



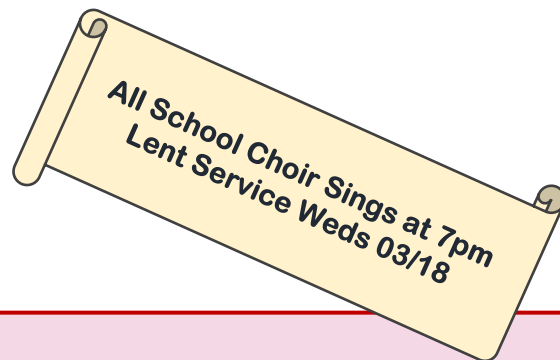
Lent

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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School • Royal Oak, MI



Make A Joyful Noise

As we journey through this holy season, our church and school community gather in worship, reflection, and praise. From **Ash Wednesday through Easter morning**, we remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate the joy of His resurrection.

A meaningful part of this season at St. Paul is hearing the voices of our children lifted in song. Their presence in worship is an important tradition in our church and school community, and we look forward to having our students share their gifts as they help lead us in worship during these special services.

Please plan for your child to participate in the following upcoming services:

- **Wednesday, March 18 – 7:00 PM** – All School Choir
- **Wednesday, March 25 – 7:00 PM** – Jr. Chancel Choir
- **Sunday, March 29 – 9:30 AM (Palm Sunday)** – Combined Choirs
- **Friday, April 3 – 12:00–2:00 PM (Good Friday)** – Combined Choirs
- **Sunday, April 5 – 9:30 AM (Easter Sunday)** – Combined Choirs



We are grateful for the opportunity to worship together as a school and church family and to celebrate this season through the joyful voices of our students.

Important Dates to Remember:

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Fun Picture Day - After Spring Break, we'll jump right back into the fun! On Wednesday, **April 15**, Kaiser Studio will be back for Fun Picture Day. This is not your typical school picture day—it's all about showing personality! Students are invited to come to school wearing their favorite fun outfit and, of course, their best smiles. Want to make your photo extra special? Bring along something that shows what you love—a favorite doll or stuffed animal, a sports item, or another special prop that represents your personality. Get ready to smile, laugh, and have some fun in front of the camera! 📷

Journey to the Cross – Lenten Season

Our Lenten journey is underway as we take time for reflection, worship, and fellowship as a church family.

Wednesday Evenings (through Maundy Thursday)

- 6:15 PM – Community Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Lenten Worship Service



Thank you to everyone who has already joined us for dinner and worship. If you haven't been able to attend yet, there is still time to be part of this meaningful season together. We are also grateful for our church and school choirs who have and will share their gifts in worship and helped lead us in song.

As we continue walking through Lent, we now begin turning our hearts toward Easter. In the coming weeks, our students will be preparing through chapel, classroom devotions, and worship as we reflect on Christ's sacrifice and celebrate the joy of the resurrection. More information about our Easter services will be shared soon so your family can plan to join us.

Lent is a season of community and hope, and we look forward to continuing this journey together.

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Registration Open for 2026–2027!

It's already time to begin planning for the 2026–2027 school year at St. Paul Lutheran School, and we are grateful for the continued partnership we share with our families.

Tuition & Family Commitment

Each year, our church leadership carefully reviews tuition to ensure we can continue providing a strong, Christ-centered education while being mindful of our families. While there has been a modest tuition adjustment for next year, we are thankful to share that:

- **Our Family Cap remains in place** – No family will pay more than the two-child tuition rate, no matter how many children are enrolled.
- Our church continues to generously fund a significant portion of every student's education, supporting this important ministry in meaningful ways.

\$500 Tuition Incentive Program Continues

- We are also continuing our Family Referral Incentive!
- When you invite a new family to join St. Paul:
 - ★ Your family receives a \$500 tuition credit
 - ★ The new family also receives a \$500 tuition credit

There is no better advertisement than the voice of a St. Paul family. If you know someone who would be blessed by our school community, please let us know!

Registration Timeline & Fees

K–8 Registration:

- Now \$450 from March 11 – June 10
- \$500 after June 10

Preschool Registration:

- \$170 per child



Current families have received their reenrollment email from FACTS. If you need assistance with FACTS, please talk to Mrs. Hansen in the school office. If you need another copy of the 2026–2027 fee schedule, or if you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Hansen at 248-546-6555 or jhansen@stpaulroyaloak.org.

We are thankful for your partnership and look forward to another year of growing in faith and learning together.

Third Quarter Chapel Offerings: Lead a Child – Thank you for your continued generosity. Our most recent chapel offerings raised \$19.62 for Lead a Child, bringing our year-to-date total to \$1055.18—an ongoing beautiful reflection of our students' servant hearts.

This quarter, chapel offerings support Lead a Child, a Lutheran mission agency that shares the Good News of Jesus through Christian education in developing countries. Donations help provide scholarships, school supplies, and teacher training so children can learn in Christ-centered environments around the world. Thank you for helping our students live out their faith by serving others near and far.



Easter Eggstravaganza Returns to Grant Park: A Call to Shine!

Get ready to fill the park with joy! On Saturday, April 4th, St. Paul Lutheran is heading into our own backyard at Grant Park in Royal Oak for our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

This isn't just a hunt; it's a premier opportunity for our church and school families to connect with our neighbors and share God's love in a tangible, fun way. To make this our biggest and best year yet, we are looking for the St. Paul community to "egg" us on with donations and a helping hand.

How You Can Help

We are currently collecting the following items in the Welcome Center:

- **Candy: Lots of it!** (Individually wrapped and nut-free preferred).
- **Plastic Eggs:** New or gently used.
- **Your Time:** We need a "day-of" crew to assist with setup, activity stations, and cleanup.

Get Involved

A huge thank you to Blythe Mackinder for leading the charge this year! If you have questions or want to jump on the planning team, please reach out to her at bmackinder@stpaulroyaloak.org.

Ready to sign up? Visit the Welcome Center this Sunday to add your name to the list and drop off your candy donations. Let's make this a day the Royal Oak community won't forget!



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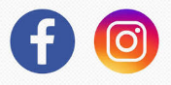
Help Us Share the St. Paul Story!

Have you checked out our posts on **Facebook and Instagram**? If you haven't yet, take a moment to stop by, give our posts a like, and share them with friends and family. Your support helps more families discover what makes St. Paul Lutheran School such a special place.

At St. Paul, Our students are known, encouraged, and given opportunities to grow in ways that are sometimes hard to find in larger schools.

Some may see a smaller school and wonder what that means. We see it as one of our greatest strengths:

- ◆ **A True Sense of Community** – Students build meaningful friendships and look out for one another.
- ◆ **Personalized Learning** – Strong academics where every student is supported and challenged.
- ◆ **Faith-Centered Education** – Christ at the center, shaping hearts and character for life.
- ◆ **A Growing School Family** – More families are discovering St. Paul each year.



Our school is full of opportunities, caring teachers, and a community that truly knows your child's name. **Help us spread the word!** Visit our social media pages, give our posts a like, and share them with someone who might be looking for a school where faith, learning, and community come together.

Acolyte Schedule- Middle school families—our students have a wonderful opportunity to serve! After being trained to acolyte during chapel, they are now ready to take on this meaningful role in our Sunday and mid-week worship services. A special reminder for confirmation students: each is required to acolyte at least five times throughout the school year. Here is the Signup Genius link to schedule your child's service. Thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they grow in both faith and service!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AADAD22AAF8C16-58956488-acolyte>

Church Attendance: Do not forget to record your attendance at church. Parents must sign in at the kiosk at church services. A minimum of 50% in-person attendance is required each quarter for church members to qualify for the member education rate.



FACTS Delinquencies: There are quite a few people who have negative balances for your lunch, extended care, and incidental expense accounts.



We ask that you please bring these accounts up to date so that you may continue using these services. Thank you.

Yearbook Help: Have you snapped some great photos of our students during school events or field trips? We'd love to include them in this year's yearbook! Your pictures are a wonderful way to help us showcase all the special moments from the school year. To share your images, simply click the link below and use the provided password. Thank you for helping us make this year's yearbook one to remember!



<https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/StPaul2026> **The School Password is:** Vikings1

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.



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!



♪ **Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord – Psalms 98:4** 🎵

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