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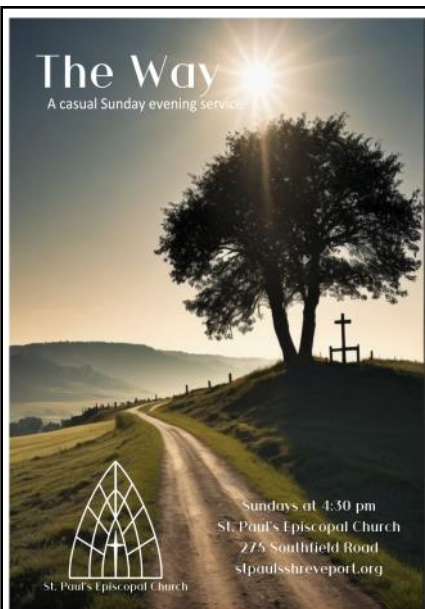
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Living the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

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The Way, our casual Sunday evening worship service, returns August 17.

Is Summer Over Already?



Peaceful reflection in the Querbes Garden.

A new program year is upon us; where did the summer go?!

We begin to ease into the year on August 10 with Backpack Sunday. Teachers and students are invited to bring their bags and backpacks to the 10:30 service for a special blessing and to receive a tag for your backpack.

On August 17, our 4:30 pm service, The Way, returns. If you've never attended this service, consider trying something new! The Way is an unplugged, casual service in the Chancel (or Memorial Courtyard, weather permitting) with terrific music that will remind you of Camp Hardtner or Cursillo!

The EYC holds their annual Back-to-School lock-in on August 22 in the McRae Lodge. This is always a special and fun time for the youth.

August 23 brings our fourth annual Liturgical Ministry Mash which is a gathering of all our liturgical ministries such as worship leaders, ushers, acolytes, choir members, altar guild, etc. for the purpose of reviewing procedures, training new volunteers, and sharing lunch together. If you are interested in joining any of the liturgical teams, this is a great opportunity to explore those options!

September brings the return of Sunday School, Wonderful Wednesday, and the Healing Service, but first, if you're interested in becoming more involved in the life of the church, plan to attend our Discovery Zone on September 5 at 5:30 pm. A different kind of ministry fair, the Discovery Zone will enable you to explore up close and personal the myriad ministries we have here at St. Paul's. More information will be forthcoming! You won't want to miss it!

Our church is stronger and our faith is deeper when we participate in the life of the church. From liturgical ministries, to discipleship opportunities, to community theatre and activities for families, there is a ministry that fits you! Sometimes we feel like we can't fit one more thing into our busy schedule, but maybe this is the time to slow down, take a breath, and try something new this year!



A Message from Fr. Michael

A Note on the Stained Glass Windows



I am in receipt of a lovely note from Ann Thorp Bryant whose parents were Ann and John P. Thorp, and who were early members of this church. Ann wanted to share this copy of the history of our stained glass windows, just in time for our 75th anniversary. She notes in her letter that originally the two windows were not stained glass, but the church was too hot so “a decision was made to collect donations for the stained glass windows.” Ann traveled from her home in Texas to join us for the Pentecost celebration! I transcribe the letter here for easier reading and am thankful to Ann for sharing this with us:

The Design of the East Window: The center window has the figure of St. Paul, the Patron of this church, writing his letters. To the left of St. Paul, we have the dove for the Holy Spirit. In the top section, we have the Hand of the Creator. In the center, we have the built-in cross for Christ our Redeemer. Together we have the Holy Trinity.

The left section starts at the bottom with the book and lamp for teaching and wisdom. Then comes the cross with the Alpha and Omega, for Chris is the beginning and the end. The next symbol is the chalice and the bread for the Eucharist. After this, we have the Helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit. Then we have the Sheild of Faith. The last symbol on this side is the Ten Commandments and Chi Rho which symbolize the old and the new law.

The right side starts at the top with the crown and the palm symbolizing eternal reward. The next one is the cross, anchor and overflowing cup which stand for faith, hope and love. Then comes the torch and food basket symbolizing serving and sharing. The following one is the symbol Chi Roh for Christ. The last one is the sword and the three fountains for St. Paul's martyrdom.

In the extreme left corner, we have Christ, the Paschal Lamb (Sacrifice); and in the extreme right corner, we have the Resurrection with the symbol of the Phoenix.

The Design of the West Window: The center window has the Figure of Christ, blessing the bread. To the right of Christ, we have the chalice for the Eucharist. In the top section, we have the pelican feeding her young. This is the symbol of the Atonement.

The left section starts at the bottom with the birth of our Savior, with the Manger. Then the Baptism of Christ is next with the shell and water. After this, His first miracle—marriage at Cana—is symbolized by the crocks and interlocking rings. Next, we have the Sermon on the Mount, with the book and the Cross of the Beatitudes. The last symbol on this side is the wheat which symbolizes the Bread of Life.

The right side starts at the top with “I am the Vine,” where we have the grapes. The next one is the Fountain of Life. Then comes Christ, the Healer. Here we have the olive branch and the cross. The following one is for “I am the Fisher of Men”, symbolized by the net and the Chi Rho. The last one is for Passion, with the cross and the cloth.

In the extreme left corner, we have the symbol— “The Church guided by the Holy Spirit,” and in the extreme right corner we have the Mission “I go and preach to all nations,” showing the Globe with a cross on top. Across the Globe, we have a banner with the four crosses for the four Gospels.

Blessings,

Michael+

Parishioner Spotlight: Carol Moloney



Carol Moloney has been a St. Paul's parishioner since 2022 but has been a member of the Episcopal congregation for many years. With her quiet, gentle smile, Carol always has a kind word, a positive attitude, and is always willing to step in and help wherever needed. She volunteers for VBS, is a regular helper with the Tuesday Common Ground group, serves on the Outreach Committee, and is the incoming chairman of the Altar Guild for 2025-26. On Wonderful Wednesdays she is usually in the kitchen helping clean up! Generous, selfless, and kind are words that come to mind when you think about Carol, and what a blessing she is to St. Paul's.

Stewardship

Sharing the gifts we have

Make a Joyful Noise: Organ Restoration Update

Restoration of our Cassavant pipe organ is nearing completion!

You may have noticed sounds from the organ that haven't been produced for many, many years. Colby Organ Company has been restoring and repairing the instrument which was custom built for our church in 1962 by Cassavant Organ Builders of Montreal, Canada. Colby has spent the past several months removing, overhauling, and repairing hundreds of pipes that are housed behind the screen on the south wall of the church. Many of the pipes have been reinstalled and very soon all of this work will be complete.

The cost of this total restoration is right at \$600,000, much of which has been raised through donations by generous donors. In addition, we received a \$75,000 gift from the diocese toward our efforts. At this point we are about \$167,000 short of our goal.

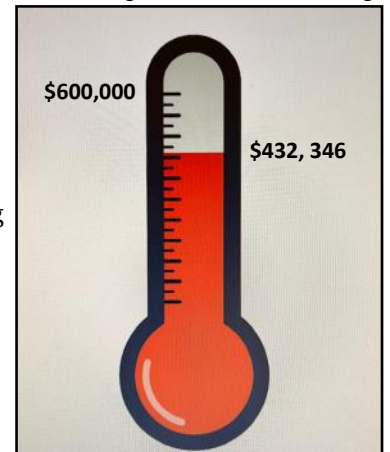
Every single donation helps move us closer to our fundraising goal; no amount is too small. Whether you make a large, one-time gift or a small gift, or a pledged amount paid in smaller increments, it all helps push us closer to the goal and is a beautiful and lasting gift to the church.

The Country Store in November has been designated as a fundraiser for the organ restoration. There will be booths selling baked goods, knit and crochet items, jam and jellies, artwork, woodworking items such as birdhouses and yard art, candles, and plants, among other wonderful, hand-crafted items. In addition, we will be selling the original, folding wood chairs used in the Parish Hall worship services.

A rededication concert is scheduled for September 20 with our own Liz West and other guest organists, at which time we will dedicate a plaque recognizing the donors which will be installed near the organ console in the Chancel. What a blessing it would be if we could celebrate both the full restoration of our organ and a completed fundraiser for the repair!

Please prayerfully consider making a donation toward our fundraising goal if you are able.

St. Paul's Organ Restoration Fundraising



We have raised about 75% of our goal for the organ restoration.

Giving Statements

Pledge statements have been mailed for giving through June 30; please check your statement and report any inaccuracies to the office.

If you would prefer to give your pledge via automatic draft, please call Pat in the office with your information and we can set that up for you with the bookkeeper!

Ministry Spotlight: Altar Guild



The purpose of the Altar Guild is to assist clergy in preparing for Sunday, weekday, and special services. They work quietly behind the scenes caring for the altar linens, priest's vestments, vessels, bread and wine used for services as well as preparing altar flowers for distribution to parishioners. It is the Altar Guild that prepares the beautiful cornucopia at Thanksgiving and adorns our church with poinsettias at Christmas and lilies at Easter. Both the funeral guild and the flower ministry are a part of the altar guild. The Altar Guild is always open to new members, both male and female! If you are interested in joining or want to learn more, please contact Carol Moloney or Terry LeGrand.

Worship

Liturgical Ministry Mash



There are so many working parts in creating a beautiful and meaningful worship service that from time to time it is helpful for all ministry participants to get together to practice and discuss our various roles.

On **Saturday, August 23**, at 9 am, we will hold our fourth Liturgical Ministry Mash. If you are involved, or wish to be involved, in any part of the

service, you are invited. This includes acolytes, altar guild, worship leaders, ushers, and vergers.

We will meet in the church for practice and discussion followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful event to get to know fellow liturgical ministers, ask questions, enjoy fellowship, and talk about how we can best create beautiful and meaningful worship for everyone.

Daughters of the King Induction



Our newest members of the Daughters of the King will be inducted on **September 7**. The DOK is composed of women who have made a commitment to prayer, service, and evangelism.

After a period of learning and discernment, members are fully inducted into our Mary Gertrude Querbes chapter of the DOK. If you'd like more information or are interested in joining, reach out to Amanda Martin, or call the office.

Altar Flowers

August 3: To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family and our St. Paul's family, by Gary and Gail Whitener.

August 10: To the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband of 40 years, Dr. George Seiden, by Rebecca Seiden.

August 17: To the Glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary and of our family, by Caldwell and Deedy Roberts.

August 24: To the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for my family, friends, and for the extended time given to me in this life, by Emilie Anne Ostendorff.

August 31: To the Glory of God and in celebration of our wedding anniversary, by Bill and Susan Sherwin.



Feast of the
Transfiguration

Wednesday
August 6
5:30 pm

Holy Eucharist
Chapel

Altar Guild Word of the Month



Sacristan: A person who works in the sacristy, the room for storing and working with the various items needed for the liturgies and worship of the church. Such items include the vessels, vestments, books, bread and wine, and candles. (Source - *Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*).

While it is an old-fashioned word, an individual

member of a parish's Altar Guild might be called a sacristan. Early monasteries always had members whose job was to serve as sacristan.

The ministry of St. Paul's Altar Guild is open to any member of our church (male or female) who would like to assist with caring for and setting up the holy vessels and linens of the altar. New Altar Guild members receive one-on-one training followed by hands-on experience with one of four teams. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Carol Moloney at 225-362-2783, or Terry LeGrand at 318-573-2233.

Sunday Lectionary

August 3: The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49: 1-11;
2nd Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11; Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

August 10: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; 2nd
Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

August 17: The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82; 2nd Lesson:
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

August 24: The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; 2nd Lesson:
Hebrews 12:18-29; Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

August 31: The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

1st Lesson: Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; 2nd Lesson:
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Families, Children, Youth

Discovery Zone is Coming in September



Our ministry fair this year looks a little different. In an attempt to make more meaningful connections and to better assist those

who want to learn more about opportunities to serve, we offer The Discovery Zone!

The event will be Friday, **September 5** at 5:30 pm and will feature a brief overview of each of our five ministry areas, music, dinner, activities, discussion, and door prizes!

Designed specifically for those who are perhaps looking for a place to serve, a ministry or group to join, a way to be more active in a way that best suits you, The Discovery Zone aims to be a fun evening of fellowship and learning.

St. Paul's offers many opportunities to serve and to be involved, from liturgical ministries like Altar Guild and ushers, to discipleship ministries like teaching Sunday School. Ministries in Parish Life include the card ministry, pastoral care, and the guilds. If you are more interested in outreach, we offer the Tuesday Common Ground ministry and Meals on Wheels, among others.

We have over thirty ministries at St. Paul's!

Becoming involved in ministries at church offers numerous benefits, including strengthening faith, building community, and making a positive impact on others. It provides opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals, grow spiritually, and discover one's purpose within the church community. In short, it can be satisfyingly fulfilling!

So, if you think you might want to learn more about serving or volunteering, plan to attend Discovery Zone.

If you have questions, contact Michelle Boyd.

EYC Lock-In August 22

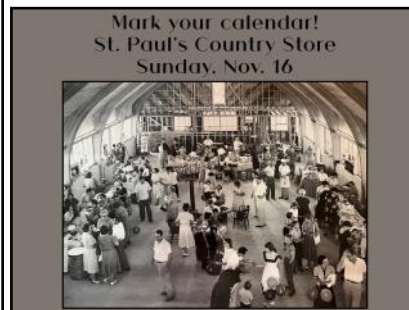


The new school year is upon us and the EYC plans to get ready with their annual Back-to-School lock-in on August 22 in the McRae Lodge.

The teenagers will spend time in worship, playing games, fellowship, and of course snacking!

Under the leadership of Kim and Will Duncan, the lock-in is always a highlight of the EYC year.

Country Store Reminder



Mark your calendar!
St. Paul's Country Store
Sunday, Nov. 16

The 75th Anniversary Country Store will be here before you know it and time is running out to get those creations done!

The Country Store is a fundraiser for the organ restoration and our booths include: sweet shop, knitting and crochet items, crafts and art, woodwork specialties, greenhouse, a "blessed boutique" which includes items like Anglican prayer beads, crosses, etc., and a creative lagniappe booth, and more.

Remember, Paul Moore is in Gary's Workshop (by the Scout Hut) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings if you want to work on a woodworking project.

You may bring your creations by the office anytime.

Backpack Sunday is Coming



Even though it seems we are in the heart of summer, backpack Sunday is just around the corner!

On Sunday, **August 10**, students of all ages are invited to bring their bags or backpacks for a special blessing at the 10:30 service and you'll receive a beautiful tag for your backpack.

August

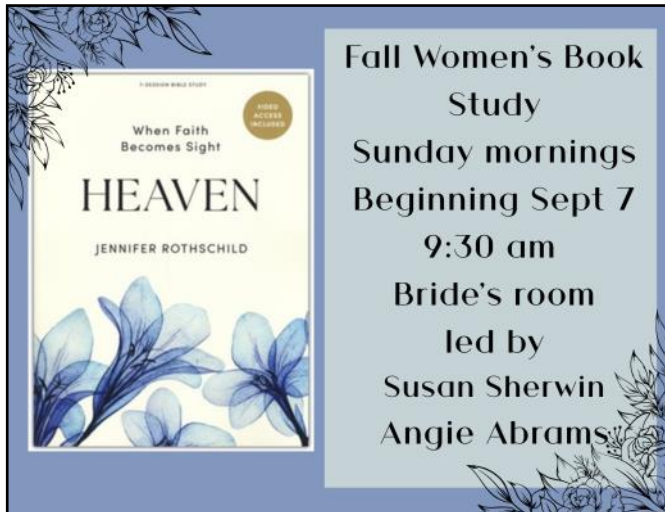
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Discipleship & Christian Education

Fall Women's Book Study



Susan Sherwin and Angie Abrams will lead a new women's book study this fall around Jennifer Rothschild's book, *Heaven*. Rothschild explores the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective. She separates what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses. As you walk through the study, you'll not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children, but also learn how to live with confidence today as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits.

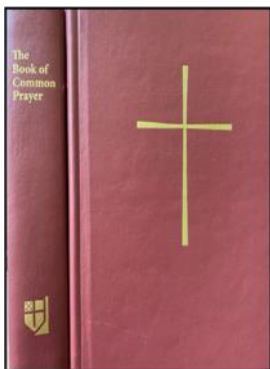
Sacred Ground



In coming weeks you will hear more about the Episcopal Church's [Sacred Ground](#) series; Levi Brendle will be facilitating the program for St. Paul's. Sacred Ground is a film and readings based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. Sacred Ground is part of Becoming Beloved Community, The Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. Participants are invited to peel away the layers that have contributed to the challenges and divides of the present day – all while grounded in our call to faith, hope and love.

Catechism Class Begins in September



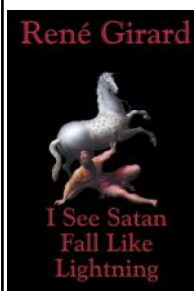
Beginning on **September 14**, Fr. Michael will be teaching a 10-part series to prepare attendees for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows by Bishop Owensby in December.

The weekly classes will meet in the Bride's Room. These classes are appropriate for baptized persons who wish "to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and

commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism" or to be officially received into The Episcopal Church from another tradition.

We will explore Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, creeds, prayer and worship, Sacraments, church history and governance, and faithful living. Please call or email the office to register. Classes will be at noon with lunch provided.

What is Fr. Michael Reading?



Fr. Michael always has a book in his hand; what is he reading right now?

His current book is [I See Satan Fall Like Lightning](#) by René Noël Théophile Girard, who was a French-American historian, literary critic, and philosopher of social science. Girard holds up the gospels as a mirror to reflect our broken humanity and, in the same frame, they reveal the new

reality that can make us whole. Girard looks at the Bible as a map of human behavior, and sees Jesus Christ as its compass, pointing us in the right direction regardless of where we start. The title echoes Jesus' words (Luke 10:18): I saw Satan falling like lightning from heaven. Girard persuades the reader that even as our world grows increasingly violent the power of the Christ is so great that the evils of scapegoating and sacrifice are being defeated even now. A new community, God's nonviolent kingdom, is being realized.

Mission and Outreach

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer



The second season of the St. Paul's Players closed in July with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: the Broadway Musical*, produced by Amber Shaye.

Joshua Jackson was brilliant as Tom Sawyer and his sidekick, Huck Finn, was played by Rachel Williams. The play was filled with singing, dancing, fence-painting, a scary cave, and at least one kiss.

Set in 1840 Missouri, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer the Broadway Musical* is the tale of young Tom Sawyer and the never-ending mischief of which he so often finds himself a part; whether it's matching wits with Aunt Polly, tricking his friends into whitewashing a fence for him or narrowly escaping the clutches of a murderous villain. Along with his best friend, Huckleberry Finn, and his love interest, Becky Thatcher, the greatest Tom Sawyer exploits were plucked from the book and onto the stage.

In addition to enjoying a great play, attendees were also treated to a delicious homemade dessert! All proceeds from St. Paul's Players productions benefit our mission trips to South Dakota.



St. Paul's Day School Kicks off a New Year



St. Paul's Day School is ready to begin their 73rd year of learning, growing, singing, praying, and fun!

The teachers have been in and out of classrooms all summer getting ready for the new year.

The school is a half-day preschool, providing early childhood education for children ages 2-1/2 to 5.

At St. Paul's Day School, we believe that each child is a unique gift of God, with boundless energy and infinite potential. The teachers know that a child's preschool experience can influence the way he or she feels about school and learning for many years to come so the goal is to provide a happy, positive, and fun learning environment.

The program provides opportunities for physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual growth. The goal is to help foster in each child a healthy self-esteem and a love of learning.

Led by Principal JoAnn Rose, St. Paul's Day School enjoys a reputation as one of the preeminent pre-schools in the city. Throughout the year children enjoy daily activities, chapel, and play time but the special events stand out as well. The older graduates that return for a special chapel each May often cite the creative leprechaun traps and the runaway Gingerbread Man as events they will never forget!

Space is limited! If you are interested in claiming a spot for your child, call or text JoAnn at 318-458-0809.

Parish Life

Coffee Hour Celebrations



Elizabeth Broadwell celebrates 7-years!

Everyone enjoys coffee hour but how much more exciting would it be if coffee hour was a celebration, or quiet observance, of your birthday or anniversary?!

Birthdays and anniversaries are a great reason to sponsor coffee hour. If you would like to provide a cake or cookies, or some other treat, for coffee hour one Sunday, call and let the office know and we will put you on the schedule.

Wonderful Wednesday Returns September 10 and King's Club Too!

All Hands on Deck!
Wonderful Wednesdays returns
Sept. 10



Start Planning for Trunk-or-Treat



EYC 2023

August might seem too early to start planning for Trunk-or-Treat, but you may have heard, this is our 75th Anniversary year, so we are doing trunk-or-treat in a big way with decades themed trunks!

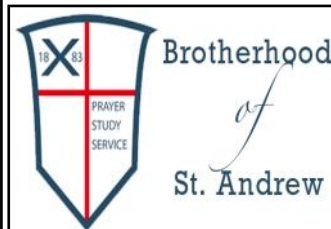
Are you still holding on to your bell-bottoms and disco music? Then the 1970s might be for you!

Are you more of a ponytails and pedal pushers type while spinning Bobby Darin tunes on your record player? You might be doing a 1950s trunk.

An 80s kid? Big hair, neon colors, and Nintendo games while listening to Prince or Madonna might inspire your trunk.

The possibilities and fun are endless and of course, there will be a prize for the best trunk. Start planning now!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew Cookout



The August meeting for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew is going to be a cookout, Friday, August 15 in the Parish Hall. All men and boys of the church are welcome!

On the menu this month will be burgers and sides, and there will be a guest speaker for the program.

The group meets monthly, alternating cookout one month with breakfast the next. Chapter president, Jerry Bagwell, has more information!

Vestry Highlights for June

- The diocese has forgiven half of our \$150,000 loan for organ restoration; we now only owe \$75,000 to the diocese which we are in process of repaying.
- Vestry approved a motion for a new sound system for the church to replace our outdated analog system which is in poor repair with a new digital sound system.
- VBS in May was joyfully attended by 49 children and was organized by Michelle Boyd; numerous adults and teenagers volunteered to make the week a success.

Prayers

We pray for the Family of St. Paul's. For the sick: Evan Eakin, The Babington Family, Bishop Jake and Joy Owensby, Jackie, Lynn, Ty and Kellye Badon, Jim Taliaferro, Glenda Young, Julie Rose, Kenny Vasquez, Heather Garraway, Richie Self, Ward, Barbie Cannon, Corey Gabler, Alan Prater, Marlyn Monette, Ivy, John Pat Frost, Billie, Rob, Laura Kirspel, Fr. David Greer, John Greer, Paul Tatom, Judy Boogearts, Bill and Chris Ostendorff, Mary Virginia Hill, Ron Snelling, Gary Whitener, Nan Colgin, Maggie McElroy, Mike Herriage, Emilie Anne Ostendorff, Tom Ostendorff, Bob Kopp, Stephen Roberts, Peggy Byerly, Steven Pell, Mary Helen Byrum.

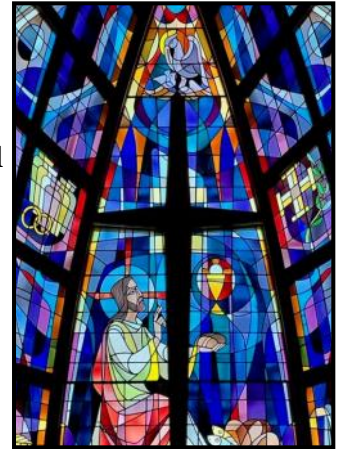
We pray for our military: Aaron, Amanda, Chris, Clark, Cody, JanRay, Jason, Levi, Michael, Shaun, Steven

We pray for our missionaries: Tom and Robin Wilson

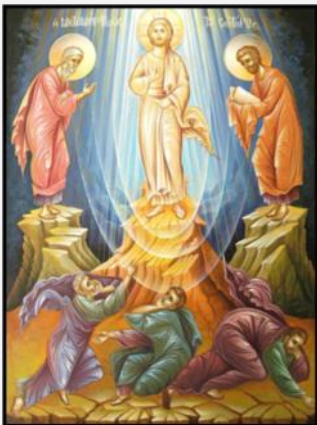
We pray for the faithfully departed: Nancy Babington, Addi Baquet, Joyce Badon

We pray for our expectant mothers: Brittanie Carpenter

We pray for the Anglican Communion, Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, and Sean, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church USA; Bishop Jake Owensby and his wife, Joy; Bishop Moises, Bishop of the Dominican Republic, our companion diocese; St. Matthias, Cherident, Haiti, and Pere Jacob; the President of the United States, Donald, and we pray for Fr. Michael, our Rector, the clergy, the people, and the ministries of St. Paul's.



Collect for August 6: The Transfiguration



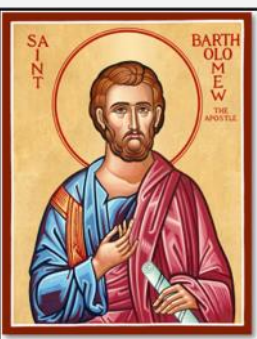
O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for August 15: St. Mary the Virgin



O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for August 24: St. Bartholomew

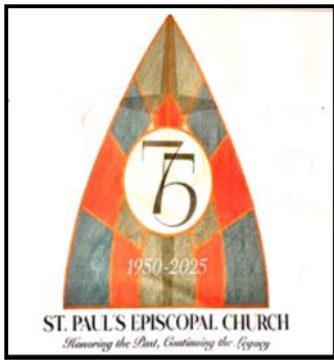


Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer our Schools



O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, and especially St Paul's Day School, that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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