

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - SO BEAUTIFUL... SO LOVED...

BY MARY PENICH

I was going to visit my sister that day. It began as I backed out of our garage. It continued down Green Bay Road and as I drove onto Waukegan Road to Route 60. When I headed down the ramp to the Tri-State Tollway, I realized I was no longer clenching the steering wheel. I'd finally relaxed as I gauged how long it would be until I parked my car at the hospice



center. Tired and sad as I was when I sat in my car that day, a muchloved oldies station managed to lift my spirit with numerous favorite songs. When I

finally parked my car for that visit, I kept the radio on for a few extra minutes. I wanted to enjoy the lyrics until the best song I'd heard that day ended... You are so beautiful to me... You're everything I hoped for. You're everything I need. You are so beautiful to me...*

You see, my Lent 2024 observances had been completely out of the ordinary. When Easter Sunday arrived last weekend, for just a moment, I wondered where Lent had gone. Then I thought about all of those trips to Naperville. My sister lives there and has been cared for there for the past ten weeks. That day, I determined that those words were meant just for Rita, just for me, and just for every one of us. I fought to hold back tears as I realized that I'd been given a taste of God's love in a most tangible and beautiful way.

I'm sharing this with you because I think it helps to explain Thomas's experience in today's gospel

(John 20:19-31). Like Jesus' other followers, Thomas had experienced God's love in the numerous instances of forgiveness, understanding and cures that came at the hands of Jesus. Though the lyrics that stayed with me didn't ring in Thomas's ears, he witnessed God's love firsthand



as Jesus transformed the lives of those around him. It occurred to me that perhaps Thomas's doubt didn't begin when Peter and the rest told him of Jesus' resurrection visit. Perhaps Thomas's doubt took root much earlier. Perhaps he wondered if the love and

forgiveness Jesus so generously dispensed to so many others could possibly have been meant for him as well.

Oh, Thomas! How I understand! My sister's terminal diagnosis was a sobering surprise to her and to us all. How often I tried to pray only to question what I should pray for! A cure? A short illness? No pain? A peaceful heart for her? An accepting heart for all of us who love her? Sadly, I asked, "Why her?" I was in the midst of similar questioning when I listened to the radio that day. Finally, I realized that those lyrics were no accident. They were precisely what I needed to hear to help me to understand. God seemed to insist, "Yes, Mary, your dear sister is amazingly beautiful to me and so are you!"

That day, I finally understood that it's okay to acknowledge our misery, to feel our pain, and to weep over it all. It's okay not to be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Sometimes, we can't see ourselves taking another step in any direction. Sometimes, we figuratively or actually fall to the ground because we're convinced that we can't go on. This is when God seems to shout loudest, "You are so beautiful to me!"

It is God's love that reminds us that it's okay to stay on the ground for as long as we need to. That's what Jesus did every time he fell under the cross he carried. That's what Thomas did when he left the

others to see the aftermath of Jesus' death for himself. That's what all of the brave souls I know have done when their burdens seemed too heavy to bear. That's what my sister is doing. Then, after those falls and amidst the suffering and searching, each one gets up. We all get up. How? Though I can't be certain, I think it has everything to do with God who falls down with us and who waits with us until



we can get up and carry on together. Thomas wasn't alone when he left. God was nearby every step of the way reminding him, "You are so beautiful to me..."

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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

Second Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A protestant pastor friend of mine was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do you get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously at my friend's audacious chide.

The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying his wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: Spirit & Song #177 Alleluia! Love Is Alive by Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: Spirit & Song #89 Give Thanks to the Lord by Steve Angrisano and Brian Green

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF SAINT KILIAN by Curtis Stephan

Preparation of the Gifts: Jesus, I Trust In You by Josh Blakesley, Sarah Kroger, and Sarah Hart

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

Communion Songs: Spirit & Song #251 In the Breaking of the Bread by Timothy R. Smith

Closing Song: Gather #443 Resucitó by Kiko Argüello

At Sunday 5:00pm: Because He Lives by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither,

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.

There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

READING II 1 JN 5:1-6

Beloved:

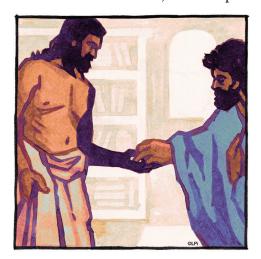
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him.

In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.

For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.

And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.



GOSPEL *JN* 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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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 seatzed 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 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: **40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Tuesday: Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Wednesday: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Thursday: PS 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Friday: Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

One thing I seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord.

Saturday: PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

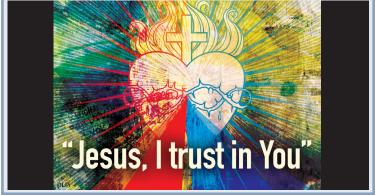
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Bernice Martin | Maria Vazquez | Scott Kohler | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

7:30AM: Charlotte Siegel | Paula Ellis-Stephenson 9:30AM: Thomas Rajchel | Robert Chester Buttrey | Victor & Joyce

Schwartz | Dan Belk | Mike Tinio 11:30AM: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo Michael Velaseo | Urbana Cruz | Lydia Vergara

5:00PM: Seok Wang (Mark) Kang

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

7:30AM: Ted Stanilus | Scott Kohler

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

7:30AM: Michael Kinahan | Bruce Grampo

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

7:30AM: Jacenty Korniacki

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

7:30AM: Jack Henderson | Cristina Arceo

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

7:30AM: Stefan Ciaston | Arnulfo Masso

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis

Marion & Jack Henderson | Lillian Maldonado | Peter Higman John Carter Bennett | Zach Genc

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

7:30AM: Derek Manuel | Katherine Kowalewski | Bob Earling

9:30AM: Louis & Marie Vaseloff | Pam Lahey | Joseph Prosen, Sr. 11:30AM: Chuck Gresser | Alredo & Marciana Ronquillo

Online Sunday- \$17,554 Online Sharing- \$838 Online SVdP- \$477

Online Easter-\$2,845

Anastasio Menchavez 5:00PM: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of 4/1/2024 Sunday- \$23,135 Sharing- \$55 SVdP- \$561 Easter- \$31,511

Almsgiving- \$2,797 Holy Land- \$1,936

Holy Thursday- \$1,229 Let There Be Light- \$3,696

Month to Date - March (does not incl. 4/1)

Sunday- \$55,379
Online Sunday- \$36,249
Sharing- \$623
Online Sharing- \$1,841
SVdP- \$2,295
Online SVdP- \$1,625
Easter- \$2,845

Almsgiving- \$7,840 Holy Land- \$581

Holy Thursday- \$1,209

Let There Be Light-\$13,863



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rod Reyes Kimberly Liwanag Brian Reynolds, Jr. Dianne Scirri Ted Jameson **Betty Falotico** Michael Bockstahler Edward Machak Bryon Patterson Ínesa Bekeris Cortney Kinahan Alice DeSilvia Bernadette Gaffney Stephanie Rappe Ängie Toon Jeff Klemann léanine Hudson Shannon Fleece **Jacob Alderman** Enrique Figueroa Ross Gube Jason Govednik Rosa LaBellarte Russ Lawson Roberta Becker Emily Meyer Betsy Hastings Monica Parreno Rev. John M. Ryan Donna Lee Kalinoski Dawn Tsarpalas Anna L. Schmidt

Margi Kahan Brittney March Marlene Leonard Logan Griffin Pete Albamonte Laurie Zwolfer Renee Solano Charlene Littles Donna Leonardo Patty Freeman Mark Wilson TJ Christor Kelsey Wilder Vicki Schafer Teresa Corcoran Alisha Cooper Margaret Maher Karen Swazas Priscilla Baylon Francisco Doreza, Jr. Linda Lillington Joe Laureano Cherry Laureano Margaret Gaubhran Tom Asna Orietta Giannetti Marquetta Wilson Maria Iwinska Victor Magat Teresita Villamoran Gerald Gundrum

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE 8:30AM VISITATION - SISK 9:30AM FUNERAL - SISK 11:00AM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - BURNS
1:30PM BAPTISM - BRODZIK
3:30PM CF | Y1 & Y2 | 7-8 GRADE
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
5:00PM CF | HIGH SCHOOL CONF.
6:00PM LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

7:30AM MASS 6:30PM MAKE UP CLASS #3 (1ST-8TH GR.) TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

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

6:30PM SPRED

7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS **7:00PM** PCM MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

7:30AM MASS 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30PM FF | WED K-6 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG **7:00PM** ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING **FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024 7:30AM** MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

9:00AM NEW CM TRAINING 9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN 11:00AM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM CATECHIST BREAKFAST

9:30AM MASS **11:30AM** MASS

1:30PM BAPTISM - BAMAUNG

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM LIFENIGHT

APRIL 13/14 LITURGY SCHEDULE				
	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Judy Macrowski Andy Thiel	J. Bena S. Grzesiak T. Oberstar T. Rusnak D. Wells	Joe Limas Christine Limas	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jeff Bautista Catherine Karl	M. Janik M. Pieper T. Rafael -Azcueta B. Toomey A. Wodek	Pat Bland	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Nancy Tayborn Greg Soulje	Aeron Ignacio R. Ignacio C. Latza C. Pettingill N. O'Keefe	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Arleen Siap Danny Castro	M. Fernandes T. Mozny M. Parreno B. Russell M. Urquhart		Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Mike Fournier Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke C. Karl G. Murawski M. Murawski A. Wattelet		Fr. Chris Dn. Bob

Weekday Mass **Monday - Friday**

7:30am

Starting April 1st

Great Room Parish House



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.

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

It truly is a wonderful, gentle, and love-filled ministry.



The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion or Communion Ministers (CM's) is an amazing ministry to which we invite all confirmed members of the St. Paul the Apostle Church family. Ministers distribute the Body of Christ, while affirming their faith and witnessing the faith of others during the Rite of Communion.

All confirmed members of St. Paul the Apostle Church are invited

6 month schedules with service once or twice a month (your choice).

For additional information contact Cassie Bertke - cbertke@saintpaultheapostle.church

Training session is on Saturday, April 13th, 9am -1pm in the church

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN DAILY PRAYER

April 13, 2024 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

St. Raymond de Peñafort Catholic Church
301 South I-Oka Avenue, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Join us for a day of prayer and formation with Josh Danis, Director of Diocesan and Parish Engagement for Hallow, the #1 Catholic meditation and prayer app in the U.S. The cost is \$20 per person. Learn more and register at bit.ly/DayPrayer.

Topics of the day will include:

- Prayer as a means to encounter Christ personally.
- How to identify your personal prayer style and build a daily habit of prayer.
- How to help create a parish culture of prayer.
- How to tap into the power of intercessory prayer to fuel the mission of the Church.
- Methods for leading group prayer that create space for an encounter with Christ.



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



OR AS I LIKE
TO THINK OF IT,
"BRING YOUR
PARISHIONERS
TO WORK DAY."





Italian Wine Tasting
Thursday, April 25th
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Olivia's Italian Restaurant,
Gurnee
\$38 per person

Register on our website: www.saintpaultheapostle.church

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Vicariate I Ministry Commission

Proclaiming the Word: LECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Presenter: Deacon Allen Tatara

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024Where: St. Paul the Apostle Parish

6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL 60031

Time: Check in at 8:30 a.m.

Training 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Register at: bit.ly/VIMCLectorApr24

This training will provide the skills and self-confidence needed for those who wish to become lectors in their own parish or for any lector who would like a "refresher" course.

Questions? Contact Marie Paul, Liturgy Commissioner, at mariep@sttheresachurch.org or 847.358.7760 x119.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I Ministry Commission

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

for new Ministers of Care

Full participation in **both** training sessions will fulfill archdiocesan requirements for mandation.

When: Saturdays, April 20 and April 27, 2024

Sign-in: 8:45 – 9 a.m. | Session: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: St. Edna Catholic Church, Fr. John Hurley Center

2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

RESERVATIONS: Contact Maryalice Smith at (847) 918-1240 at your parish prior to registering for this workshop. You may register at **bit.ly/VIMOCspr24.** Questions? Contact either Deacon Joe Yannotta **jyannotta@stedna.org** or

Diane Yannotta, Ministry Coordinator, at **dyannotta@comcast.net.**









April 2024 Edition

KNIGHTS CORNER

Divine Mercy Council wishes a blessed Easter season to all parishioners. A special thank you to those parishioners who participated in our Lenten Fish Fry and More fundraiser at the Khayat restaurants. We will have our first Tootsie Roll (ID) Drive at the Ace Hardware in Gurnee on Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28th. Once again, we will be distributing rosaries during the month of May.

Last month, we welcomed two new brothers to our council to continue our mission this year. We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

 $8" \times 8"$ brick = \$400

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Johnson

Grand Knight

Divine Mercy Council #11112



St Paul the Apostle Gurne

MARRIAGE/DATING PANEL & YOUNG ADULT MIXER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 5PM-8:30PM

AGES 21-39



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St. Mary Huntley Young Adult Ministry RSVP VIA QR CODE/LINK BY APRIL 21ST!!!

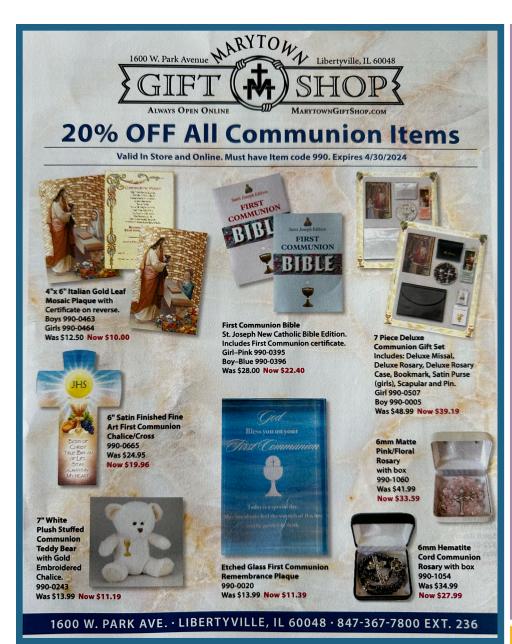


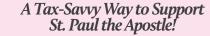
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and another for you to take home.

8" x 8" brick + replica = \$500*



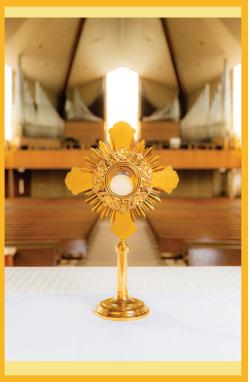


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Congratulations to Hanna!!

She took 3rd place in the Special Olympics Basketball Skills tournament. Hanna has been an extraordinary friend in St.Paul's SPRED program for the past 7 years.



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Annual Catholic Appeal 2024 835 North Rush Street Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030 312.534.7959 annualcatholicappeal.com

March 26, 2024

Reverend Krzysztof D. Ciaston St. Paul the Apostle Parish 6401 Gages Lake Road Gurnee, Illinois 60031-4752

Dear Father Claston

With your valued leadership and the help of your staff, the people of St. Paul the Apostle Parish have very generously supported this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, you have raised gifts and pledges exceeding your 2024 Appeal goal of \$82,745.03. Thank you so much and please communicate my gratitude to your staff and parishioners.

This year the theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal has been Together at the table. It evokes our synodal journey on the road together, the Eucharistic Revival, and our own diocesan renewal efforts. The parish community of St. Paul the Apostle Parish has taken up the challenge to support believers both in the community and beyond it to come together at the table. That is a great blessing. Thanks are due to the Lord who prompts generous hearts, to our people for their willingness to share, and to you for your collaboration.

As you deem appropriate, please let your people of St. Paul the Apostle Parish know of my personal gratitude and the gratitude of this entire local Church. Let them also know that the parish will receive the first rebate distribution in October and the final distribution in March of 2025. The support of your parish community enables all of us to bring those in need together to

Finally, Father Ciaston, please invite your people to pray for me and for all their sisters and brothers in the Archdiocese of Chicago as well for the Church universal and our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May the good Lord draw us all together to himself at his heavenly table.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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Crisis Support Resources



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ASSISTANCE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HELP 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. **DOMESTIC ABUSE**

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4450

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Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

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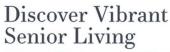
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