

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
JANUARY 18-24**

Sunday

9:00am

Worship Service

10:30am

Voters Meeting

No Adult Bible Study

No Sunday School/Confirmation Class

No Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday

Psalm 119 (Daily Bible Reading)

10:00am

Visitation for Elliott Fasel

11:00am

Funeral Service for Elliott Fasel

12:30pm

Prayer Shawl

6:00pm

Stephen Ministry Training

7:00pm

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday

Psalm 120 (Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm

Grief Share

Wednesday

Psalm 121 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am

Bible Study – Myth or Faith

11:30am

HomeSchool – Fellowship Hall

7:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Myth or Faith

Thursday

Psalm 122 (Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am

Quilting Group

6:00pm

St Paul Alaska Mission Trip Meeting

Friday

Psalm 123 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00pm

Youth Event – John Crist at Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet

Saturday

Psalm 124 (Daily Bible Reading)

7:00am

Men's Bible Study



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

2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:6-12 *p1021*
Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 *p1231*
Holy Gospel Reading Luke 12:22-34 *p1108*

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God and in honor of Ladies Aid

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – George Kraus
Acolyte – Aksel Huber
Ushers – Bill & Dorothy Ryden
Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders
Tech Team – Ian Troester, Mitch Troester & Bill Miller
Altar Guild – Rose Modesitt & Mary Schmidtke
Counters – Ruth Treichel & Don Blume
Sacred Grounds – The MacCrackens

Voter's Meeting – Today, Sunday, January 18th after the worship service is the first Voters Meeting for 2026. Everyone who has confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ is a Voter; please plan on attending.

Our next College Adoption Day is today Sunday, January 18th. Again, we will be looking for people to adopt students for a \$10 (covers the gift card cost) for the month of January.

Missionaries Wanted: You are invited to the kickoff meeting for the St. Paul 2026 Alaska Mission Trip on **Thursday, January 22nd, at 6:00pm here at the church.** Come out and ask all your questions and learn about serving God's people in Alaska. No commitment is required. The dates for this year's mission trip are July 22nd (10-day team) or July 24th (7-day team) through August 2nd. Please see Scott Schulz for more information.

John Crist – On January 23rd, we will be taking a trip to see comedian John Crist at the Rialto Square Theatre in Joliet. There are 15 tickets available but there is a possibility of getting more if we exceed that number. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like tickets. As of now this event is limited to our youth members and their families and friends.** If there are tickets leftover we will expand to our members of the congregation. Transportation will be available/provided if necessary. See Paul Szymanski with any questions

Versiti Blood Drive - Did you know that more than 75% of Americans reaching age 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime? 97% of Americans have a loved one who will need blood. There is no substitute for human blood. Once again, Versiti has given us the opportunity to donate blood to save lives. Versiti returns to St. Paul time after time because St Paul members have been generous in volunteering to donate and we always meet or exceed our goal. **Our blood drive will be next Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Your donation will take a total of about one hour including registration, donation, and refreshments. Please choose the time that you will donate on the sheet in the narthex. If you have never donated before or have questions, call Rosanne Tadsen at 7080-209-5335. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

The Food Pantry Team needs your help – Matteson School District 162 is in need of hygiene and cleaning supplies. This would be an ongoing project. If you are interested in supporting this mission, please bring any of these to church each week and place them in the bin labeled Food Pantry. **Here is a list of needed items:** Laundry Detergent, Soap/Body Wash, Lotion, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, and Toilet Paper. Thank you for your continued support.

Generosity - John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

Pastor Troester & Diane would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards and gifts that were given to their family at Christmastime.

The Johnson & Klug family would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, prayers, phone calls and support during the loss of Kathy & Rich’s brother Don. They are very thankful and blessed for their St. Paul church family.

Arrangements for Elliott Fasel

Sunday, January 18th

Visitation from 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Smits-Steger Funeral Memorial Chapel
3045 Chicago Road, Steger, IL

Monday, January 19th

Here at St. Paul’s
Visitation from 10:00am-11:00am
Funeral Service at 11:00am with
Interment to follow at Mt Vernon Memorial
Estates, Lemont IL

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim McEnroe, Peggy Smutny, Kay
Meyer, Ethel Habel, Sue Fleming,
Family of Bob Stickney, Family of
Steve Siezega & Family of Elliott Fasel

College Students – Aiden Junior &
Nicholas Kadela

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$9,296.18
Building Fund	\$577	\$205
Mission	\$327	\$80

Discretionary Fund-\$95; Scholarship
Fund-\$50; St. Matthews-\$70; Returning
Citizens-\$25; Troops Care Packages-
\$70; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$25; St Paul
Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred
Grounds-\$33; National Youth Gathering-
\$25; LCC-\$25

MARY’S CORNER

I read recently, if you want to be happy do the following: Stop worrying, Stop Over thinking, Don’t live in the past, Forgive past hurts, Focus on the present, Feel grateful to God and for all He gives you, Love with your whole heart and most of all Smile.