

# St. Paul Catholic Church

August 17, 2025

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Next Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Friday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> at 8 am

**Confession:** By appointment. Please call the rectory to schedule. Reconciliation is also available on Saturdays 4 - 4:45 pm at St. Mark in Eddyville.

**Church website:**  
<https://stmarkeddyville.weconnect.com>

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**Mission Statement:** Let us experience a change in every moment of our lives for the better and touch the lives of other people whom we meet every day



### Mass Scheduled Intentions + Deceased blank Living

Monday, Aug. 18	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday, Aug. 19	<b>St. Mark 5 pm</b>	Charles Gaylord
Wednesday, Aug. 20	<b>St. Paul 6:30 pm</b>	Karen Elder +
Thursday, Aug. 21	<b>St. Mark 9 am</b>	Karen Elder +
Friday, Aug. 22	<b>St. Paul 9 am</b>	Bruce Gaylord
Saturday, Aug. 23	<b>St. Mark 5 pm</b>	Julius De Craene+
Sunday, Aug. 24	<b>St. Mark 8 am</b>	For the People of our Parishes
	<b>St. Paul 10 am</b>	Michael G. Gabolt+

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30

Today's readings are difficult to hear. As we suffer hardships on our journey to the Lord, may God's word encourage us to never give up.

Jeremiah lives in a very difficult time for the kingdom of Judah. The kingdom is growing weaker and weaker. Eventually it would fall to the Babylonian army during the reign of King Zedekiah. Before that point, Jeremiah saw the nation collapsing and identified two major evils: idolatry and injustice. He condemned the people for their unfaithfulness to the LORD, who saved them, and warned them of God's justice, which he warned would lead to their nation's destruction. Naturally, the king and princes did not appreciate his negativity, going so far as to say that he was demoralizing the soldiers and therefore acting treasonously.

Interestingly, it is a foreigner who saves Jeremiah's life. Ebed-melech, a native of Ethiopia pressed into the service of the king, cannot stand to see this prophet starved to death. He speaks up courageously, not knowing if the king would accept the objections of a slave to something he allowed to happen. Here, then, is an example of the power of one voice speaking out for justice and mercy.

Weeks ago, we heard Jesus send the disciples out two by two to heal the sick, drive out demons, and attract disciples in his name. The disciples did so and returned to the Lord rejoicing. Jesus could be pleased that they had taken those lessons to heart so well. But on the other hand, they cannot come to terms with his warning that he—the Messiah—would suffer greatly, be killed, and be raised on the third day.

Today we hear Jesus challenge his disciples, sounding like he would wish it would happen already so that they might finally understand. He had, after all, been born into this world in order to suffer and die for it. The baptism he describes is his death, which is necessary for his resurrection, which is necessary for our redemption. Until this is all accomplished, his mission is incomplete, no matter how many are healed, comforted, or transformed.

## Prayer Requests

**St. Paul:** Tracy Hadlock, Michael Gray, Liam Stevenson, Lee Weidner, Paul Corder, Pam Childress, Emily Stolz, Robert Peek, Troy Jewell, Jason Goodwin, Iris Brandon, Sandy Haberlock, Laura Jean Basso, Christa Strong, Teresa Boyd, Rodger Rush, Norm and Millie Thomas, Max Reil, David Cansler, Jean Dunathan, Matthew Schalk, Margot Shirley, Kendra Redd, Teresa Angelilli, Rick Bennett, Mary Reil, Beth Berton, Lewis Wurtman, Ronald Weidner, Mary Cheeseman

**Both Parishes:** People of Western KY, Theresa Weidner Griffith ***Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers:*** Barb Adams, William Moertl, **and all those living in nursing homes. *Pray for our military and their families***, especially Monica Dukes, Tucker Pittmann, and Jack Rooyackers.

**St. Mark:** Paula Phillips, Chris Bode, David Russell, Barbara Hughes, Joe and Wanda Loftus, Karen Finnegan, Mary McTiernan, Will Jones, Tom Johnson, Chris Davies, Mary Huhnke, Gail Biskupich, Terry O'Neill, Curtis Fritz, Kathleen and Alan Dale, Zane Pierson, Makenna Finnegan, , Matt (in MI), Chuck Thomas, Rose Oliver, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Ann Munn, Roy Maynard, Pat Merimee, Wendy Welter Teller, Kevin Stuckner, Jim Dunning, Joe Merimee, Teresa Fuhrman, James I. Hosey, Mawn Family, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Gerry Maynard, Jan Piche, Jim Eich, Karen Reibel, Kenny Pierson, Lonnie O'Neill, Maggie Pierson, Margie Hibbard, Marie Berger, Reese McCartney, Richard Berger, Ron Eich, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire, Terence Carlin.

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## Happy Birthday!

Maria Medina Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

Sandra Weston Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>

Herman Berton Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>

## Happy Anniversary!

Suzanne and Earl Rush Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - 34<sup>th</sup>

George and Sharon Barber Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - 54<sup>th</sup>



Ray and Brittani Weatherspoon Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Matthew and Mary Schalk Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>

## Save the Date!

Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> - **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** **not** a holy day of obligation

Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - **K of C Installation of new members** at St. Paul

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup> - **Western Kentucky Jubilee of Hope Pilgrimage** For more information and to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/202508wkyjubileepilgrimage>.

**Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** 5:30- 8:15p pm KY Dam Convention Center **HOPE CLINIC Annual Banquet-**

Come enjoy dinner and hear about the work the HOPE Clinic does to support pre and post - natal babies and moms. If you would like to come, let Regina Hosey know ([reg8926@gmail.com](mailto:reg8926@gmail.com) or text (931) 801-6514).



In honor of Blessed Fr McGivney's feast, Blessed Trinity Council is conducting a membership drive this month.

Inspired by Blessed Michael McGivney, St. Joseph, and our four principles – **charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism** – our international community of Catholic men comprises more than two million men who wish to grow in faith. Knights support each other and lead our families and parishes through action. We empower men to become better husbands, fathers, and disciples of Jesus Christ.

All practicing Catholic men, eighteen and older, are invited to join our council. You can join online by visiting [www.kofc.org/join](http://www.kofc.org/join) and use **Council 15181** as your preferred council. Use promo code **'BLESSEDMCGIVNEY'** for free membership or contact George Barber at (270) 625-0269. There will be an installation ceremony for new members on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of August.

**WELCOME!** Please see Fr. Brad or Kathy Talley to register. If you are a current Parishioner, but have a change in contact information, please tell Kathy Talley [kfct@umich.edu](mailto:kfct@umich.edu) or **(270) 625-3433**.

**Baptism:** Please contact the Pastor for scheduling of Baptism. One-month notice is required.

**Matrimony:** Please contact and make an appointment with the Pastor for scheduling a wedding. At least six months is needed for preparation.

Please contact Fr. Brad at **(270) 365-6786** for **Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or Pastoral calls** to the sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

**Bulletin Announcements** should be sent directly to Regina Hosey at [reg8926@gmail.com](mailto:reg8926@gmail.com) or by text (931) 801-6514, **no later than Tuesday evening**.

**DIOCESAN POLICY:** A full explanation of the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns can be found in the revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which is available in the oak book shelf in Fr. Brad's office at St. Mark, on the bookshelf in the back of St. Paul, and online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>

St. Paul		Altar Server	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Eucharistic Ministers	Counters Financial Rep.*
<b>Sunday 8/24</b>	10am	Colin	Bob Hayes	Weston Family	Deacon Paul George Barber Suzanne Rush	Bob Hayes* Mike Wasielewski

### Queenship of Mary

On August 22nd, Catholics worldwide celebrate an extraordinary coronation – not of an earthly monarch, but of a humble girl from Nazareth who became the Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The *Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is a relatively recent addition to the Catholic calendar, established in 1954 by Pope Pius XII. But why would the Church crown the mother of Jesus as a queen?

This feast, closely linked to the Assumption (August 15th), paints a transcendent picture of Mary's journey. Tradition holds that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken body and soul into heaven – a prelude to her coronation as Queen of all creation.

Mary's royal title isn't mere flattery. It's rooted in ancient Hebrew tradition where the mother of the king held a position of unique honor and influence, as exemplified in [1 Kings 2:19](#) when King Solomon honors his mother Bathsheba by placing her on a throne at his right hand.

As the Mother of Jesus – whom Christians hail as the King of Kings – Mary's queenship reflects her unparalleled role in salvation history.

But Mary's crown isn't just about honor – it's about her God-given power. We believe that as Queen of Heaven, Mary wields extraordinary intercessory power, advocating for humanity before the throne of her Son. This belief has inspired centuries of devotion, with Mary depicted as a crowned queen in countless works of art across cultures.

Pope Pius XII's 1954 decree didn't invent Mary's queenship; rather, it formally recognized a devotion that had been growing for centuries. Today, this feast invites believers to reflect on a profound paradox: how the lowly handmaid of Nazareth became the most exalted among all created beings, occupying a unique place of honor in God's plan of salvation.

As we celebrate Mary's heavenly coronation, we're reminded that in God's kingdom, the humble are exalted – and that through Mary, we too are invited to share in the royal dignity of Christ.

<https://thecatholiccrusade.com/the-feast-of-marys-queenship/>

**August 10th Week 6**

### Stewardship

**Thanks for your support!**

St. Mark has paid half of the youth formation expenses and the priest's expenses (salary, health insurance, monthly Mass stipend, retirement, and living expenses) since we started sharing a priest in August 2006. In the interest of transparency, Fr. Brad approved labeling St. Mark's share in the stewardship report.

Total Deposit: \$8,881.67

St. Mark half of July's shared expenses	\$5,127.67	Weekly Budget Expense	\$ 2,750.00
Brescia University	\$ 135.00	Year to Date Collections	\$25,568.38
KofC Youth Pancake fundraiser	\$2,010.00	Year to Date Budget	\$16,500.00

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