



Saint Paul
the Apostle

MARCH 8, 2026



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - LET'S MEET JESUS AT THE WELL...

BY MARY PENICH

A text exchange with a dear friend stirred memories from long ago. My husband and I were reminiscing about grade school friendships. Mike lived on the same block and attended the same school from kindergarten through 8th grade. He and his friends went on to the same high school. My family moved, and I transferred schools at the end of 6th grade. I loved my fellow 6th graders both in class and after school. When we hung out together, we celebrated our successes and moaned about homework and *occasional* encounters of the disciplinary kind. I missed those friends. Needless to say, I was devastated.

In 7th grade, being the “new kid” wasn’t easy. My classmates’ friendships had been formed, and their circles were hard to ease into. My behavior added to my difficulties. My classmates noted that I was the only student who didn’t get in trouble that year. It was June when an equally shy student admitted, “I didn’t get in trouble either, but the others didn’t notice because you were the new kid!” Ugh! In 8th grade, things finally changed.

When the new school year began, some classmates actually remembered my name. We were divided into ability groups. My status as a member of Group 1 added to my acceptability. Finally, my friend -the one I texted- kind of liked me. Wow! Though Kevin wasn’t the most handsome or athletic or tall kid in class, he was extremely intelligent and very clever. Our favorite 8th grade teacher was stern and didn’t deal with nonsense. Nonetheless, Kevin’s wit brought a smile to Sister’s face often. Sister’s respect for Kevin’s ability and his courage in applying that ability were amazing. Kevin’s respect -and affection- for me also erased any misgivings my classmates had about me. Suddenly, I held my own among them. Wow again!



I texted my friend the other day to thank him for being there for me in junior high school. Without his friendship, I don’t know where I’d be today. I’m sharing all of this because many of those we read about in the scriptures, especially the woman at the well in John’s gospel, experienced the same in an even grander way...

The reading from Exodus (17:3-7) chronicles Moses’ distress with the unruly Israelites. The people complained that God had promised them “...a land flowing with milk and honey.” Yet they were dying of thirst! Rather than trusting God, who had already delivered them from slavery in Egypt, the people grumbled and threatened Moses. Poor Moses begged God for help -help that would come *before* the people took matters into their own hands! Of course, God responded by providing the water they so desperately needed. God offered them yet another opportunity to make the most of their lives in the moment at hand.

In Romans (5:1-2, 5-8), Paul invited the people to drink of the blessings that were flowing from the death of Jesus. Jesus had hung on a cross for each one of them. In the blood and water that flowed from Jesus’ side, new life abounded. Through the life he lived among them and his death, Jesus offered all who would listen a new beginning. Jesus also promised that their efforts in accepting that new beginning would be eternally worthwhile!

If you’re wondering what all of this means to you and me, read on. God intends for each of us to flourish as we make our way to eternity. In his gospel (John 4:5-42), John explains. Jesus met a woman from Samaria when he stopped to drink at Jacob’s well. Jesus surprised the woman by asking her for water. In Jesus’ day, Jewish people avoided any association with Samaritans. Sharing a drink of water with one of them crossed lines meant to be left undisturbed! Nonetheless, Jesus persisted. After they talked a bit, the woman obliged. In return, Jesus offered that woman far more than she could ever have expected. Jesus promised her eternal life. Wow again? Oh yes! She was so taken with Jesus’ openness and his absolute acceptance of her that this woman couldn’t walk away. Jesus had extended a second chance to her. Had this been her sixth or twelfth or ninety-third chance, Jesus would have offered that opportunity freely just the same!



At one time or another, we all find ourselves in a place like my 7th grade classroom or that desert where the Israelites roamed or near the well where that woman usually found herself quite alone. Just as my attentive friend changed everything for me, God changed everything in the desert for the Israelites, and Jesus changed everything for the Samaritan woman. Jesus changed everything for us as well! Just as he engaged that woman in meaningful conversation that made all the difference in the world to her, Jesus opens his ears and his heart to do the same for you, for me, and for each one of us!

The eighth grade teacher who was so taken with my friend’s wit was also taken with God’s love. Just as she encouraged us to use our own abilities, she told us often, “Jesus always listens! God is there for us!” Sister assured us that the joy and sorrow, the comedy and tragedy that make up our lives are worth our effort. When we dared to ask, “Why?”, Sister responded, “God stays with us to forgive us and to revive us. Just accept God’s kindness.” Just as I accepted the kindness of my friend!



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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

3rd Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Give Us Clean Hands** by Charlie Hall

Responsorial Psalm: **Spirit & Song #81 If Today You Hear His Voice** by Jesse Manibusan

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF THE DESERT** by Tom Booth

Preparation Song: **Gather #622 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD);** lyrics by Horatio Bonar

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Lead Me to the Desert** by Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Eucharistic Acclamations: **THE GLENDALOUGH MASS** by Liam Lawton

Communion Songs: **Way Maker** by Osinachi Okoro

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Woman** by Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger, and Marie Miller

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #353 Sweet Redeemer** by Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart

READING I*EXODUS 17:3-7*

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*PSALM 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9*

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING II*ROMANS 5:1-2, 5-8*

Brothers and sisters:
Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL*JOHN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42*

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty

or have to keep coming here to draw water.

"I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator 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;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Athirst is my soul for the living God.

Tuesday: Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Wednesday: Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

Thursday: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Friday: Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17
I am the Lord your God: hear my voice.

Saturday: Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab
It is mercy I desire, and not sacrifice.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

Monday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Nancy Martin | Alice De Silva
| Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | William Zorzy | John
Carter Bennett | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Edward Dodich

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

7:30am: Ben Serrano
9:30am: Consolacion & Honesto Garibay | Lula Stigers | Angelito
Cabral
11:30am: Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Joseph Richardt | Celia J. Auguste
| Carina Pobocan
5:00pm: Bob & Harriet Sutton

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

7:30am: Robert Siuda | Kathleen Rader | Loubelle Cadiena

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

7:30am: Judy Russell | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

7:30am: Larry D. See

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

7:30am: Carl Willaby

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

7:30am: Harry L. Kapp

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Bill Vasilius | Lawrence Doan
Pham | Celso Balita Castor | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
| Augustin Vazquez | Scott Kohler | Austria & Martinez Families |
Anastasio Menchavez

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Ben Serrano | Joseph Falotico | Don
Borzick
9:30am: Erin Hickey | Melissa Miller | Kinga Szymoniak | Donna
Schachtner
11:30am: Bob & Harriet Sutton | Chuck Gresser | Hector B. Brual,
Jr. | Celia J. Auguste | Yolanda Abante | Gregorio Durban
5:00pm: Gopal Jayaraman

DONATIONS SUMMARY

**PLEASE CHECK NEXT
WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR
UPDATED DONATION
NUMBERS.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY!**



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rey Querubin	Kimmy Cozart
Obdulia Elizalde	Mark Wilson
Jovita Menes	Pat Gundrum
Reginald Dulaca	Mary Thachil
Melody Cook	Daniela Gaborik
Brian Smolicek	Amy Patterson
Roberto Movilla	Melissa Fernandes
Shani Stahnke	Emily Meryer
Abby Swygard	Kathy Hunt
Rod Reyes	Laura Hopkins
Betty Falotico	Bill O'Brien
Keith Kellogg	Katie Travelstead
Lisa Mischke	Shanklin
David Zilligen	Roman Stankiewicz
Eduardo Perez	Charles Brown
Maria Domitila Zam-	Reginald Dulaca
brano de Polanco	Melody Cook
Rafael Gloria	Jeanne Tan
Collen Wishall	Gemma Olaiz
Silvia Pinedo	Giovanni Deligero
Consuelo Vargas	Holly Wall Freund
Juan Miguel Currea	Maureen Hisel
Gloria de Cardenas	April Grandgeorge
Helena Sznicer	Eileen Boyle
George Lawrence	Toni Mengarelli
Michael Miller	Dan Garrett
Cynthia D. Caudell	Rosa LaBellarte
Glafira Bunsen	Sharon Browning
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Donna Kalinoski
Gino LaBellarte	Dan Garrett
Dianne Scirri	Ruth Blood
Pat Wilson	Kay Breuscher
	Rachel Ciullo

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently
deceased parishioners. May God's
perpetual light shine upon them.*

Sheila Rader

Rick Defries

Arlene Jehlicka

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
9:00AM LEGAL CLINIC
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM LENTEN HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:15PM HANDBELL REHEARSAL
6:30PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

7:30AM MASS
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

7:30AM MASS
4:30PM WEDDING REHEARSAL-
WATTELET

7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM WEDDING 50TH ANNIVERSARY-
NAVARRO
3:00PM WEDDING - WATTELET
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MARCH 14/15 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	A. Barrie G. Johnson M. Mohrfeld T. Rusnak OPEN x 2	Andy Thiel Jane Bena	Fening Hortelano Johnson Lowe, K Lowe, T	H. Gloria J. Wedell	Fr. Martin Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	J. Siegel G. Aranas P. Rothacker R. Sekany R. Dizon S. Bilas	Lyla Chandy Mike Beaudoin	Burns Holland Nieman O'Brien Wicinski, C	K. Sekany M. Pieper	Fr. John Dn. Jacob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	D. Scheffler K. King OPEN x 4	Nancy Tayborn Tom Maus	Belk De Guzman Farber Griesser Pratscher	G. Rajchel R. Rajchel	Fr. Martin Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 11:30AM	C. Karl G. Galano P. Watson R. Cuasay R. Terrazas OPEN	Manny Bautista Melissa Fernandes	Hilo Mozny Deneke Podgorski Stahl	A. Brown B. Moreno	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	M. Deniz B. Marchioni J. Plamoottil K. Deniz OPEN x 2	Christine Crow Teen or Lector 1	Deniz Marchioni, B Marchioni, T Wattelet Zdenahik	Teens	Fr. Christian

Parish Campaign Priorities | \$1M

Beautify Our Sanctuary

Our sanctuary is central to the vibrant spiritual life of our parish, offering a sacred space where all are invited into meaningful worship and prayer. To continue fostering this experience, we are undertaking a series of thoughtful updates that address both practical needs and aesthetic enhancements. These updates will honor the original vision of St. Paul the Apostle while gently elevating the space to inspire deeper prayer and reflection.

Aesthetic Enhancements:

- Add an additional tabernacle to the main sanctuary. The chapel will serve its purpose during the day, but adding a tabernacle to the main sanctuary will restore its centrality and deepen the sense of reverence.
- The addition of sacred artwork will enrich the visual beauty of the space, inviting contemplation and elevating the spiritual atmosphere.

Practical Improvements:

- Replace the dated wooden doors and worn carpet to create a more welcoming, safe, and light-filled environment for all who enter. These updates will improve accessibility, comfort, and the overall functionality of the space.



Transform Our West Entrance



Adding a covered drive to the west entrance will significantly improve accessibility for all who visit St. Paul the Apostle. By providing essential shelter during inclement weather, it will make arrival and departure safer and more convenient, especially for families, seniors, funerals, weddings, and those with mobility challenges. This enhancement will extend our parish's spirit of hospitality, offering a warm and dignified welcome to everyone who enters our doors.



Circle of Women

We, the Circle of Women, are women rooted in faith, called to share our faith with others. The group meets monthly on Saturday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul's lower level.

The next meeting is on March 14th.

Each month is a different topic, each session is separate, so consistent attendance is not required. Come as you are, share with us, or listen if that is what you need. Our cornerstones come from the word saint: safe, accepting, inclusive, nurturing, and trusting. Our space is sacred, and what we share at Circle of Women stays at Circle of Women. All women are welcome- bring your friends!

JOIN US FOR THE...

Senior Luncheon

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 18TH
11AM-1PM

Bingo After Lunch
No Reservations Taken
After March 15th
Appreciate and Accepting
Free-Will Donations
RSVP with Name and
Phone Number to
Murquhart@spa.church
or call 847-816-8677

Join Us for Bible Study

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Bible Study will begin March 25 at the Parish House. We will be doing a 9-week overview of the Wisdom Books: Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and the Book of Wisdom, and applying it to practical areas of our life like relationships, speech, finances, aging, making decisions, and finding God's will. The lectures by Jeff Cavins are excellent, and there is a workbook/journal for \$25 payable at class. The 2 classes at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM are the same material; please specify which class when you sign up on the Church website. Questions and sign-up can also be sent to Barbara Wagner (847) 767 - 1202 or barbarawagner25@earthlink.net.

All are welcome, even if you are new to the Bible!

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DINE FOR A CAUSE

PRIMO

FATMANS
BBQ, PIZZA, SALAD, BALL

LAKEHOUSE
BAR + GRILL + BANQUET

Jolee's
TACOS, STEQUILA

POJO'S
MOTORCYCLE
SUPPER CLUB



Visit any of our locations during Lent and 10% of your food bill will be donated to Knights of Columbus- Divine Mercy Council 11112 charities



Fundraiser benefitting St Paul The Apostle, Gurnee

Valid during Lent

Must present this ad at the time of ordering.



All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry Every Friday Night at Fatmans & LakeHouse Restaurant

Make a reservation www.khayatenterprises.com



Knights Corner



Divine Mercy Council will collaborate with the Khayat family of restaurants again this Lent to benefit our Knights' charities. You must present this flyer (image left) to any Khayat restaurant on any day during Lent, and 10% of your food bill will be donated to our charities. Additionally, the following restaurants are participating: Limoncello and Twyla's Lounge in Gurnee.

St Paul's will host a Fish Fry, community dinner on Friday, March 27 th. 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. You will need to purchase your pre-sale dinner tickets on weekends beginning March 7 th, or through the parish website. You can also use the QR Code below. There will be a limited number of tickets available on the day of the Fish Fry. Dinner is \$15, and will include fish filets, French fries, Cole slaw, beverage, and dessert.



OPERATION RICE BOWL 2026



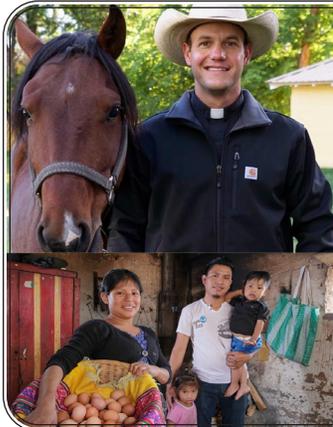
Once again, our parish family is uniting to combat hunger in this world of ours. Our religious education students are leading this effort by doing their best to fill Rice Bowls this Lent. They'll do extra chores, share their allowances, and anything else they can think of to lead us in this year's campaign. If you'd like to help, please pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space or use any container at home to store the loose change (and cash, of course!) that you can spare to feed the hungry. You can also give online on the parish website. Our parish family never misses an opportunity to help others. This Lent, conditions in this world and here at home indicate that our help is more crucial than ever. Thank you for all we know that you'll do to help!

SPRED EASTER CANDY SALE ONE WEEKEND ONLY MARCH 21ST & 22ND!

SPRED is bringing the popular candy and nut sale back for Easter during the weekend of March 21st and 22nd.

High-quality chocolates, cashews, and mixed nuts will be available for purchase after all the masses.

Proceeds will support St. Paul's SPRED program.



CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY
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50 YEARS



On February 22, the First Sunday of Lent, our 7 Catechumens and 6 Candidates from St Paul, along with their sponsors, joined hundreds of others from throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago at Holy Name Cathedral to participate in the Rite of Election of Catechumens and Calling of the Candidates to Continuing Conversion presided by Cardinal Blaise Cupich. This was preceded by a celebration of affirmation and sending at the 11:30 Mass at St Paul.

This rite begins a period of intense spiritual preparation of the Catechumens for baptism and the candidates for entering into full communion with the Church and completing their sacramental initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep them all in your prayers.

Lenten Holy Hour
Monday 7pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7pm

Parish Reconciliation Service
March 16th
7pm

St. Paul's 4th Grade Faith Formation classes want to thank everyone who made the Baby Shower and Baby Bottle Service project such an overwhelming success!

Our 4th graders collected boxes and bags of items, including diapers, food, sleepers, blankets, baby clothes, and wipes! We had an incredible response to our annual baby shower/bottle campaign! Thank you to all who donated coins, cash, checks, and especially your prayers. Currently, over \$4,000 has been collected to assist "Aid for Women" and those they compassionately care for. All baby shower items and baby bottles have made their way to the "Aid for Women" site in Gurnee to be given to those in need. Your generosity and support for these projects are an incredible blessing to all involved!
Thank You!

You are cordially invited to
the 2nd informational session
to learn more about the

Ignite the Future Campaign.



scan to register

Please join us on

March 30th at 6:30pm in the Lower Level.

The meeting will include a presentation,
a Q&A session,
and a time to hear participants' opinions,
and will also help build momentum
and increase awareness on the given topics.

Please register on our website.

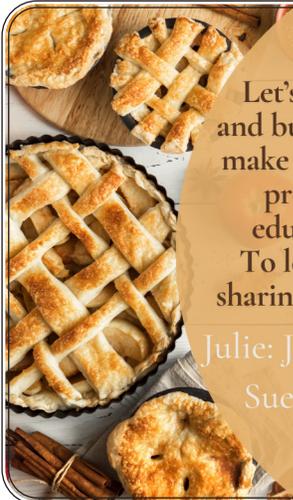
We look forward to sharing this important event with you.



ST. PAUL'S SOUPER BOWL 2026 HITS HISTORIC HIGHS!!!



**SOUPER Bowl 2026 Final Total?
UNBELIEVABLE!!!** After some last minute
SOUPER Bowl contributions, the total we've
collected this year is \$9,108!!! That is
thousands more than we've ever collected
before! In the name of all the hungry
people you are helping to feed,
Deacons Mike, Ivan, Bob, Andy and Rod say,
THANK YOU!!!



π day is coming!

Let's have some fun and make, sell,
and buy some pie. Bakers are needed to
make pies for the weekend of 3/14. All
proceeds will go to the religious
education program for our teens.
To let us know what pie you will be
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2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

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The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit **our website** or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the Gathering Space.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 18 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will receive the results this spring/summer, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!



Ministers of Care

What is the Ministry of Care? It is a group of parishioners who have been trained and commissioned to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to members of our parish who are sick and unable to attend Mass, including those who are homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home.

We have several Ministers of Care available to bring Holy Communion to those unable to attend Mass. Please contact Doug Nieman at 847-715-6798 or dougnieman791@gmail.com, and one of our ministers will be in touch to schedule a visit.

For those interested in joining this ministry, please contact Doug Nieman. Training opportunities will be available in Lake Zurich in April 2026; more details will follow in future bulletins.



Eight friends from St. Paul's SPRED (special religious development for special needs children and adults) program received their First Holy Communion at a special mass on February 15. Fathers Joe and Martin officiated the mass and communion, attended by more than 100 Spred family members. Our deepest gratitude to the priests, our Pastor Fr. Chris and the community for their continued support of Spred at St. Paul.



Do something bold and exciting this Lent!

From Wednesday, February 18th - Sunday, March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Waukegan Planned Parenthood, **1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL**, from 7 am to 7 pm daily, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Planned Parenthood's own records indicate a 70% no show rate for appointments when people are praying in front of the abortion center. Your prayer in the public right of way and fasting matter. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Leslie at (847) 951-1064 or www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan.

Parish Mission 2026

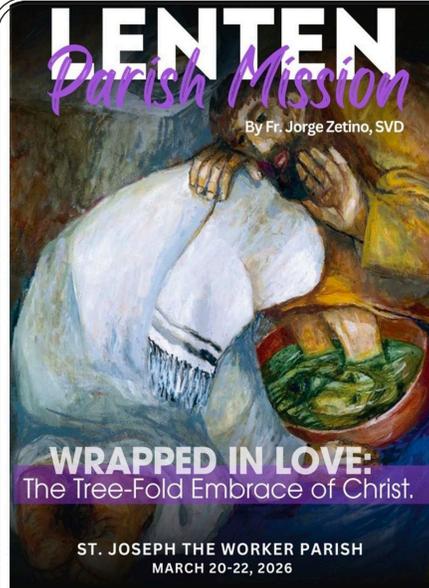
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No registration necessary. All are welcome!



Session 1 — Wrapped in Humanity

“Swaddled in the Manger: The Love Who Comes Close”

Reflecting on Luke 2:1-20 and Christ's humility in entering our world in vulnerability and poverty.

Session 2 — Wrapped in Service

“Girded with a Towel: The Love That Kneels”

Reflecting on John 13:1-15 and Jesus' self-emptying act of washing His disciples' feet.

Session 3 — Wrapped in Sacrifice

“Shrouded for the Tomb: Love Poured Out”

Reflecting on Mark 15:42-47 and Christ's surrender unto death for our salvation.

**“Wrapped in Love:
The Three-Fold
Embrace of Christ”**

March 20 at 6:00 pm | March 21 at 10:00 am | March 22 at 9:15 am

From the Manger, to the Towel, to the Tomb



Come join the St. Raphael the Archangel Knight of Columbus and Altar & Rosary Sodality to hear the inspiring story of radio personality, Kevin Matthews, in the movie “Broken Mary”. This is a one time showing at the Antioch Theater on Tuesday, March 10 at 7pm.
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SUNDAY:
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TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
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