



Saint Paul
the Apostle

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:16

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - WE ARE THE SALT! WE ARE THE LIGHT!

BY MARY PENICH

I realize that we've had enough snow and freezing temperatures to last us until spring! Still, I admit to enjoying the scenery outdoors. My husband and I downsized to a ranch home a few years ago. I'm grateful that our windows offer amazing views. The backyard is wooded just enough to provide summertime shade and ample room for winter's snow. I've enjoyed that snowy expanse for the past few weeks. Though I shoveled whenever Mike blew the snow in those frigid temperatures, I'd do it again in a minute. That white coating turned our yard and the entire neighborhood into a winter wonderland that I continue to enjoy.

It was after shoveling one below-zero day that I decided to warm up by organizing a messy closet. My hands were still cold when I came across a stack of DVDs that we'd accumulated since our first grandchild appeared. "Huh! I thought we gave these away!" As I looked through them, I recalled that we'd decided to keep these classics "just in case". One never knows when a nostalgic grandchild might want to walk down Memory Lane. Did I write "nostalgic grandchild"? I should have written "nostalgic grandma" because I was thrilled when I saw the DVD that was on top of the pile.

*Jack Frost** is a winter favorite we watched with our granddaughters at least a dozen years ago. Our grandsons enjoyed it more recently. Because we became fans of this classic early on, we purchased a copy to rerun. The grandkids have all given *Jack Frost* their full attention at one time or another. As for me, I couldn't resist an encore viewing. I'm so grateful that we still have that old DVD player...

Do you remember *Jack Frost*? I do! I watched happily as Jack Frost blew an icy film across a small town. The people couldn't see him, but they knew Jack was there because icicles and snow suddenly appeared before them. "Jack still does amazing work," I told myself. As the story progressed, Jack became human and a young woman fell in love with him. Of course, this was bound to happen! Every good story has an engaging plot. In this case, Jack Frost's beloved was kidnapped by an evil tyrant. What was next? Of course, Jack Frost saved his beloved from the bad guy!

When I put that DVD back on its shelf and left the closet for another day, I considered the hero whose story unraveled before me. Neither Jack's appearance

nor his words were particularly earthshattering. It was what Jack did that inspired those around him. Jack transformed an ordinary town into a beautiful wonderland despite the harsh cold of winter. When Jack became human for a little while, he did all he could to help the local people. When Jack found that a tyrant was terrorizing the village, he led a revolt against him. When that tyrant kidnapped Jack's beloved, Jack hurried to save her. When Jack was captured and overheard the tyrant's plan to send knights to destroy the town, Jack found a way to stop the attack and to save the people. Though our situation in this world is a bit more complicated than what occurred in that town, Jack Frost's goodness renewed my hope in the possibilities that lie in all our hands. His story also illustrated the message offered in Matthew's gospel today.

Matthew (5:13-15) tells us what occurred just after Jesus preached The Beatitudes to his followers. These declarations of blessedness offered reassurance to all who heard them. As God's blessed ones, Jesus promised the people that they would overcome whatever they encountered in this world. Then, Jesus added, "You are the salt of the earth," and "You are the light of the world." Because they really were God's blessed ones, Jesus challenged each one to be the salt that would enrich those around them in whatever they did. Jesus went on to invite them to light the way for those who might not yet know their way to goodness. Jesus left no doubt regarding how this would be accomplished when he said, "...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify God." If they were sincere in their efforts, those around them might actually take God's message of peace and reconciliation, mercy and love to heart.



I don't think my attempt to organize that messy closet and finding that DVD were accidental. I've been having a tough time dealing with the misery that has overwhelmed Minneapolis and so many other places on this earth for far too long. That suffering should have no place in this world, yet here it is. Though Jack Frost can't work magic among us today, Jesus' words can if we take them to heart. Jesus challenges us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Jesus asks us not to be fooled by untruths and empty promises. Today, Jesus tells us the only way to share God's love and to draw those around us closer to God is to earn their attention -as Jack Frost did- by doing the good that needs to be done.

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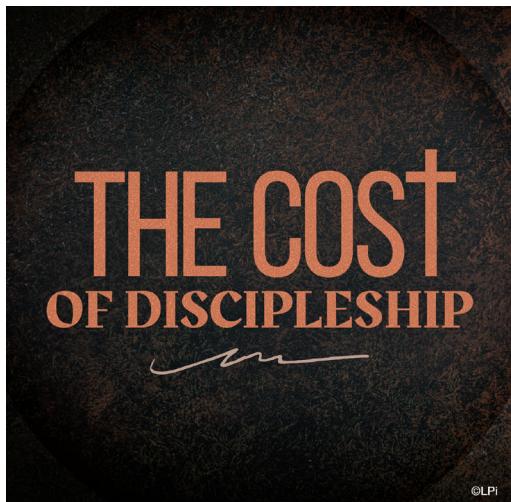
*1979; Rankin/Bass Production

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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



I recently learned why zebras have stripes. Scientists used to think it was for camouflage, but new research suggests something more interesting: the stripes help zebras blend in with one another. When a predator looks at a herd, the overlapping stripes make it hard to single out one animal. But if a researcher spray-paints a dot on just one zebra, predators lock on it and eventually attack. The lesson? In the wild, blending in is protection. Standing out can be dangerous.

Human beings are not so different. Most of us would rather blend in than stand out, especially when it comes to our faith. We know that giving bold witness to Jesus — through our words, values, or public choices — can make us targets for criticism, isolation, or judgment. That's why Jesus' words in today's Gospel are so challenging: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

A city on a hill draws attention. It also draws fire. But that's part of the cost of discipleship. Jesus doesn't call us to be tribal or boastful. He calls us to stand in the open with humble confidence, so that people might see our good deeds and glorify our Father in heaven. Today, let's ask for the courage not just to believe in Christ, but to be seen believing in him.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: Spirit & Song #309 Here I Am to Worship by Tim Hughes

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: The Just Man Is a Light by Steve Angrisano

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Preparation Song: You Are the Light by Sarah Hart

At Sunday 5:00pm: Gather #512 / Spirit & Song #207 Christ, Be Our Light by Bernadette Farrell

Eucharistic Acclamations: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: Spirit & Song #254 Miracle of Grace by Curtis Stephan

At Sunday 5:00pm: You Welcomed Me by Tom Booth

Closing Song: Gather #664 / Spirit & Song #213 Go Make a Difference by Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

READING I

ISAIAH 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD:
Share your bread with the hungry,
shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them,
and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed;
your vindication shall go before you,
and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer,
you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am!
If you remove from your midst
oppression, false accusation and malicious speech;
if you bestow your bread on the hungry
and satisfy the afflicted;
then light shall rise for you in the darkness,
and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You are the salt of the earth.

But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?

It is no longer good for anything

but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world.

A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.

Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket;

it is set on a lampstand,

where it gives light to all in the house.

Just so, your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

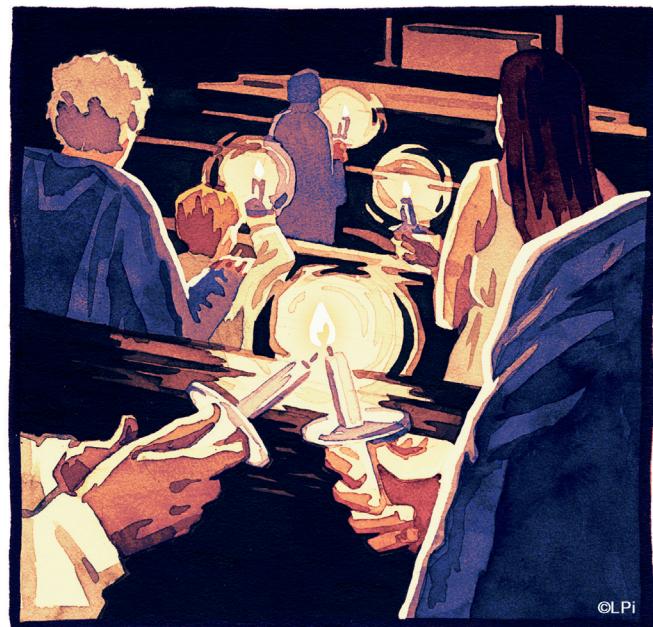
PSALM 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

READING II

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
I came to you in weakness and fear and much
trembling,
and my message and my proclamation
were not with persuasive words of wisdom,
but with a demonstration of Spirit and power,
so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom
but on the power of God.



“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:15-16

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: *Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10*
Lord, go up to the place of your rest!

Tuesday: *Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11*
How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

Wednesday: *Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40*
The mouth of the just murmurs wisdom.

Thursday: *Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40*
Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

Friday: *Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15*
I am the Lord, your God: hear my voice.

Saturday: *Psalm 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22*
Remember us, O Lord, as you favor your people.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day

Tuesday: St. Scholastica, Virgin

Wednesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Nancy Martin | Alice De Silvia
Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
Carl Willaby

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

7:30am: Lupe Barcebal | Cadiena Family | Florence Weaver | Harold Weaver | Gerald Haase | Earl & Nana Beach
9:30am: Renato Carino | Dolores Latza | Kinga Szymoniak | Angelina Rivera | Felix Rivera | Joanna Koryzna | Janina Mroczko | Maria Sas
11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Rosario Montas Thyre Yousif | Joleet Desho | Shmoni Poulus | Yakob Desho Yalcob Sana | Celia J. Auguste
5:00pm: Bob & Harriet Sutton

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

7:30am: Benjamin Arceo | Andrew Cadiena

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

7:30am: Linus Galuska | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

7:30am: Nancy J. Martin | Charles Smith, Jr. | Jaime B. Gorospe
Isabel B. Gorospe

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

7:30am: Nancy Jane Crutcher

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

7:30am: Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Bill Vasilius | Rita Kleinow
Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
Augustine Vasquez | Scott Kohler | Salvador Pangilinan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

7:30am: Lupe Barcebal | Casis Family

9:30am: Oscar & Anna Morien | Maria Sas

11:30am: Bob & Harriet Sutton | Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Celia J. Auguste | Yolanda Abante

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of February 2, 2025

Sunday- \$11,852
Sharing- \$956
SVdP- \$236

Online Sunday- n/a
Online Sharing- n/a
Online SVdP- n/a

Month to Date - January

Sunday- \$75,533
Online Sunday- \$46,614
Christmas- \$5,572
Sharing- \$945
Online Sharing- \$2,159
SVdP- \$2,610
Online SVdP- \$2,393
Retirement fund for Religious- \$180



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Donna O'Brien
Norilyn Querubin
Rey Querubin
Obdulia Elizalde
Jovita Menes
Reginald Dulaca
Melody Cook
Brian Smolicek
Roberto Movilla
Shani Stahnke
Abby Swygard
Rod Reyes
Betty Falotico
Keith Kellogg
Lisa Mischke
David Zilligen
Eduardo Perez
Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Rafael Gloria
Collen Wishall
Silvia Pinedo
Consuelo Vargas
Juan Miguel Currea
Gloria de Cardenas
Helena Sznicer
George Lawrence
Michael Miller
Cynthia D. Caudell
Glaflira Bunsen
Jackie Herrera-Giron
Gino LaBellarte

Dianne Scirri
Pat Wilson
Kimmie Cozart
Mark Wilson
Pat Gundrum
Mary Thachil
Daniela Gaborik
Amy Patterson
Melissa Fernandes
Emily Meryer
Kathy Hunt
Laura Hopkins
Bill O'Brien
Katie Travelstead
Shanklin
Roman Stankiewicz
Charles Brown
Reginald Dulaca
Melody Cook
Jeanne Tan
Gemma Olaitz
Giovanni Deligero
Holly Wall Freund
Maureen Hisel
April Grandgeorge
Eileen Boyle
Toni Mengarelli
Dan Garrett
Rosa LaBellarte
Sharon Browning
Donna Kalinoski
Dan Garrett

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.

*Marilynn Fahey
Nadine Lubera-Stetson
Barbara Kapple
James Conaway
James Hansen
Maria Sas*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

SOUPER BOWL

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
8:30AM LEGAL CLINIC KICK OFF
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
6:15PM HANDBELL REHEARSAL
6:30PM SPRED
6:30PM IGNITE THE FUTURE - FAQS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND
9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - HIGAREDA
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
11:30AM SPRED - 1ST COMMUNION
12:30PM SPRED RECEPTION
1:00PM BAPTISM - PIOQUINTO
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS

FEBRUARY 14/15 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	G. Johnson A. Barrie M. Mohrfeld T. Rusnak OPEN x 2	Jane Bena Debbie Williams	Fening Hortelano Johnson Lowe, K Lowe, T	J. Wedell M. Emshwiller	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	T. Shurtliff P. Mikols P. Rothacker R. Dizon S. Bilas T. Burns	Sharon Brabson Catherine Karl	Burns Holland Nieman O'Brien Wicinski, C	M. Zorc R. Zorc	Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	D. Scheffler R. Reed K. King B. Kibitlewski OPEN x 2	Matthew Schwarz Mary Maus	Corr De Guzman Farber Griesser Pratscher	M. Maus T. Maus	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	C. Karl G. Galeno P. Watson R. Cuasay R. Terrazas OPEN	Manny Bautista Jerry Donahue	Hilo Mozny Deneke Podgorski Stahl	A. Brown T. Guziec	Fr. Joe Fr. Martin Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	J. Plamoottil B. Marchioni K. Deniz M. Deniz OPEN x 2	JJ Plamoottil Teen or Lector 1	Deniz Marchioni, B Marchioni, T Wattelet Zdenahik	T. Marlowe J. Cruz	Fr. Martin Dn. Andy

Igniting Our Future Together

From St. Paul's humble beginnings to the vibrant, expanding community it is today, our parish has long been a place where every person is welcomed, valued, and loved. As we look ahead, we recognize the evolving needs of our growing parish family and the importance of preparing a spiritual home that serves us today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

Now, we are called to deepen this mission by renewing our sacred spaces and strengthening our ministries through the *Ignite the Future: For Us, For Them, For Him* Campaign. With a vision to our needs today and what our parish could be in the future, the following projects have been identified as priorities for our capital campaign:



Beautifying Our Sanctuary

A series of thoughtful updates to our spiritual centerpiece will address both practical needs and aesthetic enhancements, including adding a tabernacle to the sanctuary, introducing new sacred artwork, and replacing worn doors and carpeting.



Transforming Our West Entrance*

A covering added to the west entrance will greatly improve accessibility and safety for all parishioners and visitors.



*The areas identified in green represent early renderings of "Transforming Our West Entrance" and "Expanding Our Upper Gathering Space."

Expanding Our Upper Gathering Space*

To support our growing parish, we plan to expand the Upper Gathering Space into a versatile banquet hall with a full kitchen and much needed storage.

Centralize Parish Administration

As part of the expansion of the Upper Gathering Space, parish administration offices will be moved from the Parish House to within the church to better serve all those that enter our doors.

Archdiocesan Support

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GENERATION
TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....

St. Paul joins the Archdiocese of Chicago's Generation to Generation: Answer the Call Campaign, uniting in a shared mission to strengthen the future of our Church. Through our support of the Archdiocese we help form future priests, support priests throughout their lives, invest in parish vitality, and provide scholarships for students.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO FR. CHRIS AT CCIASTON@SPA.CHURCH

SOUPER BOWL 2026 UPDATED FAN ALERT!



This is Deacon Mike. NOW we know who'll be playing in the Big Game on February 8! The New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks worked really hard to make it. My fellow deacons and I are working hard, too! Our opponent is even more fierce than NFL teams. Our opponent is HUNGER! Will you help us to transform Super Bowl LVI Weekend into SOUPer Bowl Weekend here at St. Paul the Apostle? You can join us today by picking up an envelope on the way in or out of church. On SOUPer Bowl Sunday, drop it in the SOUPer Bowl pots or the collection bins. You can also donate online. As always, 100% of the funds collected will be given to Holy Family and St. Anastasia Food Pantries in Waukegan to assist in blocking hunger in a big way! Thank you in advance for your consistently amazing and heartwarming generosity!

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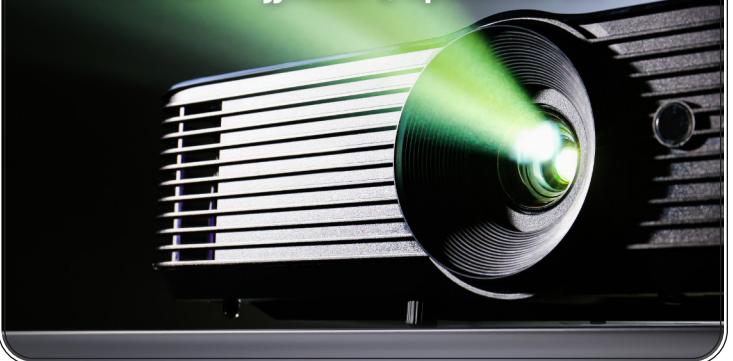
Do something bold and exciting this Lent!

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.

We are seeking Projectionists to run the projections at all Masses.

You don't need to have any advanced technological education or knowledge of computers or software. We have scripts for each Mass and need people who can click on images so they can appear on the walls during the services.

Email - jjester@spa.church



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 February 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!



St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign and Baby Shower is coming! Please take a baby bottle home on the weekend of January 17th and 18th. Fill the bottle and bring it back on the weekend of February 21st and 22nd. You may also donate online through the parish website.

"Aid for Women" is in need the following items: Diapers, bibs, infant gowns, baby bath towels, long sleeve onesies, baby wash and lotion, baby socks, pacifiers, wipes, as well as Walmart or Menards gift cards.

Labeled "Baby Shower" carts will be in the upper and lower levels for items dropped off beginning January 17th and 18th.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! God Bless!

First Communion Closet

Rest in His Arms (RiHA), is offering pre-loved First Communion dresses in exchange for a small monetary donation. Families may choose a dress from RiHA's First Communion Closet, 325 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite J, Wheeling, Illinois (in the rear of the building) on these dates:

**Saturdays, February 7, 21 and March 14
11 AM - 1 PM**

Donations of pre-loved First Communion dresses may be left in the drop box at the address above. Dresses and veils must be clean, in good condition and no more than 20 years old.

For more information about donating a First Communion dress or how you can help, email riha2005@icloud.com with "Communion Closet" in the subject line. For information about Rest in His Arms, see www.anglegowns.us.



**π day is coming!
March 14/15**

PIE Bakers are needed!

chocolate, apple, key lime, pecan, strawberry, peach, coconut, French silk, pumpkin, Amish vanilla

email:

Julie: Jhettchenbach@libertyville.com

Sue: Susantebbetts@gmail.com



COME WITNESS AND CELEBRATE WITH US



SPRED Mass Celebrates Holy Communion

St. Paul's SPRED (special religious development for special needs children and adults) program invites you to a special celebration on Sunday, February 15 at the 11:30 am mass when eight spred friends will receive their First Holy Communion. Father Martin and Father Joe will co-celebrate this special mass. Please join us for this important Eucharistic celebration and keep our Spred friends and families in your prayers.

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

55+ Active Singles - A new way to meet friends or partners!



Celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Single Seniors Social Club. Enjoy an evening of traditional Lunar New Year-inspired refreshments, activities, and cultural traditions that honor new beginnings, good fortune, and meaningful connections - without pressure or expectations.

Saturday, February 21st @ 6:00pm \$20pp

St. Paul the Apostle Church - Lower Level
Register by 2/18 @ saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; Lunar New Year

Questions? Please call or email:
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary.ross@comcast.net

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - BENEATH THE SURFACE

BE SALTY

I want you to close your eyes. Are they closed? (I'm serious.) Okay. Now think of the greatest saint in history.

I don't care who you're thinking of. It's going to be different for everyone. Just think of that person. Think of his or her life. And answer the question: Why is he or she a great saint?

You're all thinking of different people, but the answer is the same for everyone. And it's not "Because he did great things for God" or "Because she sacrificed everything she had for the poor." Those answers show evidence of the reason. But the reason is something more.

The greatest saints in history were not great at holiness. God brought holiness about within them because (ding ding ding! Here's the answer!) the greatest saints in history were great at being who they were meant to be.

Not who they wanted to be. Not who they thought they should be. Who they were meant to be.

Simply put, they gave themselves to God. All of themselves. Flaws and all. And God took them, in their totality, and said: "Now watch this."

Just imagine if salt was ashamed of being salty. Imagine if it looked at the sodium content on its nutrition label and thought, "That's embarrassing," and decided it was going to stop being salt. Well, great. Now it's just a box of tiny rocks.

Wouldn't it have been better for the salt to trust the baker using it?

There is a plan for each of us. There is a path to holiness for each of us. This path doesn't bypass our flaws or our weaknesses; it incorporates them. It transforms them. It fulfills them.

So be salty. Be who you were meant to be.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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We will not be offering the Precious Blood from the 1st Sunday of Advent until Palm Sunday, for health reasons during cold and flu season, to avoid potential virus transmission. A Catholic does not have to receive both the Body and Blood of Christ, as receiving either one is a full reception of the sacrament. Receiving only one form is a valid and common practice, and provides the same graces as receiving both; we receive the entirety of Jesus in the Eucharist.

During the Communion Procession:

1. Approach the Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.
2. The Sacred Host will be lifted and shown to you, and the Priest, Deacon, or Communion Minister will say, "The Body of Christ".
3. Extend your hands or tongue and say "Amen".
4. Whether you receive on the tongue or the hands -- DO NOT MOVE -- until the Sacred Host is placed on your tongue or hands.
5. PLEASE DO NOT step to the side, but consume the Host immediately in front of the priest, deacon, or Communion Minister.
6. Then, you can return to your seat.

- If you do not receive communion and want a blessing, come, cross your hands over your chest to receive the blessing.

Thank you for your understanding and for enhancing Catholic beliefs.

2025 Tax Statements

Here are two ways you can request your tax letter:

1. Complete your information on the Tax Request sheet on the table in the gathering space.
2. Send an email request to info@spa.church

We will send the tax letter back to the same email address you used to request it.

As always, we thank you for your generous support of our parish.



PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of Mission

Bless us on our way, O Lord.

Share with us as we share with others.

Heal us as we help others to heal.

Provide for us as we open our hands in charity.

Every gift comes from You.

You are at the heart of all that is good.

Share that goodness with us today, abundantly.

Amen.

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SAINT BIO

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

These brothers by birth became brothers in mission. Cyril and Methodius were born to a Greek diplomat in the 800s. The two brothers served in local governmental posts before each withdrew to a monastery. Their lives changed when the political leadership in Eastern Europe — what is now Ukraine — requested priests who spoke the native Slavic languages. Cyril and Methodius had proven themselves as able administrators and holy men, so they were sent as missionaries. First, Cyril invented an alphabet. This became the foundation for what is now used today and is still called the Cyrillic alphabet! Next, the brothers translated the Gospels, the Psalms, and other liturgical books into the native language of the people. Their work spread across Eastern Europe. God indeed raises up saints for their times!

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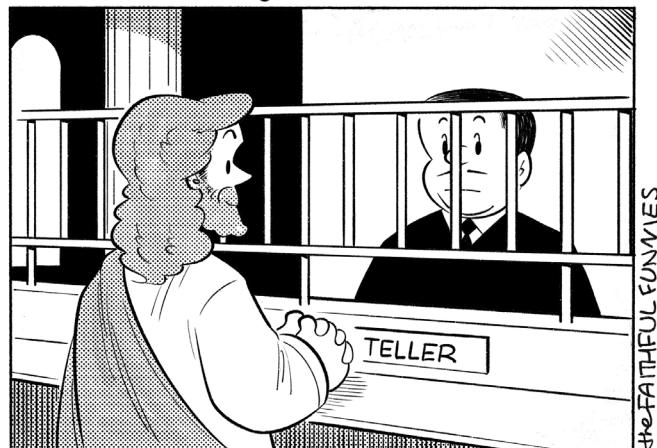
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7:30AM

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ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS

8:00AM

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11:00AM

The advertisement features a green gradient background. At the top, the company name "McMurrough" is written in a large, bold, serif font, with "Funeral Chapel" in a smaller, italicized serif font below it. To the right of the text is a black and white photograph of two men in suits standing together. The man on the left is smiling, and the man on the right is looking slightly to the side. Below the photo, the text "Three Generations Since 1947" is displayed in a large serif font. Underneath this, there is a bulleted list: "• Traditional Funerals", "• Cremations", and "• Pre-Arrangements". At the bottom, the names "Brian & Mark McMurrough" are in a large serif font, followed by the address "101 Park Place, Libertyville" in a smaller serif font. The phone number "847-362-2626" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and the website "www.libertyvillefuneralhome.com" is in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom right.

An advertisement for Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Ltd. The top half features a woman in a white uniform with a name tag that says 'MEDALERT'. To her left is a red 'MDMedAlert!' logo with a 'TM' symbol, a 'STARTING AT \$19.95/mo.' price, and a 'MedAlert' badge. Below the logo is a red checkmark next to 'Ambulance' and another next to 'Police/Fire'. To the right of the price is a red checkmark next to 'Family/Friends' and another next to 'GPS & Fall Alert'. Below these are the words 'CALL NOW! 800.809.3570' and the website 'md-medalert.com'. The bottom half features the text 'Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Ltd.' in a serif font, followed by 'Family Owned & Operated!!' in a larger, bold, sans-serif font. Below that is the address '410 E. Belvidere Road, Grayslake' and the website 'www.strangfuneral.org • 847-223-8122'. To the right of the address is a heraldic crest with a shield and crossed swords. The bottom left corner features a stylized illustration of a building with a bridge and mountains in the background.

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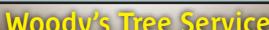


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