

EASTER SUNDAY

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Saint Paul the Apostle

MARCH 31, 2024

Dear SPA Family,

Easter, the oldest and most important Holy Day for Christians, is celebrated every year. Maybe it has become a bit commonplace for us. The same liturgy of the Easter Triduum, passion, cross, tomb, resurrection. *How can we understand this greatest mystery of our faith?*

Let's look at the movie "Risen" (2016) directed by Kevin Reynolds, which presents the investigation of Jesus. We see the story of Jesus' death and resurrection through the eyes of the Roman Tribune of Clavius, to whom Pontius



Pilate commissioned to find the disciples of Jesus who had just been sentenced to death. According to the Sanhedrin, Jesus' body was stolen by his disciples who had wanted to continue spreading 'heretical religion.' Clavius, following alleged thieves, also goes deep into himself. All he wants is "freedom from killing and death." He is a straightforward killer who obeys orders but wants to remain consistent with his conscience. It changes gradually in contact with Jesus' disciples.

Clavius realizes slowly that everything cannot be explained by reason alone. After all, he had seen the strange reflection on the shroud, the melted seals, the ropes that were cracked rather than cut, and a boulder that had been pushed backward that several strong men would have to move. He also experienced the extraordinary goodness of the carpenters' disciples. Ultimately speaking with Jesus' disciples, Clavius is full of doubts.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a revolution of love. It is not a matter of coincidence that Christ the Lord rose on Sunday. The light of His resurrection illuminated the morning of the first day of the week. With His resurrection from the dead, Jesus ushered in a new era in human history. He illuminated all the earth with the light of the age to come. However, the resurrection itself brings with it many questions that we must rediscover over and over again, as do so many generations of disciples of the Risen One. To this day, the sharp minds of this world are wondering...what and how?! And the mystery still remains a mystery. And it must be so.

But is there anything that could be done about it? Well no, because the revelation of God is already written in the Scriptures. It is what guides us along the paths of Easter. However, in order to discover the victory of Easter morning, faith is necessary.

Victory happens in us through love. After the suffering and death, after the pain and uncertainty of tomorrow, the resurrection begins. The resurrected love is not merely the longed-for goal of our eternal life. This love begins right now in this life. From the empty tomb of Jesus, the Gospel of life spreads throughout the world. The Risen One shows that life and love are inextricably linked. On the other hand, there are many stones in the world that block access to the grace of resurrection. Jesus sets aside these stones so that we can enter a life full of joy, hope and freedom.

Jesus is truly risen! Do we believe that we will also rise with Him? Yes we do!!! "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad". Alleluia!!!

Happy Easter, Fr. Chris

To Read Mary Penich's Something to Think About ...

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID Fourth Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, "Oh my God!" Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn't joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn't peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples' shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don't we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our "cemeteries" where we don't expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare! — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: An Easter Celebration by Wes Cameron and Matthew Bridges / Gather #457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (EASTER HYMN)

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: This Is the Day by Ben Walther

Easter Sequence: Christians, Praise the Paschal Victim by Craig Colson

Gospel Acclamation: Easter Alleluia (O FILII ET FILIAE) arranged by Josh Blakesley

Sprinkling Rite: Springs of Water from MUSIC FOR THE RITES OF INITIATION by Tony Alonso At 9:30am: MASS OF RENEWAL by Curtis Stephan

Preparation of the Gifts: Hallelujah Is Our Song by Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger. Josh Blakesley, and Trey Heffinger At 9:30am: Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe, Gabriel Wilson, and Jenn Johnson | Surely the Presence by Lanny Wolfe

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

Communion Songs: Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe, Gabriel Wilson, and Jenn Johnson | Surely the Presence by Lanny Wolfe At 9:30am: Spirit & Song #181 Christ Is Risen by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes

Closing Song: Spirit & Song #177 Alleluia! Love Is Alive by Steve Angrisano, Jesse Manibusan, and Sarah Hart At 9:30am: Let It Rise by Holland Davis

READING I

ACTS 10:34A, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said:

"You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism

that John preached,

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and power.

He went about doing good

and healing all those oppressed by the devil,

for God was with him.

We are witnesses of all that he did

both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible.

not to all the people, but to us,

the witnesses chosen by God in advance,

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.

To him all the prophets bear witness,

that everyone who believes in him

will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

READING II

COL 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,

where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life appears,

then you too will appear with him in glory.

GOSPEL

On the first day of the week,

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark,

and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter

and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,

and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter

and arrived at the tomb first;

he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him,

he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head,

not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in,

the one who had arrived at the tomb first,

and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



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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 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/ Mk 16:9-15

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Tuesday: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

Wednesday: 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord.

Thursday: 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

Friday: 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Saturday: 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter; April Fools' Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024- EASTER VIGIL

7:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Marion & Jack Henderson | John Carter Bennett | Genowefa & Bernard Mika

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024- EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM: Rosa Krissek | Victor Peccioli 9:30AM: Evelyn Moldenhauer | Jennie Tomasiewicz | Harold, Edna Marice & Mack Ofenloch | Susan Watts | Aida Sison-Levasty | Tito Jordan-Levasty | Paula Ellis-Stephenson 11:30AM: Hilo & Cacal Family | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante Paulina Negrillo | Michael Velasco | Ruza Basan 5:00PM: NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 20240

7:30AM: Anselmo Cabuay

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 7:30AM: Michael Kinahan | Scott Kohler

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 7:30AM: Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024 7:30AM: Grace Zablocki

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 7:30AM: Our Parish Family

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 V. Siegel | Paula Ellis-Stephenson 9:30AM: Thomas R. Rajchel | Robert Chester Buttrey | Victor & Joyce Schwartz | Dan Belk | Mike Tinio 11:30AM: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo Michael Velasco 5:00PM: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of 3/25/2024 Sunday- \$13,612 Sharing- \$30 SVdP- 235 Let There Be Light- \$5,895 Almsgiving- \$761 Easter- \$686

Online Sunday- \$8,790 Online Sharing- \$211 Online SVdP- \$601

Month to Date - March

Sunday- \$53,110 Online Sunday- \$29,006 Sharing- \$618 Online Sharing- \$1,506 SVdP- \$2,204 Online SVdP- \$1,433 Let There Be Light- \$9,373 Almsgiving- \$7,527 Easter- \$2,231



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Carol Simpson Gill Sara Kang Barbara Prendergast Kirk Steinhaus **Rod Reyes** Kimberly Liwanag Brian Reynolds, Jr. Dianne Scirri Ted Jameson Betty Falotico Michael Bockstahler Edward Machak Bryon Patterson Inesa Bekeris Cortney Kinahan Alice DeSilvia Bernadette Gaffney Stephanie Rappe Ángie Toon Jeff Klemann Jeanine Hudson Shannon Fleece Jacob Alderman Énrique 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 Elsie Roberts Margi Kahan Brittney March Marlene Leonard Logan Griffin Pete Albamonte Laurie Zwolfer Renee Solano Charlene Littles Donna Leonardo Patty Freeman Mark Willson Robert Bloom TJ Christor Kelsev Wilder Vicki Schafer Teresa Corcoran Donna Schaefer Alisha Cooper Margaret Maher Karen Swazas Priscilla Baylon Francisco Doreza, Jr. Linda Lillington loe Laureano Cherry Laureano Rita Gravel Margaret Gaubhran

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.

Maureen E. Sheehan

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024-HOLY SATURDAY AT THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER 7:30AM MORNING PRAYER SERVICE 2:00PM BASKET BLESSING-ŚWIĘCONKA 7:00PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024-EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 5:00PM NO 5PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 2:00PM FAITH SHARING 6:30PM SPRED 7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 7:30AM MASS 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM LECTOR ORIENTATION

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS 7:00PM GOLF OUTING MEETING 7:30PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

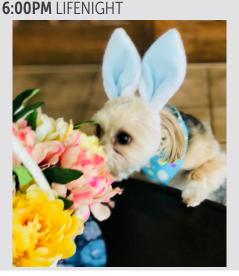
FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 7:30AM MASS

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024



APRIL 6/7 LITURGY SCHEDULE				
	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Warren Kati Maryalice Smith	J. Hauck T. Kamps J. O'Brien C. Wicinski E. Wicinski	Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Michael Beaudoin Elsa Kurien	T. Burns L. Holland E. Kurien D. Mumm D. Nieman	Bob Zorc Mary Zorc	Fr. John Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Beth Penfold Mary Maus	C. Anderson J. Bautista R. Gbur M. Klemann P. Moriarty	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Joe Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Anna Richardt Terry Denecke-Dattalo	T. Denecke-Dattalo G. Galano J Schoenherr A. Stahl S. Tebbetts		Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Barbara Wagner Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke M. Gaytan J. Marino T. Marchioni T. Robb		Fr. Joe Dn. Brent





THE EASTER VIGIL MASS AT 7:00 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH Our entire "Adult Choir" will be leading our music with Organ, Trumpet, Piano, Flutes, Violins, Guitars, Drums, Percussion & Hand-Bells.

EASTER SUNDAY AT 9:30 AM Our "Teen Choir" will be leading our music with Piano, Flute, Guitar & Drums

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EASTER SUNDAY AT 7:30 AM SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST Members of our "Adult Choir" will be leading our music with Organ, Piano, Trumpet, Flute, Guitar & Drums.

EASTER SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM Our (small but mighty) "Children's Choir" will be singing with Organ, Piano, Flute, Guitar, Drums



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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Great Room

Parish House

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." –Helen Keller

You are invited to join with us as we gather with others who have lost a loved one. Here you will find support and encouragement in abundance.

> We meet in the church every first and third Wednesday at 3:00pm. The next meeting is April 3, 2024. Call or email Barbara Kapple, MS @ 847-212-9951 barbara.kapple12@gmail.com

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday

7:30am

Starting

April 1st

The Baptism Preparation Ministry prepares parents for the baptisms of their children by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend prior to their child's baptism. The next class is April 4, 2024



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

DATE CHANGE NOTICE:

Training session is now 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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I Ministry Commission Proclaiming the Word: LECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

Presenter: Deacon Allen Tatara

When:	Saturday, April 27, 2024
Where:	St. Paul the Apostle Parish 6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL 6003 [.]
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



for new Ministers of Care

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

- When:Saturdays, April 20 and April 27, 2024Sign-in: 8:45 9 a.m. | Session: 9 a.m. 3 p.m.
- Where:St. Edna Catholic Church, Fr. John Hurley Center2525 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.**







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Question: What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer: The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way. ©LPi





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CE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HEL ASSISTANCE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HELF 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

FOOD PANTRIES: Avon Township: 847-546-1446 Holy Family: 847-782-4166 Saint Anastasia: 847-623-2112 Warren Township: 847-244-1101



PARISH OFFICE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY HOURS: 9:00AM - 5:00PM

847-918-0600

BUSINESS OFFICE

HOURS: 9:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY & WEDNESDAY FRIDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 12:00PM **847-918-0600**

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 3:00PM FRIDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 12:00PM **847-816-8677**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY **7:30AM**

SATURDAY EVENING: 5:00PM

SUNDAY: 7:30 | 9:30 | 11:30AM | 5:00PM

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS 8:00AM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL 11:00AM

Saint Paul the Apostle

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