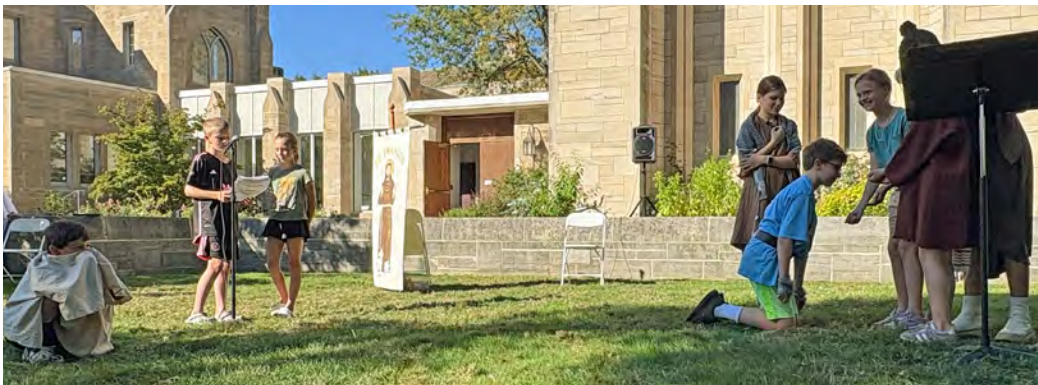




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A Letter from the Rector

My friends,

Just over a week ago, you should have received an email invitation to a series of Gatherings that will be held over the next several months. As I mentioned in that letter, all meaningful relationships are built on trust, a trust that is slowly nurtured over time. We will grow into our relationship and come to trust each other more deeply through the natural rhythm of parish life: baptisms, funerals, weddings, praying together, serving together, and sharing our stories. These gatherings will bring intentionality to the building of relationships between us. Life is busy, but I truly hope that you will be able to find time in your schedule to attend one of these Gatherings.

What are they? The Gatherings are a series of get-togethers in the homes of church members lasting about one hour and a half. We will have about twenty minutes of social time with the remainder spent in discussion focused on one primary question, “What does your new Rector need to know?” Your questions are welcome. Notes will be taken at each meeting and published in summary form for the whole parish.

The list of dates and times of the Gatherings is available on the parish website; you can RSVP through the website or by contacting the office.

Thank you for being a part of our community, and I cannot wait to gather with you!

Pax et bonum,

The Rev'd T.J. Freeman *SMMS*
Seventeenth Rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church



Please Note

Church Office Closed

Thursday, Nov. 27 & Friday, Nov. 28

The parish office and church building will be closed in honor of the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28.

Thursday, November 27: Morning Prayer and Bible Study are canceled.

The Act II Shop will be closed on Thursday, November 27, but **open** on Friday, November 28.

Worship

An Invitation to Remember All Our Saints

Sunday, November 2, at all services

As a part of our celebration of All Saints' Sunday, you are invited to bring photos or meaningful items of loved ones who have died. We will have altars set up in the Nave, where these objects can be placed during the service as remembrances of those who now are within the “great cloud of witnesses.” Photos and items can be taken home after each service on November 2.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 26, 6 p.m.
St. Martin's Chapel

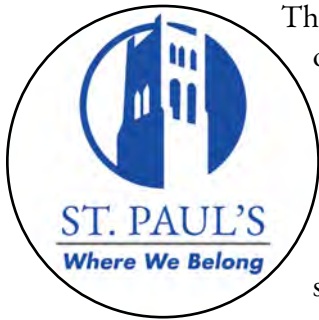
Join us for a special service on the Eve of Thanksgiving to begin your holiday festivities. We'll give thanks to God for the splendor of creation and the blessings of our lives with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist and Thanksgiving hymns.



Sign up for a Gathering: [TinyURL.com/2526gatherings](https://tinyurl.com/2526gatherings)

Stewardship

Where We Belong: The 2026 Annual Fund Campaign



This fall, we have been focusing on what it means to belong to a community of faith like St. Paul's. We long for places in the world where we can feel welcomed, known, and loved; where we can feel safe and accepted for who we are; where we can celebrate our

happiest moments and find comfort during times of greatest sorrow and pain; where we can develop intergenerational relationships around shared values and goals; and around our yearning to know God more deeply.

Making a pledge of our financial gifts to the church is an act of belonging and commitment. It communicates our priorities and is part of identifying ourselves as part of this vital and life-giving community of St. Paul's. We are giving of our "first fruits" in thanksgiving for all that we have received through God's grace. And we are equipping our community leaders to prepare a responsible budget for the coming year.



Please offer your support of the 2026 annual fund by returning your pledge form on Commitment Sunday, November 9, mailing your pledge using the envelope enclosed in your pledge packet, or online through the St. Paul's website, StPaulsCLE.org. Thank you!

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 9, 10 a.m.

November 9 is Commitment Sunday when we come together to celebrate our Belonging as the body of Christ and the community of St. Paul's, and offer our commitments of time, talent and treasure to support the church in the coming year. **One combined service will be at 10 a.m.** with a celebratory meal to follow. Volunteers are invited to bring a dish to share: TinyURL.com/nov9food

Formation

The Forum: Can I Still Belong Here If I Have Doubts?

Sunday, November 23, 10:10 a.m.
Dining Room

Do you have serious doubts and questions about your faith? Some of us may wonder if we even belong in a traditional faith community. Be assured, you are in good company, and all are welcome! Join Bill Hobbs, Spiritual Director and Director of the Jesuit Retreat Center, for a thought-provoking discussion about belonging and doubt. *This Forum will be recorded.*



The Forum: Youth Pilgrimage

Sunday, November 30, 10:10 a.m.
Dining Room

Our youth will share stories and reflections from their summer mission trip to Boys Home of Virginia. Hear how service, community, and friendship deepened their sense of belonging with each other and with God. *This Forum will be recorded.*



Centering Prayer Practice Sessions

Mondays through Dec. 1, 7 - 8 p.m., *online*
Tuesdays through Dec. 2, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Chapel of the Cross

Want to gain peace and grounded energy by learning Centering Prayer? We will hold six weeks of instructional practice sessions, both online on Mondays and in-person on Tuesdays.

Each session stands alone; attend however many you like. Both beginners and experienced practitioners will find value in the sessions. To receive the Monday Zoom links contact Rev. Patricia: PRose@StPaulsCLE.org



Music and Arts

Great Performances – The Complete Choral Works of Maurice Duruflé

Sunday, November 2, 4 p.m.

The Senior Choir of St. Paul’s presents the complete choral works of French 20th-century composer

Maurice Duruflé. Included are the Four

Motets on Gregorian Themes, the *Notre-Père*, the rarely heard *Messe ‘cum jubilo’* for male choir, and the beloved and mystically transparent *Requiem*. The concert features Artist-in-Residence Todd Wilson as organist. Kevin Jones conducts.



Jazz Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.

The Choristers of St. Paul’s and members of the Cleveland Jazz Orchestra, led by Paul Ferguson, return to St. Paul’s for this annual favorite.

Choral Eucharist

Sunday, November 23, 11:15 a.m.

Mozart | *Mass in C Major, KV 220 (Spatzenmesse)*

The Senior Choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra present Mozart’s delightful *Spatzenmesse* (“Sparrow

Mass”) as the music for the ordinary. A thoroughly Viennese setting of the mass music, the *Spatzenmesse* brings a festive buoyancy and joy to The Feast of Christ the King. This service will be livestreamed:

StPaulsCLE.org/live



Choral Eucharist The Feast of Christ the King

Heights Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, November 23, 3:30 p.m., *Nave*

Support our Cleveland Heights arts community right here at St. Paul’s! The Heights Chamber Orchestra performs a free concert at St. Paul’s,

featuring pianist Anna Audenis.

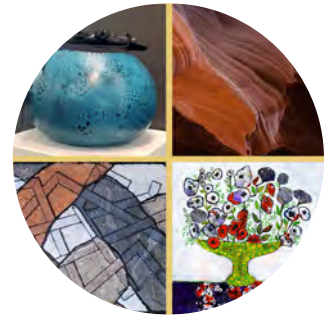
Beethoven | *Piano Concerto No. 3*

Franck | *Symphony in D minor*

Fall Art Gallery Show – Last Call!

On display until Sunday, November 9

We’re showcasing colorful paintings by Renee Sentilles, floral and desert landscape photography by Jane Sydney, mixed media abstract works by Gary Nass, and mixed media by April Nicholson-Couch.



Be sure to enjoy the artwork when you visit the church and consider purchasing something for your home! The gallery does not receive a commission from, nor act as an agent for the sale of artworks. This means that local artists keep 100% of the sales they make from their art! Pick up a booklet in the gallery for pricing and artist contact information.

Winter Gallery Show Opening Reception

Thursday, November 20, 5 – 7 p.m.

Artists’ Conversation at 6 p.m.

The Nicholson B. White Gallery Committee is excited to announce that our Winter Gallery Show will be a student exhibition, featuring students the Cleveland Institute of Art. We look forward to seeing what they come up with; it will be a special show. Join us at the opening reception to welcome the artists and mingle with parishioners and guests. Refreshments will be served.

Cover Pictures: Row 1: Invite, Welcome, Connect Workshop; Blessing of the Animals for the Feast of St. Francis. Row 2: Youth skit during Blessing of the Animals service; David Osburn with Certificate of Appreciation. Row 3: Parishioners at the GCC Rally for Pre-Trial Justice; Presenters at the Senior Choir Pilgrimage Forum. Row 4: Polyphony choir receiving a standing ovation; C.A.S.T. members rehearsing for the fall musical, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." Row 5: The Village Trunk-or-Treat; mystery guests at our first "Guess Who's Coming to Tapas" fellowship event.

Outreach

Fairhill Partners Holiday Gifts

Sundays in November, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Foyer outside Tucker Hall

For more than 20 years, St. Paul's has partnered with Fairhill Partners' Kinship Care program to provide holiday gifts to children being raised by their grandparents. Names and wish lists of children, along with all other needed details, will be available on Sundays in November outside Tucker Hall.



Thank you - your generosity means so much to these children and grandparents!

For questions, call or text **Julie Dornback** (216-780-7760) or **Jennie Kaffen** (216-544-7579).

UPCaM's Holiday Homestay Program

UPCaM's Holiday Homestay Program connects international students in Cleveland with families who offer hospitality, connection, and care during the holiday break. Many international students are advised to stay in the U.S. over break, but can't afford housing and food when school is closed. UPCaM matches students with families to share a safe, welcoming home and shared meals from around Dec. 18 - Jan 8. For more info or questions, contact Amanda Powell, UPCaM Campus Minister: Amanda@UPCaM.org | (413) 949-3366

Assembling Baby Bundles

Saturday, November 22, 3 - 6 p.m.
Sanders Room



All are welcome to help create bundles of necessities for newborn infants to be sent to new mothers in need at CAMO's (Central American Medical Outreach) maternity hospital in Honduras. These gifts bring great joy! No need to RSVP, just

join us! For more information email Rev. Patricia: PRose@StPaulsCLE.org

Opportunities to Support LMM Men's Shelter

St. Paul's has two upcoming opportunities to spread the love and warmth of Christmas through our Loaves & Fishes meal ministry at the Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries Men's Shelter - the largest shelter in the state of Ohio, serving up to 365 men per night, with an additional 30-60 beds available at overflow sites.

Sock Collection

Sunday, November 16 - Monday, December 8

We're collecting 600 pairs of new, cotton or wool socks for the residents, to be given out at our festive Christmas dinner. These socks will make a huge difference to folks who spend a lot of time outside in frigid weather. Please bring donations to the bins in the Narthex, Foyer, or in front of the Office between Sunday, November 16, and Monday, December 8.



Loaves & Fishes Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 10, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
2100 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland

We will provide and serve our annual, festive Christmas dinner at the Shelter. Like last year, when over 270 hot holiday meals were served and 544 pairs of socks were gifted, this will be a joyous occasion with traditional Christmas festivities.



You can help by making a casserole or baking sweet treats in advance, or by coming to the dinner to help serve or to socialize (5 - 7 p.m.).

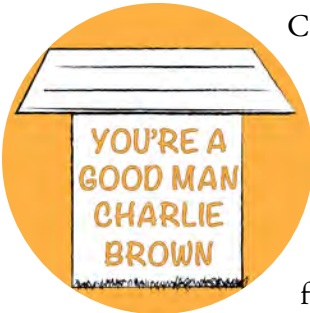
For more information or to contribute to the dinner, email Adam Blackman: Blackman@ClevelandInternationalFund.com

Children & Youth

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!

C.A.S.T. Fall Musical

Friday, Nov. 14 & Saturday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m.



C.A.S.T. is pleased to present *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* for our fall musical. The whole gang is here! Join Charlie Brown, Sally, Lucy, Schroeder, Linus, and Snoopy, with all your favorite PEANUTS characters

on stage! We have all the Dr. Lucy psychiatric advice, backyard football fumbblings, and Snoopy shenanigans you could hope for. Don't be a *blockhead*—buy your tickets today!

Tickets: TinyURL.com/spcast25

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN
Based on the Comic Strip "PEANUTS"
by Charles M. Schulz
Book, Music and Lyrics
by Clark Gesner

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Christmas Pageant Lead Role Auditions

Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. - noon, *O'Hear Room*

Calling students (grades 4 and above) with a passion for storytelling! Join us to audition for a lead role in St. Paul's Christmas Pageant. We'll perform during the 4 p.m. service on Wednesday, Dec. 24.

Christmas Pageant Full Cast Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 23, 10 a.m. - noon, *Nave*



Children ages 4 and up are invited to be an angel, shepherd or a sheep in St. Paul's Christmas Pageant (*at the 4 p.m. service on Dec. 24*).

All pageant participants must attend the full cast rehearsal on December 23. If

you child is under 8, you'll stay for rehearsal to help supervise them.

Please email Susan Armstrong with any questions about the pageant: SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org

Parish Life

Act II Jumble Sale

Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The ACT II Resale Shop is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, November 1. Come fill a bag from the sale area for just \$8. ALL items (sale area AND shop floor) are 50% off after noon! You will find adult clothing and accessories, home decor items, housewares, vintage and modern pieces, and much more! Larger furniture is on sale, too! We look forward to seeing you there! *Cash preferred, credit/debit cards accepted.*



Archives Tour and Work Session

Saturday, November 8, 10 a.m.

Join the fun at this season's first work session of the Archives Team. Learn how and where the artifacts of our parish history are archived. Help sort, review, and verify the contents of our archival boxes or help categorize items submitted for storage. For more information and to RSVP, contact David Sloan at (216) 408-5498 or Sloan.David@yahoo.com



Herb Harvest Sale

Sunday, Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., *Tucker Hall*

It's time for the annual Herb Harvest Sale! This sale provides funds to help sustain the beauty of our gardens. St. Paul's Lay Weeders are busy harvesting and preparing products for you to purchase. All your favorite items from the past will be back! Jams and jellies, homemade breads and bakery, chutneys, herb flavorings, soup mix, moth chasers, lavender sachets, and other decorative and gift items.



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Many of you have graciously baked delicious breads and other delicacies for past Herb Sales. Your contributions are so valuable and delicious, and we hope you will do it again! Pick up recipes and small pans in the Parish Office. All baked goods can be brought to the church during set up on Saturday, Nov. 15, or on the day of the sale.

We can't do this without you! Email Susan Blackwell for more information
SusanMBlackwell@hotmail.com

We welcome new product ideas and contributions from you. Let us know about a specialty of yours that would enhance our product list. For more information or to share your ideas, email Julie Micheletti: MichelettiJulie@gmail.com

Sages: Trip to Porcelain Art Museum

Thursday, November 20, 10 a.m., *Porcelain Museum, 4645 Mayfield Rd, South Euclid*

Sages, St. Paul's group for "seasoned citizens," will gather at the Museum of American Porcelain Art, rated by a New York Times writer "one of the top art attractions in our area." Wear

warm, close-fitting layers since the air is cool inside.

Our private tour with the founder and curator includes a video detailing the creative process. Lunch follows on-site. RSVP to Rev. Gabriel by November 17:

GLawrence@StPaulsCLE.org. Indicate those attending and your sandwich preference: teriyaki chicken or vegetable.

All Things Advent

Sunday, November 30, 5 - 7 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with warmth, fellowship, and fun for the whole family at All Things Advent! Share a cozy soup supper, create Advent wreaths, plant waiting bulbs, and prepare for

this sacred season together with festive activities.

We need your help to make this event special. If you'd like to bring a soup or lead a craft, please email Susan:

SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org.

Suggested donation: \$5/person, max \$20/family. Sign up:

TinyURL.com/sp-advent25



Meal Train Ministry

St. Paul's is reviving its Meal Train Ministry to provide care and support to those in need in our church family, whether they're welcoming a new baby, recovering from illness, or grieving a loss.

This simple act of kindness is a tangible way to show love and care while strengthening our sense of community. In the words of a recent recipient:

"I was in such a state that I couldn't think about eating or preparing a meal or really doing anything other than staring at the television. Then [a parishioner] arrived with a delicious, healthy meal for me. She stayed for about 15 minutes so that we could talk and pray together before I ate dinner. It made all the difference!"

If you would like to deliver food and comfort as part of our Meal Train Ministry, please contact Kirsten Radivoyevitch:

KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org

Love on Wheels

Bitter cold weather won't keep folks away from the beautiful worship services and warm hospitality of St. Paul's! Our transportation ministry is looking for additional drivers, especially in the

winter months. All drivers are encouraged to consider how you can

support this vital ministry—even young, licensed drivers are helping (*with their adult's blessing*)!

If you are interested in transporting parishioners to or from a parish event, a holiday service, or Sunday services from time to time, email Kirsten Radivoyevitch at KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org



Comms Corner

Watch Out For Scams!

This is a short excerpt of an article available at StPaulsCLE.org/25scams

With the holidays approaching, scammers are upping their game. Large data breaches and new tech make their jobs easier. Learn how to protect yourself, spot a scam, and what to do if you are the victim of a scam.

I wrote this article after a parishioner shared their experience of being scammed. They wanted to help others to be on guard and warn how sophisticated the scam caller was.

The caller had the last four digits of the parishioner's SSN, partial bank account number, and other info we think only our real bank has. This person realized what was happening and closed the compromised bank account. Even though I follow this topic closely, I didn't realize a scammer could have so much personal info! Talking about these experiences reduce feelings of shame when it happens to us. It reminds us to watch out for ourselves and each other.

Scammers are sophisticated and can make emails/text messages seem legitimate. They are creative, persistent, and ruthless, employing new tools (*AI, machine learning*) and strategies (*text message phishing, imitating a bank's fraud department*).

How can we protect ourselves? Be vigilant with communications. Don't rush; take a deep breath. Create passkeys. Use strong and unique passwords. Enable MFA. Monitor financial accounts. Freeze your credit. Continue to learn and talk about real-life scams. **Let's all watch out for each other!**

Parish Photo Directory Information

Thank you to everyone who had their picture taken for the Photo Directory! It was an excellent reason to get dressed up or bribe the kids with ice cream! For those who didn't get a chance to sit for glamour shots, find out how to submit a photo for inclusion in the printed Parish Photo Directory and update your photo in Realm:

StPaulsCLE.org/directory-update

If you had your picture taken at church/Judson, you will receive an email with your virtual

photo gallery. It will include information about downloading the digital portrait or purchasing prints/other photo products. All photo products purchased through that gallery (*fulfilled by MPix*) help offset the cost of photography and producing the directory in-house. **Information about the printed directory will follow!**

Please Note

Register for the Diocesan Women's Retreat: *Rooted in Renewal*

Friday, Nov. 21 - Sunday, Nov. 23, *Bellwether Farms*. Register by November 19

We're excited for *Rooted in Renewal*, this year's ECW Retreat. It offers a weekend of connection, reflection, and spiritual refreshment. In the past year, we've been discerning our mission and vision for the future. We can't wait to share the inspiring ideas that have emerged.

New in 2025: Saturday overnight *just for fellowship!*

Let's gather to nurture faith, deepen relationships, and celebrate the Spirit's work among us. Bring your curiosity, joy, and hopes for what comes next! Registration: TinyURL.com/ecw25retreat

Greens Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m. - noon, Tucker Hall

Make a holiday centerpiece, boxwood tree, or an evergreen swag for your door; everyone goes home with a beautiful, unique decoration. The workshop is open to all, including children. Registration will be available during coffee hour on Sundays or on our website.

Important December Dates

Dec. 2: Advent flower deliveries to seniors

Dec. 7: The Forum- Refugee Art of Europe; Advent Procession of Lessons and Carols

Dec. 9: Loaves & Fishes Dinner

Dec. 13: Greens Workshop

Dec. 14: The Forum- True Belonging

Dec. 20: Chorister Christmas; Parish Potluck dinner

Dec. 21: Meet in the Middle Coffee Hour (*hot cocoa!*)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services | 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Dec. 28: Combined worship at 10 a.m., no formation, no livestream

Dec. 31: Church closes at 2 p.m., no evening service