



“WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM.” - JN 6:56

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint Paul
the Apostle

AUGUST 18, 2024

Dear SPA Family,

In mid-August, the night sky glows with nebulae of stars, and the fields are full of ripening crops. The mowed grains slowly fill the empty silos. Soy, buckwheat, and millet are still ripening. We will have to wait for the harvest of cabbage and root crops. **But farmers may already be celebrating; the most important crops have been harvested.** In the old days, the fate of all inhabitants depended on the harvest. There was something to enjoy and to thank for. For millennia up to Christianity, some farmers turned their thanksgiving thoughts to idols. **I remember some of the old legends my parents would tell me** when I was working with them in the fields. Czarnooka Południca (the Black-eyed Middy) was a terror to the lazy. She was tracking those who fell asleep in broad daylight among the grain. Meeting her in such a situation could end in death. Rżana Baba (Rye Witch) was less threatening. The most important, however, was the dwarf Plon (Crop) that was guarding the harvest.



The adoption of Christianity by Poland changed the customs related to the harvest or took on a different meaning. And Mary found a special place in Polish religiosity. The farmers chose her to be the patroness of the harvest and gave her the title of Our Lady of the Herbaceous. And the day of her Assumption, August 15, became a day of thanksgiving for the harvested crops. "Assumption finishes reaping," says a Polish proverb. On this day, **the faithful make bouquets and wreaths from the crops of the earth, and then they bring them to the church for blessing.** The smell of the harvest field fills the sanctuary. After blessing, the wreaths are taken home and placed in a dignified place, often behind a holy image. And a decoction made from them may heal diseases.

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is very old and has a rich tradition. It took on a fuller meaning in the lives of the faithful after **the proclamation of the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. He proclaimed, *"By the dignity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and by our dignity, we declare - and declare as a dogma revealed by God - that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God and always Virgin, having completed the course of earthly life, was taken with her body and soul into heavenly glory."*

This means that Mary is already in the state that awaits the saved in heaven at the end of times. She passed from the bodily state proper to the earthly life to the mysterious but real state proper to the eternal life. The dogmatic definition does not specify how this happened, whether it was a direct transformation without death or after death, there was Mary's resurrection shortly thereafter. Theologians have full discretion on this point. And among the people for whom theological discussions were too complex, traditions arose, dictated by sincere faith.

Pius XII justified this dogma in the following way: *"Sacred Scripture presents before our eyes the holy Mother of God, who is most closely united to God with her Son. For this reason, it seems almost impossible for us that Mary who gave birth to Christ, nourished Him with her milk, held Him in her arms, was to be separated from Him after her earthly life"*.

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, “Do you believe in Jesus?” He answered, “Yes, I do. But if I may ask you,” he continued, “Where do you experience Jesus’ body and blood?” His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, “I don’t. I just believe in him. That’s all that is needed.” Later my priest friend would relate to me, “The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus’ body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost.”

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus’ teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the “bread of life come down from heaven.” Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That’s why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to “eat my flesh and drink my blood” (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus’ body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church’s treasure

since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #822 I Am the Bread of Life** by Suzanne Toolan

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #260 Table of Life** by Steve Angrisano

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

Responsorial Psalm: **Spirit & Song #64 Taste and See** by Steve Angrisano

At Sunday 11:30am: **Gather #827 Taste and See** by James E. Moore, Jr.

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

Preparation of the Gifts: **Spirit & Song #243 Bread of Life** by Bobby Fisher

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)** by Rowland Prichard and William Dix, arranged by Josh Blakesley

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

Communion Song: **A Place at Your Table** by Ben Walther

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Pan del Cielo (Bread from Heaven)** by Iván Díaz, Tom Booth, and Estela García-López

Closing Song: **Gather #826 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL)** by Rowland Prichard and William Dix

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Stay with Me, Lord (Prayer of Padre Pio)** by Thomas Muglia

READING I

PRV 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has set up her seven columns;
she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine,
yes, she has spread her table.
She has sent out her maidens; she calls
from the heights out over the city:
"Let whoever is simple turn in here;
To the one who lacks understanding, she says,
Come, eat of my food,
and drink of the wine I have mixed!
Forsake foolishness that you may live;
advance in the way of understanding."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

READING II

EPH 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters:
Watch carefully how you live,
not as foolish persons but as wise,
making the most of the opportunity,
because the days are evil.
Therefore, do not continue in ignorance,
but try to understand what is the will of the Lord.
And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies
debauchery,
but be filled with the Spirit,
addressing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs,
singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts,
giving thanks always and for everything
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the
Father.

GOSPEL

JN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:
"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever;
and the bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying,
"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"
Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood,
you do not have life within you.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life,
and I will raise him on the last day.
For my flesh is true food,
and my blood is true drink.
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so also the one who feeds on me
will have life because of me.
This is the bread that came down from heaven.
Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live forever."



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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: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: DEUTERONOMY 32:18-19, 20, 21
You have forgotten God who gave you birth.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB
It is I who deal death and give life.

Wednesday: Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Thursday: PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
I will pour clean water on you and wash away all your sins.

Friday: Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting.

Saturday: Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your Kingdom.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Tuesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday: St. Pius X, Pope

Thursday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Saturday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Mike Bena | John Carter Bennett | Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

7:30am: Azcueta Family | Richard V. Siegel | Honesto & Consolacion Gariby | Jaime Syfu

9:30am: Fred Olmos | Mary Soenksen | Vikki Larson Yeatts | William O'Brien | Sister Mary Therese Brown

11:30am: Coleen Stevens | Darlene Ramig | Katie Christians

5:00pm: Charlie Washburn, Jr. | Charlie Washburn, Sr.

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

7:30am: Rosalinda Dizon

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

7:30am: Scott Kohler | Angelina Cadiena

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

7:30am: Justin Olech | Moises de Ocera | Matthew Hupp | Jeffrey Thompson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

7:30am: Romero Nacua

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

7:30am: Rosa Moreno | Nena Cagalitan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | John Bloss | John MacIsaac | John Carter Bennett | Maria Thom Nguyen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Charlotte V. Siegel | Casis Family | Hilary & Josslin Anderson | Sergio Cadiena | Santiago Villareal

9:30am: Vikki Larson Yeatts | Winston Casis | Szymoniak Family

11:30am: Fred Mayo | Yakob Yousif | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of August 12, 2024

Sunday- \$12,588

Online Sunday- \$11,774

Sharing- \$317

Online Sharing- \$973

SVdP- \$85

Online SVdP- \$533

Let There Be Light- \$1,276

Month to Date - August

Sunday- \$27,319

Online Sunday- \$17,784

Sharing- \$1,478

Online Sharing- \$1,125

SVdP- \$565

Online SVdP- \$624

Let There Be Light- \$3,316

SCAN TO DONATE



PRAY FOR THE SICK

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Rosa LaBellarte | Victoria Magat |
| Russ Lawson | Teresita Villamoran |
| Roberta Becker | Gerald Gundrum |
| Emily Meyer | Martha Andradi |
| Betsy Hastings | Melissa Fernandes |
| Rev. John M. Ryan | Doan Pham |
| Donna Lee Kalinoski | Kim Liwanag-Lynn |
| Dawn Tsarpalas | Karen Lopez |
| Margi Kahan | Joy Matubang |
| Brittney March | Melody Cook |
| Marlene Leonard | Jane Heraty |
| Logan Griffin | Jacob Bereles |
| Renee Solano | Bob Franz |
| Charlene Littles | Cortney Kinahan |
| Donna Leonardo | Marie Kloss |
| Patty Freeman | Rod Reyes |
| Mark Wilson | Betty Falotico |
| TJ Christor | Carmen Torres |
| Kelsey Wilder | Luis Fernando Mathieu |
| Vicki Schafer | Daniel Alfaro |
| Teresa Corcoran | Dorothy Stratten |
| Alisha Cooper | Keith Kellogg |
| Margaret Maher | Lisa Mischke |
| Karen Swazas | Loretta Mirando |
| Priscilla Baylon | Dave Erickson |
| Francisco Doreza, Jr. | Darrel Alfonso |
| Joe Laureano | Carla Irwin |
| Cherry Laureano | Alice DeSilvia |
| Margaret Gaubhran | Marionys Guerrero Jimenez |
| Tom Asna | Richard Kot |
| Orietta Giannetti | Charles Smith, Jr. |
| Marquetta Wilson | Adriana Aparicio |
| Maria Iwinska | |

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.

Georgene Farmer
Stanley J. Smith

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

7:00AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE

9:00AM K OF C CAR SHOW

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - PROXMIRE

1:00PM BAPTISM - RUIZ

1:30PM BAPTISM - ORTIZ

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM SANTO NINO - DANCE FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:00AM 4TH SPA CLASSIC - GOLF & DINNER

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM - PAREDES

1:30PM BAPTISM - PORCAYO

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

7:30AM MASS

7:00PM CIRCLE OF WOMEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

7:30AM MASS

2:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

5:30PM CATECHIST MEETING & SOCIAL

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

8:30AM BCBP MEETING

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - ROBLES

1:00PM BAPTISM - ABONTE

1:30PM BAPTISM - NERAD

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM - SCHLEIBINGER

1:30PM BAPTISM - ORTIZ

3:00PM FF PARENT MEETING

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM LIFETEEN END OF SUMMER DINNER

AUGUST 24/25 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

| | LECTORS | COMMUNION MINISTERS | | GREETERS | PRESIDER |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SATURDAY 5:00PM | Andy Thiel Debbie Williams | E. Drexler C. Karl W. Kati M. Minich | T. Oberstar B. Rago M. Smith | Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller | Fr. John Dn. Andy |
| SUNDAY 7:30AM | Catherine Karl Lyla Chandy | L. Chandy L. Holland M. Janik E. Nelsen | M. Pieper T. Rafael -Azcueta B.Toomey | Bob Zorc Mary Zorc | Fr. Martin Dn. Bob |
| SUNDAY 9:30AM | Mary Maus Nancy O'Keefe | T. Brennan S. Corr M. DeGuzman Arnold Ignacio | T. Maus G. Pratscher P. Wilson | George & Renee Pratscher | Fr. Charles Dn. Ivan |
| SUNDAY 11:30AM | Melissa Fernandes Dodee Yedinak | S. Estorque M. Fernandes T. Mozny M. Parreno | A. Stahl J. Schoenherr M. Urquhart | | Fr. Chris Dn. Mike |
| SUNDAY 5:00PM | Terry Moreau Teen or Lector 1 | C. Karl M. Gaytan G. Murawski M. Murawski | JJ Plamoottil T. Robb A. Wattelet | | Fr. Chris Dn. Brent |



FAITH FORMATION

Now Enrolling

2024-2025

K-6
7-8
HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION



Let there be LIGHT

We started replacing the lighting system on the upper level of the church. The lighting in a church is very complicated and requires replacing and installing many components, panels, cables, and new lamps. Thank you for your continued donations.

Now, bricks can be ordered for up to 4 or 8 lines and up to 20 characters per line. You can permanently remember a loved one or honor your family, friends, or anniversary by purchasing a commemorative brick.

donate to the lighting project or order a brick at www.saintpaultheapostle.church



Thank you to all that have heard the call and responded! We now have all our catechists!

We are still looking for Substitute Catechists and Teen Helpers for the Wednesday 5:30-7pm sessions. This is a great way for service hours to be fulfilled! Please help if you can!

St. Paul the Apostle of Gurnee presents
6401 Gages Lake Road, Gurnee, IL - Lower level

Summer Solstice in August

August 17, 2024, 6:00~9:00 PM

A fund raising gala to benefit the Santo Niño and its charities

Semi-formal, cocktail casual

Come enjoy a night of fun, music, social and dancing served with food and drinks!

MUSIC PROVIDED BY DJ DANNY CASTRO

\$30 pre-sale, \$35 at the door

SINGLE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB



- ⇒ Are you age 55+?
- ⇒ Are you active and single?
- ⇒ Are you looking for a new way to meet friends or partners, share interests and laughter?

If you answered **YES** to these questions, then this is the social club for you! Join us:

"Sauces & Sides" at Essential Kitchen
Located in Centre Club Fitness Center, Gurnee
Thursday, August 22nd - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Registration is now **OPEN**; Registration **ENDS** August 15th
saintpaultheapostle.church; select **Single Senior Social Club**;
"Sauces & Sides" \$30pp due at time of registration
Join us as Chef Shawn provides an educational and hands-on experience using plant-based cooking methods. Participants will dine on the food prepared at the conclusion of the session (outdoors, weather permitting).

Questions? Please call or email:
Linda Gzehoviak 847.477.1504 l.gzehoviak@gmail.com
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



Saint Paul
the Apostle

Among the many wonderful evangelization and catechetical ministries we have here at *St Paul the Apostle*, our RCIA program is perhaps the one most directly supporting the great mission of the Church - the building of God's Kingdom on Earth.

Christ instituted the Church and gave us the Sacraments to be the vehicles for our *pilgrim journey* to his Kingdom in Heaven.

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*.

So, RCIA 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. So, even if you, yourself, don't fall into one of these categories of people seeking full initiation and communion with the Catholic Church, it's likely you know people who do - your spouse or fiancé, your adult son or daughter, a parent, a sibling, a friend or neighbor, a coworker or classmate. Most people who have gone through RCIA and are now active members of our faith community were led to RCIA by a trusted Catholic in their lives.

And, so, we appeal to you to boldly approach each and every person you know who might benefit from joining our RCIA program:

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

Our weekly Sunday morning classes will begin in late September... and will run until April 19, 2025 when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated at the Great Easter Vigil.

Please do your part now to fill our church with new and renewed Catholics... as we rejoice together with them as the Kingdom of God... his pilgrim Church on Earth!

MINISTRY WEEKEND AUGUST 24 & 25

Faith Formation & Catechesis and Music Ministries

Faith Formation: Children K-6: At St. Paul the Apostle, we are passionate about bringing our young people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We have dedicated catechists, engaging formation, and dynamic prayer experiences. We hope that this will be a place that feels like home for you.

SPRED provides a nurturing community to children who are developmentally challenged and/or who have special needs in order to facilitate their experiences of God within our faith community. It is an educationally and spiritually founded program through which adult volunteers serve as special friends for our special children.

Confirmation Formation: Grades 7-8 : We will be using the Chosen Confirmation Program with the addition of youth bibles and the YOUCAT. The use of these resources, led by the best Catechists, will enrich each class and guide students through thought-provoking discussions and a deeper understanding of their faith and connection to our Lord.

High School Confirmation Class: Are you in high school seeking to be confirmed into the Catholic Church? Our high school Confirmation program meets Sunday evenings.

Sacramental Prep Class: At St. Paul the Apostle, we are passionate about bringing our young people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. We have dedicated catechists, engaging formation, and dynamic prayer experiences. We hope that this will be a place that feels like home for you.

R.C.I.A.: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program provides the opportunity for those interested in the Catholic Faith to learn more and to determine if they wish to become Catholic. Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation and other who simply wish to renew or return to their faith are also encouraged to join us. Please consider joining the RCIA process. We are ready when you are.

Youth Ministry: What a crazy time to be alive in the world, and yet the Lord is raising up sons and daughters to be saints. Teens who can speak truth and witness to the person of Jesus Christ. Come encounter the person of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the Father who says you are amazing!

Bible Study: Each week we gather to study scripture, rather a particular book, a series of books or bible-related topics. Sessions may last several weeks or an entire semester. Bible Study is offered on Wednesday evenings and all needed materials are offered to participants at minimal cost.

Baptism Prep Class: The Baptism Preparation Ministry prepares parents for the baptisms of their children by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend prior to their child's baptism. Classes are typically offered on the first Thursday of every month. Please register for a class by clicking the button below and then the contact button.

Music Ministry: The purpose of the music ministry is to give God glory and praise through music and to assist the assembly to participate in the liturgy through song. In order to help lead our congregation in song each week, we need the help of those individuals to whom God has given musical gifts. Those who have been given the gift to sing, to play guitar, to play drums, or to play other musical instruments should contact Ruth Peck to find out how they may share their musical gifts for the Glory of God.



ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

FALL KICKOFF CONCERT

SEPT. 8,
6:00PM



FREE ADMISSION!

Craig and Kristen Colson

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days For Life Waukegan Campaign invites you to listen to Hope Miller, granddaughter of the late Joseph Scheidler founder of Pro-Life Action League, to speak at St. Dismas Church, 2600 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, Illinois on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30 pm. Hope, a current college student, has grown up in the pro-life movement and has a unique perspective to share. You won't want to miss her talk entitled Protecting Life at the Abortion Facility From a Youth Perspective.

What: Protecting Life at the Abortion Facility From a Youth Perspective

Where: Little Flower Parish St. Dismas Church, 2600 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, Illinois

When: Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30 pm

Free

Light refreshments will be served

Questions: Contact Leslie at (847)951-1064

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

August 21, 2024 at 2pm.

Sandy Gbur, Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church

708-217-2209

**All is confidential; facilitated by a
professional counselor**

St. Paul the Apostle Craft Show & Sale 2024

Saturday, Nov. 9th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL

(lower level Gathering Space)

Application available
on the St. Paul Website

[RaiseRight.com/enroll](https://www.RaiseRight.com/enroll)

Enrollment code: **QTIWZD8GRBUK**

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Choose from different gift card types: eGift cards, physical gift cards and reloadable gift cards.

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Knit Purl Pray Ministry

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

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, August 20, at 7PM in the lower-level gathering space.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to provide comfort to 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:
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FEEDING OUR HUNGRY

While most of us take “time out” for vacations during the summer months, hunger does not! 1 in 5 kids are currently experiencing hunger and the struggle to feed those in need continues. Your generous food donations will help support the hunger needs that our local Holy Family and St. Anastasia food pantry and soup kitchens are currently experiencing.

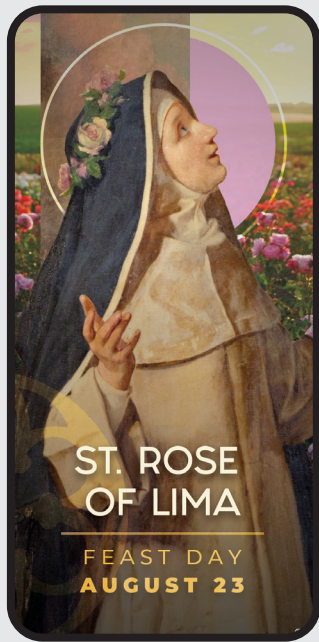
Please check for expiration dates, then bring your donations to any weekend mass and place them in the designated food bin in the gathering space.

Your generosity in feeding the hungry is greatly appreciated! Holy Family and St. Anastasia send sincere thanks for your continued help in stamping out hunger within our local communities.

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE



ST. ROSE OF LIMA | AUGUST 23



Born Isabel Flores de Olivia in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and

permanently abstained from meat.

Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ's crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

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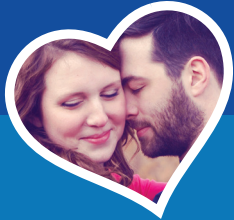


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