



Lent Blessings



"Equip, Support, Serve, Witness Where God Calls Us"

Walking Through Holy Week Together – Special Services and Choir Schedule

Palm Sunday and Holy Week are just around the corner, and we invite all our school families to join us in worship as we celebrate the hope and joy of our risen Savior!

- ✪ Upcoming Choir Schedule – Lift Your Voices in Praise! ✪
- ✦ Sunday, April 13 – The whole school choir will sing during the Palm Sunday service.
- ✦ Sunday, April 20 – The whole school choir will sing for the Easter Sunday celebration.



Holy Week School Schedule & Worship Services

✪ Maundy Thursday Chapel – Thursday, April 17 at 8:30 AM
Our usual Wednesday chapel will be moved to Thursday morning, led by our 1st and 2nd grade class. This special Maundy Thursday Divine Service focuses on the Last Supper and Jesus' commandment to love one another.

✦ Good Friday – April 18

School will dismiss at 12:00 PM.
All students (grades K–8) will participate in the Tre Ore Good Friday service as part of the school choir, and may be dismissed from church at 1:00 PM.
Students in **Junior Chancel Choir or Bell Choir** will remain through the full service and can be picked up at **3:00 PM**.

Please note: Students should bring a packed lunch that day. Lunch will be eaten before walking over to church for the service. We kindly ask that all students be picked up by 3:15 PM at church.

We look forward to walking through this holy season together as a school family, lifting our voices and hearts in worship. If your child is unable to participate in any of these services, please let us know. We encourage all families to take part in these uplifting gatherings as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and His victory over the grave.

Special Maundy Thursday Chapel Service – April 17

Next week, our chapel service will be held on Thursday, April 17 at 8:30 AM instead of our usual Wednesday time. This special service will be led by our 1st and 2nd grade class as we observe Maundy Thursday.



Maundy Thursday is commemorated as a Divine Service, focusing on the Lord's Supper and remembering the events of the Last Supper—a time when Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples and gave them a new commandment: "Love one another."

We invite all families to join us for this meaningful service as our students help lead us in reflection, worship, and remembrance of Christ's love and sacrifice.

Students' 3rd Quarter Awards Ceremony

We will recognize students who have made the honor roll or achieved perfect school and church attendance during our Chapel service on Wednesday, April 30th at 8:30 AM, following the break. Families are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration in Chapel. We'd love to have you with us!



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Save the Date – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

St. Paul Lutheran School is blessed by the many hands and hearts that give their time and talents throughout the year. Whether you've helped in the classroom, at events, with donations, or in any other way—we want to celebrate you!



Please join us on Wednesday, May 14, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. in the church lounge for a special Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast as a small token of our deep gratitude. We would also love for you to stay and worship with us at chapel following the breakfast. Your kindness and dedication help make St. Paul a place where students grow in faith and learning. We can't wait to thank you in person!

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is Coming Up Soon!

Spring is here and so is one of our favorite outreach events—the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 19 at Grant Park! This is a wonderful opportunity to meet families from our neighboring communities, share God's love, and introduce them to our church and school—all while enjoying the excitement of an egg hunt!

What's in Store?

- ★ Easter Egg Hunt fun for all ages
- ★ Raffles & giveaways
- ★ Information tables for church and school
- ★ Crafts & activities for kids
- ★ A special visit from the Easter Bunny!



Street Paving Coming Soon

Sometime this spring, Williams Street between Third and Seventh Streets will be paved by the City of Royal Oak. This paving process will greatly affect drop off and pick up procedures for the few days of this road construction process. For the few days of this street paving, I will block off the Main Street parking lot for school use only, and all families of students in preschool through eighth grade will need to park for drop off and pick up of their child or children from Door 1. This will also apply to after school care pickup as well. Please watch the Viking and your text messages for further updates on this matter.



Parent Pulse Survey

As you receive your final Parent Pulse survey invitation this spring, please consider giving 5-10 minutes of your time to provide feedback to the staff of St. Paul on you and your child's experience at St. Paul. Mr. Francik considers all survey data and comments on these surveys in future planning for St. Paul's educational ministry.



4th Quarter Chapel Earnings Fueling Vacation Bible School!

Our generous offerings in the 4th quarter will go directly toward making this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) an inspiring experience for children in our church and community!

VBS is more than just a summer program—it's a powerful opportunity for children to grow in faith, connect with new friends, and experience God's love in a fun, engaging way. With kids out of school and volunteers ready to serve, this is the perfect time to share the Gospel in a way that reaches both our members and new families in the community.

Your continued support helps provide materials, activities, and outreach efforts to welcome even more children into God's Word. If you'd like to give or get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

Let's make this summer unforgettable as we plant seeds of faith in young hearts!



Dine Out & Support St. Paul!

Mark your calendars! On Tuesday, April 15th, the PTL is partnering with Texas Roadhouse in Madison Heights for a special Dinner Night Out fundraiser. From 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Texas Roadhouse will generously donate 10% of your total food purchase to St. Paul PTL when you dine in or order dinner to go.

Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting our school—it's a win-win! Be sure to mention St. Paul when you order. Thank you for your support!

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ST. PAUL VIKING



April 11, 2025

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The Viking's Got Talent – Save the Date!

Our talented Vikings are hard at work rehearsing for St. Paul's Annual Talent Show, and you won't want to miss their amazing performances! To give them a little extra time to perfect their acts, the show has been rescheduled for Friday, May 2nd. Mark your calendars and join us in the school gym for an unforgettable evening of entertainment, fun, and incredible talent.

School fieldtrip to Emagine

Our students have a wonderful opportunity to see The King of Kings at Emagine Theatre on Thursday, April 17th! The cost is just \$7 per child, and we kindly ask families to cover this portion. Thanks to the generosity of our PTL, all concessions will be provided at no cost to the students. Students will walk to and from the theater with their teachers and classmates, making this a fun and meaningful outing. What a special way to begin our Easter celebrations together!

Fun Pictures: Wednesday April 16th is Fun Picture Day. Please have your child dressed and ready for pictures in the morning if they plan on having their picture taken. This is a great opportunity to capture your child's unique personality.



Auction: Don't forget to buy your Auction Tickets for Friday May 16th. It will be a night to remember and will benefit our school in tremendous ways. Invite your friends and family, all are welcome. Donations are still needed to make this event a success.



Tuition and Enrollment Update

This year, with the congregation's support, tuition rates will remain the same for member and non-member families with up to two children in K-8. There is now a family discount, tuition will not exceed the two-child rate, no matter how many siblings enroll. We are also offering a \$500 tuition credit for both your family and any new family you recruit to St. Paul! Our church continues to support the cost of education and is committed to growing our school community. For questions, contact Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Enrollment for Preschool and K-8 is open for 2025-2026! Current families have received a FACTS reenrollment email. **K-8 registration is now \$450 until June 10th** (\$500 thereafter). **Preschool registration remains at \$150.**

Support Learning Beyond the Classroom:

Little Caesars Pizza Box Bar Codes— Want to support St. Paul while enjoying a delicious pizza night? Save the barcodes from your Little Caesars pizza boxes and help fund our school's pizza parties! Here's how you can contribute:

- *Cut out the barcode from your Little Caesars pizza box.
- *Send the barcodes to school with your child. Each barcode collected helps us fund pizza parties for the school—yum!



Bottles/Cans Recycling - Field trips and overnight excursions offer St. Paul students a unique chance to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom setting. The funds raised through this initiative will help support trips to Michigan Christian Youth Camp for outdoor education and Washington D.C. We kindly ask for your support by donating cans and bottles of carbonated beverages. Please remember not to crush the containers, as it's important for the barcodes to be clearly visible. Donations can be dropped off in the barrel located in the lobby coatroom at the church or to the school office. Thank you for helping make these enriching experiences possible for our students!

Box Tops for Education-

Help Us Earn with Box Tops for Education! It's time to scan those Box Tops for Education and help support our school! Each Box Top you scan is worth 10 cents, and those small amounts really add up to big rewards for St. Paul! Here's how it works:

- *Look for the Box Tops logo on participating products.
- *Download the Box Tops for Education app to scan your receipts and earn rewards for St. Paul!



Kroger Community Rewards - Did you know you can support St. Paul just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy to participate in the Kroger Community Rewards program and help raise funds for our school—at no extra cost to you!

Here's how it works: *Visit Kroger.com and sign in or create an account. *Go to the Community Rewards section and select St. Paul Lutheran School as your organization of choice. Every time you shop and use your Kroger Plus card, St. Paul earns a percentage of the sale!

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