

## SAINT PAUL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH June 11, 2023

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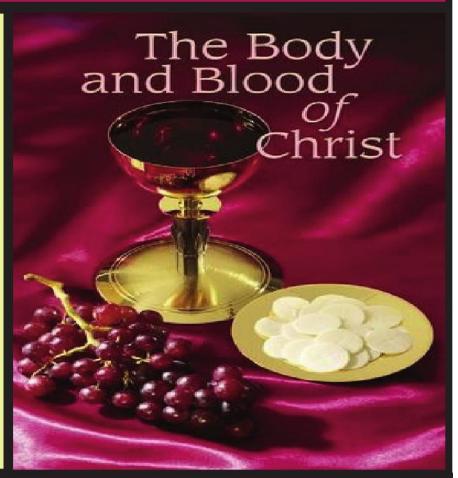
### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 11:00 am,
	1:00 pm (Misa en Español)
	10:30 am (in Oriental)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00 am	
Wednesdo	y 6:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am at Old Saint Paul

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Deacon David Kierski, Parish Deacon, Principal, Saint Paul School "Besides physical hunger, people have another hunger, one that cannot be satisfied with ordinary food. It is the hunger for life, hunger for love (and) hunger for eternity.

The body and blood of Christ can give people eternal life because the substance of this bread is love. Living the Catholic faith, means allowing yourself to be nourished by the Lord and building your life not on material goods, but on the reality that does not perish: the gifts of God, His Word, and His Body." *Pope Francis* 

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is historically known by its Latin name, Corpus Christi. This day is a celebration of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist

—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

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## WORD OF OUR LORD

Scripture Readings For the Week of June 11, 2023

Sunday: Dt 8:2-16; Ps 147:12-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58 Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-135; Mt 5:13-16 Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1-6; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103: 1-12; Lk 2:41-51 Immaculate Heart of Mary

## MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus dates back to the time of the Apostles.

Some depictions present the Sacred Heart alone, while others show Jesus with His Sacred Heart radiant in His chest.

In this image, we can see various small emblems, each representing an aspect of Christ's sacrificial love.

The first thing we notice

is that Jesus' heart is exposed, for He has poured Himself out for us and desires that we enter into His Most Loving Heart.

The crown surrounding the Sacred Heart recalls Jesus being crowned with thorns, and reminds us that He endured persecution and ridicule for us.

The fire represents the burning flame of divine love and the essence of divinity. The Sacred Heart is on fire with love for mankind.

A crown rests on top of the Sacred Heart because the crown is a symbol of Jesus' kingship. The lance-wound references John 19:33-37, when the Roman soldiers pierced Jesus' side and blood and water flowed from the wound, which, according to the Gospel of John, "took place that the scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of him shall be broken'" (John 19:36).

This image of blood and water is highly symbolic. It represents the Passover Lamb sacrificed for our sins to save us from death and reminds us that Jesus shed every last drop of His blood for our sake.

Now, when you honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus today, you can meditate on its profound symbolism and on Christ's burning love for you.

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## **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**



Even though the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was instituted for the universal Church relatively recently (1944), this devotion has a long history in the Church, going back to Scripture itself.

We read about the Heart of Our Lady *three times* in the Gospels. All three instances are contained in the second chapter of

Luke, which, of the four Gospels, gives us the most detail about Our Lady and the early life of Our Lord.

The first reference is in Luke's narrative of Our Lord's Nativity. The Evangelist speaks of the adoration of the shepherds and their marvelous testimony of the angelic message they had received (Luke 2:18-19).

We hear similar language further on, after Our Lady and St. Joseph find the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:51). These simple statements from St. Luke offer us deep insight into Our Lady's interior life and her continual spirit of contemplation.

The final passage we'll examine describes the prophecy of Simeon when the Holy Family comes to the Temple to present Jesus to His Father forty days after His birth. (Luke 2:34-35).

In this passage we can see the basis for the traditional depiction of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, with the sword piercing it.

Both the prophecy of Simeon and the Crucifixion—where this prophecy was most fully realized, where this sword was at its sharpest and most painful—are counted among Our Lady's Seven Sorrows.

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### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday 6/11 Corpus Christi 8:00AM Mass – Church (L)Sam McDonald 9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 1:00PM 10:00AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Church 10:30AM Mass -Oriental 10:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - SJC 11:00AM Mass – Church +Lisa Rodgers 1:00PM Misa – Church **Saint Paul Parish Family** 5:30PM **Youth Group Meeting - Gym** 

Monday 6/12

8:00AM Mass – Church (L)Dcn Michael Mahoney 10:00AM Ladies Card Game – FLC3 6:00PM **Gospel Choir Practice - Church** 

6:00PM **RCIA - Cookout - Outside Grounds** 

Tuesday 6/13

8:00AM Mass-Church +Carl Tyndall

10:30AM Mass – Oriental

12:00PM One in the Spirit Prayer Group – SJC

12:00PM **Fatima Rosary -SJC** 

1:00PM **Prayer Shawl Ministry - FLC3 Folk Choir Practice - Church** 7:00PM

Wednesday 6/14

9:00AM Olive Branch Open till 11:00AM

5:00PM Medjugorje Prayer Group – Church/SJC

Mass – Church 6:00PM +Jack Hawkins

**Hispanic Choir Practice – Church** 7:00PM

7:00PM **Adoration with Rosary - SJC** 

7:45PM **Benediction - SJC** 

Thursday 6/15

Mass – Church 8:00AM +Katherine Breen

8:45AM **Adoration - Church** 

10:30AM **Bereavement Group Mtg - Conference Rm** 

10:45AM **Reconciliation - Confessional** 

11:45AM **Benediction - Church** 

7:00PM **Chancel Choir Practice - Church** 

Friday 6/16

8:00AM Mass - OSP +James Conklin

8:25AM **OSP Preservation Guild Mtg - OSP** 

Saturday 6/17

Men's Bible Study - Conference Room 6:30AM

3:30PM **Reconciliation - Confessional** 

Mass - Church 5:00PM **Saint Paul Parish Family** 



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** 

July 17th - 21st 8am - 2pm **Family Life Center** 

\$35 a child or \$75 per family

Registration forms are available in the atrium. Registration will be on the weekend of June 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer to help! Contact Heather Santos at 336-509-5229

## SAINT PAUL SCHOOL

On Wednesday, May 31st, Saint Paul Catholic School celebrated our newest alumni and 136 years of continuous Catholic Education in the New Bern area at our Eighth Grade Graduation Mass. (See page 6)

A highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of the Joseph Rachid Distinguished Alumni Award to Michael Smith, class of 1981.

Before the presentation of diplomas, individual graduates were recognized as follows:

SCHOLARS AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Charlotte Flowers, Michael Lewis, Htay-Reh Seh, Gabriella Stires, Emma Williamson

HONORS AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE Kennedy Boyd, Brianna Dutcher, Ryan Edwards

### **AWARD OF MERIT**

The following graduate has most exemplified the Core Values of Saint Paul Catholic School during the 2022-2023 school year:

Gabriella Stires, England House Captain

#### **CORE VALUES**

Each graduate was recognized for exemplifying a Saint Paul Catholic School Core Value of Respect, Service,

Love, Perseverance or Excellence:

**Respect: Brianna Dutcher, Charlotte Flowers** Service: Ryan Edwards, Emma Williamson

Love: Kennedy Boyd, Holly Evans, Michael Lewis,

**Gabriella Stires** 

Perseverance: Anthony Collins, Zykirra Koonce

**Excellence: Htay-Reh Seh** 

### **ACTS OF VIRTUE**

The following graduates were recognized for giving glory to God through their acts of virtue by exemplifying the virtuous lives of saints:

Saint Joseph, Gold: Emma Williamson

Saint Justin Martyr, Bronze: Kennedy Boyd, Ryan

**Edwards, Gabriella Stires** 

### STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

**Gabriella Stires** 

### **EIGHTH GRADE ATHLETES**

Volleyball: Kennedy Boyd, Brianna Dutcher, Charlotte Flowers, Zykirra Koonce, Gabriella Stires, Emma Williamson

Cross Country: Anthony Collins, Ryan Edwards, Holly Evans, Michael Lewis, Htay-Reh Seh

Girls' Basketball: Kennedy Boyd, Holly Evans, Gabriella

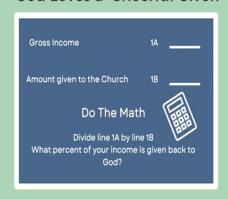
Stires, Emma Williamson

Boys' Basketball: Anthony Collins, Ryan Edwards, Michael Lewis, Htay-Reh Seh

**Congratulations to the Saint Paul Catholic School Class** of 2023, their families and the school staff.

## SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

### God Loves a Cheerful Giver!



### THREE THINGS WE COULD DO

Here are the top three things Saint Paul could do with more funding!



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Cor. 9:6 The Catholic Daughters recently collected donations for the Filling Station in Pollocksville to help the children of Jones County in the coming summer.



worldwide marriage encounter

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;

whoever eats this bread will live forever." Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by going on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 3-5, 2023 in Atlantic Beach, NC. For more information visit our website at: NCMarriageDiscovery.org or contact us at 704-315-2144.

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We also have gifts for any age graduate! Come see us - we need volunteers. Shifts are only 2 hours per month and it's fun.

Open Sun 9–1 & Wed 9–11 in the Family Life Center. All proceeds benefit St Paul Catholic Church.

We would like to extend our thanks to our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve at Masses and those who serve the sick and homebound. Thank you for answering the call to share the greatest gift of all, the Eucharist!

**Chervl Allen** Pat Baader **Teresa Baugher Denny Colbert Frances Eder** Deborah Ferrante Marlene Fitzpatrick Miriam Garner **Beverly Hartung Pauline Humphrey Mary Lang** Tricia McCloskey **Doris Norton** Lynn Rocco **Maria Sendor Suzan Stafford Sharon Warren Mary Louise Whitlow** 

Tina Allen **Agnes Barber** Josephine Bleil-Gardner **Robert Cole Merri Edwards** Llovd Ferraro **Vince Fragnito Don Hanson** Jackie Hice Mary Gene Kapicak John Lantier Marisa McDonald **Guy Norton David Ross** Al Serpi **Carole Trabold Terry Watts Hilda Whitney** 

**Beth Anderson Phil Barber Mary Brown Adam Cullen** Marta Espinoza **Larry Fieldhaus Clark French** Mary Ann Harper **Mary Hieptas Loretta Kestler** Pat Markowski John McQuade **Richard Plezia Angel Santos Chas Sforza Pam Vanover** Mae West **Larry Winsor** 

**Terry Anderson Catherine Barrett** Mary Jo Buckl **Heather Doban** Rebecca Fenn Vicki Fieldhaus **Scott Fritton Tom Hartman Barbara Holton** Jerry Kopec **Ed Martinez Bob Montedonico Cheryl Reed Heather Santo** Diane Spallanzani **Della Walley Cynthia White Sharon Wright** 

**Craig Baader Kathy Bascom** Mary Lou Clark **Richard Dodson Guy Ferrante Calvin Flovd** Jim Garner Paula Hartman Jim Kelly Albert Lang Mary McGee Kim Nguyen **Chris Riesbeck Carrie Schult Bill Stafford** Fletcher Walsh Janice Whitley



What about you? Do you love the Eucharist? Are you a Confirmed and practicing Catholic? If God is also calling you to this important office of immense love, please reach out! We are in need of 30 more EMHCs for the weekend Mass rotation (Contact marisa at marisa@spccnb.org) and 10 more EMHCs for the sick and homebound (contact Denny at ordie1@embarqmail.com).



## A host of sacramental statistics: Vatican tracks practice of the faith

The Vatican has an office dedicated to collecting statistics from every diocese around the world; the numbers are compiled into a yearbook and include a look at Catholic sacramental practice around the globe. [by Cindy Wooden, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE, June 2, 2023]

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- As first Communion season winds down and wedding fever rises, Catholic counters are busy. The Central Office of Church Statistics, a department of the Vatican Secretariat of State, keeps track of baptisms, first Communions, confirmations and Catholic marriages reported by dioceses around the world.

The statistics are one way of "showing adherence to the church," including the continuing practice of the faith over time, said the introduction to the chapter "Practice of Religion" in the 512-page volume, Statistical Yearbook of the Church 2021. Using statistics reported as of Dec. 31, 2021, the book was published in February this year. It counted more than 1.3 billion Catholics in the world or 17.7% of the global population.

Dioceses and other church territories around the world reported more than 13.7 million baptisms in 2021 and more than 11.1 million of those, 81%, were baptisms of children under the age of 7. The yearbook for 1991 reported 18.1 million baptisms worldwide, 89% of which involved welcoming into the church children under the age of 7. The statistical yearbook noted "a general downward trend in the relative number of baptisms, following closely the trend in the birthrate in most countries."

The yearbook also provided a look at the percentage of baptisms of people over the age of 7 by continent from 2016 to 2021, providing an indication that missionary activity is holding steady everywhere but the Middle East. Africa leads the world in the percentage of baptisms in which the new Christian was over 7 years of age. In 2016 close to 33% of the baptisms on the continent involved older children and adults; by 2021, it had grown to 36%. Both the Middle East and Europe reported in 2016 that about 4.5% of all baptisms involved people over the age of 7; by 2021, the Middle East reported only 2.9% of baptisms involved that population, while Europe stood steady at 4.5%. North American dioceses reported 8.7% in 2016 and 8.6% in 2021.

The number of Catholic weddings celebrated around the world in 2021 was over 1.8 million; of those, only 9.2% involved a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic. On the low end, only 1.7% of marriages in Central America were between a Catholic and a non-Catholic, while in Oceania the figure was 28.3%. North America was close with 20.2 percent of all sacramental marriages involving a Catholic and a non-Catholic. The yearbook for 1991 reported more than 3.8 million Catholic weddings with 8.9% of them involving a Catholic marrying a non-Catholic. In 2021, the yearbook said, 8.5 million people received their first Communion, and 7.3 million people were confirmed.

In addition to listing the number of first Communions and confirmations reported country by country and continent by continent, the 2021 yearbook also gives the number of those sacraments per 1,000 Catholics in the country or region, giving a sense of how many children those Catholics are having and how they are or are not bringing their children up in the faith.

The global average was 6.2 first Communions for every 1,000 Catholics; in Asia the ratio was highest at 9.1, while the Americas were on the low end with 5.2. The yearbook said there were 7.3 first Communions per 1,000 Catholics in the United States in 2021 and 3.1 first Communions for every 1,000 Catholics in Canada.

[Add to your prayers the intention of the world-wide growth of the Church... that the numbers reflect an increase of spirituality and holiness!]

### **SACRAMENT SCHEDULE**

Reconciliation: Thursdays 10:45-11:45am, Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.

Baptism: Please send an Email to Baptisms@spccnb.org First Communion/Confirmation: Contact the church office.

Marriages: Contact church office - 6 month advance notice is required. Anointing of the Sick: Contact the church office or rectory (252-638-4436).

Funerals: Call 638-4436 or e-mail funeral@spccnb.org



### **JOIN US FOR DAILY MASS**

Mass Monday and Tuesday - Mass at 8am in the Church Wednesday - Mass at 6pm in the Church

Thursday - Mass at 8am in the Church, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Benediction at 11:45am

Friday - Mass at 8am at Old Saint Paul Church, 504 Middle St.

Main Campus Church doors are open 7am-7pm for private prayer.



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### **NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Saint Paul Catholic School Investment Fund

Congratulation to the following members of the Saint Paul Catholic School Class of 2023!

Kennedy Lee Boyd Brianna Lynn Dutcher Holly Brooke Evans Zykirra Atasia Koonce Htay-RehTerrance She Emma Renee Williamson Anthony Miguel Collins, Jr. Ryan Lawrence Edwards Charlotte Marie Flowers Michael Douglas Lewis, Jr. Gabriella Mae Stires





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Please pray for the following who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, as delegated by the Most Reverend Bishop Luis Raphael Zarama, to our Pastor, Reverend Father Thomas S Tully, this June, the Feasts of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi.

> Lilv Bettcher **Patrick Blain**

Jose Manuel Sanchez-Soto

**Delanev Brady** Gabriel Call Caroline Corev **Paul Doban Graham Foster** Isabelle Gallman Suizah Neki Khawna **Declan Leffler** Kayleigh McCloskey Jacob McDonald Molly McGuire Htaw Meh Mi Meh Sae Meh James Mynster Su Thet Na Victor Rivera-Abaroa



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