



Saint Paul

the Apostle

September 3rd, 2023

FOLLOW



“Whoever wishes to
come after me must
deny himself, take
up his cross, and
follow me.”

MATTHEW 16:24b

Dear SPA Family,

Everyday life – tedious activities, illnesses, suffering, loneliness, problems at home and at work – this is our daily effort, a gray reality which often resembles climbing the "Stations of the Cross." This daily effort for us as disciples of Jesus can be a burden, a kind of ballast that crushes and destroys, but it can also be – and even should be – a means that leads to Christ, to God.

There are no easy choices in life. Every choice we make in life has its time, its place, and its price. So let's look at the words of Jesus and try to consider what are the conditions for following Christ.

"If anyone wants to follow me..." Jesus invites us to an effort that can cost us a lot, which can be paid with many tears, but only to give us happiness later – true happiness incomparable to anything we experience here on earth. Although the invitation is addressed to everyone, not everyone hears this call.

"Let him deny himself..." It is easy to marvel at Jesus who heals, works miracles, and raises the dead. It's easy to make promises like, "I'll follow you." However, it is challenging to follow the demanding Jesus, asking us to deny ourselves and give up our own plans, aspirations, and ambitions. We very often wish for a successful life, preferably in the spotlight. Meanwhile, Jesus encourages us to move into the shadows, to resign from being the center of the party, appreciated by others, liked, and admired for some of our qualities. Not only to fade into the shadows but...



"Let him take up his cross and follow Me..." It is difficult for us to take the cross of our everyday weaknesses, failures, painful experiences, dramas, or misfortunes that happen to us. Whoever really wants to take up his cross must accept everything that life brings us, every second of it, no matter what it is, and what it will bring with it. And although inner rebellion and fear will always be born, accept your cross with joy and willingness; despite the accompanying fear, and perhaps even discouragement, try to come to this cross with a smile and love. Hug the cross of Christ and feel its power and love flowing from it. And follow with Christ the "Stations of the Cross" of everyday struggles, challenges, and difficulties.

In creating us, God gave us freedom and the ability to choose freely, to make difficult decisions. And in this freedom, we can reject the conditions given by Jesus, because they seem too difficult to us, beyond our strength and capabilities. We can choose a different path, because we want to gain everything we care about so much: health, money, fame, admiration. But remember the words that Jesus said: *"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"* So what if we gain everything, but we won't meet God? We won't experience His love, we won't feel His forgiveness, we won't feel the purifying springs of His mercy.

Someone once said, *Your eternal life depends on the choices you make today in your daily life.* Think about it the next time you have to make another important or less important decision. Be brave and make a wise choice!

Have a blessed week. - Fr. Chris Ciastoń

***To Read Mary Penich's Something to Think About...
please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"***

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir
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MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Spirit & Song #233** Table of Plenty by Dan Schutte

Glory to God: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc

Responsorial Psalm: **Spirit & Song #71** My Soul Is Thirsting by Steve Angrisano

Gospel Acclamation: **Gather #733** Alleluia! Give the Glory by Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd
At Sunday 5:00PM: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts: **Solitude Song (Follow Me)** by Tom Booth
At Sunday 5:00PM: **Spirit & Song #354** Take Up Our Cross by Curtis Stephan, Sarah Hart, and Marc Byrd

Mass Setting: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc & **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion: **Spirit & Song #356** The Breastplate of Saint Patrick by Sarah Hart and Bob Halligan, Jr.

Closing Song: **Gather #872** America the Beautiful (MATERNA, CMD) by Samuel Ward and Katherine Bates
At Sunday 5:00PM: **Ablaze** by Ben Walther

READING I:*JEREMIAH 20:7-9*

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;
 you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.
 All the day I am an object of laughter;
 everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
 violence and outrage is my message;
 the word of the LORD has brought me
 derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
 I will speak in his name no more.
 But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
 imprisoned in my bones;
 I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:*PSALM 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
 thirsting for you, my God.
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 thirsting for you, my God,
 thirsting for you, my God.

READING 2:*ROMANS 12:1-2*

I urge you, brothers and sisters,
 by the mercies of God,
 to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
 holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
 Do not conform yourselves to this age
 but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
 that you may discern what is the will of God,
 what is good and pleasing and perfect.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*MATTHEW 16:18*

Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
 enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
 that we may know what is the hope
 that belongs to our call

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GOSPEL:*MATTHEW 16:21-27*

Jesus began to show his disciples
 that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
 from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
 and be killed and on the third day be raised.
 Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
 "God forbid, Lord!
 No such thing shall ever happen to you."
 He turned and said to Peter,
 "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
 You are thinking not as God does,
 but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples,
 "Whoever wishes to come after me
 must deny himself,
 take up his cross, and follow me.
 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
 but whoever loses his life for my sake
 will find it.
 What profit would there be
 for one to gain the whole world
 and forfeit his life?
 Or what can one give in exchange for his life?
 For the Son of Man will come
 with his angels in his Father's glory,
 and then he will repay all according to his conduct."



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: Jer 20:7-9 | Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 | Rom 12:1-2 | Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18 | Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 | Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8 | Ps 52:10, 11 | Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14 | Ps 98:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6 | Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4A | Ps 13:6AB, 6C | Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday: Is 58:6-11 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 | Mt 25:31-40

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
The Lord comes to judge the earth.

Tuesday: Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wednesday: Ps 52:10, 11
I trust in the mercy of God for ever.

Thursday: Ps 98:2-3AB, 3CD-4, 5-6
The Lord has made known his salvation.

Friday: Ps 13:6AB, 6C
With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

Saturday: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2023

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time
(*Labor Day*)

Tuesday: Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Wednesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Next Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gary Lee Broxton | The Souls in Purgatory | John Carter Bennett | Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30AM: Daniel Ross | Michael Kinahan | John Miller | Sergio & Angelina Cadiena

9:30AM: Robert Chester BATTERY | The Casis Family | Sally Faye Bennett | Barclay Laux | Glen Maikranz, Jr.

11:30AM: Julia Garcia | Victoria Piela & Family | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo

5:00PM: Kiki McWhorter

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

9:00AM: Don & Joan Meersman

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

7:30AM: Harry Siuda | The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

7:30AM: Maria Vasquez | Scott Kohler

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

7:30AM: Howard Dunton | Floyd Rapanan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

7:30AM: Alison Carino

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Robert Wagner | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Nancy Sedin | John Carter Bennett | Scott Kohler | Clarice & Rocco Cocco

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | Ray Totten | Don Douglas

9:30AM: Albert Kozak | Virginia, George, and Thomas Reynolds | Magno Carino

11:30AM: Chuck Gresser | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo

5:00PM: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

WEEK OF 8/30/2023

Sunday- \$8,839 Online Sunday- \$6,554
Sharing- \$5 Online Sharing- \$183
SVdP- \$489 Online SVdP- \$218

MONTH TO DATE - AUGUST

Sunday- \$44,004 Online Sunday- \$41,810
Sharing- \$1,255 Online Sharing- \$2,124
SVdP- \$2,980 Online SVdP- \$1,482

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

| | |
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| Al Bruehl | Grace Zablocki |
| Sharon Felt | Ted Jameson |
| Robert Felt | Tom Ohlwein |
| Luz Angela Arboleda | Betty Falotico |
| Babette Tilden | Michael Bockstahler |
| Jose Torres | Edward Machak |
| Marife Lacson Bihasa | Bryon Patterson |
| Denise Perez | Inesa Bekeris |
| Earl Nicholas | Cortney Kinahan |
| Sofia Cosentino | Alice DeSilvia |
| Karen Swazas | Bernadette Gaffney |
| Cristina Soriano | Stephanie Rappe |
| Robert Santagata | Angie Toon |
| Ruth Blood | Jeff Klemann |
| Sheila DeFazio | Jeanine Hudson |
| Peyton Newman | Shannon Fleece |
| Richard Lahey | Jacob Alderman |
| Ted Stanulis | Enrique Figueroa |
| Angela Bank | Ross Gube |
| Orietta Giannetti | Jason Govednik |
| Mary Johnson | Rosa LaBellarte |
| Joanne Trentadue | Russ Lawson |
| Carol Simpson Gill | Roberta Becker |
| Sara Kang | Emily Meyer |
| Barbara Prendergast | Robert Bloom |
| Hilary Anderson | Betsy Hastings |
| Kirk Steinhaus | Monica Parreno |
| Rod Reyes | Phil Wilson |
| Kimberly Liwanag | Lou Porreca |
| Brian Reynolds, Jr. | Rev. John M. Ryan |
| Dianne Scirri | |

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 Keri at the Parish House.
ksekany@saintpaultheapostle.church
847-918-0600



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

Hilary Anderson-Steinhaus

Nieves Samson

Bob Russell, Sr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:00PM BAPTISM (LOPEZ-GUERREO)
 12:30PM BAPTISM (VENTURA)
 1:30PM 1ST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BELTRAN)
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:00AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:00AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 2:30PM FAITH SHARING
 7:00PM PCM MTG

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:30AM MASS
 5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU
 7:00PM LIFE TEEN CORE MTG
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS
 7:30PM K OF C OFFICERS' MTG

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN
 10:00AM A&E MTG
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:30PM BAPTISM (JACOB)
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BROLLEY)
 1:30PM BAPTISM (STAPLETON)
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:30AM MASS
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM (AMATO)
 3:30PM CF | 7 & 8
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM CF | HS
 5:00PM MASS
 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

SEPTEMBER 9TH & 10TH | LITURGY SCHEDULE

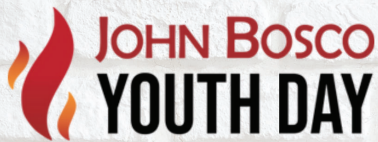
| | LECTORS | COMMUNION MINISTERS | GREETERS | PRESIDER |
|--------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| SATURDAY 5:00PM | Dodee Yedinak Bruce Marchioni | T. Oberstar T. Rusnak D. Wells C. Wicinski E. Wicinski | Marion Henderson Julie Wedell | Fr. John Dcn. Ivan |
| SUNDAY 7:30AM | Andy Thiel Catherine Rugger | L. Chandy M. Janik C. Karl E. Nelsen D. Nieman | Dorothy Thompson Pat Bland | Fr. Chris |
| SUNDAY 9:30AM | Claress Pettengill Mary Maus | Aeron Ignacio R. Ignacio C. Nielsen N. O'Keefe J. Rediger | | Fr. Joe Dcn. Brent |
| SUNDAY 11:30AM | Dodee Yedinak Margaret Beth Sanchez | G. Galano M. Parreno A. Richardt B. Russell S. Tebbetts | | Fr. Joe |
| SUNDAY 5:00PM | Cathi Roberts | C. Bertke M. Gaytan J. Marino T. Robb A. Wattlelet | | Fr. Chris |



Registration for the LIFE Teen program is now **OPEN** on our parish website.

LIFENights will follow Mass from 6:00PM to 8:00PM most Sundays.

The first LIFE Night will be held on **Sunday, September 10th**.



2023 Theme: "Revive"

Saturday, September 30, 2023
10am-6pm

**Basilica and National Shrine of Mary,
Help of Christians at Holy Hill**

1525 Carmel Rd.
Hubertus, WI 53033

\$10 to attend | Pre-registration required for 6th-12th grade students and their families or youth leaders. Lunch available for purchase.

This opportunity is eligible for service hours!
Contact Cassie Bertke for information & requirements.

\$10/Person

Registration opens July 24

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Thank you to our SPA Golf Classic III Sponsors!

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Knights of Columbus
Marsh Funeral Home

Sharon Moravec

Bickford Senior Living

Steven's Restaurant

Tops Kennel

Tee (\$150)

The Mikolitis Family

Gallway Senior Living

15 Hair Salon

Golf Classic

St. Paul the Apostle

Goodie Bag (\$100)

Tess Kaibigan



KNIGHTS CORNER



This weekend, our council Knights will be collecting donations for the intellectually disabled at the Jewel, Grand Avenue & Hunt Club Road, Labor Day weekend on Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd & 3rd. Proceeds will benefit our SPRED community and similar local organizations.

Thank you to those who attended our car show on Saturday, August 26th. We had very successful event which was well attended. We look forward to seeing you next August for our 14th Annual Joe Falotico Car Show.

We will be hosting a membership drive the weekend of October 7th & 8th after all Masses. We welcome all men 18 or older to join our council.

The Vocations Raffle will begin in October. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to 6 seminarians. We hope to repeat if not give to additional seminarians this year. Please see a council member to get raffle tickets or to consider joining our council.

*Vivat Jesus,
Greg Johnson
Grand Knight
Divine Mercy Council #11112*

Ninth Annual Quilt Raffle

*in memory of Joe Falotico
who helped Santa Claus for 60+ years.*

My name is Diane Kennedy. I'm Joe Falotico's daughter. I have been making a quilt every year for the last nine years to raffle off in memory of my dad to give back to the Celebration of Giving during the Christmas season. So far, \$18,000 has been raised for the Celebration of Giving.

People from all over the United States have supported this project of mine yearly.

I will be here **September 9th & 10th** before and after Masses to give you the opportunity to buy your ticket for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. I look forward to meeting you. Thank you for supporting this effort to make someone else's Holiday season better.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.



YAM LAKE COUNTY'S
10th Anniversary Mass & Potluck
5PM VIGIL MASS WITH MOST REVEREND
GEORGE RASSAS
FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK DINNER

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SEPT. 10TH USING THE
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INDIAN CREEK, IL 60061

ALL YOUNG ADULTS AND YAM
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SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023

YAM
Young Adult Ministry
Lake County, IL
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or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.
You may call anonymously.*

Upcoming Retreats:
JOLIET Sept 9-11
CHICAGO Nov 17-19



RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a journey of faith formation leading adult men and women into a deeper relationship with Christ - preparing them to come into full communion with his Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. It is for those adults who are seeking to be baptized, as well as those already baptized in another Christian tradition who seek to be Catholic. It is also for those baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received, and desire to receive, the other Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Eucharist.

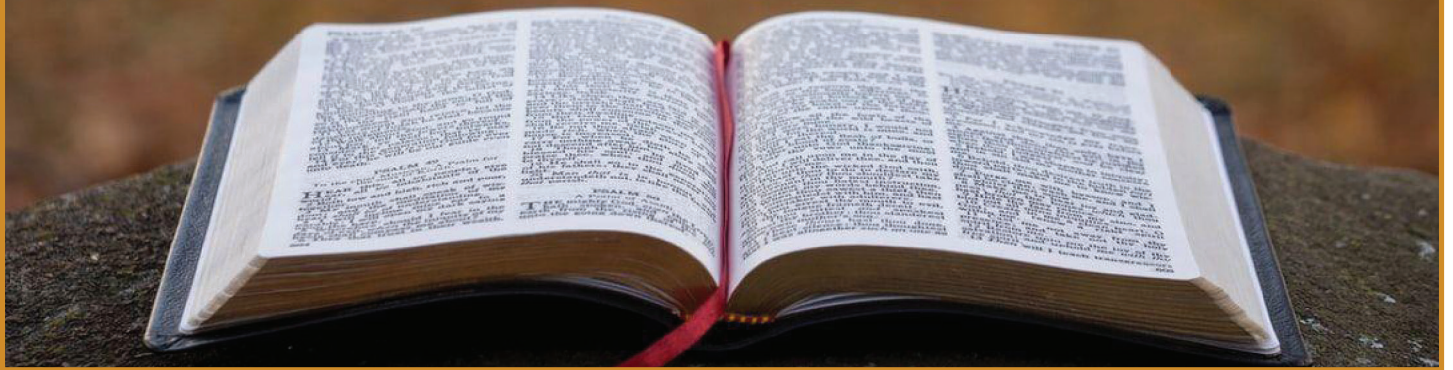
As baptized Christians, we all share in this mission: to build up God's Kingdom on Earth. We appeal to you to boldly approach each and every person you know who might benefit from joining our RCIA program:

- Tell them what being a practicing Catholic and participating in the Sacraments means to you.
- Invite them to consider exploring RCIA at St Paul.
- Hand them a bulletin or show them our website at www.saintpaultheapostle.church with our contact and registration information.
- Have them call or email our Parish Office, or email Deacon Bob directly at deaconbob@saintpaultheapostle.church to request more information about RCIA and how to register.

Our weekly Sunday morning classes will begin in early October and will run until March 30th, 2024 when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated at the Great Easter Vigil.

Wednesday Bible Study starts September 20th, both in the morning at 9:30AM (Rm 32) and in the evening at 6:30PM (Parish House), same curriculum.

We will be doing an overview on the 5 "books" of the Psalter and the various genres of the 150 Psalms over 11 weeks. Written over centuries, they follow the rise and fall of the Davidic Kingdom and the new role of Levite priests to lead the people in worship. Sign up on the website (no charge and no book to buy) or call Barbara Wagner at (847) 767 - 1202. There are schedules on the desk in the gathering space. All are welcome! Bring a friend!



Prayer Shawl Request

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl? Please complete the following information and place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls' weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding pickup/delivery of the shawl.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

The prayer shawl is for:

me another parishioner/friend

Shawl recipient is a:

male female



Memorial Service for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 9th, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

When: Saturday, September 9th, 10:00am

Where: Across from Planned Parenthood
1601 North Lewis Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085

More Info: Contact Leslie at 847-951-1064
or hazfam6@comcast.net





Faith Formation 2023-2024

Registration is open until **September 24th** on our church website.
For information about our program, call 847-816-8677
or email ff@saintpaultheapostle.church

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have answered the calling of Catechist, Substitute Catechists and Teen Volunteers for our Faith Formation Program. We could not do it without you. The children of St. Paul the Apostle are blessed to have you! We are looking forward to a wonderful year!



CATHOLIC Q&A

Q: What does the Church say about suicide?

A: Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults reflects, “Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can “diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide” (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255)**.

Venerable Mary Theresa Dudzik



VENERABLE MARY THERESA DUDZIK PRAY FOR US!



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Venerable
**MARY
THERESA
DUDZIK**

Venerable Mother Mary Theresa Dudzik became known as Chicago's Apostle of Mercy due to her work in the late 1800's and the early 1900's serving the poor and abandoned. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago — the first women's religious congregation in Chicago.

Have you considered a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)?

When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish – as designated by you.

For more information, please contact **Bob Sekany** at business@saintpaultheapostle.church or contact **Marguerite Q. Zappa**, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.



847-347-0832

EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HELP WITH LOCATING AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND OTHER SERVICES AIMED AT ADDRESSING ALL ISSUES A PERSON OR FAMILY MAY BE FACING WITH THE INTENT OF SUPPORTING SUSTAINED POSITIVE CHANGE.

Crisis Support Resources

DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT:

Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-698-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911

800-411-0103

440-953-8255

FOOD PANTRIES:

Avon Township: 847-546-1446

Holy Family: 847-782-4166

Saint Anastasia: 847-623-2112

Warren Township: 847-244-1101



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FRIDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 12:00PM
847-918-0600

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HOURS: 9:00AM - 4:00PM
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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
HOURS: 8:30AM - 3:00PM
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS IN THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT CHAPEL
11:00AM

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