# St Pauls Episcopal Church 11100 W. St Clair Romeo, Michigan 48065 586 752 3212

Our mission statement: "Seek Christ, Serve Christ, Share Christ"

We are a small traditional, welcoming, empathetic and close knit congregation in Romeo Michigan. We care deeply for each other and our community. The primary outreach organizations that we support include Samaritan House and MCREST, which operate food pantries and provides school supplies and personnel products as well as other support programs for the needy in our community. Parishioners serve as volunteers and board members at Samaritan house. Our members make an annual financial contribution as well as collecting food items for them. Our parishioners also cook and serve meals for H.I.S. table which provides free meals to the open pubic.



We also prepare and serve meals in support of the Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (MCREST).

MCREST provides food and shelter to the homeless. In the past we have cultivated a



vegetable garden on the church grounds which donated more than 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables a year to Samaritan House as well as the Agape Center at St Clement of Rome Catholic Church in Romeo. Also in the past St Pauls, in conjunction with the Romeo Police Department along with other civic and church organizations, founded a program to provide temporary shelter for the homeless during inclement winter weather. Other area churches participated in funding that effort as well.

Our members have participated in mission trips to the Grace House On The Mountain "ministry in St Paul, West Virginia, we have installed new roofs, renovated bathrooms, built decks and installed ramps for mobility for the poor. Our Lay ministers perform pastoral visits to shut installed the hospital.

Our church building is acoustically excellent. In the past we have hosted a flute recital and a choir recital. The undercroft of our building houses the First Friends Montessori Preschool and has a licensed commercial kitchen. Alcohol Anonymous has uses our facilities as well. These facilities have provided a significant source of income for our congregation. Weather permitting, we hold outdoor services in our memorial garden on occasion. The garden is a place for reflection, remembrance and meditation.

Our verger, Bill Himelburger, has served our congregation for many years. He has served both at St Pauls and at the diocesan level, He served on our Altar Guild and trained his replacements who have assumed that ministry,



## **Our Community**

The village Romeo is situated in Macomb County north of Detroit. And is a semi rural community. The primary employers are Romeo Rim and agricultural tourism businesses.



Those businesses include Blake's, Westview, Verellen and Big Red Orchards. Romeo is one of the oldest villages in Michigan having been established in 1838., The village currently has approximately 3,600 residents. The school

system has 6 elementary schools, 2 middle schools and one high school. Macomb county community college, which is allied with Wayne State University, and offers 2 and 4 year degree programs. Stoney Creek Metro park along with



Romeo Bruce Township Parks and Recreation offer beach and lake sports, biking and hiking trails, cross country skiing, picnic and golf venues. Hospital and nursing facilities are within 15 miles of the village. And the Romeo

Annual Peach Festival is know state wide for its entertainment and commercial excellence

### **Our financial Position is Secure**

As of the end of 2024 our annual operating revenues were approximately \$96,000. Our investment portfolio stood at \$114,989.

We offer a comprehensive package of compensation and benefits for our part time priest. "Part time" is interpreted to mean 20 hours per week with one Sunday off per month. While residence in Romeo is encouraged it is not required.

### **Strengths and Challenges**

Our strength lies on our deeply held belief and love of God and Jesus Christ. We share our love for one another and compassion for those with health issues by our community service. Our challenge is to continue and expand our ministries and services to Romeo and surrounding communities. We desire to attract both the young and old in the fold. Music plays a significant role in our worship. We strive to continue pursuing our mission and our eucharistic services.



Guided by our bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, we are a diocese that values collegiality, creativity, and openness. We offer community organizing training, the College of Congregational Development, and ongoing collegiality and support. We are looking for people who are leaders, filled with a passion for the words, ministry and actions, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are looking for people who understand that their primary responsibility as a leader of a community of faith, will be embodying the Gospel in the world outside our church doors and seeking and forming other leaders to embody this Gospel. We invite you to come and join us as we embody the Gospel both inside and outside our church doors.

#### How to Apply:

Interested clergy should send PDF versions of their cover letter, resume, OTM portfolio to the Rev. Canon Susie Shaefer, Canon for Transitions and Formation at <a href="mailto:sshaefer@edomi.org">sshaefer@edomi.org</a> for consideration in this search. For more information on our transition and search process, visit <a href="www.edomi.org/transitions">www.edomi.org/transitions</a>