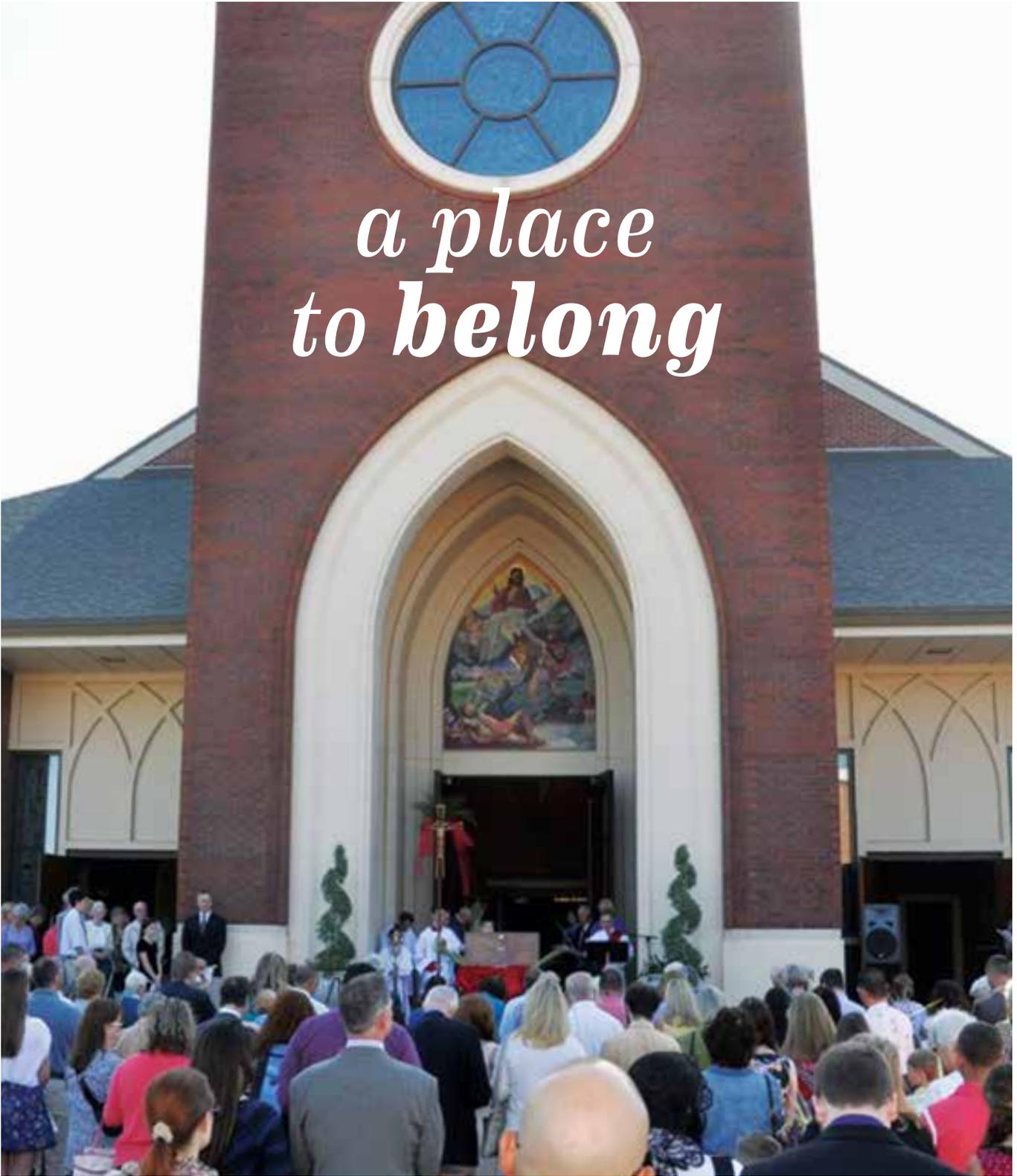


*a place
to belong*



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From the Church's earliest beginnings, Christians have strived to build tight-knit communities. In the early Church, *koinonia*, or community, was a word with enormous significance. It evoked strong feelings of hospitality and belonging between those who had committed themselves to live as Disciples of Christ.

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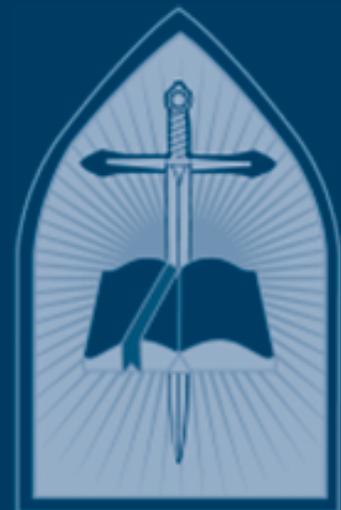
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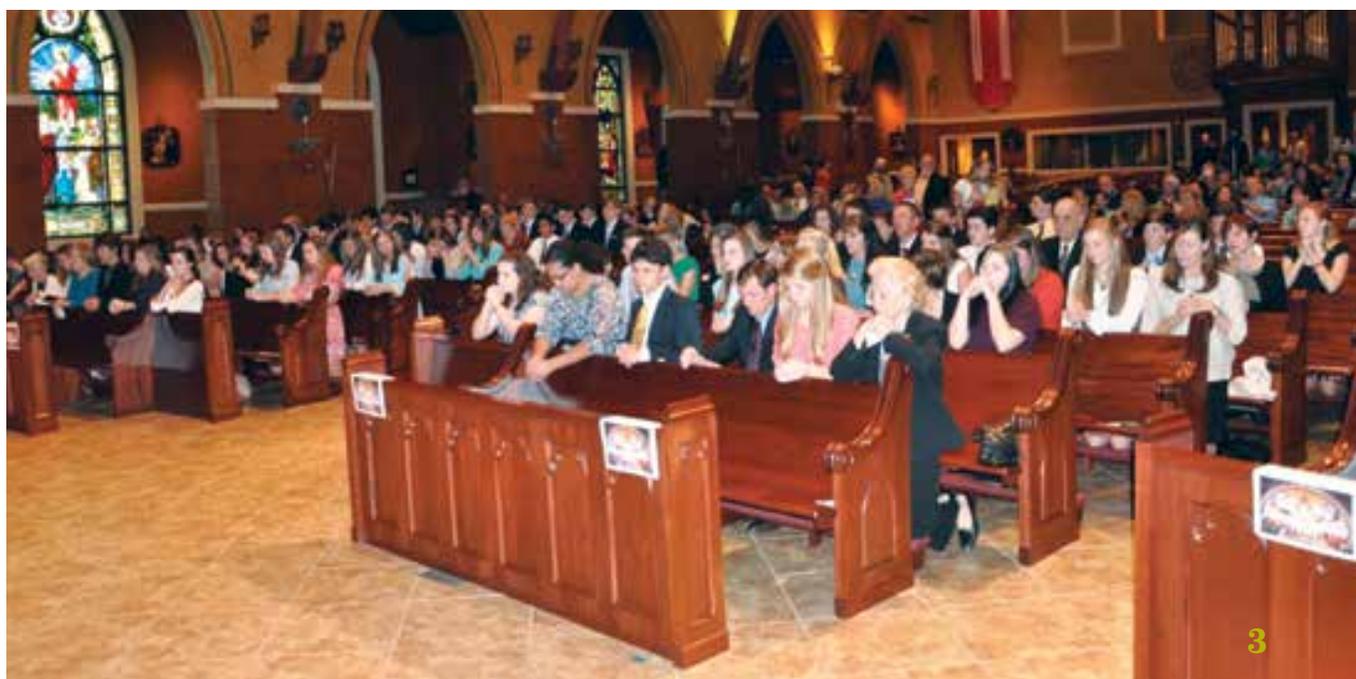


A Core Christian Value

The dictionary defines “hospitality” as “the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.” From the standpoint of a Christian worldview, hospitality can be referred to as Christian kindness. Here at St. Paul, we want to make every individual feel a sense of trust, a sense of comfort, and a sense that they truly belong. When they are welcomed, they cease to be guests and strangers. Rather, they become one of us, part of our community.

For Christians, the presence of hospitality can make a newcomer — or even a long-time parishioner who may have been inactive, but who now is coming back to church — feel at home. Friends are welcomed with open arms and warm smiles. Brothers and sisters feel the genuine love present in a hearty “Welcome!” Family members do not visit; they belong.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Christ reveals a profound truth about hospitality. “When I was a stranger, you welcomed me...” In other words, “I used to be a stranger, but you fixed that when you made me feel comfortable and made me feel I belonged.” It’s a classic example of before and after. A transformation made possible through hospitality.



does St. Paul feel like home?

In terms of stewardship, hospitality is an immensely important concept. Remember the “three Ts” of stewardship: time, talent and treasure? Well, there are also “four Ps,” the four pillars of stewardship – hospitality, prayer, formation and service. Why is hospitality mentioned first? Without hospitality, none of the other pillars will ever take hold. It opens the door to a person’s heart and allows them to receive joy, grace and love. For St. Paul to continue to grow as a stewardship community, we must make everyone who walks through our doors feel like they truly have come home. We must make hospitality a cornerstone.



At St. Paul, we are encouraging one another to be good stewards of our time, especially when it comes to spending time in prayer. Of most importance is our effort to join with our parish family to praise and thank God each weekend. We hope you make this a weekly goal. Everyone's schedule is packed. Stewardship asks us to start with God as we plan our week. How much time can I give God this week? Your Commitment Card offers several suggestions for making prayer a regular part of your life.

A Healthy Prayer Life Includes:

- **Celebrating the Eucharist with our parish family**
- **Praying with your family and loved ones**
- **Making time for personal prayer each day**



Stewardship isn't all about money, but it does have a financial component — and we shouldn't be embarrassed to talk about it. After all, Jesus asks us to give Him our hearts; why should it be harder to give Him our dollars?

St. Paul has a history of excellent financial stewardship, but many of us still need to work on living up to the scriptural tithe. Parish members are asked to give half of the tithe — five percent of your income — to our normal weekly offertory. Review your finances and challenge yourself — are you giving to God in proportion to how He has blessed you?



Putting God First in Finances:

- **Strive to give 5% to St. Paul, 1% to the diocese through CSA, and 4% to other charities**
- **Commit to a specific gift each week or month**
- **Participate in online giving, via the parish website (www.stpaulcatholic.net), or use your offertory envelopes**

Ministry Catalog

FEATURED MINISTRIES

Ministries in the following category have been selected based on the opportunity they present for spiritual growth and the need of each ministry for additional members. As you research the various ministries available, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a commitment to at least one of the Featured Ministries.

WELCOME STEWARDS

Welcome Stewards are the face of the Body of Christ to those entering our church prior to Mass and leaving the church after Mass. Their ministry is to make people feel the love of God by truly welcoming them into God's house and into our parish community through friendly, kind, and authentically gracious service exhibited by "going the extra mile with a smile." Welcome Stewards will warmly greet all Mass attendees at various locations including the main doors entering the church, the narthex, and the doors leading into the sanctuary.

Additionally, Welcome Stewards should be willing to serve when asked to hand out Worship Aides before Mass, collect the Worship Aides, hand out bulletins and help to staff the Welcome Center after Mass, collect the offertory gifts during Mass and be available to graciously take care of any special needs that may arise with Mass attendees before, during or after Mass.

Welcome Stewards foster a sense of hospitality and community in which visitors, new members and established parishioners feel a sense of belonging to God, the parish, and the larger Church. This is a critically important ministry that "lives our mission" of loving God, serving others and making disciples. Welcome Stewards must set a Christian example at all times and possess a deep desire to love God, serve others, and foster discipleship. A hospitable, positive and pleasant attitude is an absolute must for this ministry.



For ministry contact information & a complete ministry list, visit stpaulcatholic.net/church/list.

DISCIPULUS

This ministry's mission is to develop boys in first through fifth grade mentally, physically and spiritually and help them reach their full potential of sainthood. The ministry will hold two meetings per month which are held on Sunday evenings. The meetings include physical activity, Bible study and the practical application of their Catholic faith to their everyday lives. The ministry requires family participation to help the children and themselves live the ministry motto, "Become a saint." The program is designed for boys to move up to Fraternus when they get to sixth grade.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The purpose of Eucharistic Adoration is to honor and adore the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, and to provide an opportunity for private prayer for our parish members. Eucharistic Adoration takes place in the Parish Prayer Chapel (1700 Conway Drive). Adoration begins each week with Exposition on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. until Friday at 7:30 a.m. New adorers are always welcome, and are invited to commit to a specific hour of prayer each week. Substitute adorer positions are available for those who cannot commit to a weekly hour.

WORD MINISTRIES

Ministries and organizations involved in spiritual formation and religious education of parishioners.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our children in grades K-5 are invited to participate in a special Liturgy of the Word, during the following Masses: every Saturday 4:30 p.m., and every Sunday 9am and 11 a.m. The children are invited at the beginning of Mass to come forward and follow a team of adult leaders to their classrooms. There, God's Word is explained in ways suited to their abilities and interests. The children rejoin their families at the presentation of the gifts for the rest of Mass. This ministry requires a minimal amount of time yet provides a maximum feeling of fulfillment! A leader's manual is provided, which contains the information needed to guide you through the lesson; volunteers are normally scheduled once a month. If you normally attend one of these Masses, and feel called to this ministry, please join us.

FIDELIS

Fidelis is a parish-based mentoring/discipleship program for young women in grades 6-12. The goal of Fidelis is to see young women mentored and formed into mature, virtuous ladies seeking to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Fidelis is lead by a team of Peer Leaders and adult women who are striving to live virtuous Catholic lives. The program and weekly gatherings are fun, feminine, and faithful to the Church's teaching. The leaders seek holiness in their own lives, build friendships with the young women and then mentor with excellence.

FRATERNUS

Fraternus, an exciting virtue-based formation program, is designed specifically for young men in the sixth through 12th grades, and provides the opportunity to gain knowledge and practice the virtues of Faith, Hope, Charity, Prudence, Justice, Temperance and Courage. This is accomplished through meetings consisting of prayer, team building activities, Scripture study, catechesis and fellowship. Fraternus hopes to form boys into chaste young men of integrity, faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and disciples of Jesus Christ.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph is a group of active Catholic men who are dedicated to becoming the spiritual leaders of our families. Through prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Men of St. Joseph have dedicated themselves to the following proposition: “Put the family back in the hands of the Father.” The men meet weekly to read from the *Magnificat*, pray for the intentions of various members of the group, read and discuss the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday and dismiss. In the course of the prayer intentions and Scripture discussion, we support one another in our effort to become the “best version of ourselves” and to be the spiritual leaders of our family and faith community.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Our mission is to build joyful marriages by teaching Natural Family Planning. Our vision is to shape a culture of love and life by increasing the virtuous use of natural family planning, protecting traditional marriage, increasing the number of lifelong and joyful marriages, and promoting sexual virtues.

ST. PAUL COED YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)

Our High School Coed youth meet each week on Tuesday evenings, and various times throughout the year, with events both here at the parish and outside of it. There are many wonderful opportunities to get involved and help our youth. Other than Fraternus, Fidelis and Scouting events all year, we also attend:

- The Diocesan Youth Conference, which brings together high school youth from across our diocese for a spiritual, social, educational and recreational weekend.
- The Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) is a summer leadership program designed to provide youth leaders with additional skills for leadership in their parish, school and community.
- Steubenville Youth Conference is open to all high school youth, incoming freshmen to graduated seniors. This summer conference invites your Catholic teenagers into the rich traditions and timelessness of our faith in relevant and engaging ways, a weekend of powerful liturgies, dynamic talks, and engaging praise and worship, and Adoration.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The purpose of the Women's Study Group is to encourage women to grow spiritually through an understanding of God's Word while giving support to one another through love, sharing and prayer. The group is open to all women of the parish, and participants are welcome to attend just one or all of the meetings since they are independent of each other.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Ministries and organizations that are liturgical, devotional or spiritual in purpose.

ALTAR SERVERS

The Altar Server is a male or female member of the assembly who assists the priest and deacon during the Eucharist and other liturgical ceremonies so the liturgy can be conducted with grace and reverence. Altar Servers should be active and full participants in the celebration with the understanding that they are leaders of the assembly. The Altar Server models the activity of the assembly, and by singing, praying and keeping silence can enhance the worship of the assembly. To serve at the Altar of God is a privilege granted to either boys or girls, men and women. Candidates must be at least entering the sixth grade.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

The Charismatic Prayer Group exists for the purpose of glorifying God through praise, worship and prayer. They seek to grow in knowledge and love of God and each other, and to build up and encourage each other through fellowship and intercessory prayer. The group meets to sing, pray and enjoy inspiring talks. They meet Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. with St. Ann's Charismatic Prayer group in Gulf Breeze, in their Parish Hall.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are an indispensable part of the ministry of Communion, as they assist at all Masses. Ministers are specifically trained for their role. The ministry compliments and extends the ministry of the Clergy; however, it is also a particular way of exercising one's Baptismal priesthood.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

Those people who cannot attend Mass because of illness are still very much a part of our parish community. Priests, deacons and special ministers bring Holy Communion regularly to area hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins at home. If you or someone you know has such a need, just call Deacon Richard Lurton for assistance.

FUNERAL SACRISTANS

This ministry consists of individuals who assist prior to and during each funeral Mass by setting up the sacristy and church with the necessary items for the celebration of the funeral Mass. This ministry is most rewarding as it provides the opportunity to offer solace and support to the family and loved ones of the deceased when they most need it.

LAY APOSTLES OF JESUS CHRIST THE RETURNING KING

Lay Apostles of Jesus Christ the Returning King seek to be united to Jesus in their daily work and through their vocations, in order to obtain graces for the conversion of sinners. These individuals allow Jesus to flow through them into the world, bringing His light to souls who live in darkness. Lay Apostles agree to perform the basic obligations as practicing Catholics. Additionally, they adopt the following spiritual practices as best they can:

1. Morning Offering along with the Allegiance Prayer and a brief prayer for the Holy Father.
2. One Hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week.
3. Participation in a monthly lay apostle prayer group, which includes the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and a reading of the monthly message.
4. Monthly Confession.
5. Commitment to follow the example of Jesus Christ as set out in Holy Scripture, treating all others with His patience and kindness.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Members of the Rosary Society make rosaries and scapulars to distribute throughout the Pensacola area. Volunteers may sign up to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at their home, and videos promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary can be shown or loaned to parishioners. Members also gather to pray the Rosary every weekday at 7:50 a.m. in St. Paul Church.

SACRISTANS

This ministry is comprised of individuals who assist, prior to each Mass, by setting up the Sacristy and Sanctuary area with the necessary items for the celebration of Mass. Responsibilities include opening the church for all the faithful to come in and praise the Lord, checking the church for neatness and cleanliness, opening the tabernacle, preparing the water, wine, bread, sacred vessels and linens for Mass, and checking for the necessary readers and ministers of the Eucharist needed

for the celebration of Mass. Other responsibilities include cleaning and filling the Holy water fonts, purifying and storing the sacred vessels after Mass, and closing the church.

SPANISH ROSARY

The purpose of this ministry is for members to join together weekly to pray the Rosary, share Scripture, and give testimonies – in the Spanish language. Members who are fluent in Spanish help to translate to those members who may have a little knowledge of the language. Members assist by hosting an occasional meeting.

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Ministries and organizations directed toward serving those in need and working for justice and peace.

RESPECT LIFE

The mission of this ministry is to educate the parish and community about the Catholic perspective on life issues; to provide support for the unborn and those whose fundamental right to life is threatened; and to create a prayerful and respectful environment where life is cherished and valued. As in all things, these will be accomplished through the ever-present grace of God. We wish to organize events such as a life chain, silent prayer protests at abortion clinics, service work at crisis pregnancy centers, and engage the youth of the school and parish in pro-life awareness-causing them to realize the sacredness of life from conception until natural death, and to support families wishing to teach and

raise their children by the pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic Organization of lay persons who have a commitment to compassion. They seek, in a spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation or through direct dollar or in-kind service.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

The Alfred-Washburn Center (AWC)

AWC is a 100 percent volunteer organization that serves those in need in Pensacola by providing lunches, clothing, phone and mail service, and shower and laundry facilities. Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks. The center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and is located at 31 Murphy Lane, Pensacola, FL, 32505.



THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA GUILD OF THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Northwest Florida Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is a physician-led community of healthcare professionals that informs, organizes, and inspires its members, in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Ministries and organizations that support a sense of belonging in the parish and reach out to involve parishioners in parish life.

ANGEL GIFT SHOP

The Angel Gift Shop offers a wide selection of religious items for sale. A portion of the proceeds offer tuition assistance for St. Paul Catholic School children. The gift shop is open after all weekday and weekend Masses (except 6:00 p.m. Sunday Mass), with extended hours during the holiday season. New volunteers are always welcome to participate.

BOY SCOUTS

The parish sponsors an active Boy Scout Troop for boys nearing the end of fifth grade through those in the 12th grade. The program includes leadership, scholastics and core values, and assists young boys in their development of skills which are useful for adulthood. The program teaches love and respect of family, country, and the Church. New members are always welcome.

CARING HEARTS HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Caring Hearts Hospitality is a group of compassionate volunteers who respond to the immediate needs of families who have lost a loved one. Assistance is offered to the family of the deceased in the way of food, transportation, sitters, funeral reception arrangements or other immediate needs.

CUB SCOUTS

The parish sponsors an active Cub Scout program for boys in grades 1 through 5. The program is diverse and includes camping, athletics, scholastics, and core values. Boys, and their parent or guardian, from all denominations are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Fellowship Supper takes place once a month at the Parish Center, on a Wednesday evening, during the academic year. This family-oriented outreach event allows parishioners and those of the surrounding community to gather together for a hearty meal, fellowship and prayer. Parishioners can volunteer in a variety of areas, such as cooking, cleaning, hospitality and more.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism and defense of the priesthood. The order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. Knights are firmly committed

to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. Brother Knights work to fulfill the central mission of the order: striving in charitable works; serving the Church and unified in following its teachings; supporting brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs; acting for the good of their country; and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor.

PARISH TWINNING

This ministry expands awareness of membership in the larger Church outside of our diocese. To do this, the parish is reaching out to others to build friendships and solidarity in Christ across cultures. St. Paul twin parish is St. Michael in St. Michaels, Arizona. The parish and school was founded on the Navajo reservation at the prompting of St. Katharine Drexel.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry assists the priests and deacons by providing confidential one-to-one Christian care to members of the parish. Stephen Ministers are parishioners trained by Stephen Leaders to carefully listen, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support to people feeling alone while going through a difficult time due to the loss of a loved one, divorce, job loss, illness, as well as many other trials in life.

SPECIAL GIFTS & TALENTS

MONEY COUNTER

Volunteers work in teams to tabulate the contributions of parishioners, which must be counted every week, deposited, and recorded for tax and auditing purposes. As a diocesan requirement, our money counters complete a credit check and sign a form outlining their responsibilities. If you can balance a checkbook well, this ministry is for you!



By returning our card, we acknowledge that we are in agreement with the goals of this parish. In a very tangible way, we confirm that we want to be a part of this Body. We are not spectators; we are participants; we want to belong. Our pledge makes a tangible statement about our own dependence on the Lord for everything.

commit

time
share time with God in prayer

Stewardship begins not about me; it is all about the following prayer:

Check all that apply:

- Attend Mass every Days
- Attend weekday Mass
- Spend 15 minutes a week
- Attend Adoration for a week
- Pray together daily with family
- Read the Bible for one hour a week
- Pray the Rosary at least once a week
- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation every other month
- Schedule time for a spiritual retreat

The level of my time and treasure commitment:

- When I can no longer make a quality or quantity of my commitment.
- When I can honestly state that my commitment is sacrificial as I offer them to God.
- When I can honestly state that my commitment is for the good of the parish.

talent
get involved; use your talents

about these programs in our parish book. After you sign up, the parish will provide you with more information.

= Interested in Joining

write the first name of family member on the line.

MINISTRIES

Stewards

Adoration

MINISTRIES

Liturgy of the Word

Volunteer

Joseph

Family Planning

Parish Volunteer

Parish Group

treasure
financially support the parish

In thanksgiving for God's gifts, each household at St. Paul is asked to give a percentage of income based on the biblical tithe:

5% to St. Paul
1% to the diocese & 4% to other charities

My Offertory pledge to St. Paul

Please complete either a Weekly or Monthly offertory gift:

Weekly gift \$ x 52 = \$ annually

or

Monthly gift \$ x 12 = \$ annually

St. Paul offers parishioners the option of participating in electronic offertory giving. This is a safe and secure means of offertory giving that saves money and time for both you and the parish. For more information go to: www.stpaulcatholic.net

Weekly giving based on proportion of income.

At St. Paul, each household is asked to work toward giving 5% of their income to the parish. Some families may have difficulty reaching this goal at first. If so, try increasing your weekly gift incrementally until you reach an amount that you know is right for you.

Weekly Giving Chart

% of Hshld Income:	10%	5%	4%	1%
Household Income	Amount of Weekly Gift			
\$30,000	\$58	\$29	\$23	\$6
\$50,000	96	48	38	10
\$70,000	135	67	54	14
\$100,000	192	96	76	19

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St. Paul Catholic Church
2014-2015 Stewardship Renewal Commitment Card

First & Last Name (One card per family) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (important) _____

Email _____

Please bring this card to Mass on **November 22/23**, or mail using the envelope provided. Thanks and God bless you!

Please bring your card to Mass on Commitment Weekend, **November 22/23**, mail your card using the envelope provided, or simply complete your commitment online at: stpaulcatholic.net/church/commit.

PLEASE KEEP UNTIL FALL 2015

