



Saint Paul

the Apostle

OCTOBER 19, 2025



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” - Lk 18:7

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - HOPE... OUR BEST OPTION!

BY MARY PENICH

When I read Luke's gospel about the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), I saw myself. Too often, I identify completely with this unwavering soul who simply wanted what was rightfully hers. In his



parable, Jesus didn't tell us what the widow's issues or circumstances were. Jesus told us only that the widow wanted the judge in her case to end her troubles by ruling in her favor. As for me, I admit that I can't count the times I've looked upward with the same persistence. My only consolation is that I truly believe that our All-loving Creator hears every word we utter in heaven's direction. The truth is that God knows our every word and understands our every desire even before we speak them.

I'm turning my attention back to our recent visit to Iceland to explain. Though my husband and I were excited to visit this unknown-to-us island country, we were more excited to board the plane that would take us more than 3,200 miles from our troubles here at home. Life in this country of ours has been tough for too many of us. The bickering among us hasn't helped. Like the persistent widow in Luke's gospel, I wanted these troubles to be resolved peacefully and in the best interest of us all –not just an elite few. Though I had no judge to confront with my concerns, I endured a 6 hour flight to find the peace I longed for. Amazingly, as soon as our plane began its ascent through the clouds, my heart overflowed with hope. The vast blue expanse I found above those clouds reminded me that our troubles were a tiny part of God's much larger plans for us all. Suddenly, my need to badger God disappeared in the awesome wonder that surrounded me.

During that flight, though I dozed off for a few minutes here and there, most of the time, I enjoyed the view from our window. The sky faded from beautiful blue to gray to black.



Hours later and after the change in time zones, Iceland's blue sky welcomed us. By the time our plane landed, my weary longing for peace had been transformed. When Mike and I climbed down the stairs from the plane, excited anticipation replaced my longing. Hope in the wonders to come completely filled me up. Tired as I was, I smiled. The five days that followed indicated that my smile was prophetic. In Iceland, I found everything that I thought I'd lost. Though Iceland's history is punctuated with difficulties, they have emerged a peaceful and productive nation. A positive response

to my persistent prayers seemed possible after all...

I'm quite certain that Jesus shared his story about the persistent widow to encourage us. Jesus wanted to assure us that, however annoying or out of place our prayers may seem, God is listening. No matter how repetitive or insistent our prayers may seem, Jesus and the Heavenly Parent we share attend to every word. Though the results we expect may be adjusted according to THEIR wisdom and love for us, those results will come in just the right way and at just the right time. Do you remember Jesus' plea from the cross, "Why have you forsaken me?" Now, consider what happened just two mornings later! Jesus' prayer was answered perfectly, not only for him, but also for you, for me, and for us all.

As you likely suspect, when Mike and I left the plane that brought us home, I found the troubles that I'd hoped to leave behind intact. The difference is that I realize that I don't face these things alone. I never face my troubles alone. None of us do! Like the persistent widow in Jesus' story, I received the judgment I'd hoped for. Though Iceland's breathtaking terrain was no longer a glance away, reminders of God's peace and God's loving care were just steps away in every direction!

A few days after we returned, I took those steps to the shores of Lake Michigan. Amazingly, that 40-minute walk didn't tire me at all. I was invigorated by the sound of the waves that welcomed me.

When I made my way down the stairs, over rocks and onto the sandy beach, I couldn't believe how much that shore with its rushing waves looked like Iceland's shores. Wow!



Suddenly, this persistent God-nagger realized that God is also persistent! God persists in loving us far more than we can imagine and far more than we'll ever know until we're finally at home with God forever.

So, today, I offer a prayer of thanks for Jesus' parable about that persistent widow. Through this story, Jesus gives me and all of us, not only permission, but also his encouragement, to pray on and on until God answers. The best part of this is that, though we may feel we're going overboard in our requests, it is God who will actually go overboard in every loving response to us!

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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A woman in my parish has an adult son who has rejected his faith. She prays for him every day. She lights candles, says rosaries, and asks God again and again to bring him back. But nothing changes. Is God listening? Is He delaying? She told me once that she feels like the widow in Jesus' strange parable — crying out for justice, but hearing only silence. And yet, she said, she is at peace. I asked why. She responded, "God is already answering. I just can't see it yet."

She embodies something of the mystery in Jesus' parable this week in Luke 18. A powerless widow demands justice from a corrupt judge. This isn't about wearing God down until He gives in. It's about faith in the justice that is already coming. The widow isn't just persistent; she believes that justice is inevitable. And when Jesus points to the judge's words — his fear of being "struck" — He hints at something deeper: God's justice does not creep in gradually. It strikes. It comes like lightning.

Blessed Mary is, of course, the ultimate widow demanding justice. At the foot of the cross she stands before what looks like the ultimate injustice — the brutal execution of her son. But she did not despair. She did not beg for a last-minute rescue. She knew that justice was not delayed. In fact, it was happening. The power of the cross was already unleashing justice upon the world — suddenly, decisively, like a blow that would topple every corrupt power, making even the most corrupt fear her strike.

This parable asks us: will the Son of Man find faith on earth? Or will we mistake God's silence for absence? The cross proves that justice is not slow. It is only hidden. The lightning has already struck. In the cross, justice is speedily being done.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

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

At Sunday 5:00pm: **How Can I Keep from Singing? (HOW CAN I KEEP)**, attributed to Robert Lowry

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

Responsorial Psalm: **Our Help Is from the Lord** by Paul Hillebrand

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Preparation Song: **Spirit & Song #290 Fragrance Prayer** by Tom Booth

At Sunday 5:00pm: **I Journey on My Way** by Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa

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

Communion Songs: **Spirit & Song #356 The Breastplate of Saint Patrick** by Sarah Hart and Bob Halligan, Jr.

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #258 Remembrance (Communion Song)** by Matt Maher and Matt Redman

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #332 Mighty to Save** by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #322 Just Like You** by Matt Maher

READING I

EXODUS 17:8-13

In those days, Amalek came and waged war against Israel.

Moses, therefore, said to Joshua,

“Pick out certain men,

and tomorrow go out and engage Amalek in battle.

I will be standing on top of the hill

with the staff of God in my hand.”

So Joshua did as Moses told him:

he engaged Amalek in battle

after Moses had climbed to the top of the hill with Aaron and Hur.

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up,

Israel had the better of the fight,

but when he let his hands rest,

Amalek had the better of the fight.

Moses' hands, however, grew tired;

so they put a rock in place for him to sit on.

Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands,

one on one side and one on the other,

so that his hands remained steady till sunset.

And Joshua mowed down Amalek and his people

with the edge of the sword.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

READING II

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:2

Beloved:

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed,

because you know from whom you learned it,

and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures,

which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is inspired by God

and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction,

and for training in righteousness,

so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus,

who will judge the living and the dead,

and by his appearing and his kingly power:

proclaim the word;

be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient;

convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

GOSPEL

LUKE 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable

about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

He said, “There was a judge in a certain town

who neither feared God nor respected any human being.

And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,

‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought,

‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being,

because this widow keeps bothering me

I shall deliver a just decision for her

lest she finally come and strike me.’”

The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones

who call out to him day and night?

Will he be slow to answer them?

I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”



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: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

Tuesday: Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Wednesday: Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Thursday: Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Friday: Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
Lord, teach me your statutes.

Saturday: Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Wednesday: St. John Paul II, Pope

Thursday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Friday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Hector B. Brual, Jr. | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Harry & Margaret Kapp | Thomas Fenning | Rosemary Vallely

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Evangeline Baviera | Leona Baldwin
9:30am: Craig Nielsen | Janina Skwarek | Ela Bil
11:30am: Sr. Jean Delores Schmidt
5:00pm: Santa Gonzalez

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

7:30am: Judith Larson

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

7:30am: Raymond De Silvia, Sr. | Scott Kohler

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

7:30am: Luming Kalaw | Cathy Parzygnat | Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

7:30am: Eileen Blake | Margaret Quinn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

7:30am: Rafael Durban | Tom Vallely

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | William E. Vasilius | Narciso Hilo, Sr. | Karen & Tim Copeland | Harry Pulvermacher | Scott Kohler | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Fran Fishwick

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:30am: Walter & Rosa Krissek | Mary & Andy Borzick | Maureen Wojciehowski | Jossie Chandy | Sheila John
9:30am: Victor & Joyce Schwartz | Thomas R. Rajchel | Winston Casis
11:30am: Celia J. Auguste
5:00pm: Matthew Vallely

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of October 13, 2025

Sunday- \$ 12,090
Sharing- \$ 220
SVdP- \$ 305
Seminary Education- \$ 265
Holiday Dinners- \$4,048

Online Sunday- \$ 13,746
Online Sharing- \$ 1,718
Online SVdP- \$ 917

Month to Date - October

Sunday- \$ 26,392
Online Sunday- \$ 21,241
Sharing- \$ 255
Online Sharing- \$ 1,810
SVdP- \$ 10,480
Online SVdP- \$ 1,096
Seminary Education- \$ 2,066
Holiday Dinners- \$4,048



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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.

*Mary Hughes
Gary Braun
Judith Larson
Harriet Sutton
The victims of the
Tennessee explosion*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - DEL CAMPO
1:00PM BAPTISM - MELLONE
1:30PM BAPTISM - BEE
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

7:30AM MASS
10:00AM CHOSEN SEASON 5
6:30PM CATH. CHAR. GIFT TAG WRITING
6:30PM CF- FAMILY ENRICHMENT SESSION 1

7:00PM ADORATION - PRAISE & WORSHIP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:30PM HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
6:30PM SPRED
6:30PM CATH. CHAR. GIFT TAG WRITING
7:00PM CURIOUS CATHOLIC
7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY - AM
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY - PM
6:30PM CATH. CHAR. GIFT TAG WRITING
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

6:00PM CHOSEN SEASON 5
6:30PM CATH. CHAR. GIFT TAG WRITING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

8:30AM BCBP MEETING
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
12:30PM BAPTISM - GARCIA
1:30PM BAPTISM - VERGARA
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

OCTOBER 25/26 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	A Rusnak T. Rusnak M. Mohrfeld A. Barrie K. Gaston B. Murphy	Andy Thiel Maryalice Smith	Grzesiak, Shannon Hauck, Janet Kati, Warren Minich, Mary Anne	Rusnak, Tom Wicinski, Carol Wicinski, Ed	M. Mohrfeld J. Wedell	Fr. Martin Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	T. Burns B. O'Brien P. Mikols G. Aranas J. Climaco S. Bilas	Tom Krissek Jan O'Brien	Chandy, Lyla Janik, Margaret Nelsen, Eric Rafael- Azcueta, Teo	Wodek, Alberta Zdenahlik, Tammia	T. Rafael- Azcueta R. Azcueta	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	P. Mengarelli T. Mengarelli D. Scheffler B. Kibitlewski R. Reed K. King	Tom Maus Jeff Rediger	Beaudoin, Michael Belk, Karen Brennan, Tom Latza Cathy	Maus, Tom Nielsen, Charlotte O'Keefe, Nancy	T. Maus M. Maus	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano P. Watson C. Haines R. Cuasay S. Fragassi C. Karl	Emery Colcol Arleen Siap	Auguste, Romie Colcol, Emery Fernandes, Melissa	Ramirez, Maricel Richardt, Annelise Tebbetts, Sue	B. Moreno W. Manila	Fr. John Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni JJ Plamoottill V. Bate-Ambrus OPEN x 3	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector I	Bertke, Cassie Deniz, Kristy Gayton, Marisol	Marino, Joe Plamoottill, JJ Zdenahlik, Tammia	Open x 2	Fr. Martin Dn. Ivan

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

Register today on our website!



St. Paul the Apostle Craft Show & Sale 2025

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

(lower level Gathering Space)

Over 50 Vendors!

Raffle Prizes! Food & Drinks!

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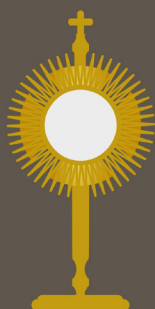
**SUPPORT WORLD
MISSION SUNDAY**

October 19, 2025

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

(with Praise and Worship
music)

Monday, October 20 at
7:00 PM



CURIOUS CATHOLIC Presents



Bishop Perry
10.21.25

Saints: Who Are They?
Canonization Process and More!



Fr. Matt O'Donnell
11.4.25

Beatitudes

All adults are invited to Curious Catholic this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. The next three Tuesday evenings will feature a series about Saints and related topics. Our speaker this Tuesday is Bishop Perry who will speak about who Saints are, the canonization process, and discuss Saints from the United States. Our speaker for November 4 is Fr. Matt O'Donnell who will speak about the Beatitudes. In-between these two talks will be a Fireplace Talks with Fr. Chris who will speak about Iconography on October 28. Wine and snacks will be served.

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?
Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on
October 21, at 7 pm in the lower level.

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

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

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

FAITH SHARING

will resume meetings on
Tuesday, October 7th,
in Room 32 of the church
from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.



FEEDING OUR VETERANS & NEIGHBORS DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



So many families continue to struggle everyday to put food on the table and this holiday season is no exception. Your generous donation of \$20.00 will provide a delicious holiday dinner of turkey or ham and all the trimmings to a needy family or veteran within our local community.

Donation envelopes are still available in the gathering space. Please take one and place your donation in the collection basket during any weekend mass throughout the month of October.

You can also pledge online at:
www.saintpaultheapostle.church.church

THANK YOU so much for your continued kindness and generosity!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM

The Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program is back this year. As always, we will need help writing gift tags Oct 13-16 and Oct 20-23 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the upper gathering space.

The gift tags will be available for selection starting the first weekend in November at all Masses until they are gone.

Gift Weekend (return of the gifts) is Dec 6th/7th.

Please contact us if you have questions:
Nancy Payonk (847-309-8230),
nipayonka@comcast.net or Carol Zimmer
(847-732-6126), zimmerca@outlook.com.





St. Paul the Apostle's Parish...Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

You CAN help

The Saint Vincent de Paul conference (SVdP) was formed in 2008 in reaction to the growing human needs within our nearby communities of Gurnee, Waukegan, and North Chicago. **Today we share information about how you can help.**

Community needs have grown so great. Our brothers and sisters in the community desperately need us to provide this emergency service. **This is not permanent aid. Financial aid is provided so that people can move forward on their own once the emergency has ended. We are their last call for help!**

Few of us can imagine that the person standing next to us in any line, or on any corner, might be abused, close to eviction, underemployed, without transportation or utilities, or have children who are hungry. However, it is real. Understandably, community needs have grown exponentially over the years, especially in these times of unprecedented price increases for virtually everything.

Meet Anna,

She is a 53-year-old woman who lost her job with a nonprofit in December 2024. Managing work and Divinity school had always been challenging, however after exhausting her savings, dropping out of school, and unemployment, she was facing a new reality. For the first time in her life there was the possibility of homelessness.

Anna was able to find a factory job working four days a week for ten hours each day. We were able to assist her with her rent which moved her towards future sustainability. She recent wrote to us "...Jesus said the poor are always with us, which resonates deeply with me. It reinforces the reality that we all go through difficult seasons, and it is during these times that compassion and support from organizations like SVdP is invaluable."

The 2025 Annual Saint Vincent de Paul Appeal will culminate in a

"Week of Giving", November 3 to 11

Today we ask for your assistance in meeting these growing calls for help.

If you are a past donor, please consider increasing your donation. If you are a new donor, please give generously.

For more information please call:

Maryalice Smith, SVdP Fundraising Committee Chair, 2025 Annual Giving Campaign, 847-918-1240

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB

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



Dare to enter The Genesee after hours? Learn about The Genesee's eerie past. This hair-raising walking tour is frightfully fun and sure to get you spooked!

Friday, October 24th @ 6:00pm

Ticket cost \$25pp due at time of registration

The Genesee Theatre, 203 N. Genesee St., Waukegan
Register by 10/15 @ saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; GhostWauk

Questions? Please call or email:
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



KnightsCorner

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Divine Mercy Council #11112 will be holding a membership drive after all masses the weekend of October 18-19th. When you become a member of our council you will find that a Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Please scan the QR code above or contact a council member to learn more about our council.

The Vocations Raffle will begin in October. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to 6 seminarians. We hope to repeat if not give to additional seminarians this year. Please contact a council member to procure raffle tickets. You can return your completed booklet and donation to our basket at the information desk.

Vivat Jesus, Steve Bilas
Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #1



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

SPARKING HOLINESS

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to decluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will ennoble our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just declutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to declutter.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Ministry Weekend

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION and KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MINISTRIES

Meals & Services: We provide home-cooked meals, rides, and general errands such as prescriptions and groceries for families in need due to illness, death in the family, or other difficult times.

Food Pantry: We support Holy Family and St. Anastasia Food Pantries by collecting money/food, clothing/seasonal items, recruiting volunteers, and promoting awareness of hunger related issues.

Funeral Hospitality: After funeral Masses, we offer a luncheon by request by the family to the family members and friends who have gathered at St. Paul to celebrate the life of their loved one

Grief Journey Support: There is no way to prevent grief; there is no way to cure it; there is no way around it. The only way to a place of peace is to go through the pain of separation from a loved one in a healthy, constructive manner toward healing.

Knit/Purl/Pray: Our members provide comfort, solace and support by using their talents for knitting and crocheting along with their prayers and loving intentions to create handmade knit and crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, and other needed items.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Inspired by Gospel values, the ministry leads women and men together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Respect for Life: As every human person is created in God's image and likeness, the Respect Life ministry carries out the Church's mission to support the most vulnerable members of the human family. Through prayer, fundraising and public witness, we share the Gospel of Life and stand against abortion and all other violations of the dignity of the human person.

Ministers of Care: We bring the Eucharist to those who can no longer attend Mass or are temporarily home bound. We also visit area nursing homes weekly to offer Holy Communion services to Catholic residents.

Catholic Charities Parish Outreach: Saint Paul supports two large Lake County programs: the Mother's Day appeal which supports many Catholic Charities programs and the Christmas Gift Campaign which provides gifts to families and individuals referred to Catholic Charities.

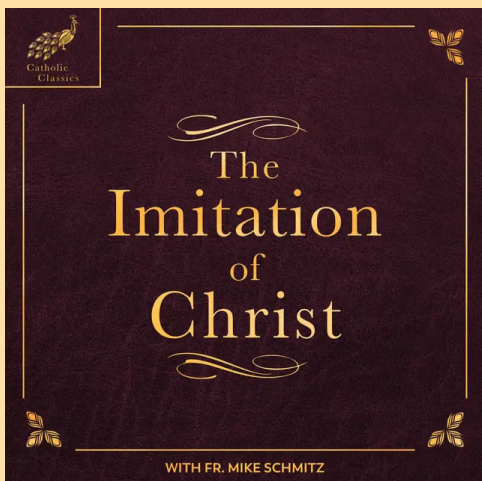
Natural Family Planning: Our classes provide fertility awareness to enable the married couple to achieve or prevent a pregnancy in a way that respects their individual dignity, is natural, and morally acceptable. Couples deepen their relationship in the process.

Annulment: "The salvation of souls must always be the highest law in the church..." Canon 1752 This ministry is offered to anyone who is divorced or already remarried who would like to undertake the declaration of nullity process as well as some spiritual closure.

Simbang Gabi Charities: Simbang Gabi is more than just the celebration of a beloved Filipino tradition heralding the joy of the upcoming birth of Jesus. We give hope to our brothers and sisters in need in the Philippines, from poor/orphaned children to the abandoned elderly.

Santo Niño Charities: Santo Niño is an annual cultural and religious festival honoring the infant child Jesus in Cebu, Philippines. We support the Life Teen Ministry at SPA and Rogationist Seminary in Cebu, Philippines.

Knights of Columbus: Divine Mercy Council 11112 are brothers united in faith to serve our Church, Charities, and Community. We are a fraternal Catholic men's organization dedicated to preserving our faith, religious beliefs and freedom, supporting and performing charitable works and deeds.



Fr. Mike Schmitz and Fr. Gregory Pine are reading and reflecting on the Imitation of Christ for 30 days starting on Oct 22. A virtual group will be meeting on Wednesday nights for 6 weeks, starting on Oct. 22, to discuss the readings and reflections. Contact Sharon Harrigan at smharrigan@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

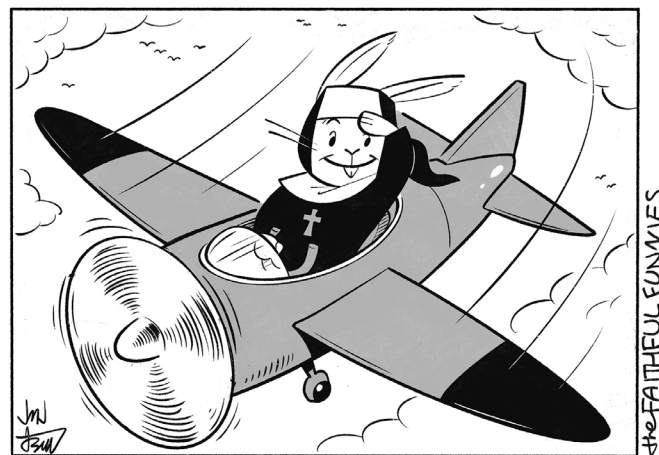
The Imitation of Christ is made up of four books, each focusing on how to live our day-to-day lives while growing closer to God. Rooted in Scripture, these books aid us in our detachment from the material things and concerns of this world so that we might become more attached to Christ himself. Though The Imitation of Christ was originally written for men in priestly and religious formation, its impact and relevance have gone far beyond this audience—inspiring countless saints and spiritual giants throughout the centuries. The Imitation of Christ provides timeless principles for any Christian looking to grow in prayer, faith, and friendship with Christ.



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, 7 AM 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.

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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: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

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Emergency: 911
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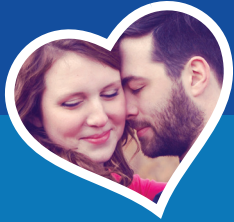


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