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IS ETERNAL.

PSALM 138

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Saint Paul
the Apostle

August 27th, 2023

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - SPRED THE WORD!

BY MARY PENICH

Today's gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) tells the story of how Simon became known as Peter. Jesus called his friend by this new name because Simon bravely spoke from his heart regarding his faith in Jesus. Though Simon didn't know what he was getting himself into, he found the courage to step up. Today, I'm sharing my experience of stepping up. Like Peter, my relationship with Jesus changed forever when I said, "Yes!"

I was a sophomore in high school, and I couldn't resist this unexpected opportunity. Staff from the Archdiocese of Chicago had developed SPRED, a special religious education program. They planned to establish a site at a nearby parish. The team needed volunteers to set up for sessions, to serve as gofers during those sessions, and to clean-up afterward. Though the program's name was new to me, its goals were not. I was drawn in by the students whom the program served. I asked myself, "How can I not do this?"



A few weeks later, a classmate and I arrived enthusiastically early for the first meeting. That week, no children were present. Only staff and volunteers gathered to get to know the new environment and one another. Their ability to gather, work, play and pray together was essential to their relationships with the children. How surprised and grateful I was when the team included my classmate and me in all of that working, playing, and praying! I'd never felt as relied upon or needed as I did that day. Two weeks later, we set up and opened the doors and our hearts to the children we'd serve.

Those children resembled some special people with whom I'd grown up! I saw Maureen, Danny, and Marty in their faces. Though they didn't look at all like my old friends, they smiled and laughed and basked in kindness just as my friends had. I watched happily as the adults welcomed their special friends to the session. They began with joyful greetings and farewells to family members who'd dropped off the children. Then, each adult friend and special friend engaged in a calming activity. Sometimes, they poured rice from a pitcher to a bowl. Sometimes, they kneaded clay in their hands. Sometimes, they made something and sometimes they simply concentrated on that soft squishy mass. Whichever of the activities they chose, it allowed both adult and child to calm themselves and to bond in the peaceful environment we'd created. I

can't help smiling as I write! I remember wishing that my high school religion classes were as calming as those SPRED sessions!

After activity time, the adults and children gathered to hear the day's message. The Lead Catechist presented a passage from scripture in language just right for the children. I imagined Jesus speaking to the children that way! Afterward, the Lead Catechist offered a few words regarding what was read. Then, all of those present were invited to share. Usually, the children responded. You see, they'd gotten the message and they simply had to let the rest of us know! Often, the adults responded as well. Even my classmate and I were invited to share our thoughts. Honestly, I was in religion class heaven!

I'm sharing all of this with you because my experience with SPRED remains with me. I continued to set up that environment until I graduated high school. It was then that Sister Nancy and Father Jim encouraged me to become an adult friend! After completing a few hours training, I served as an adult friend throughout college. I was able to stay involved because we helpers had no prepping to do. We simply showed up! I'm also sharing this with the hope that someone reading today will feel drawn to SPRED just as I was...

If you're feeling a gentle nudge of encouragement to volunteer, consider this. When you become a part of SPRED, you gain as much from the sessions as the children do. During those opening minutes when your child-friend engages in that calming activity, you are calmed as well. Anything gnawing at your psyche or your heart drifts off in the peace of those moments shared. When you gather to hear The Word, it is proclaimed just as Jesus shared it with the children in his company. I think Jesus meant to keep his message simple for the rest of us as well. I assure you, like those children, and like me, you'll take those words to heart...



Interested? If so, please contact our SPRED Chairperson, Lyla Chandy at 224-717-0613 or at lylachandy@att.net. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated, and you won't be disappointed with the outcome for the children and for you!

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please visit our website: www.saintpaultheapostle.church*

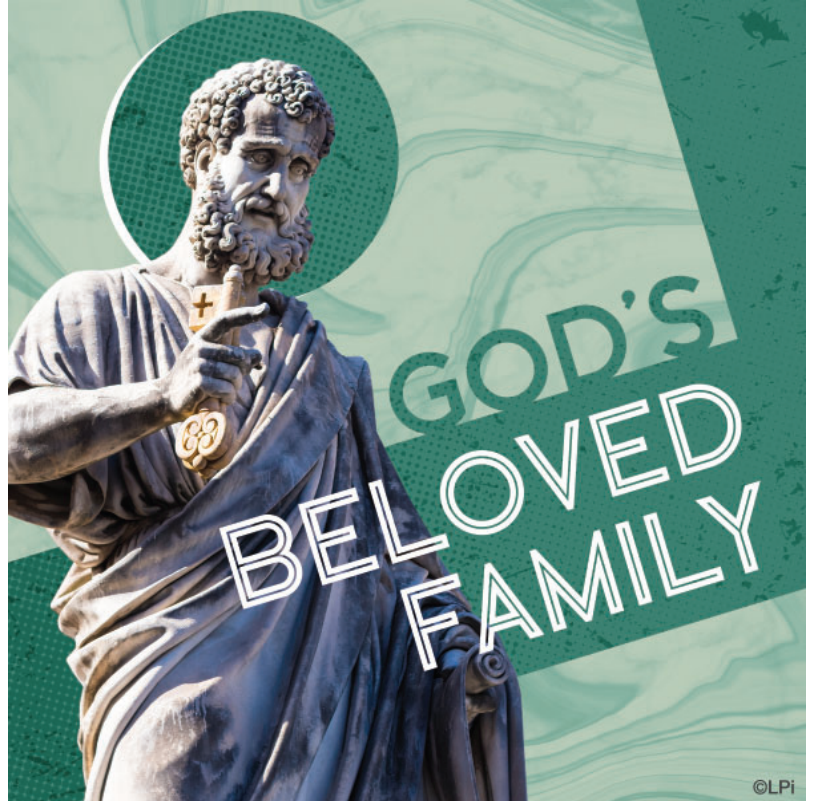
YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir
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MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #671 Here I Am, Lord** by Dan Schutte

At Sunday 5:00PM: **O Praise the Name (Anástasis)** by Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings, and Dean Ussher

Glory to God: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, Your Love Is Eternal** by Casey McKinley

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF RENEWAL** by Curtis Stephan

Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts: **Beautiful Is Your Love** by Josh Blakesley, Sarah Hart, and Marc Byrd

At Sunday 5:00PM: **I Can Only Imagine** by Bart Millard

Mass Setting: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc & **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion: **Who You Say I Am** by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Closing Song: **Gather #593 On Eagle's Wings** by Michael Joncas

At Sunday 5:00PM: **Build My Life** by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Elizabeth Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett

READING I:

ISAIAH 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna,
 master of the palace:
 "I will thrust you from your office
 and pull you down from your station.
 On that day I will summon my servant
 Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;
 I will clothe him with your robe,
 and gird him with your sash,
 and give over to him your authority.
 He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 and to the house of Judah.
 I will place the key of the House of David
 on Eliakim's shoulder;
 when he opens, no one shall shut,
 when he shuts, no one shall open.
 I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
 to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

PSALM 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal;
 do not forsake the work of your hands.

READING 2:

ROMANS 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
 and knowledge of God!
 How inscrutable are his judgments
 and how unsearchable his ways!
*For who has known the mind of the Lord
 or who has been his counselor?
 Or who has given the Lord anything
 that he may be repaid?*
 For from him and through him
 and for him are all things.
 To him be glory forever.
 Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MATTHEW 16:18

Alleluia!

You are Peter
 and upon this rock I will build my Church
 and the gates of the netherworld
 shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL:

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi
 and he asked his disciples,
 "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"
 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist,
 others Elijah,
 still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
 Simon Peter said in reply,
 "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 Jesus said to him in reply,
 "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
 For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you,
 but my heavenly Father.
 And so I say to you, you are Peter,
 and upon this rock I will build my church,
 and the gates of the netherworld
 shall not prevail against it.
 I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.
 Whatever you bind on earth
 shall be bound in heaven;
 and whatever you loose on earth
 shall be loosed in heaven."
 Then he strictly ordered his disciples
 to tell no one that he was the Christ.



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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: Is 22:19-23 | Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8B-10 | Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6A, 9B | Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 | Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 | Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 | Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12AB | Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 | Ps 90:3-5A, 12-13, 14, 17 | Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 | Ps 97:1, 2B, 5-6, 10, 11-12 | Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11 | Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 | Mt 25:14-30

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6A, 9B
The Lord takes delight in his people.

Tuesday: Ps 139:1-3, 4-6
You have searched me and you know me, Lord.

Wednesday: Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
You have searched me and you know me, Lord.

Thursday: Ps 90:3-5A, 12-13, 14, 17
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Friday: Ps 97:1, 2B, 5-6, 10, 11-12
Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

Saturday: Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27TH, 2023

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

Wednesday: Wednesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Thursday: Thursday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Friday: Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Saturday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Daniel Ross | Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | Joe & Betty Falotico

9:30AM: Winston Casis

11:30AM: Marie Bulcavage | Victoria Piela | Fritz W. Auguste, Sr.

5:00PM: Lou Porreca | Our Parish Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

7:30AM: The Souls in Purgatory | Winston Casis | John Bloss

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

7:30AM: Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

7:30AM: Eileen Sutton

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

7:30AM: Our Parish Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

7:30AM: Tim Copeland

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gary Lee Broxton | The Souls in Purgatory | John Carter Bennett | Scott Kohler

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

7:30AM: Daniel Ross | Michael Kinahan | John Miller

9:30AM: Robert Chester BATTERY | The Casis Family | Sally Faye Bennett | Barclay Laux | Glen Maikranz, Jr.

11:30AM: Julia Garcia | Victoria Piela & Family | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo

5:00PM: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

WEEK OF 8/23/2023

Sunday- \$10,471 Online Sunday- \$9,305

Sharing- \$115 Online Sharing- \$229

SVdP- \$1,449 Online SVdP- \$369

MONTH TO DATE - AUGUST

Sunday- \$33,702 Online Sunday- \$35,256

Sharing- \$1,250 Online Sharing- \$1,942

SVdP- \$2,491 Online SVdP- \$1,263

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Al Bruehl
Sharon Felt
Robert Felt
Luz Angela Arboleda
Babette Tilden
Jose Torres
Marife Lacson Bihasa
Denise Perez
Earl Nicholas
Sofia Cosentino
Karen Swazas
Cristina Soriano
Robert Santagata
Ruth Blood
Sheila DeFazio
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Richard Lahey
Ted Stanulis
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Angela Bank
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Joanne Trentadue
Carol Simpson Gill
Sara Kang
Barbara Prendergast
Hilary Anderson
Kirk Steinhaus
Rod Reyes
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
Phil Wilson
Lou Porreca

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.

Fr. Michael G. Scherschel

Eufemio Beltran

Ronald Anthony Benjamin

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

8:00AM BCBP MTG
 9:00AM K OF C CAR SHOW
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:30PM BAPTISM (FLORES)
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BALBUENA)
 1:00PM BAPTISM (MEDRANO)
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BIRCK)
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM (DELOSREYES)
 2:00PM FF PARENT MTG (K-12TH)
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS
 6:00PM LIFETEEN END-OF-SUMMER BONFIRE & COOKOUT

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 7:00PM CRAFT SHOW MTG

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30AM MASS
 1:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT MTG

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:00PM BAPTISM (LOPEZ-GUERREO)
 12:30PM BAPTISM (VENTURA)
 1:30PM 1ST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BELTRAN)
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS

SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Lura Johnson Marion Henderson	P. Balmes J. Bena S. Grzesiak T. Kamps W. Kati	Dawn Wells Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. Chris Dcn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Elsa Kurien Michael Beaudoin	T. Burns L. Holland E. Kurien M. Pieper A. Wodek	Nancy Vincent Mary Pieper	Fr. Chris Dcn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Jeff Rediger Cathy Latza	C. Anderson J. Bautista R. Gbur M. Klemann P. Moriarty		Fr. Joe Dcn. Andy
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Gerald Galano Melissa Fernandes	T. Denecke-Dattalo M. Fernandes C. Marion J. Marion A. Stahl		Fr. Joe
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Dodee Yedinak	G. Albino T. Marchioni G. Murawski M. Murawski C. Murphy		Fr. John Dcn. Ivan

FAITH FORMATION

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2023-2024

K-6
7-8 & HIGH SCHOOL
CONFIRMATION



Registration is now open
on our church website.

For information about our program,
call 847-816-8677

or email ff@saintpaultheapostle.church

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

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. Classes are offered on the first Thursday of every month.

The next class is **September 7th**
at 7pm in the Church.



**PARENTS, DO YOU HAVE A CHILD
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DEVELOPMENT OR SPRED PROGRAM. WE HELP
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FRIENDSHIPS AND THE LOVE OF GOD.**

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PASSION TO SERVE THE MOST VULNERABLE
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

Next SPRED session starts in September.

**CALL TODAY FOR MORE
INFORMATION. CONTACT
LYLA CHANDY, CHAIRPERSON**

224-717-0613 or lylachandy@att.net.



Registration for the LIFETeen program
is now **OPEN** on our parish website.

LIFENights will follow Mass
from 6:00PM to 8:00PM most Sundays.

The first LIFENight will be held on
Sunday, September 10th.



Join us for an end-of-summer
cookout and bonfire
on **Sunday, August 27th,**
after the 5:00PM Mass.
All teens are invited to attend.

CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Share Your Faith and Make a Difference
 Catechists Needed for the 2023-2024 Classes
 Lesson Plans Provided
 Contact Faith Formation Office at
 847-816-8677
 or email Mary Jo Urquhart
 murquhart@saintpaultheapostle.church
 with questions or interest in teaching

We are in need of
Co-Catechists and Substitutes
 for all sessions.

We are also looking for
Teen Helpers
 for all sessions.

It is a great way
 to get service hours!



YAM LAKE COUNTY'S 10th Anniversary Mass & Potluck

5PM VIGIL MASS WITH MOST REVEREND
 GEORGE RASSAS
 FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK DINNER

POTLUCK SIGN UP

PLEASE SIGN UP BY
 SEPT. 10TH USING THE
 FOLLOWING LINK:
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 SCLBDF4R762V56](https://forms.gle/EW-SCLBDF4R762V56)



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SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023

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- 4" x 8" brick = \$200
- 8" x 8" brick = \$400

- 4" x 8" brick + replica = \$260*
- 8" x 8" brick + replica = \$500*

* Two similar engraved bricks will be ordered: one brick for Memorial Garden, and another for you to take home.

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.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

The prayer shawl is for:

___ me ___ another parishioner/friend

Shawl recipient is a:

___ male ___ female



Memorial Service for Aborted Children

On Saturday, September 9th, pro-life Americans throughout the country will gather at the gravesites of aborted babies and other memorial sites dedicated in their honor for the tenth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

When: Saturday, September 9th, 10:00am

Where: Across from Planned Parenthood
1601 North Lewis Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085

More Info: Contact Leslie at 847-951-1064
or hazfam6@comcast.net



On Monday, August 28th, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM, St. Dismas Church (2600 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan, IL) will host a **Life Witness seminar**, co-presented by Ann Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League and Dan Miller of Pro-Life Wisconsin. Ann helped found the Pro-Life Action League with her late husband, Joe Scheidler in 1980 and is a frequent speaker on pro-life activism and sidewalk counseling. Dan Miller of Pro-Life Wisconsin has logged over 6,000 hours sidewalk counseling at abortion facilities since 2010, personally witnessing over 1,000 babies saved, including his godson, Joseph.

You will learn the basics of how to counsel those who are contemplating abortion and how to peacefully and prayerfully win their hearts for life. After this training, we know you can and will save lives.

Sign up at
<https://e.givesmart.com/events/xuQ/>.

Questions?
Contact Leslie at
(847) 951-1064.
Pizza and drinks will be provided.

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 other
Wednesday at 1:00pm.
The next meeting is August 30th.
Call or email Barbara Kapple, MS
@ 847-212-9951
barbara.kappler12@gmail.com

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Upcoming Retreats:

JOLIET Sept 9-11
CHICAGO Nov 17-19




RCIA, or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a journey of faith formation leading adult men and women into a deeper relationship with Christ - preparing them to come into full communion with his Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation. It is for those adults who are seeking to be baptized, as well as those already baptized in another Christian tradition who seek to be Catholic. It is also for those baptized Catholic adults who have not yet received, and desire to receive, the other Sacraments of Initiation: Confirmation and Eucharist.

As baptized Christians, we all share in this mission: to build up God's Kingdom on Earth. We appeal to you to boldly approach each and every person you know who might benefit from joining our RCIA program:

- Tell them what being a practicing Catholic and participating in the Sacraments means to you.
- Invite them to consider exploring RCIA at St Paul.
- Hand them a bulletin or show them our website at www.saintpaultheapostle.church with our contact and registration information.
- Have them call or email our Parish Office, or email Deacon Bob directly at deaconbob@saintpaultheapostle.church to request more information about RCIA and how to register.

Our weekly Sunday morning classes will begin in early October and will run until March 30th, 2024 when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated at the Great Easter Vigil.



JOHN BOSCO YOUTH DAY

2023 Theme: "Revive"

\$10/Person

Registration opens July 24

arisemke.org/johnbosco

Saturday, September 30, 2023

10am–6pm

**Basilica and National Shrine of Mary,
Help of Christians at Holy Hill**

1525 Carmel Rd.

Hubertus, WI 53033

\$10 to attend | Pre-registration required for
6th-12th grade students and their families or youth
leaders. Lunch available for purchase.

This opportunity is eligible for service hours!
Contact Cassie Bertke for information & requirements.

CATHOLIC Q&A

Q: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

A: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

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Venerable Teresa Fardella di Blasi



Despite being forced into marriage at 16, Venerable Teresa Fardella di Blasi still pursued her heart's desire to serve the poor wherever she lived with her husband. Originally from New York, she founded and eventually joined the Poor Daughters of the Crowned Virgin in Italy.

Have you considered a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)?

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. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish - as designated by you.

For more information, please contact **Bob Sekany** at business@saintpaultheapostle.church or contact **Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer**, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org.



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DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Safe Place Hot line: 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



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MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 12:00PM
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7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

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

ADORATION

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MORNINGS
8:00AM

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