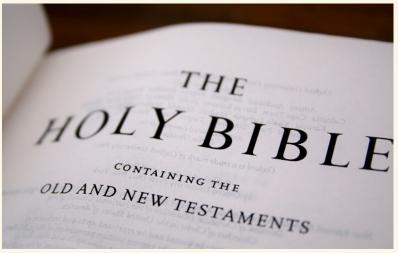


Dear SPA Family,

An important decision... Every believer should consider what kind of world he wants to live in; whether in the human world and designed by humans, or in the world of God and created by God. It all boils down to whether he wants to decide about his world for himself, or he is looking for someone with whom he would like to make decisions and implement programs.

Building with people... Freedom is now understood as an opportunity to build our own world. Whoever understands it like this looks for like-minded people, and there are millions of them. They want to decide about human life, about the durability or impermanence of marriages. They want to decide about sexual practices, about euthanasia, about intake of stimulating substances, about how to treat



other cultures or skin color, about the rights that they establish for themselves. This is a strong standpoint in the modern world, and sadly many people follow it, and among them are also many Christians who are eager to join them.

In the name of freedom, many want to build their world, disregarding the world of others, even those who are at their home. Unbelievers build and program their world at the expense of everyone, as long as they are comfortable. It is known from experience that a world built at the expense of others is never a good world and the builder himself will not be happy in it.

And, here the fundamental question arises: Can a believer agree to their system and join them, building his world in the name of freedom, disregarding anyone?

I am building with God... Faith introduces us to the world of God and the world of God's plans. There is also a plan for the implementation of our life, and a specific plan with detailed instructions for its execution.

The believer, entering God's world, makes a decision about the implementation of God's plans for him. From now on, his concept of life is based on the principles of God's law, which he wants to respect.

God's textbook... The textbook of this wisdom, needed to enter God's world and necessary to master the ability to live in this world, is the Holy Scriptures. For in it is the essential message of the revealed truth about God's world. Interpretations of the Scriptures over the centuries reveal thousands of successes in the construction of this world and thousands of failures, when the principles given by God were disregarded. We believe that God is the truth and never lies to anyone.

I choose... We must realize that in our generation we are faced with a fundamental and very important decision. It has to be a clear decision without any compromise. Either we build the world with people or we build the world with God. We need to make a choice and be consistent in it.

If we have already made such a decision, let us not try to cooperate with people who expect us to trample God's law. Their world is a world of enslavement... and the pleasures they reach have little to do with true joy... for many, it is a tempting world. God's world is thousands of times better, richer, without fences, without fears, and without worrying about tomorrow...

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 a Blessed Week, Fr. Chris

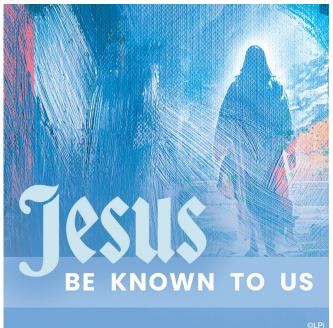
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please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

Third Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong latearriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed

the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

- Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: Gather #826 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) by Rowland Prichard and William Dix At Sunday 5:00pm: Hallelujah Is Our Song by Sarah Hart, Sarah Kroger. Josh Blakesley, and Trey Heffinger

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, Let Your Face Shine Upon Us by Tom Booth

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF SAINT KILIAN by Curtis Stephan

Preparation of the Gifts: Spirit & Song #125 New Creation by Jackie François
At Sunday 5:00pm: Spirit & Song #251 In the Breaking of the Bread by Timothy R. Smith

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

Communion Song: Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) by Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford, Joel Taylor, Kari Jobe, Gabriel Wilson, and Jenn Johnson

At Sunday 5:00pm: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) by Rowland Prichard and William Dix, arranged by Josh Blakesley

Closing Song: Gather #443 Resucitó by Kiko Argüello
At Sunday 5:00pm: Mighty to Save by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Peter said to the people:

"The God of Abraham,

the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him.

You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

The author of life you put to death,

but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.

Now I know, brothers,

that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer.

Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Lord, let your face shine on us.

READING II 1 JN 2:1-5A

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin.

But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the righteous one.

He is expiation for our sins,

and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.

The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments.

Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments

are liars, and the truth is not in them.

But whoever keeps his word,

the love of God is truly perfected in him.

GOSPEL *LK* 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

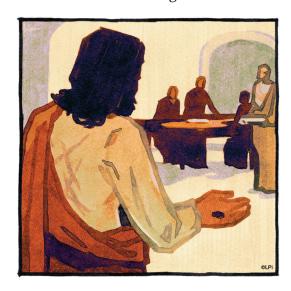
But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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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 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Tuesday: Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

*Wednesday: Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Thursday: Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Friday: Ps 117:1bc, 2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Saturday: Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Monday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer

for Vocations



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Marion & Jack Henderson | Lillian Maldonado | Peter Higman | John Carter Bennett | Zach Genc

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 7:30AM: Derek Manuel | Katherine Kowalewski | Bob Earling |

Azcueta Family

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

5:00PM: Sergio Vargas | Paula Dell | Thomas Mauro

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

7:30AM: Bob Yerkes | Scott Kohler

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:30AM: Curtis Dorsey | John Webb

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

7:30AM: Eugene Kolaczkowski | Casis Family | Dorothy Lavin |

Dolores Garibay

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 7:30AM: Jeric Cuasay

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

7:30AM: Bryan Karl | Scott Kohler

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024 5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Sue Simpson | Gerena Olaya Monis | Vincent D'Souza | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Helen Rusnak | David Myers | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | Richard V. Siegal

9:30AM: Aida Sison-Levasty | Tito Jordan-Levasty | Paula Ellis-Stephenson | Rosalina "Lina" Lopez

11:30AM: Joseph Richardt | Eduardo Gonzales | Richard Schoeder,

Sr. | Jeric Cuasay 5:00PM: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of 4/8/2024

Sunday- \$14,526 Sharing- \$155 SVdP- \$554 Online Sunday- \$19,996 Online Sharing- \$1,248 Online SVdP- \$1,228 Easter- \$4,879

Almsgiving-\$2,044

Let There Be Light- \$3,203

Month to Date - April

Sunday- \$22,970 Online Sunday- \$19,996 Sharing- \$175 Online Sharing- \$1,248 SVdP-\$849 Online SVdP- \$1,228 Easter- \$32,166 Almsgiving - \$2,829 Let There Be Light- \$3,973

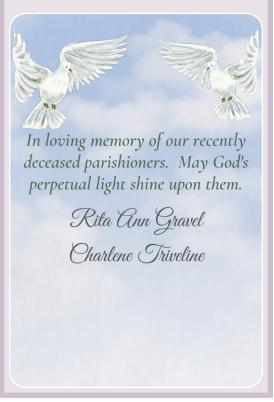


PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024-HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:30PM BAPTISM - BAMAUNG
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

7:30AM MASS

6:00PM LIFENIGHT

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
6:30PM SPRED
7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS
7:00PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
5:30PM FIRST COMMUNION (Y2) &
SACRAMENTAL CATCH UP RETREAT
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 6:30PM CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL 6:30PM SVDP MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

7:00AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
10:00AM CONFIRMATION
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM WEDDING - JORGENSEN
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

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

APRIL 20/21 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Brad Bonham Mike Biarnesen	P. Balmes T. Boswell K. Gorajski K. Lowe T. Lowe	Dawn Wells	Fr. Joe Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Lyla Chandy Doug Nieman	T. Burns E. Kurien D. Mumm D. Nieman J. O'Brien	Mary Pieper	Fr. John Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Mike Kana Claress Pettengill	K. Belk J. Farber E. Martinez N. Martinez N. O'Keefe	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Rod
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Margaret Beth Sanchez Maribeth Hilo	T. Denecke-Dattalo G. Galano A. Richardt A. Stahl S. Tebbetts		Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Dodee Yedinak Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke L. Holland T. Marchioni J. Marino T. Robb		Fr. Christian Dn. Bob







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 17, 2024. Call or email Barbara Kapple, MS @ 847-212-9951

barbara.kapple12@gmail.com

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I Ministry Commission

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING

for new Ministers of Care

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

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

When: Saturdays, April 20 and April 27, 2024

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

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

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

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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 **iyannotta@stedna.org** or



Prayer Shawl Request

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl? Please complete the following information and place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls' weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding pickup/delivery of the shawl.

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The prayer shawl is for:
me another parishioner/friend
Shawl recipient is a: male female

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 60031

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

Training 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Register at: bit.ly/VIMCLectorApr24

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

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



SINGLE SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

- ⇒ Are you age 55+?
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Questions? Please call or email:

Linda Gzehoviak 847.477.1504 I.gzehoviak@gmail.com

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net

You do not need to be a church member to join.



Join us for Adoration with Praise and Worship Music! Sunday, April 28, after the 5pm Mass.







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The lighting in a church is very complicated and requires replacing and installing many components, panels, cables, and new lamps.

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KNIGHTS CORNER

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

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

Vivat Jesus,

Greg Johnson

Grand Knight

Divine Mercy Council #11112



April 2024 Edition

St Paul the Apostle Gurne

MARRIAGE/DATING PANEL & YOUNG ADULT MIXER

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

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Congratulations to Hanna!!

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





As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary.

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER





ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



March 26, 2024

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

Dear Father Ciaston.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

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EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER: PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

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