

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S
NOVEMBER 23-29**

Sunday Galatians 4-6 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am Worship Service

10:30am Adult Bible Study

10:30am Sunday School/Confirmation Class

11:45am Rejoicing Ringers Practice

Monday Exodus 1 (Daily Bible Reading)

Acts 17-19 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

12:30pm Prayer Shawl

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Training

6:00pm Stephen Ministry Meeting

7:00pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Exodus 2 (Daily Bible Reading)

1 Thessalonians 1-5 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

6:00pm Grief Share

Wednesday Exodus 3 (Daily Bible Reading)

2 Thessalonians 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

9:30am Bible Study – Myth or Faith

No Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday Exodus 4 (Daily Bible Reading)

Romans 1-3 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

9:00am Thanksgiving Service

Office Closed

Friday Exodus 5 (Daily Bible Reading)

Romans 4-7 (Chronological Daily Bible Reading)

5:45pm Leave for Feed My Starving Children

Office Closed

Saturday Exodus 6 (Daily Bible Reading)

Romans 8-10 (Chronological 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

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:13-18 p1021

Epistle Reading Colossians 1:13-20 p1251

Holy Gospel Reading Luke 23:27-43 p1124

Baptism – Through the water and the Word Kayden Cole Schneidewend is being baptized into God’s family, and we rejoice with his parents, Nicholas & Anna for the gift of life and new life in Christ. We pray that they will grow in faith in Jesus Christ & live to serve Him.

Altar Flowers are given in thanks and praise to God for the 1st Birthday of Layla & Skylar, daughter of Blake & Stephanie Watson, given by their grandparents, Steve & Janet Garuckas

SERVING THIS WEEKEND

Elder – Angie Lyke

Acolyte – Asher Huber

Ushers – Don & Yvonne Blume

Music – Paul Szymanski & Song Leaders

Tech Team – Mitchell Troester, Scott Schulz & Bill Miller

Altar Guild – Annette Alston & Brenda Woods

Counters – Kathy Dahlman & John DeVries

Sacred Grounds – Dottie Hagestad & Yvonne Blume

2026 Offering Envelopes are available for pickup in the narthex. If you do not see your envelopes or you would like your own, please contact the church office.

Thanksgiving Day Worship – Thursday, November 24th at 9:00am, as we give thanks to God on this national holy-day (holiday).

Feed My Starving Children- The day after Thanksgiving seems a perfect time to give thanks by helping to feed undernourished children. Please plan to travel with St. Paul to volunteer to pack food at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora on **Friday, November 28th 7:15-8:45pm in the evening**. If you **need a ride**, we plan to take the church van and **leave St. Paul at 5:45pm**. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Make Noise for Missions Sunday is November 30th supporting our 4th Quarter Focus Mission - St. Paul Women's Ministries: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ladies' Quilting Ministry, LWML, Ladies' Aid, and Support our Troops. Gather up all of your loose change, bring it to worship, and make some noise.

Altar Guild Members - Please check your mailboxes for the December schedule. Thank you, Vivian

Advent Devotions are available in the Narthex, for Adults & Children. Grab one for a friend and journey thru Advent with them.

Ladies Aid will be holding their annual **Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, December 9th from 11:30-2:00pm at Aurielo's Pizza at 15901 Oak Park Avenue in Tinley Park**. All ladies of the congregation are welcomed. **The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 per person (cash preferred) and money** should be given to the office by **Monday, December 1st**. Hope to see you there.

Stockings for the Troops –We are starting to collect treats for the 100 stockings to be sent to the troops. Treats of all kinds, including chocolate will be acceptable. **On Monday, December 1st all ladies are invited to come at 12:30pm** to help fill the stockings. A prayer square and 2 Christmas cards will be included. This our chance to brighten the holidays for soldiers away from during this time, and spread the news of Jesus birth.

Christmas Gift Giving Tree – Take an “angel” (St Matthews) or “gift tag”(Returning Citizens) off the tree in the narthex, write your name on the clipboard along with number of the “angel” or “gift tag”. Purchase a \$25 gift (No clothes please) or a \$25 gift card to Target for (St. Matthews). If you chose a “gift tag”, please purchase a \$25 gift card to Walmart for (Returning Citizens) **and have it back to St. Paul's by December 7th**.

Advent By Candlelight – “Letters From Biblical Women” – December 7th at 3:30pm. This is an event for the women and teens of our church and community to focus our hearts and minds on the birth of Christ. The sign-up sheets are on the table in the narthex. One for

signing up to hostess a table. The other for signing if you would like to attend but do not have a designated table; we have hostesses ready to welcome you. **If you can help decorate, please come Friday, December 5th at 1:00pm.** Questions? Call Carol Schoeling (815-666-6058) or Arlene Olson (708-704-1758).

Save the date –Sunday, December 14th at our 9:00am service we welcome the **Madrigals singers from Lincoln Way East High School**, as they sing for us the songs of Christmas.

Thank you for your cards, calls, and texts for my birthday. I am grateful for your love and care! Pastor Larry

A Special thank you to everyone who donated blankets and to Hugh MacCracken for taking them down to St. Matthews.

Esther Lee would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers and cards while she was sick and is very thankful for her church family.

Marilyn Carlson & Ellie Stege would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers and cards and are very grateful for their church family.

IN OUR HEARTS & PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Peggy Smutny, Diane Hattendorf, Dale Johnson, Steve Siezega, Bill Tucker, Esther Lee, Ethel Habel, Hollie Pequette & Alice Kampe

College Students – Becca Ruger & Rebekah Ryden

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TOGETHER BEING CHURCH

Weekly	Needs	Receiving
Current	\$8,852	\$5,134.76
Building Fund	\$577	\$390
Mission	\$327	\$215

Discretionary Fund-\$20; Scholarship Fund-\$230; St Matthews-\$20; Returning Citizens-\$20; Troops Care Packages-\$25; LCC Comfort Dogs-\$180; St Paul Alaska Mission Trip-\$25; Sacred Grounds-\$31; Feed My Starving Children-\$240; Women Ministries-\$25; College Care Packages-\$20; National Youth Gathering-\$25

MARY'S CORNER

We all will be celebrating Thanksgiving this week, remember to thank God for all the wonderful things He has done for you and enjoy this special day. HAPPY THANKSGIVING