's daily Mass, Monday through Friday, will move from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for the summer months, beginning Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Effective Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Saturday morning Mass will be eliminated from the schedule. Mass on Saturday will still be available here at 5:30 p.m. (the Vigil Mass). Saturday morning Mass will remain available at five neighboring parishes: St. Raphael (8 a.m.); Cathedral of St. Jude (8:15 a.m.); St. Mary Our Lady of Grace (8 a.m.); Holy Family (8 a.m.); and St. Joseph (8 a.m.).

**Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament** including dinner and silent auction will be held on Saturday, May 16, at the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club Golf Course. Proceeds are donated to a tuition assistance scholarship program for St. Paul School. Brochures are available in the parish office. For more information call Mike Meza at 727.744.4491 or Pete Wassmer at 727.463.8040 or visit the St. Paul website. Registration deadline is May 11.

**Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training.** Training sessions for those interested in being a Eucharistic Minister (altar) or a Lector will be held in the Parish Center on: Eucharistic Minister: (altar), Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m. Lector: Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m. Please call Annamaria in the parish office with any questions or to reserve a spot for this training.



### St. Paul Says

*"...Barnabas took charge of him (Paul) and brought him before the Apostles and he reported to them how he had seen Jesus ."*

Acts 9:27

**The Men's Christ Renews His Parish** monthly alumni meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Call Don Thornton at 727.459.5755 for information.

**Memorial Day Mass.** Most Reverend Robert Lynch will be the principal celebrant and homilist at a Memorial Mass for the faithful departed on Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 5233 118th Ave. N., Clearwater. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

### High School:

**May 10<sup>th</sup>, NO MEETING!** Go spend some quality time with Mom!

### Experience the Sacraments!

**May 16<sup>th</sup>, Ordination** - Join us at the Cathedral of St. Jude as Deacon Carl ("Buster") gets ordained. We'll meet at St. Jude at 10:40 a.m. if you would like to join us!

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's Confirmation** - NO MEETING! Everyone is welcome to join us at the 6 p.m. Mass as several of our youth group teens receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

### Middle School:

**May 15<sup>th</sup> - MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE!** Join us for our last dance of the school year! We'll be in the gym at St. Paul's from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The cost is \$5. This dance is open to middle schoolers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) AND 5<sup>th</sup> graders. See the OBIC website (<http://obicyouth.catholicweb.com>) for more details.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Join us for yet another exciting night of fun, friends, and faith! We'll meet at Holy Family in the parish center from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



**Please pray for the healing of the sick**  
and the consolation of the afflicted, especially:

Msgr. Robert Gibbons	Eleanor Farrell	Marie Grilli
Patrick Burns	Andrea Thompson	Mary Lanzing
Frederick Stagnaro	Gerry Howe	Joe McCourt
Margaret Macking	Angie Engelke	Ray Victorio
Marianne Teska	Marlene Connelly	Fran Brennan
Mary Shannon	Frank Pickern	Mary Flood
Rosemary White	Carol Baer	Michael Baer

**Congratulations to Junior Spelling Bee contestants.** On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Columbiettes sponsored this Spelling Bee for St. Paul students in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Third place: Maya Byers (5<sup>th</sup> grade), Second place: Michael Davis (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and First place: Kevin Buete (5<sup>th</sup> grade). Congratulations on a job well done by all the students!

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Donations Needed.** Please remember to donate your unwanted, but in reasonably good condition, furniture, appliances, and household goods to the SVDP Thrift Store which helps feed the hungry at the SVDP Food Center. Call 727.328.2730 for pick-up. Thanks for your generosity.

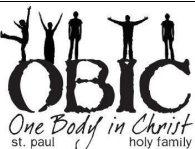
**Congratulations to James Meyer Burdian** who recently joined our faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Vacation Bible School 2009**

**Under the Big Top**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Registration is now open!**



**YOUTH NEWS**

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Children entering Pre K 4 through grade 5 are invited to participate in this fun filled week.

Groups fill up fast, so register as soon as possible. Deadline for registering your child is June 5<sup>th</sup>, or until groups are full.

**Your child must be pre-registered.**

**No late registrations will be accepted as a courtesy to those running the program.**

Registration forms are available in the church, the parish office, or on the parish website

Please call the parish office for more information.



**Green Team.** Our parish family continues to celebrate Easter season by living our *St. Paul's Catholic Climate Covenant, St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor*. Some of the responses received so far include *"The list is very enlightening, especially in the economy we are in. There is so much waste."*, and a commitment to *"Buy only what is necessary, less packaging, change light bulbs, garden, and pray."* A way to take the "Learn" step of the Pledge this week is to listen to an interview with Dan Misleh, Director of the Catholic Climate Covenant on the Catholic Radio Channel of Sirius Satellite Radio. If you need another copy and/or would like to share your Pledge commitments, please visit our parish web-site or call Mary-Jane Smith at 727.525.3640.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society.** In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

**Respect Life Bulletin Board.** God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one.

**Married Couples:** It's spring training time. Weekends devoted to the kid's baseball, gymnastics, etc. But when is it Mommy and Daddy's time? It's said the best gift that parents can give to their children is a deeply love-filled marriage. A WWME weekend is a wonderful investment in your spouse...and your children. The next WWME weekend is July 24-26. For more information call 813.270.7832 or visit [wwme-tampabay.org](http://wwme-tampabay.org).

**Take me out to the Ball game!** Support the iWait. Program of Catholic Charities by purchasing tickets to the Rays vs. Minnesota Twins game on May 30. Gates open at 2:10 p.m.; 1<sup>st</sup> pitch is at 4:10 p.m. Baseline Box tickets are \$30 and Outfield Tickets are \$19. Proceeds benefit the iWait Program helping teens in our Diocese make healthy

decisions. For tickets, contact Mark Bromley by May 18<sup>th</sup>. at [markbromley@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:markbromley@tampabay.rr.com) or 813.997.4983.

**"The Art of Giving"** presented by Interior Motives Gallery, will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 1110 Central Ave. (727.898.6061). Local artists will exhibit their "Plein Air" paintings of the scenes of St. Petersburg that we all have grown to know and love! These paintings will be available for purchase, with 50% of the proceeds to benefit Daystar Life Center at 226 - 6<sup>th</sup> Street South. Please join us as we celebrate 'Art' and 'Giving'!

**New Life Ministry.** Diocesan support group for widowed, separated and divorced. Monthly meeting Sacred Heart parish center (80<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 46<sup>th</sup> Street N.) Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. Call Jeanette Brown 727.54.-4167 for details. A \$2.00 donation at the door. Refreshments.

**Catholic Charities** is seeking an individual with previous experience teaching ESL classes to adults, certified or retired teacher to conduct ESL adult classes at various work locations. The position will be a part time position working a total of 15 hours a week. This is a temporary to permanent part time position depending on the program's outcome. If you are interested please fax your resume to Rosmer Mena at 813.558.1179 or call her at 813. 631.4370 ext 216.

**Faith Community Nursing Notes** from our Parish Nurse. As our hotter weather approaches please take care not to become overheated.

- Heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke, occur when your body can't keep itself cool.
- If you think you have heat exhaustion, get out of the heat quickly. Rest in a cool, shady place. Drink plenty of water or other fluids. Do NOT drink alcohol.
- Signs of heat related illness are weakness, headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or cramps, nausea and vomiting, worried feeling, fast heartbeat, dehydration.
- Get medical help right away if you have these warning signs: Skin that feels hot and dry, but not sweaty, confusion or loss of consciousness, frequent vomiting, shortness of breath, or trouble breathing.

How to prevent heat illness: When the heat index is high, stay indoors in air-conditioned areas when possible. If you must go outside, take the following precautions:

- Wear light-weight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a hat
- Use sunscreen with SPF of 15 or more.
- Drink plenty of water before starting an outdoor activity. Drink extra water frequently all day. Limit beverages with caffeine (such as tea, coffee and cola) or alcohol.
- Schedule vigorous outdoor activities for cooler times of the day--before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- During an outdoor activity, take frequent breaks.

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**Sacrament of Baptism:** A Parent, who is a practicing Catholic, should prepare for the Baptism of a child by contacting the parish office, preferably before the arrival of the child. Adults seeking Baptism or desiring to join the Catholic Church should call the parish office or contact a parish priest.

**Sacrament of Holy Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance. The Catholic party is expected to be attending mass regularly.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:** Those who are being admitted to a hospital should receive this sacrament at Mass whenever possible. The infirm may receive the sacraments regularly at home by calling the parish Outreach office at 727.822.3481.

**St. Paul Catholic School & St. Paul Children's Center:** Our parochial school provides an outstanding Catholic education for children from pre-kindergarten (beginning at age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our children's center provides quality day care for children age 2 and under.

**Parish Membership:** Every Catholic household is encouraged to register in the parish. You may register on the first Sunday of the month by attending the information meeting held in the Parish Center after the 9:30 a.m. mass. St. Paul's parishioners strive to be good stewards of God's gifts. Christian stewardship includes a sharing of time, talent and treasure with the parish community. Each household is expected to accept its responsibility for the welfare of the parish and its educational and charitable ministries by participation in Sunday Mass, active involvement in the parish, and by weekly use of the church support envelopes.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, May 11

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study - Gold Room
- 7:00 p.m. Women's CRHP – Blue Room
- 7:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting – Green Room

### Tuesday, May 12

- 3:00 p.m. Brownie Troop #11 - Yellow Room
- 3:00 p.m. Webelos – Craft Room
- 7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP Alumni– Blue Room

### Wednesday, May 13

- 8:15 a.m. May Crowning at School Mass
- 1:00 p.m. Legion of Mary – Blue Room
- 3:00 p.m. GS Troop #845 – Craft Room
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Social Justice Ministry – Pink2 Room
- 7:00 p.m. Men's CRHP – Blue Room
- 7:30 p.m. C & L - Pink Room

### Thursday, May 14

- 3:00 p.m. Brownie Troop #1058 – Craft Room
- 3:00 p.m. Wolf Cub Scouts - Playground
- 3:15 p.m. Rosary – Chapel
- 6:15 p.m. Tiger Cub Scouts – Yellow Room
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA - Blue Room
- 7:00 p.m. Folk Group – Church
- 7:00 p.m. Partners With Haiti - Cafeteria

### Friday, May 15

- 7:45 a.m. Mom's Prayer Group – Playground
- 7:00 p.m. MS Dance – Gym

### Saturday, May 16

- 8:00 a.m. Boy Scout Blue and Gold – Cafeteria
- 10:00 a.m. GS Campout – Grounds
- 11:00 a.m. K of C Golf Tournament - PYCC