Saint Paul

the Apostle *December 10, 2023*

Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022					
		2023		<u>2022</u>	
Ordinary Operating Income					
Sunday, Holy Day and Other Collections	\$	1,086,110	\$	1,011,007	
Christmas Collection		61,148		67,204	
Easter Collection		38,745		33,706	
Fees (primarily religious education)		89,027		84,485	
Fundraising		50,073		12,884	
Interest and Investment Income (Loss)		8,567		(22,617)	
Miscellaneous Income		73,897		60,475	
Total Ordinary Operating Income		1,407,567		1,247,144	
Ordinary Operating Expenses					
Salaries and Payroll Taxes		579,957		577,825	
Health Insurance and Benefits		93,363		83,951	
Books and Supplies		32,733		20,407	
Utilities		54,577		74,862	
Maintenance and Building Repair		128,746		89,901	
Archdiocesan Assessments		114,480		122,161	
Archdiocesan Property/Casualty Insurance		60,278		57,952	
Miscellaneous Expenses		192,598		155,990	
Total Ordinary Operating Expenses		1,256,732		1,183,049	
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$	150,835	\$	64,095	
Extraordinary Operating Income					
Sharing Collections for Other Parishes		100,088		101,783	
Archdiocesan Required Collections		39,457		34,619	
Annual Appeal Rebate		95,742		110,326	
Estate Proceeds		32,596		40,967	
Capital Campaign Collections		13,472		81,337	
Total Extraordinary Income		281,355		369,032	
Extraordinary Operating Expense					
Sharing Collections Paid to Other Parishes		100,088		101,783	
Archdiocesan Collections Paid		39,457		34,619	
Capital Improvements (Note 1)		71,357		401,389	
Total Extraordinary Expense		210,902		537,791	
NET EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	\$	70,453	\$	(168,759)	
TOTAL NET INCOME	\$	221,288	\$	(104,664)	
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St. Paul the Apostle Annual Financial Statement Comparison

General Note: Ordinary Miscellaneous Income includes stole fees, mass stipends and miscellaneous donations. Ordinary Miscellaneous Expenses includes, but is not limited to, transportation, food and meals, altar and liturgical supplies, furnishings and equipment and other administrative costs.

Note 1

Capital improvement expenditures included the following:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>
\$	48,014	\$	42,828
	-		316,915
	23,343		41,646
<u>\$</u>	71,357	\$	401,389
	\$ 	\$ 48,014 	\$ 48,014 \$ 23,343

If you have questions or comments regarding the financial reports, please email us at business@saintpaultheapostle.church

To Read Fr. Chris' letter or Mary Penich's Something to Think About... please visit our website.

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

GOSPEL MEDITATION



We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was

a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: Gather #323 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI VENI EMMANUEL) At Sunday 5:00pm: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (VENI VENI EMMANUEL) arranged by Josh Blakeley and Rich Grillone

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness by Josh Blakesley

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE by Sarah Hart

Preparation of the Gifts: Be Watchful and Ready by Larry Theiss At Sunday 5:00pm: Spirit & Song #142 Ready the Way by Curtis Stephan

Mass Setting: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Song: Spirit and Song #194 Christ the Lord by Sarah Hart and Robert Feduccia At Sunday 5:00pm: Spirit of Christ by Sarah Hart

Closing Song: Spirit & Song #142 Ready the Way by Curtis Stephan At Sunday 5:00pm: Awake to the Day by Ed Bolduc and John Barker

READING I

Comfort, give comfort to my people,

says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

READING II

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MK 1:1-8

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



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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: ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: ls 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Our God will come to save us!

Tuesday: JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19 You are the highest honor of our race.

Wednesday: Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Thursday: Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab The Lord is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and of great kindness.

Friday: Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Those who follow you, Lord, will have the light of life.

Saturday: Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

5:00рм: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett Mercedes Dizon | Gerena Olaya Monis | Scott Kohler | Manuel Borbon | Ted Neale

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

7:30AM: Leonarda & Richard Hunt | Dolores Killian | Kevin Killian 9:30AM: Joseph Sas | The Garibay & Casis Families | Lisa Frescas Jim Kowalczyk | Baby Bocanegra | Mike Binio 11:30AM: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo Robert Grum, Sr. 5:00PM: The Bananto Family | Nelsa Vargas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

7:30AM: Jack Henderson | Gene Wasowicz | Norma Alferez Lowell Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 7:30AM: Lucy Herrmann | Betty Falotico | Aida Sison Levasty

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 7:30AM: Virginia, George & Thomas Reynolds | Eileen Sutton

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

7:30AM: Kathleen Russell | Locuto Gaspar, Jr. | Consolacion Jumayao | Daniel Durban

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023 7:30AM: Ana & Conrado Dizon | Bob Yerkes | Robert Russell, Sr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023

5:00рм: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett Walter & Emily Macrowski | Gerena Olaya Monis | Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | Michael Kinahan 9:30AM: Oscar Morien | John Carter Bennett | Edward Dulak Phil Wilson 11:30AM: Chuck Gresser | Joseph Richardt | Bara Penic 5:00PM: Janet Horn | Robert E. Grum, Sr.

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of 12/3/2023 Sunday- \$10,044 Sharing- \$125 SVdP- \$404 Holiday Flowers- \$909

Month to Date - November Sunday- \$10,044 Online Sunday- n/a Sharing- \$125 Online Sharing- n/a SVdP- \$404 Online SVdP- n/a Holiday Flowers- \$909

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Jose Torres Marife Lacson Bihasa Denise Perez Earl Nicholas Sofia Cosentino Karen Swazas Cristina Soriano Robert Santagata Ruth Blood Sheila DeFazio Peyton Newman Richard Lahey Ted Stanulis Angela Bank Orietta Giannetti Mary Johnson Joanne Trentadue Carol Simpson Gill Sara Kang Barbara Prendergast Kirk Steinhaus Rod Reves Kimberly Liwanag Brian Reynolds, Jr. Dianne Scirri Grace Zablocki Ted Jameson Tom Ohlwein Betty Falotico Michael Bockstahler Edward Machak Bryon Patterson Inesa Bekeris

Cortney Kinahan Alice DeSilvia Bernadette Gaffney Stephanie Rappe Angie Toon Jeff Klemann Jeanine Hudson Shannon Fleece Jacob Alderman Enrique Figueroa Ross Gube Jason Govednik Rosa LaBellarte Russ Lawson Roberta Becker Emily Meyer Robert Bloom Betsy Hastings Monica Parreno Lou Porreca Rev. John M. Ryan Donna Lee Kalinoski Dawn Tsarpalas Anna L. Schmidt Elsie Roberts Margi Kahan Brittney March Marlene Leonard Logan Griffin Pete Albamonte Laurie Zwolfer Lorraine Holg Renee Solano

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Keri at the Parish House. ksekany@saintpaultheapostle.church

847-918-0600

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

Conrad Halteman

Fr. Bernie Pietrzak

Agnieszka Tomasiak Jeannine Fleming

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 GIFT WEEKEND 11:00AM RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 GIFT WEEKEND

7:30AM MASS 9:00AM RCIA 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 12:30PM SIMBANG GABI DANCE PRACTICE 1:00PM STO. NINO PLANNING MTG 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM MASS 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:30AM MASS 6:30PM CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ONLY | CHOSEN: SEASON 1 (Y1, Y2 & HS SERVICE HOURS) 7:00PM ADVENT HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 2:30PM FAITH SHARING 5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CRIB

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 7:30AM MASS

9:30AM BIBLE STUDY 11:30AM SENIOR LUNCHEON 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 7:00PM 1ST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING 7:30PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 7:30AM MASS

7:00PM THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS -CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:00AM CHRISTMAS DECORATING 10:00AM ADVENT RECONCILIATION 1:00PM COOKIES WITH SANTA 3:00PM QUINCEANERA SERVICE 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30AM MASS 9:00AM RCIA 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 12:30PM SIMBANG GABI DANCE PRACTICE 1:00PM BAPTISM 1:30PM BAPTISM **2:00PM** SIMBANG GABI LECTOR PRACTICE **3:30PM** CF | Y1 & Y2 | 7-8 GRADE 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM MASS 5:00PM CF | HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION 6:00PM LIFE TEEN XLT ADORATION 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Mike Biarnesen Jane Bena	K. Gorajski J. Hauck K. Lowe T. Lowe D. Wells	Jason Govednik Dawn Wells	Fr. Joe Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jeff Bautista Michael Beaudoin	L. Holland K. Overcash S. Piotrowski JJ Plamoottil A. Wodek	Nancy Vincent Mary Pieper	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Matt Schwarz Jeff Rediger	J. Farber C. Latza E. Martinez N. Martinez B. Penfold	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. John Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Manny Bautista Danny Castro	T. Denecke-Dattalo T. Mozny J. Schoenherr A. Stahl M. Urquhart		Fr. Chris Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke J. Marino T. Robb A. Serek A. Watttelet		Fr. Joe Dn. Rod

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIFT TAG PROGRAM

Immediately after the 11:30 mass on December 10th, we need help sorting all of the gifts by family, bagging them and loading them on to trucks. Thank you Bekins Lake County movers for donating the trucks and drivers again this year!

Gifts are due back at the church THIS WEEKEND by 12pm on Sunday!

When wrapping the gift(s), please attach the tag securely with the name and CSP# showing, or write the name and CSP# on each gift for that person. We need 10-15 volunteers to help unload the trucks at the warehouse on December 10th. Please contact us if you are interested.

If you have any questions or need more info, see Nancy or Carol after all the masses. Nancy Payonk (847-309-8230), napayonka@comcast.net

Carol Zimmer (847-732-6126), zimmerca@outlook.com

> On Monday-Wednesday, Dec 11-13, we need volunteers to help check all of the bags at the warehouse.

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December 12th at 7pm in church



The Birth of Jesus How He brought God's presence into the world Advent Holy Hour

Adoration, Vespers, & Benediction December 11th

7:00PM





JOIN US FOR REHEARSALS ON TUESDAYS 5:00PM - 6:00PM

Register today on our website or fill out a registration form on the desk in the Gathering Space.





Mark your calendars & plan to join us for our ¹⁷ wonderful, upcoming Christmas concert!

"The Glory of Christmas" Friday, December 15th at 7:00 PM here at St. Paul the Apostle

We will present one hour of beautiful Advent & Christmas Music featuring our Adult Choir, our Children's Choir and our Chamber Orchestra.

Please invite your family, friends & neighbors as well. This wonderful music setting by renowned composer, Lloyd Larson, will surely put you in the Christmas spirit!

Admission to the 🕷 concert is free!



PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE BY DECEMBER 12TH CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Weekends: 8am - 8pm Monday-Friday: 4pm - 8pm

All proceeds support Knights of Columbus Charities. Open everyday while supplies last until December 15. Less than 100 trees left!



DN. MIKE NEEDS A LITTLE HELP! Did you know that Christmas is just around the corner? This means we have to continue decorating the church! The more help we have, the more quickly we'll finish the job! Don't worry! Our camels aren't as

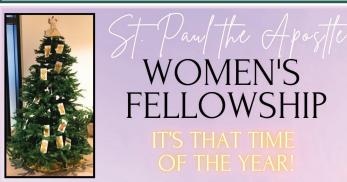


On Saturday, December 16, at 9:00 AM, we'll meet in the Church. We'll set up the Christmas Trees. If you can help that day, leave your name with Keri at the Parish * House at 847-918-0600, or just show up. Remember, the more the merrier!

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For one weekend only, the SPRED (Special Religious Development) program will hold its Holiday Candy and Nut Sale after all masses Dec. 16 and 17 to support the faith formation program for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. High-quality chocolates, cashews, and mixed nuts in decorative boxes will make a perfect holiday gift for families, friends, and teachers. With your generosity, St. Paul's will continue to enrich the lives of special needs children and adults by helping them grow in their faith. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Women's Fellowship is sponsoring the annual Angel Trees and asking for your participation. All donations will be used to support our Parish and the needs of our neighboring community.

The trees will be displayed from December 16/17 through January 13/14 in the upstairs gathering space.

The Angel envelopes have various suggested dollar amounts. Place your donation of cash or check (payable to Women's Fellowship) in the envelope and then drop the envelope in the church donation box. There will also be an online donation option. Thank you for your continuous generosity and support of Women's Fellowship.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION: Dec. 16th and 23th from 10am - 12pm



FAITH FORMATION CARD DRIVE

Give the gift of time, thoughtfulness, and prayer! Join our Faith Formation students in bringing some joy to our community by writing a Christmas Card to a senior living facility resident. Cards can be homemade or store-bought.

Please place your finished cards in the collection box on the desk in the upper gathering space by the end of the 5:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 17th.

Join us for Adoration with Praise and Worship Music! Sunday, December 17, after the 5:00pm Mass



The Filipino Community at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Gurnee Invites you to:



Simbang Gabi

The Simbang Gabi originated in the early days of Spanish rule over the Philippines as a practical compromise for farmers, who began work before sunrise to avoid the noonday heat out in the fields. It began in 1669. Priests began to say Mass in the early mornings instead of the evening novenas more common in the rest of the Hispanic world. This cherished Christmas custom eventually became a distinct feature of Philippine culture and became a symbol of sharing.

> December 21, 2023 @ 7pm St. Paul the Apostle Church 6401 Gages Lake Rd, Gurnee

2023 SIMBANG GABI Schedule of Participating Northern Lake County Parishes (Vicariate I - A/B/C)				
Date (Day)	Time	Parish	Address	Parish Phone
Dec 15 (Fri)	7 <i>PM</i>	MOST BLESSED TRINITY - Immaculate Conception	508 Grand Ave, Waukegan, IL 60085	847-623-2655
Dec 16 (Sat)	7 <i>PM</i>	ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL	40000 N. U Hwy 45, Old Mill Creek, IL 60046	847-395-3474
Dec 17 (Sum)	4PM	ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION	22333 W. Erhart Rd, Mundelein, IL 60060	847-223-0010
	7PM	ST. GILBERT	301 E. Belvidere Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030	847-223-4731
Dec 18 (Mon)	7PM	ST. JOSEPH	114 N. Lincoln Ave., Round Lake, IL 60073	847-546-3610
Dec 19 (Tue)	7PM	PRINCE OF PEACE	135 S. Milwaukee Ave, Lake, Villa, IL 60046	847-356-7915
Dec 20 (Weil)	7 <i>PM</i>	ST. MARY OF VERNON	236 US Hwy 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061	847 362 1005
Dec 21 (T/m)	7 <i>PM</i>	ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE - GURNEE	6401 Gages Lake Rd, Gurnee, IL 60031	847-918-0600
Dec 22 (Fri)	7 <i>PM</i>	LITTLE FLOWER-St. Anastasia	624 Douglas Ave., Waukegan, IL 60085	847-623-5050
Dec 23 (Sat)	4PM	ST. BRIGID-Our Lady of Humility	10655 Wadsworth Rd., Zion, IL 60099	847-872-8778

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FEEDING OUR VETERANS & THOSE IN NEED DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

A big THANK YOU to all for your generosity in providing holiday meal boxes to our local veterans and hungry families within our community. As a parish, we have collected \$8,415! Words like "generous" and "giving" are not enough to describe your level of generosity! Again, a very special THANK YOU to an incredibly caring parish!

RaiseRight.com/enroll Our unique enrollment code: QTIWZD8GRBUK

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Cass Jiv Sunday, December 24 3:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm

Christmas

Monday, December 25 Midnight Mass 9:30 am 11:30am

STAFF BIO - DN. MICHAEL PENICH

I'm Mike Penich, also known as Deacon Mike. My wife Mary and I have been members of our parish family since February 1992 when we celebrated our first Mass together. I was actually around a few months before that helping our founding Pastor, Father Farrell, to plan and to gather the items we needed for that first Mass. Ever since, I've had the pleasure of getting to know you at weekend Masses and other activities. I've married many of you and baptized your children. I think



I've baptized more than 3000 kids during my "deacon" career. I've assisted at First Communions and Confirmations and blessed your homes and cars. Sadly, I've also joined many of you at wakes and funerals where we've said good-bye to your loved ones. Mary and I also led our parish RCIA Program for 24 years. What an amazing experience that was! I've walked with some of you through very difficult times and some very happy times. Today, I'm considered to be the Senior Deacon. This means that I'm a bit older than I used to be! St. Paul the Apostle has been my home-away-from-home for thirty-one years. I hope you join me in calling this place "home" for many years to come!



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

Crisis Support Resources

DOMESTIC ABUSE A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION EMOTIONAL SUPPORT: Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER: PADS: 847-698-4357 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000 COUNSELING: Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725 SUICIDE PREVENTION Emergency: 911 800-411-0103 440-953-8255

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5:00PM

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