

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30am

April 27, 2025



My Lord and My God

**AS WE GATHER**

Proof is surely what we want, but instead of the kind of proof that would remove the need for faith, God gives us His own marks of suffering to satisfy our fears. We find our refuge in the wounds of Christ. Thomas found them and the doubter became a believer. All of us find answers to the troubles and trials of this mortal life in the wounds of Christ, and from these wounds we confess to the world, "My Lord and my God!" Don't let your doubts and fears drive you away from Jesus. Go to Him with them all, and He has promised to build us up in faith.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC****WELCOME — Pastor Jim Frusti****RINGING OF THE BELL**

## 534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, First - be - got - ten  
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil You As of old in  
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, Your of - f'ring, fin - ished Once for all when  
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, Strick - en rock with



from the dead, You a - lone, our strong de - fend - er,  
 Beth - le - hem, Here as there Your an - gels hail You,  
 You were slain, In its full - ness un - di - min - ished  
 stream - ing side, Heav'n and earth with loud ho - san - na



Lift - ing up Your peo - ple's head. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Wor - ship You, the Lamb who died, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Cleans - ing souls from  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!  
 join with them; We in wor - ship join with them.  
 ev - 'ry stain; Cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.  
 glo - ri - fied! Ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

## Confession and Absolution

### Stand

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; and so I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. There is no more condemnation, but only new life in Christ. Have no doubt, your sins are forgiven, completely forgiven. The peace of the Lord ☩ be with you.

**People: Christ be awaken in us! Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that:

**People: Jesus is Lord and God;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 5:12–20* (Speak to all the people the words of life.)

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.<sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,<sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy<sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,<sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel *John 20:19–31 (Thomas sees, touches, believes, and confesses the risen Jesus.)*

**Reader:** That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them!

**People:** **"Peace be with you," he said.**

**Reader:** As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said,

**People:** **"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."**

**Reader:** Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

**People:** **But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."**

**Reader:** Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them.

**People:** **"Peace be with you," he said.**

Reader: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

**People: "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.**

**Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."**

Reader: The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**



## THE APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."  
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Sermon – Pastor Jim Frusti

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
 And look upon My hands, My feet;  
 Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Grant us grace, O Lord, that we may not give in to temptation and doubt but with confidence confess the death of our Lord Jesus Christ and His resurrection and bless those who hear us make the good confession. Lord, in Your mercy:

People: **Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us courage, O Lord, that we may not fear along the way but daily become bolder by the power of the Spirit to speak the name of Jesus and to live as His own in His kingdom here and in heaven forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us peace, O Lord, that having full confidence in Your loving care, we may neither be distracted by cares or struggles of this life nor succumb to a suspicious heart, but daily grow closer to You through Your Word and live according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us healing, O Lord, that those who suffer may rest all things into Your almighty arms, and, as You have promised, be kept to the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. [Hear us particularly for *names*, and those who grieve . . .], that they may abide in Christ by faith until we all behold You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us wisdom, O Lord, that we may elect and be served by faithful leaders who acknowledge the voice of Your Word and be faithful in their stewardship of the public trust, providing equal justice and opportunity to all citizens. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us hope, O Lord, that we may not be lost to the power of despair but delight in Your presence to give us strength and guidance. Bless our fellowship around the Holy Supper of our Lord that by this communion we may profess our unity in doctrine and our willingness to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the desire of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us life, O Lord, that we may be kept by Your grace and Spirit that through the days of our trouble and by the merits of Christ alone we receive Your salvation, dwelling among the saints on high even as we rest from all our labors. Lord, in Your mercy:

**People: Risen Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant us, O Lord, all things beneficial to us and to our salvation and prevent from us all things harmful and enable us by faith to trust without fear in Your judgment and provision. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

If you brought your offering today, you are welcome to leave it in the offering box you will find at the back of the church. **Thank you.**

**We invite our guests and members to fill out our Friendship Card** during worship, which is found on the back of the pew. Please leave your card at the end of the pew near the center aisle as you leave.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## THE INVITATIONS

### **These Things Did Thomas Count as Real** tune: LSB 461

1 These things did Thomas count as real:  
The warmth of blood, the chill of steel,  
The grain of wood, the heft of stone,  
The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.

2 The vision of his skeptic mind  
Was keen enough to make him blind  
To any unexpected act  
Too large for his small world of fact.

4 May we, O God, by grace believe  
And thus the risen Christ receive,  
Whose raw imprinted palms reached out  
And beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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## Where We Serve

<i>Pastor</i>	<i>Pastor Jim Frusti</i>
<i>Officiant</i>	<i>Pastor Christopher Fairbairn</i>
<i>Minister of Music</i>	<i>Paul Ventimiglia</i>
<i>Family Life Director</i>	<i>Jeanette Koch</i>
<i>Elder</i>	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>
<i>Reader</i>	<i>Jan Faerber</i>
<i>Welcome Center</i>	<i>Pat McGuigan</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>John Hasse</i>
	<i>Charleen Hill</i>
	<i>Bob McGuigan</i>
	<i>Pat McGuigan</i>
<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Burgess Family</i>
<i>Tech Team</i>	<i>Steve Martens</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Joshua Norton</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Jane Ripper</i>
	<i>Allen Ripper</i>
	<i>Beth Snow</i>

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### **Bible Study and Small Group Opportunities**

SUNDAYS: Join us for bible study and fellowship @ 9:45am in the church Parish Hall.

SATURDAYS: Men's Bible Study – Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday @ 9:00am – Parish Hall

WEDNESDAYS: Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays @ 9:30 am - Parish Hall

THURSDAYS – Bible Quizzing - practices Thursdays @ 3:30-4:45PM JV/Varsity or  
6:45-8:00PM Little League Practice

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Attendance Last week: 4.20.2025– Attendance – 8am – 169 + 11am - 161 =330

Communion - 210

Received week of 4.20.2025- for Church (Envelopes + loose plate)- **\$9,735** total includes online giving  
School - **\$244.2100**

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**Remember Our Shut-Ins**

Ed Fleming  
 The Retreat of Northville  
 47260 7 Mile Road  
 Northville, MI 48167



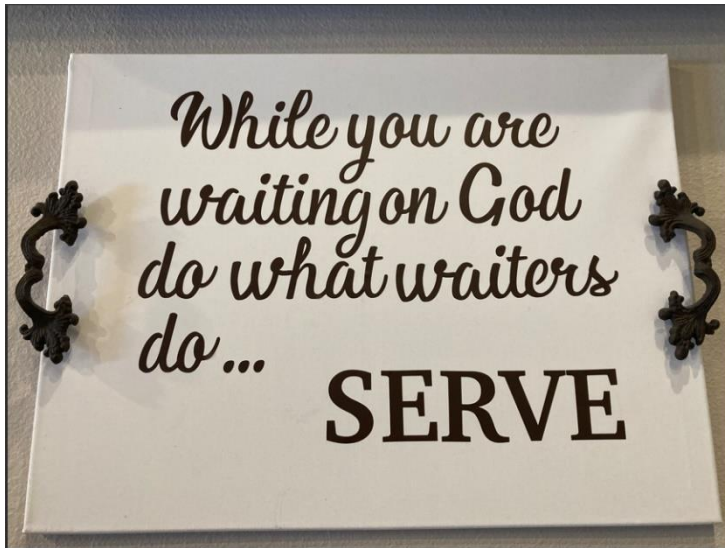
*Altar Flowers*

*1 vase in memory of Nancy's dad, Paul Crenshaw's birthday from Nancy and Doug Berg.*

*1 vase in appreciation for the St. Paul congregation from Pat and Bob McGuigan.*

*Please arrange to pick up your flowers after the 11 am service*

<b>27</b>	APR, SUN	● 8:30 – 9:30am	Worship w/ Communion
		● 9:45 – 10:45am	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
		● 11am – 12pm	Worship
		● 12:30 – 3:30pm	Drop in volleyball (6th grade and up)
		● 7 – 9pm	Adult pick up basketball school gym
<b>28</b>	APR, MON	● 3:45 – 5:15pm	School Early Childhood Meeting
		● 6:30 – 7:30pm	Council Mtg PH Parish Hall
<b>29</b>	APR, TUE	● All day	Life Line Screening Rental - Parish Hall
<b>30</b>	APR, WED	● 9:30 – 11am	Women's Bible Study - Parish Hall
<b>1</b>	MAY, THU	● All day	CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER
		● All day	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PANCAKE BREAKFAST
		● 6:30 – 9am	National Day of Prayer Pancake Breakfast
		● 9 – 10am	Chapel National Day of Prayer
		● 4:30 – 5:30pm	Choir Practice
		● 5:45 – 7pm	Handbell Practice
<b>2</b>	MAY, FRI	● 7 – 9pm	AA Mtg. church parish hall
<b>3</b>	MAY, SAT	● All day	Men's Bible Study Parish Hall



During Holy week the **FAMILY OF GOD** mission was served a hot meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, peas & carrots, buttered rolls, crunchy coleslaw, bananas, brownies and beverages on Wednesday, April 16th. We had a record of 140 plates and take out boxes distributed to the people in southwest Detroit that night. The servers were Chris & Dawn Englert, Barbara & Will Hoffmeier and Rich Mai. The Sonak family of six from Salem Lutheran - Westland joined us, as they have done before, so we had a full table of servers that helped the buffet go very well. We attended the worship service in the sanctuary afterward that focused on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. *It*

*was humbling to watch the washing of the feet by Deacon John for several of their church members, recognizing that we are to serve one another as Christ served us.* Many thanks to the cooks who prepared the meal: Nancy Crenshaw-Berg, Marilyn Edick, Sue Mai and the Hoffmeier's. The brownie bakers were Anne Burgess, Gretchen Hasse, Lindsay Pennington and Sue Poole. Thank you to Jan Faerber and Chris Henning for coordinating our brownie bakers for us every month. Chris also does our shopping for us at Gordon Food Service and Krogers. Also, thanks to John & Gretchen Hasse for contributing their Thrivent Action Team gift cards to cover our expenses. If there are other St Paul members that are members of Thrivent insurance you are eligible for \$500 a year to use as a charitable contribution. Please contact John Hasse or Barbara Hoffmeier for more information.

## The 2025 Michigan District Junior High Youth Gathering is for youth entering grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the fall of 2025



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Rev. Tyler Cronkright**



**Worship | Music | Breakouts**  
**Fun | Games | & More!**

**Cost \$125**

**Junior High Gathering**  
**August 12-14, 2025 | Frankenmuth, Mich.**  
[michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25](http://michigandistrict.org/jrhigh25)



**for more info contact Jeanette familylife@stpaulnorthville.org or**  
**text 248-974-3323**



# National Day of Prayer PANCAKE



Prayer Stations Chapel @ 9am



ALL ARE WELCOME

Come Eat and Pray

THURSDAY MAY 1, 2025  
6:30AM - 9AM BREAKFAST  
ST PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
201 Elm St Nothville, MI  
CHURCH WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6PM FOR PRAYER



[stpaulnorthville.org](http://stpaulnorthville.org)



**Lutheran Women in Mission – Wayne Oak Hills Zone**  
Mission Awareness – April 23, 2025

**LAMP - Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots is celebrating 55 years of cross-cultural ministry, sharing Jesus Christ with God's people in remote areas of Canada. Praise God for His blessings upon the men, women, and children who receive the Good News!**

**Did you know?** LAMP received one of their first grants from LWML. In the 1971-1973 biennial convention, LAMP received a \$40,000 grant to purchase an airplane to extend their services of establishing Sunday Schools, Bible classes, and adult instruction to the Christian people living in the sparsely-settled areas of Northern Canada.

**Fast forward to 2025!** Here's your opportunity to be a "goer" into the mission field in Northern Canada. Team formation is underway right now! St. Matthew Westland is NOW preparing a return trip to the mission field in July or August 2025. Will you join the team?

In July 2024, St. Matthew Westland commissioned a team of six to host VBS in the "fly-in" community of Muskrat Dam in Northern Ontario. After two days of driving together in a van as a team and a short, chartered flight over a myriad of lakes, we reached our community, ready to tackle whatever came our way. It was a rigorous and challenging adventure, but we witnessed how God met our every need...in ways we couldn't have imagined.

How can you support this ministry?

- **Pray** for willing missionaries to explore this opportunity to bless God's people living in a beautiful setting of Northern Canada.
- **Pray** for the children whose lives are impacted by suicide within their community.
- **Support** "goers" by assisting in VBS craft preparation.
- **Learn** more about this life-changing ministry by visiting <https://www.lampministry.org>
- **Donate** to send missionaries and pilots into the field to serve God's people.

**To learn more about this unique mission, contact 2025 Team Leader Bob Lockhart at [blockhart72@gmail.com](mailto:blockhart72@gmail.com) or phone 734-748-3425.**





### \$\$\$\$ Endowment Fund News \$\$\$\$

2025 Grant window is now open from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>; award notifications will be made by the end of June 2025. Grant applications are available in the school office, on our website or via email. (Please email [vickifilipiak@yahoo.com](mailto:vickifilipiak@yahoo.com))

St. Paul's Endowment Fund was blessed with another great year of donations not to mention some good growth from the stock market. Our 2024 year-end balance was **\$96,665.36** which generates **\$4825** in grant dollars available for 2025. We are headed into our fourth year of grants and have been able to give over \$11,500 in total grants. Here is a re-cap of what the Endowment Fund has supported thus far:

- \$1600 St Paul's National Youth Gathering in Texas
- \$450 Belize mission trip
- \$1200 Protect Young Eyes Tech talk 101 event
- \$470 Hand Bell Choir storage cases
- \$3365 Church administration office space construction
- \$2000 Church Roof
- \$450 VBS T-Shirts
- \$500 Bible Quizzers
- \$1000 New Church Website
- \$500 School science experiment/chemistry supplies

Thank you to everyone that has donated and continues to support to our Endowment Fund.



Women in Christ collects MITE boxes four times a year. During April, you have the opportunity to bring in your filled MITE box and take another one home to fill. For April WIC is highlighting the mission grant entitled "Powering the Expansion of Franklin Avenue Mission Mobile Ministries" for \$25,000. Funds raised for this grant will be used to purchase a used transit passenger van for mobile ministry use. The van will enable the Mission to expand service and reach more families with Jesus' love by transporting people to and from the mission and to doctor and service appointments. Thank you for your generous support in the past.

**MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries** offers many kinds of mission trips for ages 12 and up. Perhaps your family would like to join a team this summer? **EYEGLOSS CLINICS - Team Number: 2512 - Dates: August 16-23, 2025 - Location: La Paz, Honduras - Estimated Cost: \$3,000 (depending on cost of airfare)** Team members are needed now! We hope to organize another congregational team in 2026. Any suggestions as to where or when? Contact Barbara Hoffmeier [#248.756.3035](tel:248.756.3035) or Chris Burgess [chris.burgess917.com](http://chris.burgess917.com) for more information or go to the website for a schedule: [www.mostministries.org](http://www.mostministries.org)

# Academic Excellence & Christian Values

## PLEASE support our

### School Auction

## HOW?

### Buying Tickets TODAY!

- Invite Friends
- Invite Family
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- Invite Coworkers

1. Purchase Tickets Online  
[stpaulnorthville.org/auction](http://stpaulnorthville.org/auction)

2. or Scan the QR Code



### Making Donations

#### 1. Ideas

- Electronics, Appliances, Sports Gear, Camping Gear
- Create and Share an “Experience” utilizing your talents
- Offer your Skills and Experience
- Collectables
- Tickets to Events and Places
- A week or weekend at a Timeshare

2. Amazon Wishlist  
 Scan the QR Code



Add to Cart-Purchase  
 Your Item will be sent **Directly** to the school

**What:** School Auction *“Island Getaway”*

**When:** Saturday, May 17 @ 5:00 pm

**Where:** Island Oasis St. Paul School GYM