



Saint Paul

the Apostle

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:33

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - IT'S JUST THAT SIMPLE!

BY MARY PENICH

I'd never been much of a saver when it came to keepsakes and other material treasures. I grew up in a two-flat with no room to store nonessentials. Then, for my 12th birthday, my older sister gave me a scrapbook. I couldn't believe it! Finally, I had a place for my treasures! I saved birthday cards, report cards, and notes from family members who lived out of town. I saved the tassel from my eighth grade graduation cap and my diploma. What would I save from high school?

A few months into freshman year, I took a job in our high school bookstore. Though the wages were minimal, they allowed me luxuries like buying lunch in the school cafeteria rather than bringing something from home every day. I also purchased some of my own school supplies. During sophomore year, my bookstore experience gave me the courage to apply for a job at our local grocery store. I saved this photo of me in my National Tea uniform in that scrapbook. (It was after work, and I was really hungry!) The hourly salary was excellent for that time. It allowed me to save money for college while I saved those mementos. I also worked for the best boss in the world. I wish I'd had a picture of him for my scrapbook! You see, Mr. A. set the tone for my entire career in the working world. His amazing example taught me far more than any work manual ever could.



Though I'd had good people around me all my life, I'd never met anyone like Mr. A. At school, I behaved. However, if I hadn't, my teachers would have reported these incidents to my parents ASAP. Any omissions or misdeeds would also have been reflected in the grades on my report card. Working was different. I received wages for every hour I appeared. The only judgment I experienced came when Mr. A. scheduled those of us who did a good job for more hours than those who didn't. When I took that job, I put myself out in the world where I had to be myself and stand up for myself. Oddly enough, in the process, I saw God in a completely different and truly awesome light. Through Mr. A.'s example, I began to understand God's love and wisdom in sending each of us out simply to do the best we can!

Rather than guiltting us into submission, our wise Creator sent Jesus to present "the rules" practically through his example. Jesus' guidelines were meant to ease us into loving one another and appreciating God's love for us. Jesus seemed to say, "God is nearby; you'll be fine." If people questioned God's love for them because

of their troubles, I imagine Jesus responding, "This is when God is closest to you! Don't forget that! God will not lose a single one of you. God is always nearby!" As for me, it was while I eased myself into my almost-adult life through that job that I fully appreciated just how amazing this is. God really does stay with us in everything. Wow!



Still, this good news seems misplaced because the scripture passages we've heard in recent weeks are unsettling. Today, The Book of Wisdom (9:13-18) tells us that we can make sense of this life only with the Holy Spirit's understanding. But we wonder... What if someone isn't among the faithful? Jesus would respond, "God speaks to us all. We simply need to take the time to listen!" In his letter to Philemon (9-10;12-17), Paul tells his friend to deal with his runaway slave as he would deal with Paul. Paul befriended the slave and hoped he'd remain with him. When that wasn't possible, Paul sent the slave back to his owner and asked him to see his slave in a new light. But what if Philemon refused? Jesus would say, "You can't make choices for other people. You can only give them your best shot, offer them good counsel, and pray!"

In his gospel, Luke (4:25-33) challenges us further. Luke wrote that Jesus called the people to hate everything they held dear in order to free themselves to be disciples. But who can look at their families and their possessions and walk away from them? I think Jesus would respond, "I use difficult examples only to show you that it's tough to live as I do. All I'm really asking is that you do your best wherever you are with whatever you have. Then love one another. That will be enough!"

Okay. I know. I wasn't there. I can't be certain of Jesus' intent. Nonetheless, what I've shared has truly served me well. I know God today better than I thought I ever could. Though the scriptures are sometimes challenging, their underlying message urges us on. You see, God loves us even when difficult words are needed to get our attention! In the end, I say, "As God's much-loved children, only what is necessary is expected: to allow God into our lives, to do our best within our circumstances, and to help others along the way. It really is that simple!"



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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, “If you can’t manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?” Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week’s Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #671 / Spirit & Song #250 Here I Am, Lord** by Dan Schutte

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Gather Us, Lord** by Scott Goudeau

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

Responsorial Psalm: **Spirit & Song #317 In Every Age** by Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF ENDLESS MERCY** by Steve Angrisano

Preparation Song: **Gather #678 / Spirit & Song #230 The Summons** by John Bell

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #354 Take Up Our Cross** by Curtis Stephan, Sarah Hart, and Marc Byrd

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

Communion Songs: **Gather #502 Come to the Water** by John Foley

At Sunday 5:00pm: **No Longer Slaves** by Jonathan David Helser and Melissa Helser

Closing Song: **Gather #593 / Spirit & Song #333 On Eagle’s Wings** by Michael Joncas

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #336 Overflow** by Matt Maher

READING I

WISDOM 9:13-18B

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD intends?
For the deliberations of mortals are timid,
and unsure are our plans.
For the corruptible body burdens the soul
and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that
has many concerns.

And scarce do we guess the things on earth,
and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty;
but when things are in heaven, who can search them
out?

Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had
given wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from on high?

And thus were the paths of those on earth made
straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

READING II

PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man,
and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus,
urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus,
whose father I have become in my imprisonment;
I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.
I should have liked to retain him for myself,
so that he might serve me on your behalf
in my imprisonment for the gospel,
but I did not want to do anything without your
consent,
so that the good you do might not be forced but
voluntary.
Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave
but more than a slave, a brother,
beloved especially to me, but even more so to you,
as a man and in the Lord.
So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you
would me.

GOSPEL

LUKE 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus,
and he turned and addressed them,
"If anyone comes to me without hating his father and
mother,
wife and children, brothers and sisters,
and even his own life,
he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after
me

cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower
does not first sit down and calculate the cost
to see if there is enough for its completion?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation
and finding himself unable to finish the work
the onlookers should laugh at him and say,
'This one began to build but did not have the resources
to finish.'

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit
down

and decide whether with ten thousand troops
he can successfully oppose another king
advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops?

But if not, while he is still far away,
he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way,

anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions
cannot be my disciple."



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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: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4A /Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 13:6ab, 6c
With delight I rejoice in the Lord.

Tuesday: Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11
The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

Wednesday: Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab
The Lord is compassionate toward all his works.

Thursday: Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Friday: Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Saturday: Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7
Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Thursday: Patriot Day

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Maria Dominguez | Myers Family | Raymond DeSilvia, Sr. | Alice DeSilvia | Raymond DeSilvia, Jr. | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Michael Kinahan | Raymond Totten
9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | Julie Hamby | Patrick Gibbons | Casis Family | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay
11:30am: Loida Bosa Pehlp | Edward Skowron | Regino & Felipa Ramelb | Isidro & Gregoria Cacal
5:00pm: Anthony & Pham Families

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

7:30am: Scott & Rhodora Jones | Natividad Ridao

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

7:30am: Michael Kinahan | Nancy Sedin | Alexandra Villamoran | Rich Lascowski | Joanne Lascowski | Edgar Cadavedo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

7:30am: Mary King | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

7:30am: Charles Smith | Raymond Totten

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

7:30am: Loreto Gaspar, Jr. | Miguel "Mike" Lopez

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Irna Wagner | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Scott Kohler | Joseph Richardt | Ruby Bodame | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Anthony & Pham Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

7:30am: Anna Morien | Jeanette Siuda
9:30am: Schwartz Family | Mauro Family
11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Don & Joan Meersman | Bud & Bea Tebbetts | Wallace "Wally" Szczekocki
5:00pm: Kathy Mullins

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of September 1, 2025

Sunday- \$12,396
Sharing- \$110
SVdP- \$130
Missionary Co-Op- \$186

Online Sunday- \$8,063
Online Sharing- \$252
Online SVdP- \$370

Month to Date - August

Sunday- \$62,953
Online Sunday- \$40,199
Sharing- \$2,197
Online Sharing- \$1,759
SVdP- \$2,599
Online SVdP- \$1,609
Missionary Co-Op- \$18,880



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Roberto Dacumos	Rey Querubin
Alfredo "Doy" Martija	Obdulia Elizalde
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado	Jovita Menes
William Otero	Reginald Dulaca
Marcy Davis	Melody Cook
Emily Meyer	Brian Smolicek
Laura Hopkins	Roberto Movilla
Rosa LaBellarte	Shani Stahnke
Ruben Querubin	Abby Swygard
Rachel Ciullo	Rod Reyes
Patricia Freeman	Betty Falotico
Toni Lynn Mengarelli	Keith Kellogg
Shannon Bremmer	Lisa Mischke
Karen Swazas	Linda Smith
April Grandgeorge	David Zilligen
Alma De Torres	Eduardo Perez
Stephanie Rappe	Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Vicki Shafer	Rafael Gloria
Ruth Blood	Collen Wishall
Maria Delannoy	Silvia Pinedo
Tom Asma	Consuelo Vargas
Karla Arce	Juan Miguel Currea
Jeanne Sypien	Gloria de Cardenas
Glenn Garamoni	Helena Sznicer
Daniel Schmelz	George Lawrence
Russell Yanow	Michael Miller
Victoria Sofia	Cynthia D. Caudell
Luquez Mogollon	Daniel Pawlak III
Kinga Szymoniak	Glafira Bunsen
Chris Lucy	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Donna O'Brien	Gino LaBellarte
Norilyn Querubin	

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.

*Victims of the
Annunciation Catholic School
shooting in Minneapolis*

Collette Delemba

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - FIGUEROA

1:00PM BAPTISM - ARCHBOLD

1:30PM BAPTISM - CARLIN

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM K-6TH GRADE PARENT MTG

9:00AM FF | SUN K-6

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM - MANKO

3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM BIBLE STUDY - AM

5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1

6:30PM BIBLE STUDY - PM

7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG

7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM K OF C MEMBERS MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN - FAITH SHARING

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - NORIEGA

1:00PM BAPTISM - MUCIA

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:00AM FF | SUN K-6

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

1:00PM BAPTISM - ESTELA

1:30PM BAPTISM - NORTH

3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

SEPTEMBER 13/14 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	B. Murphy J. Miller L. Miller K. Gaston G. Johnson OPEN	Brad Bonham Bill Murphy	Drexler, Eric Johnson, Greg Minich, Mary Anne Herchenbach, Dan	Rago, Bill Smith, Maryalice Wells, Dawn	D. Wells J. Wedell	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	T. Burns J. Climaco J. Siegel T. Shurtleff S Bilas OPEN	Catherine Karl Doug Nieman	Chandy, Lyla Janik, Margaret Nelsen, Eric Overcash, Kay Rafael-Azcueta, Teo	Wodek, Alberta Zdenahik, Tammia	M. Zorc R. Zorc	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	G. Pratcher T. Mengarelli K. King G. Behr OPEN X 2	Cathy Latza Tom Maus	Deniz, Kristy Farber, Joy Ignacio, Arnold Ignacio, Riza Latza, Cathy	Martinez, Edwin Martinez, Nida	M. Maus G. Pratcher	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano C. Karl C. Haines P. Watson R. Terrazas R. Cuasay	Margaret Beth Sanchez Maribeth Hilo	Auguste, Romie Colcol, Emery Parreno, Monica	Ramirez, Maricel Schoenherr, Julie	B. Moreno A. Brown	Fr. Martin Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	JJ Plamoottil V. Bate-Ambrus C. Johnson OPEN x 3	JJ Plamoottil Teen or Lector I	Crow, Christine Gayton, Marisol	Deniz, Kristy Roberts, Jason Robb, Tom	JJ Plamoottil T. Marlowe	Fr. Martin Dn. Brent



All teens, grades 8-12, are invited to register for our Youth Ministry program: LifeTeen, which meets on Sunday evenings starting with the 5:00pm Mass and then LifeNight immediately following downstairs from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Dinner is provided each evening, and LifeNights consist of games, talks, discussions, prayer time, and socialization. The LifeTeen year begins on September 7. Registration is on the parish website.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

ORIENTATION & 1ST REHEARSAL

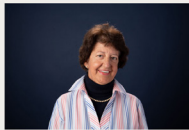
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
5:00PM - 6:00PM

Register today
on our website!



CURIOUS CATHOLIC
PRESENTS
Dr. Bill Murphy
9.9.25

Modern Popes Since Vatican II: Popes John XXIII - Benedict XVI



Dr. Patty Murphy
9.16.25

Pope Francis and Pope Leo

Adult Ministry nights are beginning on September 9. Our first series is about the Papacy since Vatican II. Our first two nights will consist of Curious Catholic evenings and the last will be a Fireplace Talks. Our speaker for September 9 is Dr. Bill Murphy who will speak about Popes John XXIII through Benedict XVI and our speaker for September 16 is Dr. Patty Murphy who will speak about Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV. Concluding, Fr. John will speak on Thursday, September 25 about Mercy and the Jubilee Year.

Bill is a moral theologian serving in various institutions ranging from the University of Notre Dame, Pontifical College Josephinum, and Mundelein Seminary. Patty is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at Mundelein Seminary.

11th Annual Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales

In Memory of Joe Falotico
Donations for
Celebration of Giving
Drawing on
November 23, 2026
Tickets \$5 each OR
5 tickets for \$20

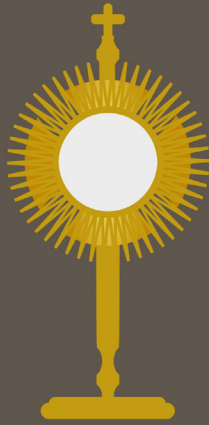
Will be available for
sale here at Church on
Saturday, August 30
5 pm Mass
and Sept 13 & 14
before and after
all Masses.



Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

(with Praise and Worship music)

Monday, September 15
at 7:00 PM



Circle of Women

We, the Circle of Women, are women rooted in faith, called to share our faith with one another. The group meets monthly on Saturday mornings, from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul's lower level.

The next meeting is on September 13th.

Each month is a different topic, each session is separate so consistent attendance is not required. Come as you are, share with us, or just listen if that is what you need. Our cornerstones come from the word saint: safe, accepting, inclusive, nurturing and trust. Our space is sacred and what we share at Circle of Women stays at Circle of Women.

All women are welcome- bring your friends!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From Wednesday, September 24th through Sunday, November 2nd, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil, 7AM to 7 PM daily in the public right-of-way outside Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, Illinois, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Leslie at (847)951-1064 or
hazfam6@comcast.net.

Please see our website:
www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan



An Evening of Song

with renowned liturgical composer & songwriter

Dan Schutte

5:30 pm Reception

7:00 pm Concert

September 25, 2025

Holy Name Cathedral
735 N State Street, Chicago, IL

in Celebration of
IVC Chicago's
25th Anniversary

Tickets \$25



Celebrating
25 Years
IVC Chicago

Dan Schutte's music has been a pulse in the heartbeat of many churches for more than 50 years, including "Here I am, Lord," "City of God," and "You Are Near."

THE IGNATIUS VOLUNTEER CORPS

www.ivcusa.org/chicago-schutte



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER! CLASSES BEGINNING SOON!

*Are you, or do you know someone,
interested in becoming Catholic?*

*Do you, or someone you know, desire to receive
any or all of the sacraments of initiation:
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?*

*Have you been away from the Church and feel
the need to be refreshed in the teachings and
practices of the Catholic Church?*

*Are you a fully participating cradle-Catholic who
might want to serve as a witness and mentor to
others who are on their journey of faith?*

**THEN OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation
for Adults) IS FOR YOU!**

Please register for St. Paul the Apostle OCIA program at
www.saintpaultheapostle.church.

Weekly classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9-11:00am beginning
late September and run until April 4, 2026 when the sacraments will be
received at the Great Easter Vigil.

Contact Deacon Bob Birck with any questions at deaconbob@spa.church.

Wednesday BIBLE STUDY

We will be doing an 8 week
course on *MARY: A Biblical Walk
with the Blessed Mother*, filmed
on location in Nazareth with Dr.
Edward Sri. There is a Workbook
cost of \$25 payable at class.

**TWO IDENTICAL CLASSES START ON
WED, SEPT 10TH, 9:30 AM AND
6:30 PM AT THE PARISH HOUSE.**

Also, we will have 3 short classes on
WHAT is in the Catechism and HOW to
navigate it. Many people own one and
don't use it, and if you don't own one,
you'll want to after this introduction! It is
a powerful reference tool and will answer
all your questions about our faith. Don't
have time for Fr Mike Schmitt's
Catechism in a year? Come to these
3 weeks and get started on your own!

**SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR CALL
BARBARA WAGNER (847) 767 - 1202 TO REGISTER.**

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

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



Loosen your Lederhosen and join us for a traditional Oktoberfest party featuring German food, beverages and shenanigans!

Friday, September 19th 6:00pm - 9:00pm

\$20 pp - due at time of registration

**St. Paul The Apostle Church - Lower Level
6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee**

**Register by 9/17 @ saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; Oktoberfest**

Questions? Please call or email:

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net

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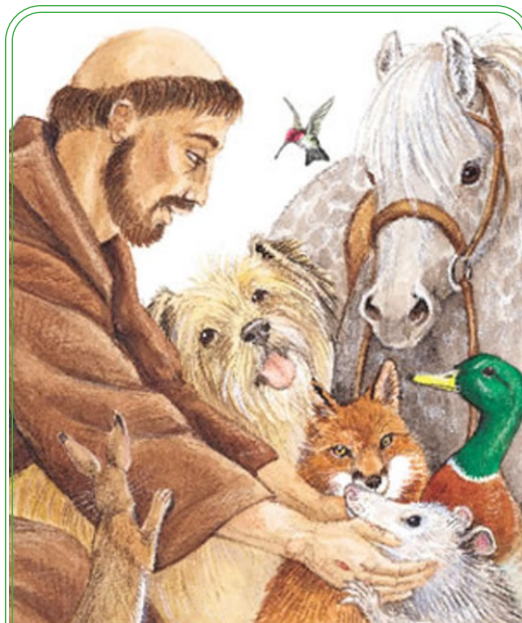
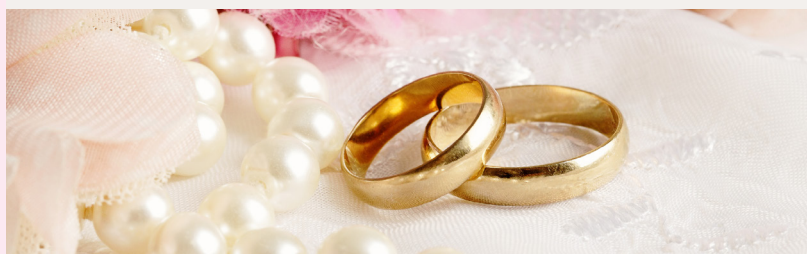
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**Have you registered for the annual
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Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. The mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60654.

Please email gwa@archchicago.org or contact your parish office with any questions. To register online, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/gwa.

We hope to see you there!



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FIREPLACE TALKS



SAINT BIO

St. Peter Claver | September 9

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615. Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines.



When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith. He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons. Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

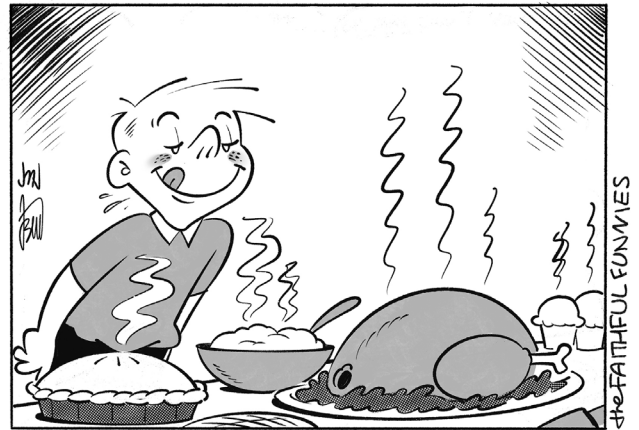
PRAYER- FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

PRAYER OF SIMPLICITY

*Dear God,
In my desire for You, take away
anything that keeps me from
knowing You, myself, or my mission
here on earth. Help me to
remember what is truly important,
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Amen.*

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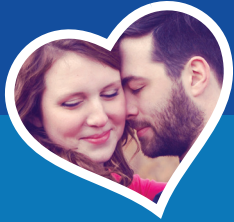


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