

Mass Intentions ~ July 8-14, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — Barry Carpenter (RIP)
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — U.S. Armed Forces (Sp Int)
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Betty Ann Lockwood (RIP)
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Fr. Bruce Ball (RIP)
Friday @ 7:30 am — Nolen Hughes (RIP)
Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Fr. Patrick Noonan (RIP)
Sunday @ 8:00 am — Ed Cahill (RIP)
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Mike Brown (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

*Theresa Fluhr, niece of Maxine Miller
Tony Grice, friend of Paula Perez*

*See complete prayer list on our website
and prayer board.*

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)
Adoration this week: Monday — Friday, 8 am - 12noon

take NOTE — It's a BIG DEAL event !!!

Kayak Trip Sign-up now — All youth, 7th thru 12 grades, are invited to our Annual Chunky River Kayak Trip on **Saturday, July 20th**. We will meet at St. Paul and carpool! Single & double kayaks available. Rental includes kayak, paddle, life vest and shuttle from parking to the river. Bring your own food & drink. Contact Cory for more info — youth@spaulcc.org

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Offertory Collection for June 29/30:

General Fund = \$15,568.00 Second Collection = \$1599.00

Office phone: 601-992-9547 Summer Hours: Tues - Thurs, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; Fri, 8:00 am- noon
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Prayer for Peace by Pope Francis

Lord God of Peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, You created us and You call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division," "hatred," and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother," and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.



Our mission is to invite everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

JULY 7, 2019 ~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prayer for our Parish Renovation Project

Gracious God,

We praise You and thank You for the abundance of Blessings You have given our St. Paul family. We ask You to continue to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, and to guide our Renovation Plans. You have called us to this Mission at this time. May we hear and answer in a way that is pleasing to You.

Grant that our hearts be open to You, and that we be willing to bring this church renovation to fruition. May each of us respond in true generosity, that our church may be a beautiful place of worship built on the firm foundation set by others before us. May our participation be so generous that future generations may continue to worship and adore You here.

May our Mission to build up Your Kingdom always be foremost in our midst. May we welcome the stranger, and always share Your love with others, especially those in need. Bless the work of all involved in designing, repairing, and renovating our church home. May it give glory to Your Name.

We pray that all who join us in worship come to know a personal and loving relationship with You. May we follow where You lead. We ask this in Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Modern Journey with Jesus – His Ways & Our Waze

We have begun following Jesus' journey to Jerusalem as recounted by Saint Luke's Gospel. Ordinary Time marks this journey from June 30, beginning with Luke 9:51-62, and ending November 17 with Luke 21:5-19. This closes out the Liturgical year and prepares us for Advent.

Fr. Gerry invited us to really engage on this Journey of Jesus over the next 21 weeks. It is not a pretty journey. We can't fool ourselves into thinking this was a vacation for Jesus – one last Spring Break trip before going home to His Father. There were so many obstacles in the way. Jesus was met with rejection, hunger, confrontation, disrespect, demands..... much like our own, everyday journey with Jesus. We envision our good selves turning to Jesus, smiling, and saying, "Take me to Your Father. I am ready to follow You. Let's go!"

That is a beautiful start, but it's not that clean, simple, and easy. We, too, are met with countless obstacles – many of which have become such a part of us that we no longer even see they are blocking us from being close to Jesus. This brings to mind the Waze APP – a free app millions of people have on their phones to help navigate traffic, and get where they are going as quickly as possible with the fewest possible obstacles.

Here's how the developers explain their own service:

"Waze is all about contributing to the 'common good' out there on the road. By connecting drivers to one another, we help people create local driving communities that work together to improve the quality of everyone's daily driving. That might mean helping them avoid the frustration of sitting in traffic, cluing them in to a police trap or shaving five minutes off of their regular commute by showing them new routes they never even knew about."



The information found on the APP is continuously changing as online map editors update routes, and as active users add their own comments as they are traveling along. This all happens in real time – but it's not necessarily all real. One of the Waze catch phrases is, "Traffic sucks. Know what's ahead with real-time help from other drivers." There is even a carpool option where you put in your anticipated route and search for a ride with someone going the same way, or search for passengers to pick up and split the cost of the trip. Waze appeals to those who want to help the environment and put fewer cars on the busy city roads.

This all sounds pretty great, doesn't it? And, it easily relates to our journey with Jesus – it's better together. We can learn from other fellow travelers what's ahead, and we don't have to go it alone. Just as Jesus taught His disciples – go in pairs, send someone ahead to prepare a place. The sticky part of both our "Waze journey" and our "Christian journey" is in the obstacles. We are met with the same types of things Jesus was met with on His final journey to Jerusalem. Some of the obstacles are put there by well-meaning friends who think they have a better way, but in fact they are mistaken or just want people to follow them. Other obstacles are put in our way by people who do not have our best interest at heart and may want to throw us off course. You can wind up on a wild goose chase. In the Waze APP, you're likely to see a notice of tigers and sharks in the road, an accident that never happened, or be redirected through a small town to increase business for the local shops.

(more on the next page)

So, on our Christian journey, how do we know what really lies ahead? How do we decide who to travel with? Who will be the ones I trust to help me? There really isn't a litmus test for authentic Christianity and, contrary to what some would like us to believe, there isn't a certain look that marks an authentic Christian. As fellow commuters, we do want to contribute to the 'common good' by connecting with other travelers. We find each other through the Holy Spirit. Our hearts know Him and each other.

We know we are authentic traveling companions by our 'ways' — — — —

Are we trying to teach the way,
or trying to live the Truth?

*Do we continue to deepen our own
relationship with Christ, or feel we have done the work
and found the answers?*

*Are we working to avoid the obstacles,
or living the experience with the Lord as our guide?*

*Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

Staff Contact Information

The Church office now has a new email system. We will no longer be using the email addresses ending with @saintpaulcatholicchurch.com

The updated email information for all Staff members is as follows:

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