



St. Paul Parish

Established 1839

October 3, 2021



1836

1846

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	6:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wed-Sat	8:30 AM

ADORATION

Tuesdays	5:00-6:00 PM
Thursdays	6:00-8:00 PM

CONFESIONS

Thursdays 6-7 PM
 Saturdays 4:00-5:15 PM
 And by appointment or drop in at the office as Father is available.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism - Marriage
 Anointing of the Sick—Funeral

Contact Father Baier
 (503) 633-4611

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Administrator	Father Scott Baier
Sec/Bookkeeper	Kelly Mullen
Finance Council	Phil Mahony, Chair
Pastoral Council	Andrea Sonnen, Chair
Development	Laurie Nicklous

ST PAUL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Principal	Amanda Davidson
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Welcome to St. Paul Parish. We extend our hearts and hands in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God you are with us. To become part of our parish family, or if you have updated information, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Visitor I would like Father to call me
 Interested in parish ministries I would like weekly offertory envelopes

Saint Paul Parish - October 3, 2021
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for October 3-10, 2021

10/3	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
10/4	Mon	NO MASS	
10/5	Tue	6:00 PM	No Mass
10/6	Wed	School	No Mass
10/7	Thu	8:30 AM	No Mass
10/8	Fri	8:30 AM	+Georgie Higson
10/9	Sat	8:30 AM	+Tom Schomus
		6:00 PM	+Alice Regla
10/10	Sun	9:00 AM	People of the Parish

Collections
September 26
\$1,034

ALTAR DECORATORS
October 9
Theresa Wolf &
Nancy Davidson

*If you would like something included in the bulletin please suggest it by noon on Tuesday.
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This Week's Faith Formation Schedule

Adult Confirmation—No Class

RCIA—No Class

BEGINNING TODAY- High School Confirmation - Sunday, October 3, 10:15AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish groundskeeper/maintenance—The parish is looking at the possibility of hiring a groundskeeper for general mowing, edging, weeding, pruning, of the parish lawns (not including the cemetery). The position could also include some work around the parish and school as needed. This is a part-time position, starting at 8-12 hours a week. Please contact the parish if interested— via email or phone.

GOING DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH—Join Father twice a month at 9:15 am after the Saturday morning Mass to study for about an hour about your faith. This year we will study the papal encyclical Lumen Fidei, and the Gospel according to John. We'll meet again on October 16 and October 30.

MEN'S GROUP—. We will gather once a month in the parlor of the parish office at 7:30 am with coffee and adjourn promptly for the Mass at 8:30 am. **We will begin on October 9th!**

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN—Father Baier is offering some family catechesis and preparation for first reconciliation and first communion throughout the year after Mass from 10:15-11:00am. In addition to prayer and understanding the sacraments, we will also spend some time looking at and understanding the parables of Jesus. We will meet generally every second and fourth Sunday, starting **October 10**. Please let Fr. Baier know if you have an interest in attending. Classes would be with parents in attendance.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT—Unhealed effects from abortion experiences do not have to compound the extraordinary stress in countless lives right now. The power to resolve abortion-related trauma and grief are found in an upcoming Project Aurora sponsored Rachel's Vineyard Retreat near Eugene October 19-21 (weekdays) or in Portland: November 12-14, 2021. For more information e-mail info@project-aurora.org, call 541-942-2861, or visit www.project-aurora.org and www.rachelsvineyard.org.

from the desk of Father Baier...

This Monday I'll leave for the yearly convocation in Newport with the priests and bishops of the Archdiocese. I'll be back Thursday. I always enjoy and benefit from this time with my brother priests and our Archbishop. This year we will be working with Dr. Bob Schutts who is all about healing the whole person. Like all of us, priests can have wounds from childhood or from ministry that need healing. There is the saying hurt people hurt people, but healed people heal people. I never want to become a priest who hurts others. That is why I take these healing retreats so seriously, it is a chance to face our doubts, our mistakes, our own wounds and to realize God's love for us in the midst of them. I went on a healing retreat with Dr. Bob several years ago and it was good for me, I welcome that he will be presenting to the whole of the Archdiocese.

Facing one's own wounds can require courage. Courage is the third cardinal virtue that I have covered here in these writings. Courage can also be called fortitude and it helps us overcome the fears and difficulties of life. Courage gives us energy, resolve, the willpower to move through the difficulties we encounter in life. Having courage doesn't mean that you don't have fear but rather that you are able to overcome your fear through courage. In fact if there were no reason to be afraid, it would be difficult to measure your courage. Courage has two aspects to it. We can be patiently enduring or we be daring. We need both. Sometimes we have to endure something, such as pain with great courage. When I was in high school I broke my back and the vertebrae began to slide. It was very painful. I did my best to endure it with courage. Other times we need to be daring. Growing up I wasn't very daring. However in college I took up rock climbing and had to force myself to do some daring moves, sometimes hundreds of feet above the forest floor. Climbing, I learned that sometimes you have to be daring to overcome your fear. Not, however, that we should be too daring, or bold. That is foolhardy, not courageous.

As a community we need courage. A few weeks ago I preached about welcoming the stranger, about how we as a community when we see someone new should introduce ourselves and treat them as anyone else. That very same Mass as I was processing out I saw a Hispanic family who I knew had lost their son last year in an accident. After Mass they sat on a bench apart and no one really approached them or welcomed them. I was disappointed, but I realize that we need the virtue of courage to do such things, especially when there is a language divide. Lord, give us courage to do the right things and to make the right choices.

God's peace,
Fr. Scott Baier

As a gift to the parish for my arrival, (Friday marks 3 months here at St. Paul Parish) I had a painting commissioned by an artist, Isabel Jennings. Can you guess who the person is in the painting? He just fell off his horse, although it isn't a bronco! Yes, it is St. Paul on the road to Damascus. Isabel worked hard on this painting and especially on the face of Paul. I asked her to consider the question, where is the grace in the image? Certainly there must have been a lot going through the mind of St. Paul as he went blind there on the path to Damascus, and as he heard the voice of the Lord speaking to him. I need your help figuring out where this painting should go! It needs a good frame too. I am thinking either in the entry way to the parish offices or the vestibule of the Church. I hope to hear your thoughts. I'm grateful to be here serving you as your priest! Blessings!

Painted by Isabel Jennings
2021

