

## Celebrating 94 Years

## St. Paul Catholic School

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## **Mission Statement**

Inspired by the charism of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, the mission of St. Paul Catholic School is to provide students with a foundation for life through faith, academics, and service and to assist students in developing their gifts and talents, so that they may fulfill the plan God has for their lives.

## St. Paul Catholic School Eagle Update



Deeply Rooted in Knowledge, Faith, and Family January 24, 2025

> As a St. Paul Catholic School family, we want to take this opportunity to share with you information regarding the happenings of Catholic Schools Week, January 26th through February 1st.

> Each year during the last week in January, Catholic Schools throughout the world celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This week is set aside by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) to celebrate the many

**Catholic Schools** ways that Catholic schools educate students in **Faith**, United in Faith and Community **Knowledge**, and **Service**. You are receiving our Catholics Schools Week Calendar of Events in the Friday Brown Envelope. It is our hope that you will join us for as many of the events that your schedule allows. We look forward to sharing with you the many great events taking place here at St. Paul Catholic School.

The administration and faculty of our school are proud of our students and want to share them with our parish family. On Sunday, January 26, 2025, all students are asked to wear their school uniforms to the weekend Masses. We want the students to stand out and be recognized by our parishioners whose generosity helps supports our school. Some families will be asked to be greeters at the church doors for the Masses, and others will be offertory bearers.

Thank you once again for your continued support and commitment to Catholic Education here at St. Paul Catholic School.

## GRANDPARENTS-SPECIAL FRIEND DAY

We will begin Grandparents -Special Friend Day on Friday, January 31st, with Mass at 8:15 AM in the church. Please remind grandparents-special friends, to park in the church parking lot and go directly into the church. Friday, January 31st is an 11:50 AM early dismissal. If your child is going to leave early with his/her grandparent-special friend, please complete the permission form that is enclosed in the Brown Envelope. Without written permission children will not be dismissed with their grandparents. Extended Day will be available on Friday. Don't forget to pack a lunch for your child/children if they are going to Extended Day.

## REGISTRATION 2025-2026

Re-registration for current students is open for parents to complete the application on RenWeb. **All registration must be completed by February 10, 2025**. We ask that you update any contact information that may have changed since the last registration. As a reminder, financial assistance is available for students in grades K-8 whose families qualify for this assistance. Please contact Sister Joan for assistance information. If your child is not returning to St. Paul's for the 2025-2026 academic year, please contact the school office ASAP so that the seat may be offered to a child on the wait list. Thank you.



#### <u>Saturday</u> January 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

ALL IN FOR ST. PAUL CASINO NIGHT GYM 6:30-10:30 PM

<u>Sunday</u>—Friday January 26-31Catholic Schools Week Please see the Calendar of Events that you received in the Brown Envelope

<u>Friday</u> - Jan. 31 Grandparents Day Mass—8:15 AM Early Dismissal

Friday-Feb.14 End of 2nd Trimester

Early Dismissal 11:50 AM

<u>Friday-Feb.17</u> NO SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' DAY

Beginning of Third Trimester

<u>Tuesday Feb.18</u> Terra Nova Testing Begins and Continues thru March 7th

## LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE!



Let us pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life remembering in a special way our alum, Kevin Buete, who is currently studying for the priesthood. We continually pray as well for our sick relatives, friends and benefactors especially, Ashley Goodbread, mother of Jacob and Charlotte; Nilda Jaynal, mother of ALP teacher, Ms. Fran Jaynal; Kelly Graham, aunt of

Gracie Grove; Pat Dugan, grandfather of Luke and Brie Franks; Shannon Hand, sister of our art teacher Mrs. Mandy Hand; Pam Hendry, grandmother of Mackenzie, James and Kate Williams; Kristin Bedinghaus, daughter of Title 1 teacher Mrs. Carmen Bender; Kevin Harris, grandfather of Everly and Tenlym Jordanov; Maria Swasey, sister-in-law of Mrs. Yadira Emery, teacher assistant; Ruth Butcher, grandmother of principal Mr. Butcher, and Millie Price, clinic volunteer. We also pray for our deceased relatives, friends, and benefactors especially Marlene Gluck, grandmother of Leah Burkett, 1st grade teacher assistant and great grandmother of Rylee and Jacob Burkett. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

## A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. GIBBONS Camino Pilgrimage: Important Information Meeting on Feb. 5th

If you're planning on walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain with Msgr. Gibbons in September 2025----or if you're trying to decide whether to register----you're invited to an Information & Preparation Meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Msgr. Gibbons has invited to the meeting (1) a podiatrist (who had made the Camino) to share his expertise about how to care for your feet during the walk; (2) a track coach from a local high school to share her recommendations about how best to prepare for the walking; and (3) a veteran Camino pilgrim (who has done the same trip itinerary with the same travel company we are using) to share from his experience.

Dates for the pilgrimage trip are September 15-25, 2025. Presently 28 people are registered and have paid their deposit. Space is limited, so don't hold back on registering. Full details and the registration form are available here:

www.206tours.com/cms/msgrgibbons/camino.

## ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## ALL in for ST. PAUL!

Our 31st annual fundraiser will take place in the gym tomorrow night, Saturday, January 25th, from 6:30 to 10:30 PM. It will be an evening of casino games, delicious cuisine, cocktails, music, and fellowship. Tickets are still available for this great event. For additional information contact the auction committee at *auction@stpaul1930.org.* Get ready to roll the dice and go all for St. Paul. We look forward to spending this evening with you.



# Catholic Schools Week 2025

#### Saturday, January 25 and Sunday, January 26 – Celebrating Parish

- Students are encouraged to wear their school uniform to Mass.
- School families will serve as greeters and gift bearers.
- All families are welcome to join us for coffee and donuts following the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass.

#### Monday, January 27 – Celebrating Vocations

- Catholic Schools Week will officially commence with a proclamation at Morning Opening.
- In homeroom, students will complete activities involving saints and prayer cards.

#### Tuesday, January 28 – Celebrating the World

- Students will participate in the annual Walk-A-Thon with all proceeds benefiting our sister parish school in Haiti.
- Students may wear class t-shirts with school bottoms. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child and provide them with a water bottle.
- Sponsor sheets and pledge donations should be returned to school on or before the Walk-a-Thon day.

#### Wednesday, January 29 – Celebrating the Nation

- Parents are invited to a short celebration of our nation and Catholic education at Morning Opening.
- Students may wear red, white and/or blue school-appropriate tops with school bottoms.

#### Thursday, January 30 – Celebrating Families and Community

Soup-er Sock-er Bowl Tailgate 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM

- Parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to share with their children. Note: The cafeteria will NOT be serving lunch on this day.
- Students are asked to bring a can of soup and/or a new pair of men's or women's athletic socks to be distributed to the less fortunate.
- Students may wear a sports shirt representing their favorite team or class t-shirt with jeans or school bottoms.
- Additional details can be found in the event flyer.

#### Friday, January 31 – Celebrating Grandparents/Special Friends

- Grandparents and special friends are invited to join us for Mass at 8:15 AM in the church followed by special events at the school. Please check your email for instructions on how to RSVP for this event.
- Due to parking concerns, there will be no Morning Opening and Festival Drop Off (all students dropped off at the front of the school).