

**Mass Intentions ~ October 8-14, 2018**

Monday @ 7:30 am — Patrick Hurley (RIP)  
Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — Communion Service  
Thursday @ 7:30 am — Communion Service  
Friday @ 7:30 am — Francine & Bubba Gilmer (RIP)

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Mary Null Hammond (RIP)  
Sunday @ 8:00 am — People of the Parish  
Sunday @ 10:30 am — Kenneth & Tommy Mitchell (RIP)

**Adoration this week:** Mon—Fri 8am-12noon  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat 4:30-5:00 pm

**New Prayer Requests**

**Special Intentions:**

Angela Phillips  
Sally Jordan      Blanche Stauss  
Marion Viberg      Hugh Pickett

Ethan Gaspard, great-grand nephew  
of Jane & Rodney Hipp

See website & prayer board for full prayer list.

**Altar Flowers this week are donated in memory of Bill Trout, donated by Roni Trout.**

**Blessed Mother Flowers this week are in memory of Joan McGraw, donated by the Pipitone Family.**

**New Announcements**

**No Ministry Fair this year** — In an effort to move our parish into a more meaningful experience, we are working on a new plan. We ask everyone who is currently serving in a ministry to stay on the schedule for now, even though your two-year commitment will be fulfilled at the end of October. There will soon be an opportunity to move into a new ministry. Thank you.

**Sunday, October 7th at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm — Life Chain** on the corner of North State St and Fondren Place in Jackson.

**Saturday, October 13th at 3:00 pm — Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima** in the Chapel in conjunction with 23,000 other groups across the US seeking a return to love of neighbor and country, morality, healing, and courage.

**Sunday, October 21st at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm — St. Anthony Catholic School Open House** St. Anthony educates children from four-year-old pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. Contact: Michele Warnock mwarnock@stanthonyeagles.org.

**Saturday, October 27th at 7:00 pm until — 5th Annual Trunk or Treat** presented by the Knights of Columbus. They are looking for big trunks and little trunks to help. Sign up at the information table or email phil@cranstonemail.com.

**Reminders**

**This Weekend — Second Collection for 2018 Disasters** to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church.

**Saturday, October 13th — 33rd Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build** Sign-up this weekend at the table near the office area. Our parish will help with the build and provide food items. We will also have a Second Collection for Habitat next weekend. Contact Lonnie Graeber with any questions at l.pgraeber2@comcast.net.

**Tuesday, October 16th — RCIA begins!** Register online.

**Tuesday, October 23rd — Discovering Christ begins!** Register online.

**October 7, 2018**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Greetings!**

The focus of this week’s bulletin is the financial health of St. Paul Catholic Church. Included you will find a brief financial statement, along with some disturbing data about our giving habits. While St. Paul is financially sound, with an average annual surplus each year over the last three years, we continue to have a major deficit in our generosity. Of the 1,092 registered families at St. Paul (however, the actual number of active parishioners is probably closer to 750/800 households) only 216 (19.8%) contribute regularly. This does not include cash contributions which are not identified to a specific donor. Of those who do contribute, the vast majority (70%) give less than \$2,000 per year (less than \$40 per week).

Giving to the Church is not a matter of meeting the Church’s temporal needs, but of providing for her spiritual growth along with opportunities for religious education, outreach, maintenance, and expansion. More importantly, each of us is encouraged to give because God has given to us so generously. Considering all that God has been doing at St. Paul in the past few years — ChristLife, Small Groups, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to name a few — this opens up special reasons for us to give generously and joyfully. Why? Because, “much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.” (Lk 12:48b)

The enclosed report is submitted on behalf of the Finance Council of St. Paul which is made up of volunteers. The council meets once a quarter to review the financial position of the parish, and to help all of us be better stewards of the resources entrusted to St. Paul. Members of the Council include: Leanna Torres (President), Craig Ellmo, Michael Kimbrell, Pat Taylor (Accounting), Fr. Gerry Hurley, Pat Scanlon, Michael Luley, Gretchen Ware, and Dcn. John McGregor.

Thank you for your participation and engagement with us in our attempts to build up the Kingdom. Hopefully, we will continue our growth in wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of where He is leading and guiding us as family.

—Fr. Gerry & Dcn. John

**Church website: [www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com](http://www.saintpaulcatholicchurch.com)  
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We have 1092 registered families yet,  
an average of only 216 families contribute weekly.

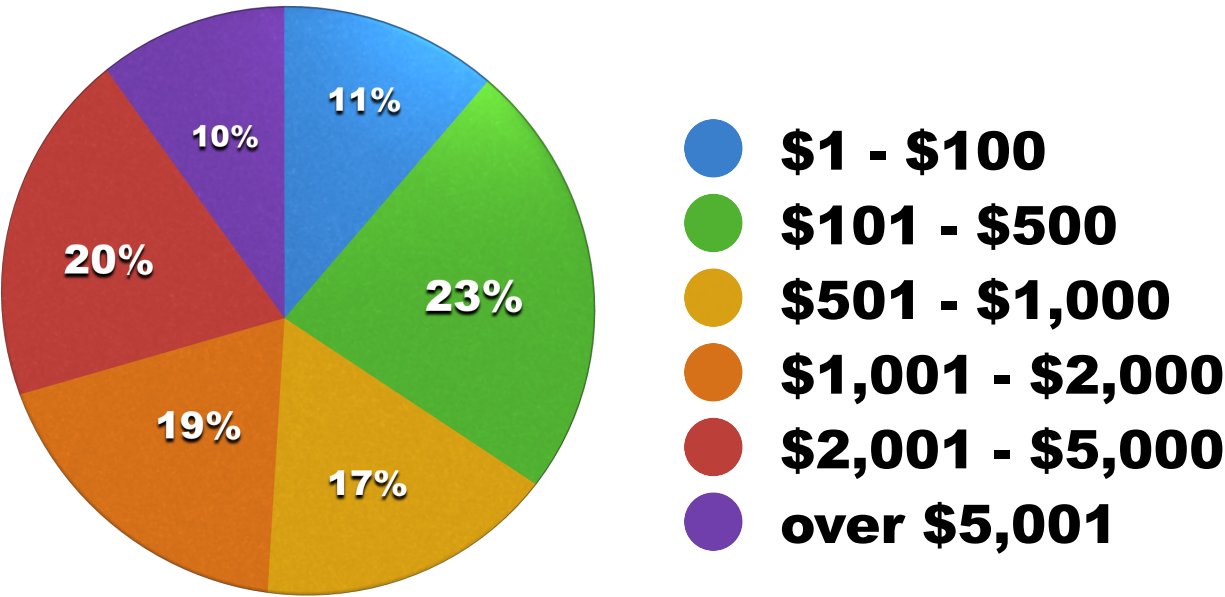
Of those average weekly contributors:

- 34% of the Families gave less than \$500 in 2018 or \$10 or less each week.
- 36% of the families gave between \$500-\$2,000 in 2018 or \$10- 40 each week.
- 30% of the families gave over \$2000 in 2018 or at least \$40 or more each week.

	ACTUAL FY 2017	ACTUAL YTD FY 2018	BUDGET FY 2018
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,359,873	\$1,432,615	\$1,504,500
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$808,145	\$903,214	\$999,720
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS)	\$551,728	\$529,401	\$504,780

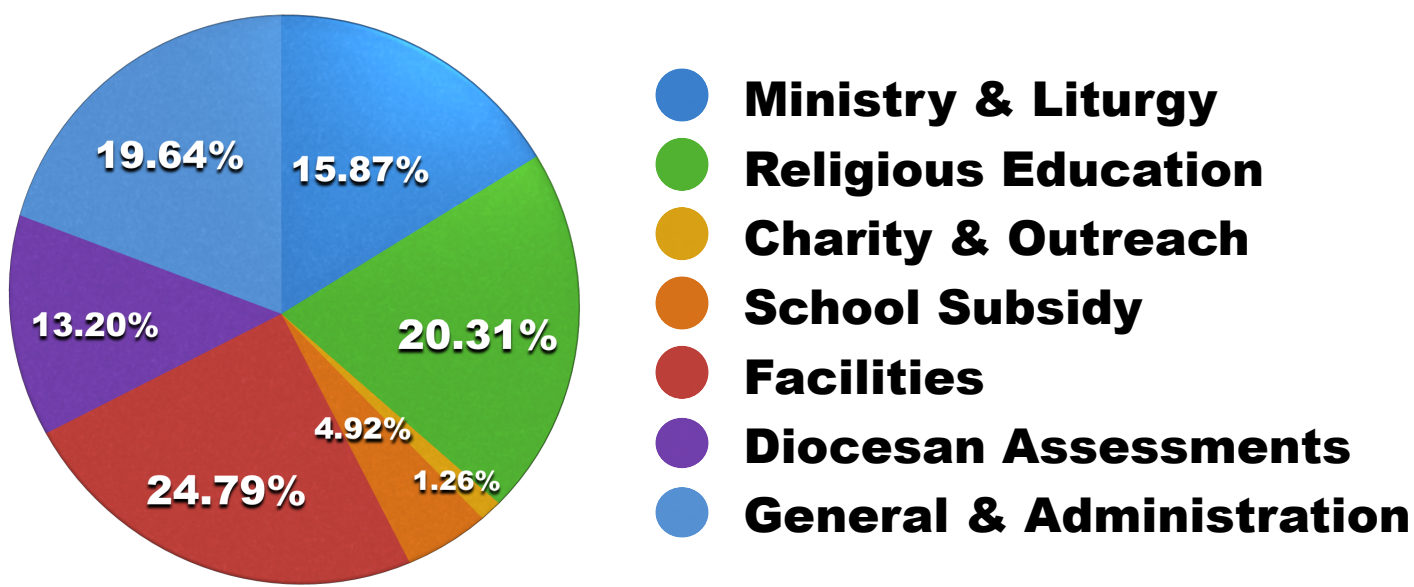
% of Families  
Contributing in 2018

Annual  
Contributions



Allocation of  
FY 2018 Expenses

Breakdown of Expense  
Categories



**PARISH INFORMATION FOR FY 2018**

CURRENT # OF FAMILIES REGISTERED — 1092  
BAPTISMS — 26      FIRST COMMUNIONS — 15      CONFIRMATIONS — 13  
RCIA — 15      MARRIAGES — 2      FUNERALS — 20  
STUDENTS ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS — 25  
STUDENTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — 246  
TEACHERS FOR RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM — 24  
FULL-TIME STAFF — 6      PART-TIME STAFF — 4

MONTHLY EXPENSES: \$83,310      WEEKLY CASH NEEDS: \$19,225

CASH BALANCES	6/30/17	6/30/18
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$106,410	\$249,560
SAVINGS	\$1,776,572	\$2,262,648
TOTAL CASH	\$1,882,982	\$2,512,208