



Saint Paul
the Apostle

MAY 18, 2025



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Love one another.”
- Jn 13:34a

Dear SPA Family,

From the observation of God's creation, we can notice that the plants have an inherent authenticity. Their beauty pleases our eyes. We've learned to know which are poisonous and which we can consume. If they mislead us, it is not their fault, but the result of our ignorance. And animals are able to pretend, but even when they pretend, they are authentic and real. We can know their nature enough to predict their behavior, although we can sometimes be wrong.

Only we, humans, are the best of all creatures when it comes to pretending, and we may not know who is who. Some of us put others into boxes for the wise and the foolish, the rich and the poor, the good and the vile, etc. Costumes/uniforms and symbols are also meant to help 'identify' a person. And so, the king puts a crown on his head and holds a scepter. Priests, policemen, soldiers, doormen, chimney sweeps... are wearing uniforms. Different color and style/design keep us from confusing the general with the chimney sweep. A luxury car and an apartment in a good neighborhood or ten earrings in the ears and fewer in the nose are also signs of belonging to the suitable class.



However, **this external marking of a person has nothing to do with his authentic value.** Because this value is so much profound. Thoughts and actions are its manifestation. When someone does not have in his heart, for example, love for his neighbor, even if he learns and implements external forms of showing it, it will still look not authentic, one can sense the falsity in this behavior. Such a man is similar to the king I met in at Navy Pier. He had a crown on his head and was carrying a scepter; he looked like a real king. But he waited in vain for tributes from his 'subjects' who indifferently walked by.

Each religion has its own signs and behavior by which we can identify its followers. Christians have many outward forms by which they express their belonging to Christ. Churches, crosses, paintings, services, processions, rosary in hand, prayer on the knees, and a holy medal around the neck. However, Christ says that this is not the most important identification sign of His followers. *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another,"* says Christ. Love is to be the hallmark of Christians. **The outer signs are very important, but they make sense as long as they are filled with the inner worth, which is love.**

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Last Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day, so I want to write a few sentences about one of the most beautiful love – mother's love. The beauty of this love is closest to the love that God gives to each of us. **Mother's love takes thousands of shapes in everyday life.** An awakened mother bends over the screaming baby in the middle of the night. She waits anxiously for the late return of her child. She embraces her children in her heart, when others make them feel abandoned. She sheds tears when her baby goes through difficult times in his life. She never stops loving, like God.

*Have a blessed week,
Fr. Chris*

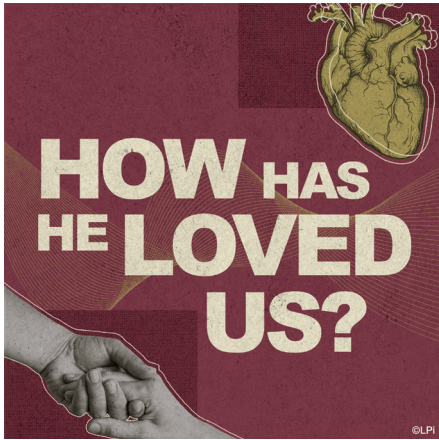
To read Mary Penich's **Something to Think About...**

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

5th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #826 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)** by Rowland Prichard and William C. Dix
At Sunday 5pm: **This Is Amazing Grace** by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham

Gloria: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: **Spirit & Song #100 I Will Praise Your Name** by Tom Booth

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF SAINT KILIAN** by Curtis Stephan

Preparation Song: **O Come to the Altar** by Mack Brock, Wade Joye, Christopher Brown, and Steven Furtick

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

Communion Songs: **What a Beautiful Name** by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #280 Can We Love?** by Tom Booth
At Sunday 5pm: **Let It Rise** by Holland Davis

READING I

ACTS 14:21-27

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch.

They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."

They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord

in whom they had put their faith.

Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia.

After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia.

From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God

for the work they had now accomplished.

And when they arrived, they called the church together

and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.



READING II

REVELATION 21:1-5A

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem,

coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race.

He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God.

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain,

for the old order has passed away."

The One who sat on the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new."

GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-33A, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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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: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give the glory.

Tuesday: Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21
Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor
of your kingdom.

Wednesday: Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Thursday: Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10
Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Friday: Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12
I will give you thanks among the peoples, O Lord.

Saturday: Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5
Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and
Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Francis D'Souza | Jeanne Sneed
Walter & Emily Macrowski | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
James Valley

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30am: Dell/Mauro Families | Abram Burkel
9:30am: Florence Dulak | Mark Ofenloch | Joyce & Victor Schwartz
Kinga Szymoniak | Federico Bacig
11:30am: Our Parish Family
5:00pm: Lloyd D'Cruz | Our Parish Family

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

7:30am: Gloria Magpantay | Scott Kohler | Reggie Dulaca

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

7:30am: Sheila Rader | Benjamin Arceo, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

7:30am: Rosario & Julio Montas

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

7:30am: Edmond Tryba | Laura Rader | James Lavin

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

7:30am: Melissa Champion

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Elmer & Nicky Hortelano
Demetria Cabuay | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett
Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

7:30am: Flora & Gaudencio Alfonso | Victor Peccioli
Winston Casis
9:30am: Stanley Dulak | Winston Casis | Carmen Bacig
11:30am: Hilo Family
5:00pm: NO 5PM Mass

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of May 12, 2025

Sunday- \$13,974
Sharing- \$274
SVdP- \$310
Easter- \$727
Catholic Charities- \$2,378

Online Sunday- \$12,899
Online Sharing- \$915
Online SVdP- \$622

Month to Date - May

Sunday- \$26,017
Online Sunday- \$12,899
Sharing- \$1,303
Online Sharing- \$915
SVdP- \$520
Online SVdP- \$622
Easter- \$807
Catholic Charities- \$2,413



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Bob Franz	Emily Meyer
Cortney Kinahan	Laura Hopkins
Rod Reyes	Rosa LaBellarte
Betty Falotico	Ruben Querubin
Carmen Torres	Rachel Ciullo
Daniel Alfaro	Patricia Freeman
Luis Fernando Mathieu	Toni Lynn Mengarelli
Dorothy Stratten	Shannon Bremmer
Keith Kellogg	Karen Swazas
Lisa Mischke	April Grandgeorge
Loretta Mirando	Alma De Torres
Dave Erickson	Stephanie Rappe
Darrel Alfonso	Vicki Shafer
Carla Irwin	Ruth Blood
Alice DeSilvia	Maria Delannoy
Richard Kot	Tom Asma
Adriana Aparicio	Natalie Hycner
Pearla Villareal	Karla Arce
Suzelle Conze	Jeanne Sypien
Kathy Hunt	Glenn Garamoni
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Daniel Schmelz
Kaz Wilk	Russell Yanow
Rose Scarpelli	Victoria Sofia
Portia Tinker	Luquez Mogollon
Donna Kalinoski	Kinga Szymoniak
Kathy Pozniacki	Chris Lucy
Frank Shade	Donna O'Brien
Roberto Dacumos	Monica Nash
Alfredo "Doy" Martija	Norilyn Querubin
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado	Rey Querubin
William Otero	Obdulia Elizalde
Marcy Davis	Jovita Menes

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.

Laurina Miura

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - NAVARRO
1:00PM BAPTISM - VILUAN
3:00PM WEDDING - SEAMAN
4:00PM BAPTISM - ORTIZ & VIRA-MONTES
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - PENG
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2024

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
7:00PM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

7:30AM MASS
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

6:30AM BCBP MEETING
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - NACUA
1:00PM BAPTISM - NGUYEN
1:30PM BAPTISM - FABUGAIS
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - MURPHY
1:30PM BAPTISM - AUGUSTIN
NO 5PM MASS

MAY 24/25 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe K. Gaston M. Mohrfeld A. Rusnak T. Rusnak	Larry Kolaczowski Lura Johnson	S. Grzesiak J. Hauck Carol W. N. Hortelano	B. Rago T. Rusnak T. Zdenanlik	M. Mohrfeld H. Gloria	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	P. Rothacker R. Dizon T. Burns T. Shurtleff J. Siegel S. Bilas	Bob O'Brien Michael Beaudoin	M. Janik C. Karl E. Nelsen T. Rafael-	C. Wicinski T. Zdenanlik	R. Zorc M. Zorc	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	B. Kibitlewski D. Scheffler N. O'Keefe P. Mengarelli T. Mengarelli D. Shuppert	Greg Soulje Nancy Tayborn	S. Corr E. Martinez N. Martinez C. Nielsen	P. Wilson	D. Shuppert B. Shuppert	Fr. Joe Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson S. Fragassi C. Bertke C. Karl R. Terrazas	Danny Castro Maribeth Hilo	E. Colcol T. Denecke- Dattalo L. Lechowicz	M. Ramirez J. Schoenherr S. Tebbetts	B. Moreno T. Guziec	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass		No 5pm Mass	No 5pm Mass

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 pm in Room 30.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need in our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome — and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

Questions?
Contact the parish office:
info@spa.church

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply,
we can never lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a part of us."
—Helen Keller

**You are invited to join with us as we
gather with others who have lost a
loved one. Here you will find
support and encouragement in
abundance.**

The next meeting is
May 21, 2025 at 3pm.

Sandy Gbur,
Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

For information about Faith Formation classes,
contact Tammy Oberstar, toberstar@spa.church

K-6 **FAITH FORMATION**

7-8 **2025-2026**

HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION

Now Enrolling

**REGISTER
BY JUNE 30TH
FOR EARLY
REGISTRATION
PRICES!**



SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

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

UPCOMING EVENT IN MAY

**VOLUNTEER at
NO. IL FOOD BANK**

Wednesday, May 21st

5:00pm—7:30pm

Followed by pizza at

The Silo Restaurant. Lake Bluff

We have 25 spots reserved at Northern Illinois Food Bank's Lake Forest Center. Afterwards we can meet for pizza & beverages. **We must fill these slots no later than Wednesday, May 7th.**

Cost: \$15pp for pizza. Beverages on own

Register at: sainttpaultheapostle.church; Select Single Senior Social Club; Mocktail Party and/or Volunteer

Questions? Please call or email:

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net

Join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps!

Want to Make a Difference? Want to Grow in Your Faith?

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) matches the skills and experiences of adults 50+ with Chicagoland nonprofits dedicated to walking with and assisting those most in need. IVC supports members in deepening their faith through formation opportunities rooted in the Ignatian tradition.

Learn more by attending an upcoming information session.

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish (Gurnee)
May 28, 2:00 pm**

Other Parish Information Sessions

Holy Family Parish (Inverness) - May 29, 1:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish (LaGrange) - June 10, 2:00 pm

St. John XXIII Parish (Evanston) - June 12, 2:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish (Glenview) - June 17, 2:00 pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center (Western Springs) - June 24, 2:00 pm

Old St. Mary Parish (Chicago) - June 26, 2:00 pm

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish (Oak Lawn) - July 8, 11:00 am

Register online: www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Or call Program Manager Cathy Buescher: **201.407.6052**



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Got Junk? OOPs – We Meant Treasures?

SVdP Trailer Collection Event

Saturday – May 31 (9am-4pm)

Sunday, June 1 (9am-1pm)

Donation Collection

They say . . . One person's trash is another's treasure! Let us help you clean out those closets, basements and garages! AND help others in the process too!!!

St. Paul the Apostle's Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry will be collecting your treasures that you wish to recycle. We will have a trailer parked in the west end of the church parking lot on the days above (or until the trailer is full.) Just pull your car up near the trailer and someone will assist you in unloading your donations and provide you with a receipt.

**Anyone interesting in volunteering to help load the truck on either day, send an email to:
margaret_kurelich@att.net.**

As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

Items that are in great demand:

- Gently-used clothing, shoes and accessories for women, men, and children
- Kitchen/dining dishware, flatware, bakeware, tools, gadgets, small appliances
- Home Décor: linens, decorative accents, artwork, mirrors, rugs, silk flowers, baskets
- Small Furniture: end tables, coffee tables, small chairs, TV stands, etc.

Please note: We will not be able to accept mattresses, box springs, stuffed animals, toys, baby car seats, cribs, strollers, baby bedding and accessories, computers, etc.

For large furniture (such as bedroom sets, sofas, recliners, bookcases, dining room tables and chairs, and patio furniture), you can arrange a pickup (must be at least 3 items) by calling 847-367-4700.

All donations are tax deductible. If you have any questions about this event, leave a message on our hotline at (847) 347-0832.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Thank you to those parishioners who attended our Fish Fry Community Dinner at SPA on Friday, March 28th, or dined at one of the Khayat family of restaurants during Lent.

Divine Mercy Council will distribute handmade rosaries for parishioners in the gathering space during the month of May. We will have rosary and prayer cards available with these rosaries.

We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council to continue our mission to serve our St Paul community. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

Vivat Jesus,
Greg Johnson
Grand Knight



DIVINE MERCY COUNCIL #11112

PETE ALBAMONTE

CHARITY GOLF OUTING

- **WHERE:** Heather Ridge Golf Course, Gurnee
- **DATE:** Saturday, June 14, 2025 (Rain date: TBD)
- **TIME:** Tee Times start at 10:15 AM (first available time is 10:24 AM)
- **COST:** \$75 per person, includes 9 holes with cart; sandwich, chips, and N/A drink; prizes and 50/50 raffle.
- **FORMAT:** Scramble (Foursome)
- **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Must sign up by Friday, June 6th.

Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 11112

PLAYER #1 _____
 PLAYER #2 _____
 PLAYER #3 _____
 PLAYER #4 _____
 Address _____
 City ST Zip _____ Phone _____
 Email _____

**** Entry Fee is required at time of sign up and is non-refundable. Registration and entry fee can be given to a Divine Mercy Council brother or left in Gathering Space at St. Paul.**

Questions contact:

Greg Johnson

gregjgisp@gmail.com

(847) 738-7055

MEMORIAL GARDEN - BRICK ORDER FORM

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

NOW, up to 20 characters per line (spaces and punctuation are considered characters).
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

4" X 8" brick (up to 4 lines) ----- 8" X 8" brick (up to 8 lines)

☐ 4" x 8" brick = \$200
☐ 8" x 8" brick = \$400

☐ 4" x 8" brick + replica = \$260*
☐ 8" x 8" brick + replica = \$500*

* Two similar engraved bricks will be ordered: one brick for Memorial Garden, and another for you to take home.



What is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) ministry?

Here at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference was formed in 2008. Our members are known as Vincentians. Do you know how SVdP helps our community? We are always looking for new members. Come join us!

Our Mission

SVdP's mission is to build a network of friends, inspired by faith-based values, growing in holiness and building a better world through interpersonal relationships and to service people in our community in transitory need.

We are volunteers with a desire to answer those in an emergency, who need a one-time boost to get through a temporary setback. We work with neighbors in Gurnee, North Chicago and Waukegan. We offer temporary assistance such as rent and utility help, car payments, food, clothing and other needs so that the individual can move forward once the emergency has ended.

What makes SVdP different from other charities?

All our members are volunteers whose mission is to serve those in need.

- Neighbors call because they are desperate, and help is immediately needed.
- Individuals do not have to wait weeks for a return call or an appointment. Our members reach out quickly and provide not just help but understanding and care.
- We help neighbors as if they are family because we believe they are. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We are not government funded. All donations come from parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Recent Case Study-

Alysia is a single young mom of 4. She left an abusive relationship, found a job and a new place to live. Her ex found a way to blackmail her and get her rent money. She had to hire a lawyer to take him to court to take back control of her life. This caused her to get behind in her rent and she called us for help. We were able to help her with her rent payment and she was extremely grateful for this!

**Most of our cases are people who live paycheck to paycheck. One set back, like missing work for health reasons, or an unexpected expense, causing them to not be able to pay an important bill. SVdP listens to their story and works towards getting them back on track.*

Interested in helping us with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry?

Contact Debbie Mumm at 224-577-6866 for more information.



A Day of Reflection for women

Connecting to God through the Beatitudes

JUNE 14TH
9am-3:30pm

HIGHLY PRECIOUS SPECIAL WORTHY
PRECIOUS LOVED TREASURED
CHERISHED
RESTORED LOVED REDEEMED
SPECIAL HIGHLY BELOVED FAVORITE
LOVED UNIQUE FREE



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PRESENTS

MUSIC UNDER THE STARS

July 12th
6pm - 10pm

St. Paul the Apostle Craft Show & Sale 2025

Saturday, Nov. 8th 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL

(lower level Gathering Space)

Application available at cnielsen@spa.church

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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St. Rita of Cascia (1381 – 1457) had the opportunity to live her life as a wife, mother, widow, and eventually, member of a religious community. Born in central Italy, St. Rita felt

the calling to become a nun, but was pressured at a young age into marriage. During her 18-year marriage to a cruel man, she raised two sons. When her husband was killed in a brawl and her sons died, St. Rita decided to go back to her first love and attempted to join the Augustinian nuns in Cascia. Her status as a widow caused some complications to her entering, but she eventually succeeded in professing vows.

Throughout her lifetime, St. Rita of Cascia was known for her prayerfulness and charity. She also experienced stigmata on her forehead, meditated frequently on Christ's passion, and cared for the nuns of her religious community and those in the lay community who came to her for counsel.

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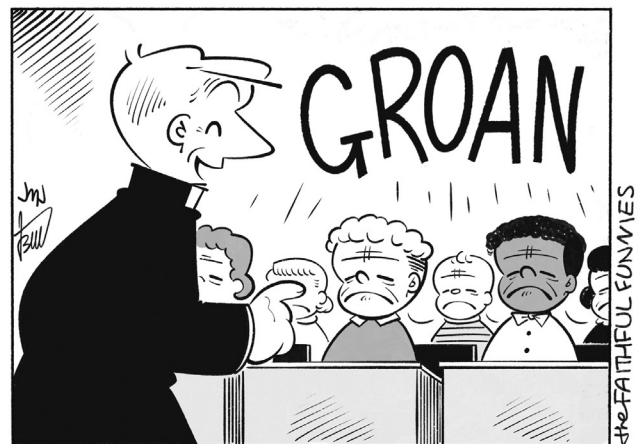
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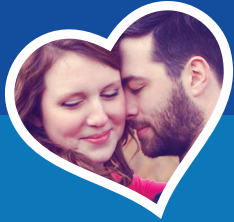


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