

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S  
FEBRUARY 2 - 8**

**Sunday**

**Genesis 45-47(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

**9:00am Worship Service**

10:30am Adult Bible Study – Meeting Room

10:30am Bible Basics – Education Building

10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation/High School & Beyond-Education Bldg

11:30am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

**Monday Psalm 37(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Genesis 48-50(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

7:00pm Titus Ten Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday Psalm 38(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 1-3(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

2:00pm Sunrise Service

6:00pm Grief Share

**Wednesday Psalm 39(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 4-6(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

9:30am Bible Study

10:30am-10:00pm Alaska Mission Trip Fund Raiser at  
Buona Beef in Flossmoor & Orland Park

11:30-2:30pm HomeSchool (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study – "Tough Sayings"

**Thursday Psalm 40(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 7-8(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

8:30am-Noon SSHS (FH Rental)

5:00-8:00pm HSRC (FH Rental)

7:00pm Elder's Meeting

**Friday Psalm 41(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 9-10(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

Noon 4-H Meets

**Saturday Psalm 42(Daily Bible Reading)**

**Exodus 11-12(Chronological Daily Bible Reading)**

7:00am Men's Bible Study – The Titus Ten

8:30-11:00am Food Pantry



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*“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” Luke 11:28*

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 2, 2025

### SCRIPTURE READING

First Reading	Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19 p.796
Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 p.1220
Holy Gospel Reading	Luke 4:31-44 p.1094

**Altar Flowers** are given in thanks and praise to God.

### SERVING THIS WEEK

Elder – George Kraus

Acolyte – Savannah Golf

Ushers – Randy & Kathy Dahlman

Pianist – Carol Schoeling

Praise Team – Jim McEnroe, Cheryl Ruger, Kathy & Don Smith,  
Matt Schulz & Pete Whalen

Tech Team – Scott Schulz, Mitch Troester & Jack Fleming

Altar Guild – Judy Johnson & Angie Lyke

Offerings Counters – Joan Mohler & Dennis Schmeckpeper

Sacred Grounds Hosts – The Troester Family

**2025 Church Directories are available** on table to the left in the narthex. Please feel free to take one. **A special thank you** to Amy Najewski & Patti Tucker for putting them together.



**Alaska Mission Trip Fund Raiser – February 5 @ Buona Beef -** What's for Dinner? The first Fundraiser for the 2025 Alaska Mission Trip is Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at Buona Beef in Orland Park **and** in Flossmoor. Select your nearby Buona Beef location and pick up lunch or dinner for family and friends. Your purchase will support the Alaska Mission Team. Be sure to mention St. Paul when you place your order. Pick up a flyer off the info table for more information.

**Support Our Troops** - Fill the bin with snack and hygiene items. Suggested snack items are individually wrapped cookies or crackers, gum, or hard candy. Suggested hygiene items are toothpaste/brushes, tube lotion, solid deodorant, etc. You can continue to write undated messages (cards available on the military table). You can also give a monetary donation by marking "troops" on the other line of the offering envelope. Thank you for your support of this ministry,

**Focus Mission for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter – St Matthew's** - Pastor Cesar Sifuentes and Deaconess Elle Sifuentes, originally from Guatemala, serve this small Spanish-speaking congregation, which operates a food pantry and soup kitchen, "El Comedor Popular", to help feed countless neighbors in their community every week. Please consider supporting the ministry of St. Matthew with your prayers and contributions. The Soup Kitchen is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and a group from St. Paul's is scheduled to go on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, leaving church at 10:30 and returning by 1:30 pm. Come and meet us at church and we will car-pool together.

**Calling all Men** - Join other men **Saturdays at 7:00am** at St. Paul or online as we start a new series entitled The Titus Ten, Foundations of Godly Manhood. This 10-week study will cover Paul's instructions to his protégé, Titus, on how to lead the Christian men in Crete and in that we find 10 qualities of Godly Manhood. You will better understand how to become the kind of man God desires in your family, your church, your workplace, and the world. Call or text Scott Schulz at 847-334-3500 for more details.

**Fellowship and Fire** St. Paul Men, you are "warmly" invited to come out and join other men **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M.**, as we come together to relax, celebrate victories, tell stories, escape the chaos, and support and encourage each other around a fire. You only need to bring your favorite lawn chair and your favorite campfire consumables (beverage, snacks, etc.). You will find us behind the St. Paul Education wing – just look for the fire. Bring a friend. (P.S. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the Fellowship indoors but leave the Fire outside.)

**Volunteers Needed** - The Hudsonville High School Color Guard will be returning as guests of St. Paul on **February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>** when they come to town to compete at Lincoln-Way East. We are looking for volunteers to welcome them Friday night and make (or provide) breakfast for them Saturday and Sunday mornings. Please contact Pastor Troester or Scott Schulz if you can help.

**Grandparents** - Here are some ideas to connect with your grandchildren in February: 1. Send each grandchild a Valentine’s Day card with your favorite Bible verse. 2. Let your Grandchildren hear you pray for them or let them know how you pray for them. 3. Respect your Grandchildren who don’t like hugs and develop a personal handshake, fist bump, or other unique greeting. See the February pages of your 2025 Grandparent’s Planner for more ideas to connect with and encourage your Grandchildren in their faith walk with Jesus.

**IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS  
THIS WEEK**

Pastor Troester, Iris Bestow, Carol  
Lessmann, Karen Bartels, College  
Students – Madyson Stine & Isabella  
Brands

**TOGETHER BEING CHURCH**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Needs</b>	<b>Receiving</b>
Current	\$8,852	\$5,194.65
Building Fund	\$577	\$750
Mission	\$327	\$340

Discretionary Fund-\$100; St. Matthews-\$65; Returning Citizens-\$150; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$10;LCC Disaster-\$50; Food Pantry-\$25;National Youth Gathering-\$50

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**MARY’S CORNER**

Welcome February with your pink and red decorations, the many items shaped like hearts and a month filled with love. February is derived from the Latin word februum meaning “purification”. During this period in ancient Rome, the ritual of purification took place usually on February 15, to clean the city’s and themselves to get ready for spring. So if you tired of Winter, you have the joy of knowing, Spring is just around the corner.