



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



Happy Mother's Day from Your St Paul Family

This Mother's Day, we pause to thank God for the women who so beautifully reflect His love in our lives. Mothers, grandmothers, guardians, and all who care with a nurturing heart—your presence is a gift not only to your families, but to our entire St. Paul community.

Through your quiet sacrifices, steadfast faith, and daily acts of love, you point us to God's grace in meaningful and lasting ways. You are shaping hearts, building faith and leaving a legacy that reaches far beyond what can be seen.

As we are reminded in Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise and call her blessed", We give thanks for each of you and the many ways you bless those around you.

May God fill your day with joy, your heart with peace, and surround you with the love you so generously share. From all of us at St. Paul Lutheran School, we wish you a blessed and Happy Mother's Day.



Big News at St. Paul: Tuition-Free Kindergarten & Enrollment Savings!



Faith, Family, Academics — Discover the St. Paul Difference

At St. Paul Lutheran School, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to grow, learn, and thrive in a Christ-centered environment, and now that opportunity is even greater with our NEW Tuition-Free Kindergarten Program!

Give your child a strong academic start without the cost barrier. At St. Paul, we are proud to be leaders in academics, preparing students not just for the next grade, but for lifelong success. From Preschool through 8th Grade, our students are nurtured in faith, challenged academically, and encouraged to become confident leaders. When our students walk proudly across the stage at 8th grade graduation, they leave prepared to excel in high school and beyond.

And now, St. Paul families — we need your help spreading the word!



♥ Calling All St. Paul Parents — Your Friends Could Save Big! ♥

Love St. Paul? We know you do! Invite your friends and family to discover all the wonderful things happening here at St. Paul Lutheran School.

- ★ Any New student enrolling for the 2026–2027 school year (PS–8th Grade) will receive a \$1,000 Tuition Credit!
- ★ Plus, if they enroll and list your name, your family will receive a \$500 Tuition Discount!

Imagine your child's best friend joining them at school while both families save!

★ This special offer ends July 31st, so don't wait! Encourage families to schedule a tour and experience the St. Paul difference firsthand.

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Field Day- Friday May 22nd: Get ready for one of our favorite days of the year! St. Paul's annual Field Day will take place on Friday, May 22 at Normandy Oaks Park. Students will be riding to the park with their classmates and teachers to enjoy a morning full of games, fun, and fresh air. Parent volunteers are needed to help make this event a success, stay tuned for more details on how to sign up!



Memorial Day Parade - Save the Date: Our annual Royal Oak Memorial Day Parade is coming up on Monday, May 25th! As tradition, St. Paul students, staff, and church members will walk together in this meaningful community event. Kids are encouraged to decorate their bikes, scooters, or wagons in patriotic red, white, and blue—and don't forget to dress in those colors too! More details coming soon but mark your calendars now for this special St. Paul tradition!



Spring Concert – Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 PM: Join us for our annual Spring Concert on Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 PM. It's a wonderful evening to celebrate the musical growth and talents of our students, guided by Mr. Paul and Mr. Schmidt, our Music Maestros! Invite grandparents, friends, and family to come enjoy this special performance and see all the hard work your children have put in throughout the year.



HOME PLATE 2026 – A Day of Faith, Fellowship & Baseball

We are excited to invite our St. Paul Lutheran School and church families to a special day together at Comerica Park for the annual **Home Plate** event on **Saturday, June 6th**.

Home Plate is a unique pre-game outreach experience where current and former Detroit Tigers players, along with other professional athletes, share their journeys in sports and their faith in Jesus Christ. This inspiring event draws people of all ages from across Michigan and surrounding states for a meaningful time of encouragement and connection.

We would love for our school and church families to come together for this special outing—an opportunity to grow in faith, enjoy fellowship, and spend time with friends, both old and new.



Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, June 6
- Location: Comerica Park, Detroit
- Pre-Game Program: 10:00 AM
- Game Time: 1:10 PM
- Matchup: Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners



From hearing powerful faith stories to cheering on the Tigers, this promises to be a memorable and joy-filled day for all ages. It's a wonderful chance to invite friends, connect as a community, and enjoy a shared experience centered on faith and fun. There is a signup sheet at the church, or you can let the school office know and we can get you on the list. We hope you'll consider joining us!

Attention St. Paul Families — Exciting Robotics Opportunities May Be Coming to SPRO!

Students entering 4th–8th grade have the opportunity to participate in the Royal Oak Robo Camps this summer. Be sure to check out the flyer attached to this week's Viking newsletter for more information.

But there may be even more exciting news ahead for St. Paul students of ALL ages!

The Robotics Coordinator for Royal Oak Schools (PK–12) is exploring the possibility of offering a robotics program specifically for St. Paul Lutheran School students, potentially serving students from PreK through 8th grade. He expressed strong interest after learning that we already have at least one SPRO student participating in the Royal Oak robotics program.



Currently, we are looking to gauge interest from our school community. We would love feedback from students, parents, and teachers regarding possible participation in a robotics program next school year.



Possible program options may include:

- Saturday robotics sessions in downtown Royal Oak
- Weekday after-school sessions at a local elementary or middle school (location TBD)

Before plans can move forward, organizers need estimated participation numbers from interested families. We are also looking for parents who may be interested in helping support the program through volunteering, chaperoning, or assisting during sessions. If your student may be interested, or if you would like to help support this opportunity, please let us know. We are excited about the possibility of expanding STEM and robotics opportunities for our St. Paul students!

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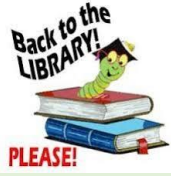
Ascension Service and Ice Cream Social

Join us on Thursday, May 14th at 7:00 PM for a special Ascension Day service with Holy Communion. Our school and church choirs will sing during worship, and we'll gather afterward for an Ice Cream Social hosted by the St. Paul staff! Ascension Day celebrates the risen Christ's return to Heaven, 40 days after Easter—marking the completion of His work of salvation. Come enjoy an evening of worship, reflection, and sweet fellowship!



Library Books –

Mrs. McClatchey, our school librarian, has been graciously spending extra time organizing and tidying the library to ensure all books are properly accounted for as we near the end of the school year. We kindly ask that all library books checked out by students be returned no later than Tuesday, May 19th. If a library book has been lost or misplaced, families will be responsible for either replacing the book or covering the cost of replacement. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work to care for and maintain our school library.



Helping Hearts in Action – Supporting Vacation Bible School!

This quarter, our chapel offerings are going toward something truly special—Vacation Bible School! VBS is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about God's love through songs, stories, crafts, and time together in a Christ-centered environment. Even more, it opens the door for us to welcome families from our community and share the love of Jesus beyond our school walls.

Every offering, no matter the size, helps create a place where children can grow in faith and feel the joy of being part of God's family. What a blessing it is to watch our students learn the importance of giving and serving others! Thank you for being part of this mission and for helping us make an impact this summer.

Our chapel offerings this week going to VBS are **\$33.54**, bringing our year-to-date total to \$1248.57.



Time and Talent Reminder:

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, we'd like to gently remind families to log their Time & Talent hours in FACTS. Each family (K-8) is asked to serve 20 hours annually; any unfulfilled hours will incur a \$10/hour fee on your family account. If you need assistance logging your hours or finding the right opportunity to serve, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Hansen in the school office. We're truly grateful for your partnership, and every hour you give helps strengthen our students' experience here at St. Paul Lutheran School. Thank you for all you do!

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.

Turn Everyday Moments into Big Support for St. Paul!

Fundraising doesn't have to be complicated—simple, everyday actions can make a meaningful difference for our students. Thank you for being part of the blessing!

Pizza Nights with a Purpose

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Barcodes

Enjoy a pizza night and help our school at the same time! Just send in the barcodes from your Little Caesars boxes—each one helps fund fun pizza parties for our students.



Recycling for a Reason

Bottles & Cans Drive

Your returnables help send our students on unforgettable learning experiences—from outdoor education at camp to trips like Washington, D.C. Drop off uncrushed cans and bottles in the church lobby or school office—every donation counts!



Tap, Scan, Give!

Box Tops for Education

No more clipping—just scan your receipts using the app! Each Box Top earns money for St. Paul, and those dimes quickly add up.



Shop & Support

Kroger Community Rewards

Link your Kroger account to St. Paul Lutheran School, and a portion of your everyday grocery shopping goes right back to our students—at no extra cost to you.

Why It Matters

Every barcode, bottle, scan, and shopping trip helps provide enriching experiences for our students. Together, we're building opportunities that go far beyond the classroom!

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

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