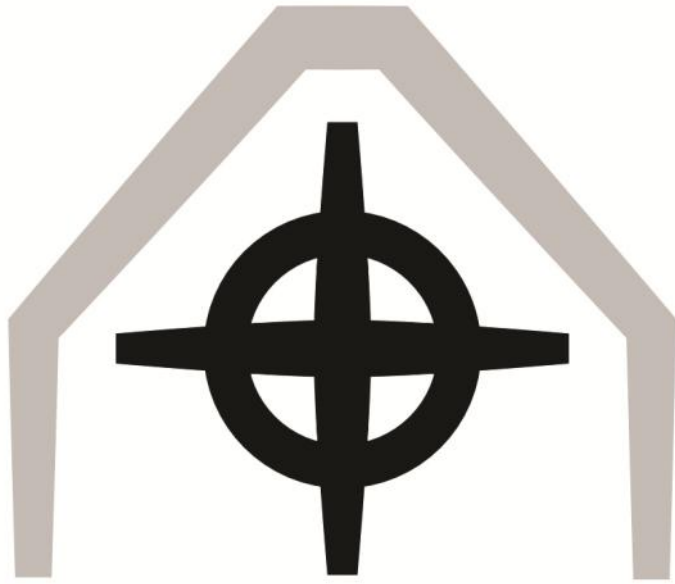




**SAINT
PAUL'S
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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026, 9:30 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your cell phone.

We ask your prayers for: Chuck, Eric, Katherine, Larry, Tim, Bryan, Greg and family, Natalie, Bill, Jennifer, Evan, Yimaira, Connie, Jamie, Otto, Jim, Beth, Joern, Valerie, Helen, Sherrie, and Candace.

And for those serving in the Armed Forces and Diplomatic Corps of our Country: David Craddock, John Sampson, Brett Griffin, Zachary Falter, and Isabel Steen Falter.

And for those having Birthdays (please see the weekly email).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer—Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer—St. Peter's, Delaware; and the Standing Committee.

The Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

SERVING TODAY - 7/19/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Mary Ellen Foster Dana Cunningham Ada Hawrylak
Reader	Mary Ellen Foster Chuck Berry
Ushers	Charlie Campbell Micky Neben
Crucifer/ Chalice	Bob Neben
Book	Teena Baldrige

SERVING NEXT SUN. - 7/26/26 - 9:30AM

Altar Guild	Diana Labrie Paul T.
Reader	Mike Miller Paul T.
Ushers	Margaret Sampson Diane Labrie
Crucifer/ Chalice	Randy Young
Book	Jay Woodhull

All Hymns are in the Blue 1982 Hymnal or Lift Every Voice & Sing (referred to as LEVAS).

PRELUDE: Minuet in G Major

Ludwig van Beethoven

PRAYER REQUESTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL: HYMN #423, Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA, HYMNAL #S280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: GENESIS 28:10-19A

A Reading from Genesis

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a

ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23 (*spoken responsively*)

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

**4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

**6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

**8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

**10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**

11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

**22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.**

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:12-25

A Reading from Romans

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

GOSPEL PROCESSION: HYMN #302, Father, We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

Rendez a Dieu

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:24-30,36-43

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

THE REV. JEAN VARGO

All stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - From the book *"Hear Our Prayer"*

After each petition the people respond with *"Hear Our Prayer"*.

All stand or kneel as able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not
loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY MUSIC: Precious Lord, Take my Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

All stand if able.

HYMN #43, vs. 4

The Eighth Tune

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS, HYMNAL #S125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel if able.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting

heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER, BCP, P.#364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, BCP, P. #364

FRACTION ANTHEM, #S154

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with
thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: #482, Lord of all Hopefulness

Slane

All stand or kneel as able.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL: HYMN #344, Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in C

Noel Rawsthorne

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OTHER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Bible Listening

Sundays at 10:50 a.m. in the Parish Library

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84552326439?pwd=05TCyW32UkAdnVdVr1B5LREnmguTr3.1>

Bible Listening focuses on listening to the voice of God. It is a time to share, and to move from hearing the word of God to acting on it. The scripture from the Sunday lectionary will be utilized.

If you'd like to learn more, please contact Jeff Baldrige or Rev. Jean.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICES/EVENTS FOR ST. MARK'S AND ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, August 2 - Outreach Project and Worship Service at **St. Mark's** - 10:00 a.m.

The Outreach Committees at both parishes will work together to organize details for a joint outreach project.

Sunday, October 4 - Outdoor Worship Service & Pet Blessing - 10:00 a.m. Location to be determined.

Movie Night - Tuesday, July 28th "Meet The Parents" (2000) stars Robert DeNiro, Ben Stiller, Blythe Danner and Owen Wilson with music by Randy Newman. In-laws will be In-laws. Sometimes a grateful blessing, sometimes, not so much. Come meet the cast of quirky, lovable characters who are about to find out.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Movie at 6:30 p.m. and popcorn throughout.

Summer Drop-in Choir Opportunities

While our adult choir is on recess for the summer, that does not mean the singing has to stop! On the following dates, congregation members are invited to sing as part of the "Drop-in Choir" during the offertory. Rehearsal will take place on each of those mornings, at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. Mark your calendar and plan to sing with us. No musical training or prior experience is necessary.

7/26/26: I've Got Peace Like a River

8/30/26: Morning Has Broken

Volunteers Needed for St. Paul's Properties Committee

St. Paul's staff member Sue Starnier has reduced her hours and will no longer be responsible for issues related to church properties, including monitoring routine oversight, working with contractors, budgeting, and assessing future needs. We need a Properties Committee, a group of volunteers who will work together to maintain the church, grounds, and rental units; work with contractors (HVAC, landscaping, roofing, etc.); and assess future needs, both short and long-term.

If you have experience in facility maintenance; if you're comfortable navigating a budget; if you're handy with tools; if you like watching "This Old House" on PBS; or if you're just curious about how things work in our beautiful old building, and you want to get involved, please consider yourself "qualified."

If you are interested in this work or have any questions, please reach out to me by the end of July (rsam.davis@sbcglobal.net or 937-287-9091). In early August I will establish a kick-off meeting to get us moving forward.

Gratefully, Sam Davis, Properties Chair

The Weeds Are Winning and We Need Your Help! The hot, dry weather has been a boon to our lovely summer flowers, but it also has encouraged their nemesis—weeds around the church and the rental property are prolific. If you are able to offer an hour or two to help clean up your favorite flower bed, please contact Sam Davis and he'll help you get started (rsam.davis@sbcglobal.net or 937-287-9091). Thank you!

Summertime! It's summertime - but please don't let your pledge go on vacation! While we may be enjoying the warm weather and taking trips, the ministries, outreach, and everyday expenses of the church continue to roll in. Please keep your pledge giving up to date... or even send your giving in advance! Thank you!

"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference."—*Kathy Calvin*

Ministry Opportunity! Your help is needed! Do you like books? Is organizing your thing? St. Paul's is in need of someone (or a few someones) to care for our Library. A good deal of organizational framework is in place but more book donations and book returns have arrived and are eagerly awaiting a place on a shelf! We have coffee! We have air conditioning! And there are comfy couches to settle into when you want to take a break and do some reading yourself! Please contact Sue (937) 293-1154 or sue@stpauls-dayton.org if this is the ministry for you!

Who Needs Scissors? The kindergarten through fourth-grade students at Seville Elementary School on Burkhardt Road do. In partnership with St. Mark's, we are supplying 400 pairs of scissors to the school. Our share of the cost is \$183. To help us meet this goal by July 26, please place your contributions in the offering plate on Sundays. You may use the envelopes found in the pew racks or one from home; please ensure the envelope is marked "Scissors for Seville School." For checks, please include "Scissors for School" on the memo line.

Money collected beyond what's needed for the scissors will be sent to Seville School for additional school supplies.

Thank you for your generosity. *Cathy Fain, Vestry Liaison for Outreach*

Ongoing Outreach Opportunities

Socks for Everyone! - Since there is a great need for socks for the entire population at St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Shelter, we would like to include adults in the collection as well as for the children. Add your donations to the box in the Narthex. Questions? Please contact Cathy Fain. Thank you!

Food Bank Donations - Your Efforts Make a Difference! - Please fill yellow donation bags with food (no glass jars please) and personal care items and bring them to church to be blessed and delivered to the Food Bank. Questions? Please contact Diane Labrie. Thank you!

Egg Cartons for the Procter Center - The Procter Center Farm reuses clean dozen-egg cartons. Please place your donated cartons on the table next to the Parish Hall Library.

LIONS Recycle For Sight. . . And St. Paul's Helps! - Do you have old or extra eyeglasses you no longer use? Please bring them to St. Paul's and deposit them in the Lions Club box in the Narthex. Thank you!

Shaping Our Identity through Transition

This is a reminder that we are counting on YOU to gather the information needed to help St. Paul's define our mission within our community. Please reach out to people within Oakwood and the greater Dayton area, and ask these questions:

What do you know about St. Paul's?

What is the first word that comes to mind?

What do you think is the greatest need of our community?

What advice would you give to the leaders of the church. . .How could we better be part of or support the community?

The questionnaire is crucial to our current process. The information collected will help us to shape our goals, as well as write our parish profile when the time comes to begin the search for a new rector. Please share what you learn with the church office.

Thank you!

Rev. Jean Vargo

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WELCOME!

We're glad you're here today! Your presence with us is a blessing. We invite you to participate in worship, say the prayers, sing the songs, and introduce yourself. You'll find a visitor card in the pew back in front of you. We're so excited to meet you.

WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am - Worship Service with Hymns

Office hours: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday

9:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday

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ST. PAUL'S VESTRY

Class of 2027 - Cheryl Strine, *liaison to Parish Life*

Class of 2028 - Jill Davis, *liaison to Communications and Properties*

Class of 2029 - Cathy Fain, *liaison to Outreach*, Diane Labrie, *liaison to Worship*

Senior Warden (*term expires 2027*)- Chris Brandt

Junior Warden (*term expires 2027*) - Steve Ireland

Secretary of the Vestry - Kathleen Walters

Treasurer - Bob Neben

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