

# St. Paul Catholic Church

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sept. 14, 2025

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### Next Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</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

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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, Sept. 15

No Mass

Tuesday, Sept. 16

St. Mark 5 pm

No Mass

Wednesday, Sept. 17

St. Paul 6:30 pm

Communion Service CCD following

Friday, Sept. 19

St. Paul 9 am

Barbara Kochanowicz +

Saturday, Sept. 20

St. Mark 5 pm

For the People of our Parishes

Sunday, Sept. 21

St. Mark 8 am

Karen Elder +

St. Paul 10 am

Mark Haberlock +

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13



**Reflection:** In today's first reading, God has Moses make a bronze serpent, mount it on a pole, and lift it up so that those who were bitten by venomous snakes could look upon it and live. Centuries later, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted up in a similar way so that all who look upon him as their salvation will live. On this feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, let us consider that what Jesus did for us on the cross to save our immortal souls recalls what God had Moses do in the desert to save the Chosen People's mortal lives.

When those sinners who had been bitten by venomous snakes looked upon the bronze serpent that Moses lifted up high, they lived. Compare this with what Jesus tells Nicodemus, that those sinners who look upon the Son of Man, who would be lifted up, will have eternal life. Through the cross, like a venomous snake, an instrument of death, our immortal souls are saved. As God gave new life to the sinful people in the desert, Christ offers new life to us in the desert of sin. Jesus' self-sacrificing love for us brings us healing and life.

Nicodemus is a fascinating character. He comes to Jesus at night, suggesting that he was afraid of being seen. He was likely a member of the Sanhedrin and feared for his reputation. Later, when he defends Jesus before his peers, he is identified as one of the chief priests. After Jesus' death, he anoints his body, then with Joseph of Arimathea—another secret disciple—carries his body to a tomb, perhaps also after nightfall. Through all this time, the people Nicodemus worked with, worshiped with, and even lived with may not have known the journey of faith he was making. In the same vein, we may not know the inner lives of those we think we know.

By accepting his death and sacrificing his life, Jesus transforms the cross from an instrument of execution to one of triumph. When we were baptized and the sign of the cross was made over us, we were given a share in this triumph. We affirm this each time we trace the cross on ourselves. We are not given an exemption from the cross. But our crosses are not just instruments of suffering and hardship. Our crosses have been sanctified for they are shared by Christ, who carried his cross to the end. Our crosses too can transform death into life.

### **Question of the Week**

How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as he helps me carry mine?

### **Prayer Requests**

**St. Paul:** Rachel Smotherman, Lee Weidner, Shirley Carney, Ronald Harper, Carol Adams, 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, 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 Rooyakkers.

**St. Mark:** Logan Thomas, Steven Dahl, Marie Berger, 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, 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!

Earl Rush Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Claire McEnaney Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hannah Bowles Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Matthew Schalk Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Liam James Stevenson Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Anniversary!** Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Richard and Christa Strong - 49<sup>th</sup>

## Save the Date!

This Weekend - **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser/ 2nd Sunday Social St. Paul**

Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> **Maplewood (the old Cantrell) House Blessing All are welcome**

Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - **Bluegrass on Lake Beshear- Pickin' Life Project**

Sunday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – **St. Mark Parish Picnic**

## What was Old is Now New Again

After four long years of renovations, Maplewood (the old Cantrell house at 703 Hope Lane) is ready to welcome visitors. Please join Sharon Steedly, as Father Brad blesses the house at 10:00AM on September 27. Light refreshments will be served on the lawn. An Open House will follow for the wider community until 3:00 pm. Sharon looks forward to welcoming you.

## What is *The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*?

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates two historical events: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 under the temple of Venus in Jerusalem, and the dedication in 335 of the basilica, *Martyrium*, and shrine, *Calvarium*, built on Calvary by Constantine. *Martyrium*, and *Calvarium*, were destroyed by the Persians in 614. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher which was built by the crusaders in 1149 now stands on the site.

More importantly, the feast is a celebration and commemoration of God's greatest work: his salvific death on the Cross and His Resurrection, through which death was defeated and the doors to Heaven opened. ~[CNA](#)

## Safe Environment Policy

"No one should have to live with abuse, and the Diocese of Owensboro, in keeping with the laws of Kentucky and of the Church, encourages any victim of sexual abuse to make the abuse known by contacting local law enforcement: Princeton Police 270-365-2041, the Commonwealth's Attorney (270-388-9494) or Kentucky's Child Protection Hot Line (1-877-KYSAFE1, 1-877-597-2331 toll free).

If the abuse involved Church personnel, either paid or volunteer call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment

<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/> for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to [ReportBishopAbuse.org](https://ReportBishopAbuse.org) or call 1-800-276-1562.

The diocese's commitment to combat sexual abuse concerns can be noted in its revised sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014, which can be found at St. Paul on the back table, and on the diocesan web site <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>."

**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.**

Sept. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Altar Server	Lector	Greeters/ Ushers	Eucharistic Ministers	Counters Financial Rep.*
10am	Kale	George Barber	Weston Family	Volunteer Suzanne Rush Cesar Turmero	Bob Hayes* Mike Wasielewski

### Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Week 10 **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: \$5,379.71

St. Mark's half of August's shared expenses \$3,253.71

Mass Intentions \$15.00

Votive Candles \$140.00

Building Fund \$225.00

Weekly Budget Expense \$ 2,750.00

Year to Date Collections \$33,706.09

Year to Date Budget \$24,750.00

