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ST. PAUL CHURCH IN FLORENCE, KY

MARCH 2019

Lent

Breaking Down the Bible with Father Trinity & Deacon Tom

Join Father Trinity and Deacon Tom every Monday during Lent beginning March 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Topics of Apologetics with Father Michael

Father Michael Barth will be presenting Topics of Apologetics with responding to Challenges to Catholic Faith. It will take place during Lent every Wednesday beginning March 13 after the 7:15 p.m. Mass (8 p.m.) in the Church.

Wednesday Night Mass

Every Wednesday during Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7:15 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, come together for Holy Hour followed by Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:45 p.m.

Jewish Roots of Christianity

Join Dr. Alma Burnette on Thursday evenings in Lent starting March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Room 170 as she discusses the subject: THE LAMB SLAIN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD (the Jewish concept of collapsing of time).

Stations of the Cross/Reconciliation

Every Friday in Lent starting March 8 at 7:30 p.m., bring your family to church and renew your understanding of the sacrifice of Jesus. Make this a new Lenten tradition. Reconciliation will be offered from 7-7:30 p.m.

Fish Fry

Every Friday night during Lent (Except Good Friday), Dine In or Drive Thru the Fish Fry from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Cash and credit card accepted. The Fish Fry is sponsored by the St. Paul Boosters Organization. The weekly menu is posted at stpaulnky.org/school/boosters/fish-fry/.

Encounter Lent: Rice Bowl

Join our St. Paul Parish in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the Gathering Space. During the 40 days of Lent, use this time to encounter your neighbor as a family.



Wednesday,
March 6

MASS TIMES

8:15 a.m.

12:10 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

Pasta with a Purpose!

The St. Paul PTO would like to send out a big, huge THANK YOU to our Community!

Thank you for the donations of cakes, cookies and sodas! Thank you to all those who donated their time to set up, clean up, cook and man the different stations. Thank you to LaRosa's on Mt. Zion for donating the sauce. Finally, thank you for joining us for lunch. We hope you enjoyed the Pasta with a Purpose as much as we did. The funds raised will go towards the kitchen upgrades.



**ST. PAUL PARISH 2018-2019 MIDYEAR
FINANCIAL REPORT
INCOME**

	<u>July 2018 – Dec 2018</u>
Offertory Collections – Sundays and Holy Days	\$ 353,265
School Fees	
Tuition, books, library, cafeteria, etc.	\$ 708,377
Boosters/PTO Contributions	\$ 8,915
Other Fees – Rel. Ed, Sunday-School, Youth, etc.	\$ 6,851
Fund Raising (after expenses) – Bingo, Festival, Hall Rentals	\$ 20,326
Diocesan Collections	
Represents 6 yearly and any special collections	\$ 41,332
Interest Earned	
Checking acct, Savings acct, CD's, etc.	\$ 29
DPAA Rebates	\$ 128,746
Specified/Restricted Funds/Bequests	\$ 8,323
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,276,164
EXPENSES	
Pastoral Service – Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$ 104,899
Worship - Salaries, supplies, equipment, music	\$ 35,424
Religious Education	
REC, Pre-School, VBS, Children's Liturgy of the Word	\$ 27,272
School and School Plant and Maintenance	
Teachers/Administrative and support salaries, supplies, utilities, cafeteria	\$ 770,942
Christian Service & Outreach	
Bereavement, R.C.I.A., Faith Formation	\$ 18,912
Rectory - Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$ 13,335
Youth - Salaries, supplies, equipment	\$ 24,558
Church Plant and Maintenance	
Salaries, utilities, insurance, repairs	\$ 34,646
Diocesan Collections	
Represents 6 yearly and any special collections	\$ 41,332
Diocesan and Secondary School Assessment (6 months)	
Money paid to Diocese based on parish income (church expense)	\$ 45,530
Money paid to Diocese based on tuition income (school expense)	\$ 60,644
Other – Loan Interest, Capital, etc.	\$ 8,444
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,185,938
FROM BALANCE SHEET:	
Diocesan Loan (12/31/18 Balance after DPAA Rebates applied: \$21,254)	\$ 150,000
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOAN	\$ 1,335,938

—DEFICIT \$59,774—

Note: To cover above deficit, we did a short term borrowing of \$72,314 from committed funds

**Dear People of St. Paul Parish,
MIDYEAR FINANCIAL REPORT –
JULY 2018-DECEMBER 2018**

We are humbled by the amount of the DPAA contributions from our parish families. Because of your generosity, the diocesan loan taken out to cover payroll in summer 2017 has been paid in full in January 2019. On this midyear financial report, you see the total rebates of \$128,746 reported as income and the diocesan loan reported on the balance sheet. Payments on the loan are not reported on an income statement but, to project an accurate picture of cash flow for the parish, we are showing the loan on this report.

In years past, the school's parent organizations—PTO and Boosters—have covered many school expenses and this year is no exception. In the past, the PTO has assisted in paying for textbooks, fine arts program, and the Mary statue. Boosters have helped maintain the Carlin Center by painting and adding new scoreboards. Both organizations played a vital role in updating technology for the school—computers, SmartBoards, Wi-Fi, infrastructure. In the third quarter, both Boosters and PTO have again stepped up to the plate to help offset some of the school expenses that exceeded the school revenue. Those contributions will be reflected in the next report. The Boosters made a contribution to “pay for a teacher.” St. Paul PTO is reimbursing for technology expenses incurred as a result of a computer virus. Both organizations have fundraised and contributed to much needed appliances for the cafeteria. These appliances benefit not just the school but the entire parish. Fish Fry, Festival and other parish events use these appliances. Thank you to all of our parish families for making these contributions. And, thank you to our parent organizations for their continued efforts of fundraising to offset costs. Watch for coming news on the Fish Fry, the Annual Flower Sale and the Boosterthon (formerly Walkathon).

As Father Barth has previously explained, the tuition paid for a child to receive a Catholic Education only covers a portion of the overall cost to educate each child. This is true for all schools in our Diocese, and others, and has been the case for many years.

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Each parish and school addresses their deficit individually. Several factors can impact this decision including the size of the parish, number of students in the school and the resources available in the parish and community. St. Paul Parish always assisted in offsetting the deficit and plans to apply up to \$125,000 for the fiscal year. The remainder needs to be made up by additional resources and lies in the hands of the school. For years, various fundraisers have been put in place to offset the total cost of providing Catholic education. Several of us may remember selling candy bars, magazines and wrapping paper when in grade school. This was to assist with the deficit. These types of fundraisers are currently not pursued at St. Paul but have been reconsidered as St. Paul School is closely reviewing the budget and exploring and planning additional opportunities to assist with the cost of providing our children with a Catholic education now and in the future. St. Paul Parish remains committed to the apostolate of the school now and for the foreseeable future.

St. Paul Bingo's last night was December 18, 2018. The decision to close our long running bingo was not easy but unanimously recommended by the Finance Council because of declining revenue, several weeks in which there was a loss and not a profit and other factors. Our bingo revenue for the midyear mark was \$4,931. In comparison, bingo generated \$26,147 by December 2013. Many thanks again to our long time bingo volunteers and captains, Dave Bennett and Julie Keyser.

St. Paul Preschool continues to thrive and grow. The preschool is at near capacity and expect potentially to add another classroom next fall.

In an effort to keep the parish informed, quarterly financial reports will be printed in The Link and the year end in both The Link and bulletin. If you have questions regarding the financial information listed here, please feel free to call the office.

St. Paul Finance Committee

Rev. Michael D. Barth

Judine M. Hooker, Comptroller

The Practice of Offering a Mass for Someone

By Fr. Trinity Knight

Every Mass that is offered at St. Paul, whether on Sundays or weekdays, has a specific intention attached to it. It is a very old tradition in the Catholic Church to have a Mass said for someone or for a special intention. In January of 2018, Becky Roach wrote the article "5 Things You Need To Know About 'Offering A Mass' For A Loved One" for the website catholic.org in which she explains the importance and benefits of this practice. Here are excerpts from her article:

"A Mass can be offered for a person who is still living.

Though we often think of having a Mass said for those who have passed away, Masses can be offered for those who are still alive. The Council of Trent says that Mass may be said "for the living and the dead, for sins, punishments, satisfactions, and other necessities." In other words, if you know someone who could benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf, there is no need to delay in doing so.

You can have a Mass said in Thanksgiving or for a celebration.

Again, most people remember to have a Mass said for the death of a loved one and a few may think to have a Mass offered for a special intention or friend who is suffering, but rarely do we think of having a Mass offered for a celebration! Is there a better way to show our gratitude to God? Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered!

Because the Mass is the highest form of worship on Earth, there are many fruits and graces that result from having a Mass said."

The process for having a Mass offered for someone or for a special intention is as simple as contacting the main office here at St. Paul and requesting the date. You can call, email, or stop by and speak to the secretary any time the office is open. Masses are celebrated every day of the week (usually more than once) and there are several openings for specific intentions. The usual suggested offering for having a Mass offered is \$10, but please don't let the cost prevent you from requesting a Mass.

Ms. Roach concludes her article with this great statement from Pope St. John Paul II: "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice." We look forward to hearing from you in order to include your special intentions in our celebrations!

For Becky Roach's full article: <https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=76729>

****DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ST. PAUL'S SILENT AUCTION****

St. Paul Festival's Silent Auction is asking for your help. Look around your home. If you have any large baskets and/or new or like new items taking up space, please consider donating them to the Silent Auction. If you have a business, maybe you would like to advertise by donating a basket or items for a basket. Maybe you and your co-workers would like to donate or sponsor a basket. Your group's name will appear on the basket and on signs around the Silent Auction. You may drop your donation off in the St. Paul's Gathering Space (please mark it for the Silent Auction and put your name on it) or call me and I will pick it up. Judy Kidwell 859-393-5601.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 -
February 2
#CSW19

Catholic Schools Week was filled with excitement, fun and snow days! The students enjoyed treats and different themes each day. Check out some of the fun during Crazy Hat Day, Jamming in Our Jammies and Drop Everything and Read when students dressed up as their favorite book characters!



Our own Chloe H. was on the Cover of the Community Press/Recorder: Catholic Schools Week edition!



During Catholic Schools Week and the following week, students participated in the Pennies for Patients. All of the money collected for this fundraiser will be given to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. LLS is known for funding groundbreaking research to find better treatments and cures, but they do so much more! They provide free information, education and support services for those who have been impacted by blood cancer. As a school, we raised **\$1,067.68!**



SCHOOL RETREAT DAY?

By Kosi I., St. Paul Student

Retreat day is a time where the students of St. Paul School can go around to different classrooms and learn about a topic. This was our second retreat day this year. This trimester's topic was



CREATE!! The topic of the whole year is Imagine, Create, Innovate. Teachers split all of the students up into ten groups. For each group, there was a Bible name such as "House of Joel." To start off the retreat day, the students and teachers go to church. Then, after church they go to the gym to start off with a whole school activity. Most of the time the students will have at least 6 classrooms to go to. Inside of each classroom, there is a group of 8th graders who talk about the topic of the trimester. After the 8th graders talk about the topic, they make up an activity so the students can show what they have learned. The students also have lunch as a whole school. The 8th graders sit with their 1st grade buddies while the rest of the school eats with friends. After lunch, the students start another round or they go outside for recess. Once we finish the rounds, we go back to the gym to do a special activity. Some of the teachers who helped put together our retreat day were: Miss Kelly, Mr. Ravenscraft, Mrs. Boland, Mrs. Keyser, Mrs. Frahm, Mrs. Addington, and Mrs. Gabbard.

STUDENTS VS. 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

By Isabella C., St. Paul Student



When you hear the kids on the bleachers screaming, that's when you know it's time for the annual volleyball game. It has been a tradition for St. Paul to have a staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game for a long time. All of the 8th graders

dress up in silly attire. This year's 8th grade team captain was Matthew R. The two groups played 4 games. The first game the teachers won. The second and third games the eighth graders won. Then on the fourth game, the teachers won. In the end, it was all tied up.

GREAT JOB 8TH GRADERS!!

WAY TO GO ACADEMIC TEAM??

Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade Academic Team!! Our Panthers did an AMAZING job at the District Competition and came in **1ST place!!** Many students placed very high on the individual tests as well! Way to go Panthers!



PANTHER-BOTS WENT TO STATE?

It was another successful season for the St. Paul VEX IQ robotics program. For the past several months, STEM concepts were learned and applied to design, build, program, and compete with a robot. The five elementary students also boosted their teamwork, competitiveness, perseverance, communication, project management, and critical thinking skills. At their first tournament in Stamping Ground KY, the rookie Panther-Bots team won the Design Award and was one of the top teams in the driving matches. The Panther-Bots then won the Excellence Award for the best all-around elementary team at the Jefferson County tournament. Both awards qualified the Panther-Bots for the VEX IQ Elementary State Championship on February 16, where they competed against the top 32 teams in Kentucky. Congratulations to the St. Paul Panther-Bots!



St. Paul Families for Life— *Every Life: Cherished * Chosen * Sent*

By Marla Kelly



Leading cause of death across the entire world - 42 million children each year. 1.2 million children die each year in the US. Abortions happen in our community, our neighborhood
Shawn D. Carney – 40 Days for Life

GREATER CINCINNATI 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN: The campaign starts Wednesday, March 6 and lasts until Palm Sunday, April 14. With all that is happening in states like New York, Vermont, Virginia, we as Catholics need to be bold in our stand for Life. Please offer an hour or more during Lent to pray before the Cincinnati Planned Parenthood facility or join members of St. Paul at the following scheduled date/time: Wednesday, March 13 @10:00 am and Wednesday, April 3 @ 10:00 am. These are peaceful and prayerful times to help move people's heart. Go to the Cincinnati 40 Days site, <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cincinnati/> to sign up for a date and time. (If you join the St. Paul team, you do not need to sign up.) We pray, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our area — and beyond.

KY LEGISLATIONS: Several Pro-Life bills have been introduced in the Kentucky Legislature. You can keep abreast of these through the KRLA - Kentucky Right to Life site (<https://krla.org/>)

- SB 9 - The "Heartbeat" bill - require a person who intends to perform an abortion to determine whether the unborn human individual has a detectable fetal heartbeat; prohibit a person from performing an abortion before determining whether the unborn human individual has a detectable fetal heartbeat; prohibit a person from performing an abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat; provide exceptions for medical emergencies. The bill passed the Senate 2/14/19 and was sent to the House.
- SB 50 - Abortion Pill Reporting Requirements - require a report of dispensing a prescription for RU-486 ...or any other drug ...intended to end a pregnancy to the Vital Sta-

tistics Branch within 15 days after the end of the month. This passed the Senate in January (28 to 9). Was sent to the Health and Family Services on 2/6/19.

- HB 5 - No abortion for discriminatory reasons - based on sex, race, color, national origin, or disability. The bill has been reassigned to the House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee, which easily passed SB9 to the Senate Floor for a vote.
- HB 148 - Ends abortion. The bill creates a trigger so that if the Supreme Court either overturns or alters Roe v. Wade, it would be illegal for someone to perform an abortion in Kentucky. The bill passed the house 69-20 with 11 members absent.

The following is from the USCCB publication Another Look At Abortion. The entire document can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/2018>

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

Love them both! Support women who need help during and after difficult pregnancies through the work of your diocesan Respect Life office and local pregnancy care centers. Educate yourself and others about struggles some experience after abortion, and find out where to refer those seeking help at www.hopeafterabortion.org. If you feel called to support your local ministry, contact your diocesan Project Rachel Ministry office for ways you might help.

Stay informed about key federal legislation and the voting records of your elected representatives by visiting www.humanlifeaction.org and www.usccb.org/prolife. Stay updated on state issues by signing up to receive information from your state Catholic conference or diocesan pro-life office.

Most importantly, pray daily for the end to abortion, that all mothers and children experience the loving support of the Church community, and that all who suffer after abortion find healing and peace.

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Youth Room Renovation!!

By: Gavin Bonar, Youth Minister

Members of RECHARGE, also known as Youth Group, have been hard at work this past month! With support from the youth group, generous donations of paint, and a successful coffee shop fundraiser, they were able to freshen up the new Youth Room in the Parish Center! As a group, we went to shop for items to make the Youth Room feel like a home away from home. I'm proud of the work they've accomplished!

Stop by and see the newly renovated Youth Room!



ST. PAUL SCIENCE FAIR

The following students placed and received honorable mention:

1st place - Stephanie R.

2nd place - Anna Q.

3rd place - Samantha F.

Honorable Mention:

Kiely G., Jaden W., Joel L. & Cameron L.

Stephanie and Anna will represent St. Paul in the Diocesan Showcase in March. Congratulations to all!



News from St. Henry District High School

By: Maggie Tagher

There have been so many things going on at St. Henry this month as we continue in the second semester. It is a crazy time of the year with students taking the ACT and seniors making college decisions. Then, it just gets busier when we add on other responsibilities as students like sports and extracurriculars! But we can handle it, and all of the extra things going on at school make the hard parts easier.

This month we celebrated Catholic Schools week where the entire school participated in so many activities! We honored different aspects of our schools each day including the teachers, parents, and students. We got to write thank you letters to our teachers and parents for all that they do for us. We also had days with themes such as twin day, mathlete vs. athlete, and pajama day. The students' favorite day is always pajama day because we all get to school early while students council makes pancakes for the rest of the students! Another event that we had was a Mass celebrating the sisters, priests, deacons, and consecrated women in our community. All of the students loved this part of the week because it was announced that we received a day off school from the bishop!

We also had many festivities involving Valentine's day. First, the seniors' special first Friday lunch was Valentine's themed. The lunches on the first Friday of every month allows all seniors to eat together, and the cafeteria workers prepared us some amazing treats for Valentine's Day. It was awesome! Student Council also organized a fun project where students were able to buy carnations with notes attached to them to send to someone on Valentine's Day.

Finally, our sports are doing great as basketball, cheerleading, bowling, and swimming finish out their seasons with tournaments and regional/state meets. Now, our spring sports like track and tennis begin their seasons with tryouts and initial practices!

A New Translation of the Psalms

By Fr. Trinity Knight

This year, the beginning of Ordinary Time marked an important change at St. Paul. While the changing of liturgical seasons involves many changes, i.e. colors, décor, themes, there was an additional change that you may not have noticed. With the new season, we have begun to use a new/updated version of the Psalms that are sung during Mass. In 2011, the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) approved a new version of the New American Bible. We are happy that we have now had the opportunity to implement this new version in our parish liturgies.

The article "Revisions of New American Bible set for March 9 release" by Sarah Hayes published in *Our Sunday Visitor* in January of 2011 states, "Nearly two decades in the making, a newly revised edition of the New American Bible will allow Catholics to read the Old Testament and Psalms in language that is a more literal translation of ancient texts." Although the complete revision has been approved by the bishop's conference, to date, only the new version of the Psalms has been approved for the liturgy. The article continues, "the revised edition employs the best manuscripts that are available today, many of which were discovered after the 1970 edition of the NAB was translated, with an emphasis on consistency in translating words and rendering the text in modern English."

It may seem strange that this process has taken so long. Someone could easily ask if it really needed to take twenty to thirty years to comprise a new translation and why has it taken so long to implement the changes. In fact, as I once found out while working on a translation project in an Old Testament class, it is actually amazing that this new translation of the Psalms was completed so quickly. This work is very tedious and must be done carefully by experts in this field of study.

We are thankful that we can now enhance our liturgies with this new translation, and we are grateful to Mr. Steve Mason and our talented choir members who have worked to bring us this enhancement. We look forward to hearing this new version sung by the heavenly voices in our choir loft!

For Sarah Hayes full article, go to <https://www.osv.com/RSS/365DaysToMercy/TabId/2752/ArtMid/21013/ArticleID/8388/Revisions-of-New-American-Bible-set-for-March-9-release.aspx>



NEW PARISHIONERS

Miss Solange Biayi
Miss Helene Ngoya
Mr. & Mrs. Aaron and Bridgette Hardy and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew & Hannah Hayden and Family
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Allie Ramshaw and Family

DEATHS

Mrs. Anna Yaegel (January 24)
Mr. Robert Collett Sr. (February 14)

BAPTISMS

Kylah Jean Reed-Pendleton
Daughter of Marcey Reed & Michael Pendleton
Brogan Bradley Slusher
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Slusher



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If you are unable to send via email, please drop off a copy at the Parish Office.

The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Monday of each month.

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