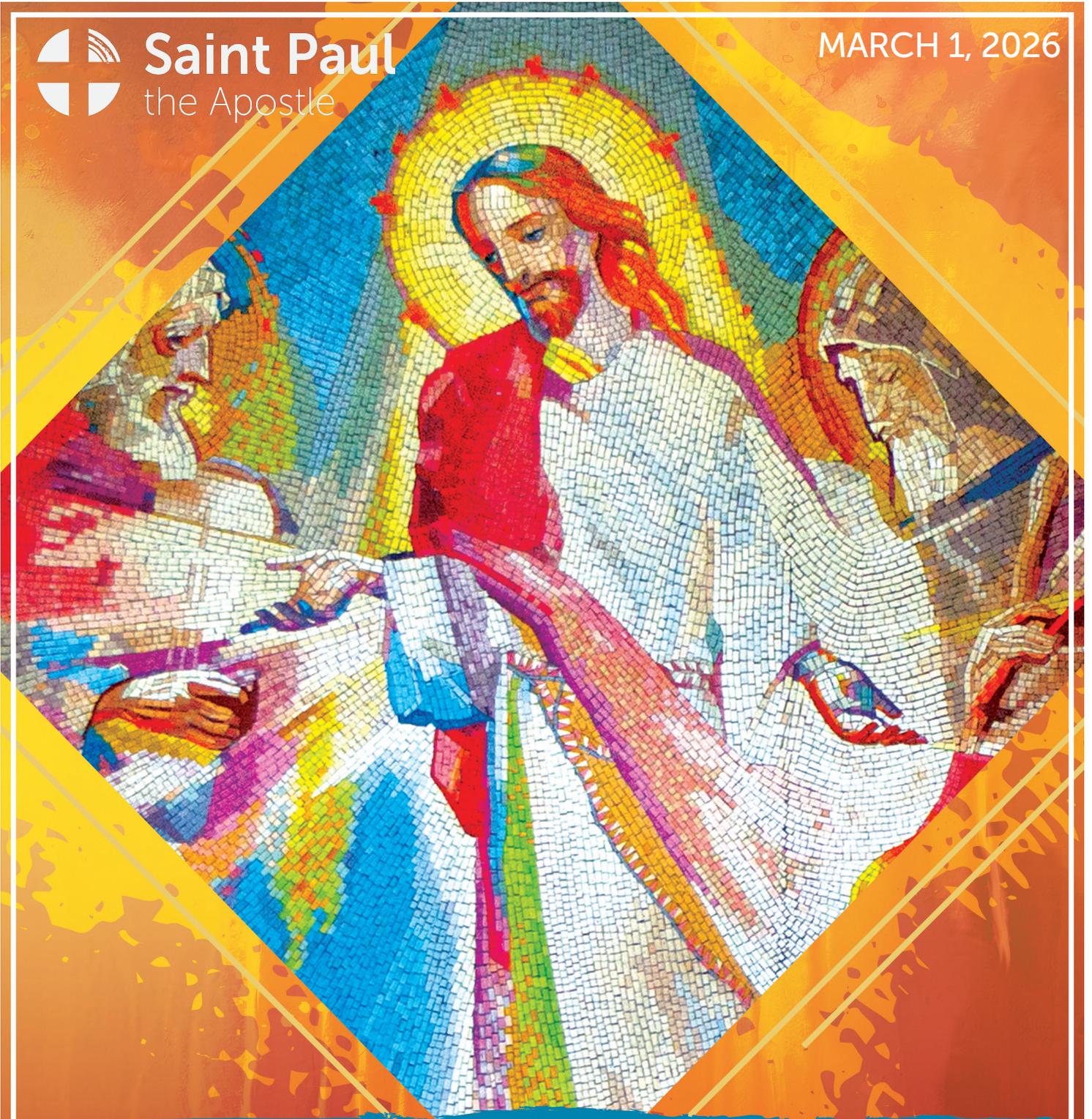




Saint Paul
the Apostle

MARCH 1, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

Dear SPA Family,

During the forty-year crossing of the desert, the Israelites came out of slavery in Egypt, but they constantly resisted Moses and the Lord Himself, and even put God to the test. On the contrary, **Jesus, in the forty-day fast in the desert, radically places his life in the Father's hands.** Three times, Satan tempts Jesus to use his powers: the power to work miracles, the strength of his faith, and the possibility of dominating the world through submission to Satan. Jesus resists the tempter because the Father is at the heart of his being and feeds on his word. Jesus wins because he has so much trust in the Father that there is no question of any mutual sovereignty or freedom at stake. Jesus knows that he is truly fulfilled by serving the Father alone.



Stone breads of existence.

The pain of escalating events, international concerns, the wounds of one's own soul, the constant strains of personal relationships with others... Is it possible to eat such 'stone bread' painfully dosed day after day of life? The same Spirit who led Jesus into the desert also whispers to us in the wilderness: *'What is impossible for people is possible for God!'* **The closeness of God is the only possible answer to all the hungers of human hearts.**

Jesus was hungry...

How many times have we seen around us and within ourselves a desolation so severe that almost everything seemed lost? In moments of such overwhelming depression, overpowering incompetence, and general uncertainty, Jesus offers us his own point of support for us: not satiety, not success, not self-confidence, but trust in Him. **He is, after all, the Food in which are 'all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge' and from which 'we all received' in full.**

Our 'tests' for humanity

The most destructive temptation for us is the desire for competence and power. We struggle to accept that not everything that is possible for us is also beneficial for us. Science is constantly discovering new things. But many of these wonderful discoveries, rather than promoting life, end up harming or destroying it when they become instruments of domination. The discoveries of genetics, for example, when they serve selfishness, ultimately manipulate human persons instead of supporting and healing them. When the awareness of being in control of life leads somebody to be intoxicated with his own possibilities, placing him almost on an equal footing with the Creator, Satan wins, because he has just led people away from their greatest dignity and chance: to be God's children, for whom the Creator Himself takes care and which He Himself wants to feed with His own life.

Let our Lent be like this: entering the Word of God, our shattered thoughts will calm down, and **difficult situations will begin to arrange themselves into 'God's Puzzle'**, created with the wise hand of the Father's love. Staying with Jesus in the desert in these days of Lent will inwardly fertilize the role of our heart, prepare it to become the springtime sowing of new grace, and abound with the bread of new community.

Have a blessed season of Lent,
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

2nd Sunday of Lent

GOSPEL MEDITATION



When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing

symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Spirit & Song #327 Lord, Let Your Face Shine Upon Us** by Tom Booth

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #157 Gracious God** by Jesse Manibusan

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, Let Your Mercy Be on Us** by Scott Soper

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF THE DESERT** by Tom Booth

Preparation Song: **Gather #512 / Spirit & Song #207 Christ, Be Our Light** by Bernadette Farrell

At 11:30am: **Shine, Jesus, Shine** by Graham Kendrick

Eucharistic Acclamations: **THE GLENDALOUGH MASS** by Liam Lawton

Communion Songs: **Spirit & Song #320 In Christ Alone** by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend | **Transfiguration** by Carey Landry

At 11:30am: **Gather #512 / Spirit & Song #207 Christ, Be Our Light** by Bernadette Farrell

At Sunday 5:00pm: **You Are the Light** by Sarah Hart

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #160 Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)** by Brian Doerksen

READING I

GENESIS 12:1-4A

The LORD said to Abram:
“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk
and from your father’s house to a land that I will show
you.

“I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing.
I will bless those who bless you
and curse those who curse you.
All the communities of the earth
shall find blessing in you.”

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in
you.

READING II

2 TIMOTHY 1:8B-10

Beloved:
Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

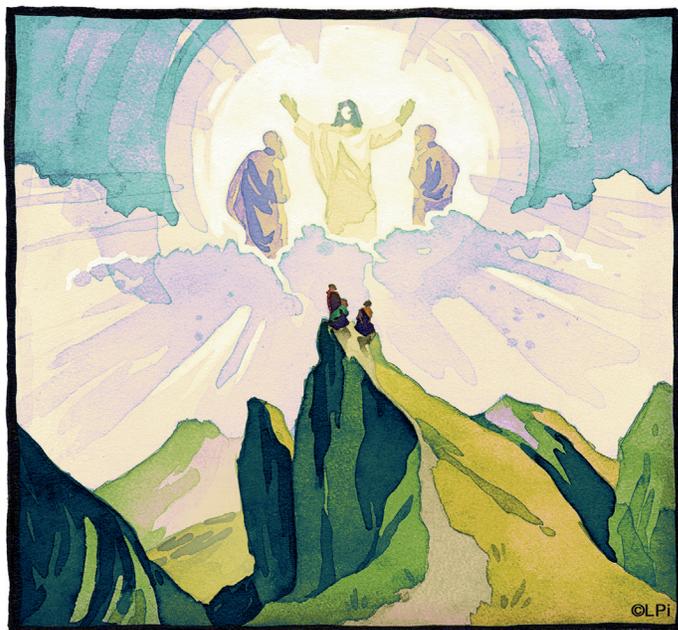
He saved us and called us to a holy life,
not according to our works
but according to his own design
and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before
time began,
but now made manifest
through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus,
who destroyed death and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun
and his clothes became white as light.
And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them,
conversing with him.
Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
“Lord, it is good that we are here.
If you wish, I will make three tents here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
While he was still speaking, behold,
a bright cloud cast a shadow over them,
then from the cloud came a voice that said,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.”
When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate
and were very much afraid.
But Jesus came and touched them, saying,
“Rise, and do not be afraid.”
And when the disciples raised their eyes,
they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain,
Jesus charged them,
“Do not tell the vision to anyone
until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”



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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: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Lord, do not deal with us according to our sins.

Tuesday: Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
To the upright I will show the saving power of God.

Wednesday: Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Save me, O Lord, in your kindness.

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

Friday: Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Remember the marvels the Lord has done.

Saturday: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
The Lord is kind and merciful.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Casimir

Saturday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett | Winston Casis | Mercedes Gozun

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

7:30am: Michael Kinahan | Ben Serrano | Joseph Falotico
9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | De Guzman Family | Alberta Irene Presensky
11:30am: Bob & Harriet Sutton | Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Gaspar Siap Celia J. Auguste | Angelo Yee | Trifina Yee | Kristin Yee | Roza Basan Mariano M. Nazareno | Antony Varghees | Antony Ambrose Diana Yedinak Scola
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

7:30am: Filomena & Doroteo De Guzman

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

7:30am: Arnold Echiverria | Sally Faye Bennett | Scott Kohler

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

7:30am: Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

7:30am: Our Parish Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

7:30am: Bob Sr. & Judy Russell | Rodrigo Arceo | Maria Dominguez | Barry Rader

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Nancy Martin | Alice De Silvia Lawrence Doan Pham | Gerena O. Monis | William Zorzy | John Carter Bennett | Walter & Emily Macrowski

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

7:30am: Ben Serrano
9:30am: Consolacion & Honesto Garibay | Lula Stigers | Angelito Cabral
11:30am: Hector B. Brual, Jr. | Joseph Richardt | Celia J. Auguste
5:00pm: Bob & Harriet Sutton

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday- \$13,372	Online Sunday- \$4,282
Sharing- \$100	Online Sharing- \$258
SVdP- \$620	Online SVdP- \$245
Souper Bowl- \$1,146	

Month to Date - February

Sunday- \$60,934
Online Sunday- \$27,486
Sharing- \$1,518
Online Sharing- \$2,006
SVdP- \$2,241
Online SVdP- \$1,122
Souper Bowl- \$9,057



PRAY FOR THE SICK

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	Daniela Gaborik
Brian Smolicek	Amy Patterson
Roberto Movilla	Melissa Fernandes
Shani Stahnke	Emily Meryer
Abby Swygard	Kathy Hunt
Rod Reyes	Laura Hopkins
Betty Falotico	Bill O'Brien
Keith Kellogg	Katie Travelstead
Lisa Mischke	Shanklin
David Zilligen	Roman Stankiewicz
Eduardo Perez	Charles Brown
Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco	Reginald Dulaca
Rafael Gloria	Melody Cook
Collen Wishall	Jeanne Tan
Silvia Pinedo	Gemma Olaiz
Consuelo Vargas	Giovanni Deligero
Juan Miguel Currea	Holly Wall Freund
Gloria de Cardenas	Maureen Hisel
Helena Sznicer	April Grandgeorge
George Lawrence	Eileen Boyle
Michael Miller	Toni Mengarelli
Cynthia D. Caudell	Dan Garrett
Glafira Bunsen	Rosa LaBellarte
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Sharon Browning
Gino LaBellarte	Donna Kalinoski
	Dan Garrett
	Ruth Blood

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.

*David Vallari
Mike Wagner
Carol Hough*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026

8:30AM BCBP MEETING
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM BAPTISM - VIVES
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM LENTEN HOLY HOUR

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
1:00PM KNIT/PURL/PRAY
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:15PM HANDBELL REHEARSAL
6:30PM SPRED
7:00PM CURIOUS CATHOLIC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

7:30AM MASS
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MEETING
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

7:30AM MASS
7:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
9:00AM LEGAL CLINIC
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

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

MARCH 7/8 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	M. Mohrfeld A. Barrie A. Rusnak G. Johnson OPEN x 2	Mike Biarnesen Maryalice Smith	Drexler Herchenbach Rago Smith Wells	I. Safiejko P. Fening	Fr. Chris Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 7:30AM	B. O'Brien G. Aranas J. Climaco J. Siegel S. Bilas T. Burns	Doug Niemann Sue Lucas	Chandy Janik Nelsen Rafael-Azcueta Wodek	M. Zorc R. Zorc	Fr. Martin Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 9:30AM	P. Mengarelli B. Kibitlewski G. Pratscher K. King T. Mengarelli OPEN	Mike Kana Beth Penfold	Estorque-Deligero Ignacio, Arnold Ignacio, R Martinez, E Martinez, N	C. Fossier J. Fossier	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano C. Karl P. Watson R. Cuasay R. Terrazas OPEN	Jerry Donahue Anna Richardt	Auguste Colcol Parreno Ramirez Richardt	D. Moseley B. Moreno	Fr. John
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni J. Plamoottil K. Deniz OPEN x 3	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector 1	Crow Holland Marino Robb Roberts	Teens	Fr. Joe



CURIOUS CATHOLIC PRESENTS

Deacon Mark Plaiss



3.3.26 @ 7:00pm

Scripture: Passion of Christ

All adults are invited to Curious Catholic this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Our speaker will be Deacon Mark Plaiss who will speak about the Passion of Christ Scripture. Wine and snacks will be served.

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.

The next meeting is
March 4th, 2026 at 3pm.

Sandy Gbur, Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@spa.church | 708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

The **Baptism Preparation Ministry** prepares parents for their children's baptisms 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 before their child's baptism.

**THE NEXT CLASS IS
MARCH 5, 2026, AT 7 PM
IN THE CHURCH.**

KNIT, PURL, Pray



Our prayer shawl ministry "Knit Purl Pray" creates shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need within our parish community and its outreach.

Meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday (1-3 pm) and 3rd Tuesday (7-8:30 pm).

The next meeting is on
Tuesday, March 3rd at 1pm
in the upper gathering space.

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



Administer Justice

Legal Clinic at SPA

March 7th 9-12pm Lower Level

register:

<https://www.saintpaultheapostle.church/legalaidclinic>

OPERATION RICE BOWL 2026



Once again, our parish family is uniting to combat hunger in this world of ours. Our religious education students are leading this effort by doing their best to fill Rice Bowls this Lent. They'll do extra chores, share their allowances, and anything else they can think of to lead us in this year's campaign. If you'd like to help, please pick up a Rice Bowl in the gathering space or use any container at home to store the loose change (and cash, of course!) that you can spare to feed the hungry. You can also give online on the parish website. Our parish family never misses an opportunity to help others. This Lent, conditions in this world and here at home indicate that our help is more crucial than ever. Thank you for all we know that you'll do to help!



π day is coming!
 Let's have some fun and make, sell and buy some pie. Bakers are needed to make pies for the weekend of 3/14. They will be sold in the gathering space before and after the Saturday and Sunday masses.

All proceeds will go to the religious education program for our teens.

To let us know what pie you will be sharing or for more information, email:

Julie:
Jherchenbach@libertyville.com

Sue:
Susantebbetts@gmail.com

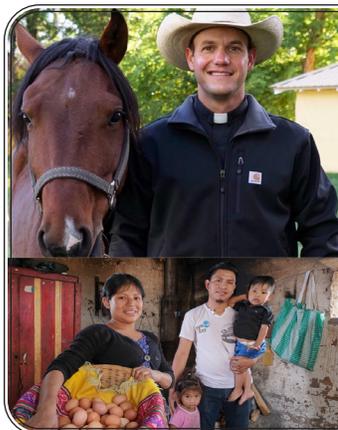


JOIN US FOR THE...
Senior Luncheon

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**WEDNESDAY,
 MARCH 18TH**
 11AM-1PM

Bingo After Lunch
 No Reservations Taken After March 15th
 Appreciate and Accepting
 Free-Will Donations
 RSVP with Name and
 Phone Number to
Murquhart@spa.church
 or call 847-816-8677

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 for priests in
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We are seeking Projectionists to run the projections at all Masses. You don't need to have any advanced technological education or knowledge of computers or software. We have scripts for each Mass and need people who can click on images so they can appear on the walls during the services.

Email - jjester@spa.church

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB
 55+ Active Singles - A new way to meet friends or partners!



MAR 21 | 7:30 PM

Impact Fuel Room and TCM Events present **The Very Big Show: A Night of Comedy and Magic** with Wes Barker and Simon King.

Tickets: \$38 pp

**Saturday, March 21st at Austin's Impact Fuel Room,
 481 Peterson Rd, Libertyville
 Doors open at 7:00 pm, Show at 7:30 pm**

**Register by 3/4 @ saintpaultheapostle.church;
 Select Single Senior Social Club; The Very Big Show**

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

DINE FOR A CAUSE

PRIMO FATMANS LAKEHOUSE Lolo's

Visit any of our locations during Lent and 10% of your food bill will be donated to Knights of Columbus - Divine Mercy Council 11112 charities

All-You-Can-Eat Fish Fry Every Friday Night at Fatmans & LakeHouse Restaurant

Make a reservation www.khayatenterprises.com

Valid during Lent. Must present this ad at the time of ordering.



Knights Corner



Divine Mercy Council will collaborate with the Khayat family of restaurants again this Lent to benefit our Knights' charities. You must present this flyer (image left) to any Khayat restaurant on any day during Lent, and 10% of your food bill will be donated to our charities. Additionally, the following restaurants are participating: Limoncello and Twyla's Lounge in Gurnee.

St Paul's will host a Fish Fry, community dinner on Friday, March 27 th. 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. You will need to purchase your pre-sale dinner tickets on weekends beginning March 7 th, or through the parish website. You can also use the QR Code below. There will be a limited number of tickets available on the day of the Fish Fry. Dinner is \$15, and will include fish filets, French fries, Cole slaw, beverage, and dessert.



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2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail:
835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:
annualcatholicappeal.com

Simbang Gabi Ministry Donation

Our Simbang Gabi Ministry presented a \$4,000 donation to one of our Simbang Gabi 2026 charity recipients, represented by Sr. Cres Lopez. She joined us at our December 23, 2025 Simbang Gabi celebration and received the donation on Monday, February 2, 2026 on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of the Evangelization in the Philippines. Thank you, parish family, for the support that allows us to extend Christ's love and hope to those most in need.





Circle of Women

We, the Circle of Women, are women rooted in faith, called to share our faith with others.

The group meets monthly on Saturday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul's lower level.

The next meeting is on March 14th.

Each month is a different topic, each session is separate, so consistent attendance is not required. Come as you are, share with us, or listen if that is what you need. Our cornerstones come from the word saint: safe, accepting, inclusive, nurturing, and trusting.

Our space is sacred, and what we share at Circle of Women stays at Circle of Women. All women are welcome- bring your friends!



SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit **our website** or scan the code below.

There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass. You can obtain a paper copy in the Gathering Space.

The survey is available from **Ash Wednesday, February 18 to March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow.

All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will receive the results this spring/summer, at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.



Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

Thank you for helping our parish!

Join Us for Bible Study

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Bible Study will begin March 25 at the Parish House. We will be doing a 9-week overview of the Wisdom Books: Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, and the Book of Wisdom, and applying it to practical areas of our life like relationships, speech, finances, aging, making decisions, and finding God's will. The lectures by Jeff Cavins are excellent, and there is a workbook/journal for \$25 payable at class. The 2 classes at 9:30 AM and 6:30 PM are the same material; please specify which class when you sign up on the Church website. Questions and sign-up can also be sent to Barbara Wagner (847) 767 - 1202 or barbarawagner25@earthlink.net. All are welcome even if you are new to the Bible!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA — JUST FOR FUN!

Question:
What language is it generally believed the text of the New Testament was originally written in?

Answer:
Koine Greek (also known as Hellenistic Greek).

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A Message from Father Chris

We live in a world filled with abundance of opportunities, possessions, and comforts that surround us daily. And yet, Jesus reminds us that true wealth is not measured by what we have, but by how we use what we've been given. The Gospel calls us to see beyond ourselves, to recognize the sacred value of every person, and to respond with generosity and love.

Our parish was founded over 30 years ago on this very spirit of welcome and hospitality. From humble beginnings in a school gym to the vibrant community we are today, St. Paul the Apostle has always been a place where people are invited to come just as they are and to be seen, known, and loved.

Now, we are being called to take another step forward in faith.

Together with parish leaders and members of our community, we have discerned a vision for our future, a vision rooted in beauty, accessibility, and connection. Through the *Ignite the Future: For Us, For Them, For Him* Campaign we aim to raise over \$3,000,000, we hope to renew our sacred spaces and strengthen our ministries. This is not simply about renovation; it is about creating a parish home that reflects the dignity of every person and the presence of Christ among us. Our campaign will focus on:

- ❖ **Beautifying Our Sanctuary**, so that all who enter are drawn into reverent worship and prayer,
- ❖ **Transforming Our West Entrance**, ensuring accessibility for all,
- ❖ **Expanding Our Upper Gathering Space**, to host celebrations, outreach, and fellowship, and,
- ❖ **Centralizing Parish Administration**, to better serve our growing community and free up space for ministry.

We are not only building for today, we are building for tomorrow. This is our moment to leave something lasting for the next generation. Just as others built this parish for us, we now have the privilege and responsibility to ensure that St. Paul the Apostle continues to be a place of welcome, worship, and witness for decades to come. A place where our children and grandchildren will encounter Christ, grow in faith, and find community.

I invite you to pray with me for the success of this effort. May we be generous not just with our resources, but with our hearts. May we see this campaign not as a burden, but as a sacred invitation to build something lasting, something beautiful, something that honors the value of every human person.

With gratitude and hope,

Fr. Chris Ciaston
Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle





Do something bold and exciting this Lent!

From Wednesday, February 18th - Sunday, March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Waukegan Planned Parenthood, [1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan, IL](#), from 7 am to 7 pm daily, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Planned Parenthood's own records indicate a 70% no show rate for appointments when people are praying in front of the abortion center. Your prayer in the public right of way and fasting matter. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Leslie at (847) 951-1064 or www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan.



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