



# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## May 2026

### SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M.

**MAY 3**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
Lay Reader - Don Kiefer

**MAY 10**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
The Rev. Mike Kyle  
Lay Reader - Sam French

**MAY 17**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
Lay Reader - Sandy Meier

**MAY 24**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST**  
The Rev. Steve Beatty  
Lay Reader - Kate French

**MAY 31**  
**MORNING PRAYER**  
Lay Reader - Ruana Gladfelter

### *A Message from the Bishop's Warden*



Dear Friends in Christ,

I feel so blessed to be a part of our church. We are small, but we are truly here for each other. I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of cookies for Kathy Ballou's funeral and for the help in getting everything ready. Kathy's funeral was so nicely done by Fr. Mike and Mtr. Anne, who together made a beautiful team. Kathy's wonderful career was honored by a brief service done by the Kansas City Nurses Honor Guard. The Final Call of Duty officially releasing her from her nursing duty brought tears to the eyes of many. Kathy was fortunate to have spent her life's work making a true difference in nursing. She was passionate about providing excellent nursing care and support so all nurses could do their best work, and she was fortunate to hold many leadership roles in her career that helped her do just that. Mary Howe, wife of our beloved Bishop Howe, knew her from serving on the board of the College of Nursing when Kathy was the Dean of the College of Nursing affiliated with St. Lukes. Mary said she was an "extraordinary leader" and left everything better than when she began.

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### CHURCH INFORMATION

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As I became Kathy's friend and spent time with her, I was so amazed at her quiet deep faith. Her room at home had a wall of crosses, art, and sayings that kept Jesus always close to her heart. Even as Kathy's Alzheimer's progressed, she never lost faith that Jesus was walking beside her and she would never face her illness alone. Because she took comfort in talking about God, my faith was strengthened through our conversations. We know from scripture that we are never alone as we face hardships, but Kathy's faith made that alive for me. She so believed that, that when she went through the stage where she would catch a glimpse of something out of the corner of her eye that wasn't there, it was never something scary. She always felt she had seen Jesus beside her. I hope to always carry with me that strong faith that Jesus is always with us no matter what we face. The sermon Rauna chose last week talked about the "thieves" that try to steal the peace and joy Jesus wants to give us. I hope to move forward in life keeping both of those thoughts close in my heart. Kathy loved to sit in the quiet of the church. She loved our little St. Paul's and could feel its specialness. She attended Stations of the Cross with us, helped me change the frontal or set up for Communion Sundays, and even joined our Brass Brigade. Knowing Kathy strengthened my faith as I witnessed how God ministers to us even in our illnesses. All of us were friends to Kathy and Mike, and we will all miss her. "May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen" (BCP 465). I know we all have had people in our lives who have been with us on our faith journeys. God never leaves us alone, and his presence is often felt in times with those we know and love. May we all look for and feel God's presence beside us as we go through our lives.

Love in Christ,

*Kate*

**CHURCH NEWS:** We will have a brief Bishop's Committee Meeting after church on Sunday, May 3. We need to begin making decisions in some areas. I have information I will present, but the decision needs to be ours. We will have left over cake and coffee.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Fr. Mike is planning to be with us May 10 and June 21st.

**JUNE 14:** We will be receiving an invitation to the 10th Anniversary Celebration Eucharist for Mtr. Anne's ordination, inviting us all to worship with them that Sunday in Sedalia. We need to decide how to carpool for those who are able to attend and what we should do that Sunday at St. Paul's, if anything.

#### **PRAYER LIST:**

**Healing:** Augustus Hockaday, Fr. Mike, Kitty, Tina, Don, Steve Sheline, Kirsten, Tom, Sam, Elsie, Wes Skaggs, Dinah, Jennifer, Connie Brown

**Cancer:** Christy, Pat, Micheal, Rev. Jenny Ketner, Debbie M., Suzanne, Diane, Sylvia, Don, Connie, Joe Trogden

**Comfort, Strength, and Peace:** Gail, Pat Decker, Doug Johnson Christy and Diane, Connie Scott, Zaha, Craig and Cam Dobreiner, Steve Sheline, Becky and John Tarver, Marie Hopkins, Linda C., Mike, Laurisa, Sherry and Keith, Don and Sheryl

**Departed:** Kathy Ballou, Rick Miller

**Others:** Peace among the nations of the world, areas affected by natural disasters, those facing personal challenges, our nation

**Thanksgiving:** Family and friends, St. Paul's, God's many blessings in our lives

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

14-Diane Dungey

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

1-Diane Dungey

Christy Tumberger

