



## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle

**September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - WHO'S COUNTING?

BY MARY PENICH

While searching my favorite bookstore for a new release, I noticed shelves of children's books in the distance. I located the volume I intended to buy and then headed toward the children's offerings. I found several recent releases and many old favorites. I smiled as each one piqued my interest. After all, that's what a book is meant to do! Years ago, I relied on similar books to urge my students to read. I made an art of enticing reluctant readers to read as many books as possible. After all, the best way to improve one's reading skills is to read!



I spent the bulk of my teaching career with children who were convinced that they were failures when it came to reading. For unknown reasons, they didn't naturally do what good readers do when they read. As a result, I made it my job to discover these students' strengths and to build upon them. I found books they'd enjoy, and I modeled good reading. I also praised their efforts. In the end, they became strategic readers who felt confident whenever they picked up a book.

My students' success was important to all their schoolwork. If you've spent time with children in any capacity, you know that they sort themselves out fairly quickly. In school, whether we call the best readers "Eagles" or "Bluebirds," everyone knows who they are. Whether we call the least capable readers "Buzzards" or "Cardinals," everyone knows who they are as well. The best math students gravitate toward one another. The best athletes reign on the playground. Most high schoolers know who will make varsity in every sport, who will run student council and who will be elected prom king and queen. We adults manage to sort and to rank ourselves as well. Though the categories may differ, the effects are perhaps more devastating. Some of us adults never discover our true value. Today's gospel (Matthew 20:1-16), encourages you and me to change that.

Matthew shares another of Jesus' parables about the kingdom of heaven. This time, Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to a landowner's vineyard. That landowner went out one morning to find laborers. When he located a group, they agreed to the standard wage and went off to work. An hour later, the man hired another group whom he promised to pay as well. He hired even more workers at noon, at three o'clock,

and still more at five o'clock. When the workday ended at six o'clock, the landowner told his foreman to pay the laborers and to begin with those hired last. The foreman paid each one the standard day's wage. When those at the end of the line saw this, they assumed they'd receive a bonus for the ten hours they'd worked. However, much to their dismay, they received only the standard day's wage.

When those workers grumbled, the landowner spoke up. "I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner scolded the laborers who resented his generosity because he knew that those who worked only six or three or one hour also had families to feed and debts to pay. The landowner wasn't unjustly rewarding anyone. He simply gave each one what was needed to survive.



I admit to being relieved by that landowner's choice to ignore the numbers when it came to providing for his workers. I wonder if my students were relieved when I concentrated on the quality of their reading rather than the difficulty of the book they were reading. I'm even more relieved by Jesus' insistence that this is the way God provides for us. There are days when I feel that my mistakes far outweigh any good I may have accomplished. On those days, I don't want anything counted!

You know, when I worked with my reading students, I kept a list of all the books each one read. At the end of their time with me, the children never failed to be amazed by how much their lists had grown. Today, Jesus' parable assures us that, as minimal as our good deeds may seem to us, God sees every one of them. In God's eyes, every act of generosity and love adds goodness to the mix for each one of us, both here and in the hereafter. Now this is something we can all count on!



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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

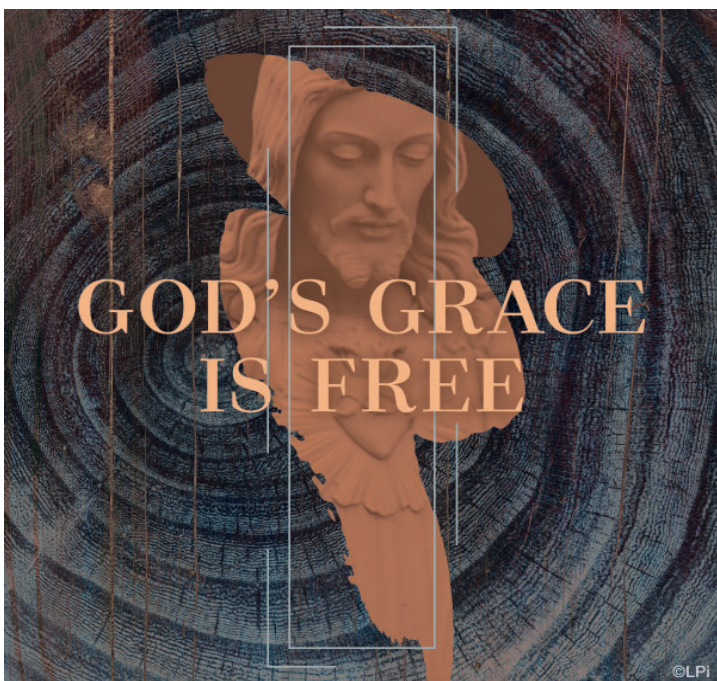
Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: “That’s not fair! Why’d she get the jewelry, too?!”

Let’s face it: there’s something about God’s grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others’ blessings and cry out: “That’s not fair!” Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God’s grace which

is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we’re good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the “not fair” quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, “Are you envious because I am generous?” Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don’t deserve it — namely, upon us.

— *Father John Muir*  
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## MASS HYMNS

*Opening Song:* **Spirit & Song #335 Open the Eyes of My Heart** by Paul Baloche  
*At Sunday 5:00PM:* **Alive Again** by Matt Maher and Jason Ingram

*Glory to God:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Responsorial Psalm:* **Spirit & Song #100 The Lord Is Near** by Tom Booth

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

*Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts:* **Spirit & Song #278 Christ in Me, Arise** by Trevor Thomson  
*At Sunday 5:00PM:* **Spirit & Song #337 Open My Eyes** by Jesse Manibusan

*Mass Setting:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Communion:* **A Place at Your Table** by Ben Walther  
*At Sunday 5:00PM:* **Come to the Banquet** by Josh Blakesley and Tom Booth

*Closing Song:* **Spirit & Song #306 How Great Is Our God** by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash  
*At Sunday 5:00PM:* **This Is Amazing Grace** by Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, and Phil Wickham

## READING I

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call him.  
The Lord is near to all who call in truth.

## READING 2

PHILIPPIANS 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ will be magnified in my body,  
whether by life or by death.  
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.  
If I go on living in the flesh,  
that means fruitful labor for me.  
And I do not know which I shall choose.  
I am caught between the two.  
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,  
for that is far better.  
Yet that I remain in the flesh  
is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way  
worthy of the gospel of Christ.



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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

JOHN 13:34

Alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn  
to hire laborers for his vineyard.  
After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage,  
he sent them into his vineyard.  
Going out about nine o'clock,  
the landowner saw others  
standing idle in the marketplace,  
and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard,  
and I will give you what is just.'  
So they went off.  
And he went out again around noon,  
and around three o'clock, and did likewise.  
Going out about five o'clock,  
the landowner found others standing around,  
and said to them,  
'Why do you stand here idle all day?'  
They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'  
He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'  
When it was evening  
the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman,  
'Summon the laborers and give them their pay,  
beginning with the last and ending with the first.'  
When those who had started about five o'clock came,  
each received the usual daily wage.  
So when the first came,  
they thought that they would receive more,  
but each of them also got the usual wage.  
And on receiving it  
they grumbled against the landowner, saying,  
'These last ones worked only one hour,  
and you have made them equal to us,  
who bore the day's burden and the heat.'  
He said to one of them in reply,  
'My friend, I am not cheating you.  
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?  
Take what is yours and go.  
What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?  
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?  
Are you envious because I am generous?'  
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



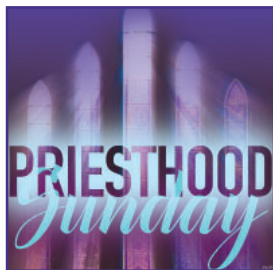
## GLORIA

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 55:6-9 | Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 | Phil 1:20C-24, 27A | Mt 20:1-16A

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 | Ps 126:1B-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6 | Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20 | Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 | Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 | Tobit 13:2, 3-4A, 4BEFGHN, 7-8 | Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 | Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A, 9B | Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 *or* Rv 12:7-12AB | Ps 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5 | Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15A | Jer 31:10, 11-12AB, 13 | Lk 9:43B-45

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday:** Ps 126:1B-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6  
The Lord has done marvels for us.

**Tuesday:** Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5  
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**Wednesday:** Tobit 13:2, 3-4A, 4BEFGHN, 7-8  
Blessed be God, who lives for ever.

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

**Friday:** Ps 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 4-5  
In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

**Saturday:** Jer 31:10, 11-12AB, 13  
The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

**Sunday:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Monday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:** Tuesday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

**Wednesday:** Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

**Thursday:** Thursday of the 25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

**Friday:** Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, and Saint Raphael, Archangels

**Saturday:** Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Hilo | Demetria Cabuay | Floyd Rapanan | John Carter Bennett | Gregorio Diokno, Jr.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | The Janik Family | The Casis Family | The Azcueta Family | The Cadiena Family  
9:30AM: The Schwartz Family | Nancy Jo Vaseloff  
11:30AM: Joseph & Yolanda Leahy | Juanita Hubly | Sr. Josanne Huber  
5:00PM: Our Parish Family

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

9:00AM: Daniel Ross | Aurelio Sagayaga

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

7:30AM: Theo Zermeno | Florence Ducat

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

7:30AM: William E. Hubly | Eileen Sutton

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

7:30AM: Daniel Ross | Winston Casis

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

7:30AM: Maribel Hilo Nash | Anselmo Cabuay | Areanah Preston

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

5:00PM: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Areanah Preston | John Carter Bennett | Florence Ducat

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

7:30AM: Daniel Ross | Teresa Rybka | The Azcueta Family  
9:30AM: Robert Chester Buttery | Susan Knudson | Doralinda Alfaro | Darrel Alfaro  
11:30AM: Therese Waldorf | Michael J. Bena  
5:00PM: Our Parish Family

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

### WEEK OF 9/20/2023

Sunday- \$8,294	Online Sunday- \$7,692
Sharing- \$0	Online Sharing- \$66
SVdP- \$1,058	Online SVdP- \$431

### MONTH TO DATE - SEPTEMBER

Sunday- \$31,990	Online Sunday- \$28,134
Sharing- \$390	Online Sharing- \$1,421
SVdP- \$1,946	Online SVdP- \$1,258

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Al Bruehl	Ted Jameson
Sharon Felt	Tom Ohlwein
Robert Felt	Betty Falotico
Luz Angela Arboleda	Michael Bockstahler
Babette Tilden	Edward Machak
Jose Torres	Bryon Patterson
Marife Lacson Bihasa	Inesa Bekeris
Denise Perez	Cortney Kinahan
Earl Nicholas	Alice DeSilvia
Sofia Cosentino	Bernadette Gaffney
Karen Swazas	Stephanie Rappe
Cristina Soriano	Angie Toon
Robert Santagata	Jeff Klemann
Ruth Blood	Jeanine Hudson
Sheila DeFazio	Shannon Fleece
Peyton Newman	Jacob Alderman
Richard Lahey	Enrique Figueroa
Ted Stanulis	Ross Gube
Angela Bank	Jason Govednik
Orietta Giannetti	Rosa LaBellarte
Mary Johnson	Russ Lawson
Joanne Trentadue	Roberta Becker
Carol Simpson Gill	Emily Meyer
Sara Kang	Robert Bloom
Barbara Prendergast	Betsy Hastings
Hilary Anderson	Monica Parreno
Kirk Steinhaus	Phil Wilson
Rod Reyes	Lou Porreca
Kimberly Liwanag	Rev. John M. Ryan
Brian Reynolds, Jr.	Donna Lee Kalinoski
Dianne Scirri	Marion Henderson
Grace Zablocki	Dawn Tsarpalas

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.*

*Isabel Carreira*

*William J. Lichon, Sr.*

*Violeta Querubin*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

8:00AM BCBP MTG  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 12:30PM BAPTISM (SADOWSKI)  
 1:00PM BAPTISM (CLOVER)  
 5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:30AM MASS  
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
 9:00AM RCIA  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS  
 1:00PM BAPTISM (BERROYA)  
 1:30PM BAPTISM (NAPIRKOWSKI)  
 3:30PM CF | 7 & 8  
 3:45PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM CF | HS  
 5:00PM MASS  
 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

7:30AM MASS

10:00AM *THE CHOSEN* - SEASON 3

12:00PM STAFF MTG

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 6:30PM SPRED ADULTS  
 7:00PM PARISH LIFE COMMISSION  
 MTG

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

7:30AM MASS  
 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT MTG  
 7:00PM LIFE TEEN CORE MTG  
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 6:30PM *THE CHOSEN* - SEASON 3

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

7:30AM MASS

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

9:00AM MORNING OF REFLECTION  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 12:30PM BAPTISM (ESCOBAR)  
 1:00PM BAPTISM (FEDERICO)  
 1:30PM BAPTISM (GARCIA)  
 5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

7:30AM MASS  
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6  
 9:00AM RCIA  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS  
 1:00PM BLESSING OF ANIMALS  
 3:30PM CF | 7 & 8  
 3:45PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM CF | HS  
 5:00PM MASS  
 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

## SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> & OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Mike Biarnesen Lura Johnson	K. Gorajski J. Hauck K. Lowe T. Lowe D. Wells	Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. Chris Dcn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Michael Beaudoin Elsa Kurien	L. Holland K. Overcash S. Piotrowski JJ Plamoottil A. Wodek	Nancy Vincent Mary Pieper	Fr. Chris Dcn. Bob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Nancy Tayborn Matt Schwarz	Aeron Ignacio R. Ignacio C. Nielsen N. O'Keefe J. Rediger		Fr. Joe Dcn. Ivan
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Danny Castro Gerald Galano	T. Denecke-Dattalo N. Mozny T. Mozny J. Schoenherr A. Stahl		Fr. Joe Dcn. Mike
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Bruce Marchioni	C. Bertke M. Gaytan C. Karl J. Marino A. Wattelet		Fr. John Dcn. Brent



All are invited to  
**A Morning of  
Reflection & Renewal**

led by

**Fr. John Guthrie**

Director of Worship

Formation Advisor

University of Saint Mary of the Lake

**Saturday, September 30th**

**9:00am-11:00am**



## BLESSING OF ANIMALS

In celebration of the  
Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi,  
Deacon Mike will bless  
pets and animals of every kind on  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST,**  
**AT 1:00 P.M.**

on the west side of the church.  
Please join us as we continue  
this heartwarming tradition.



## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

ORIENTATION &  
1ST REHEARSAL

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

**5:00PM - 6:00PM**

Register today on our website  
or fill out a registration form  
on the desk in the  
Gathering Space.



## 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 October 4th.

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

[barbara.kapple12@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.kapple12@gmail.com)

All is confidential; facilitated by a  
professional counselor



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# QUIGLEY DAYS

September 30, 2023

**10 a.m.** Mass and Adoration, Lunch  
St. James, Arlington Heights

**Noon** Paintball Explosion, East Dundee

Transportation available.

For details and to register:

**forms.office.com/r/eG1ZVY2p8Q** or scan code.



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## Vicariate I Ministry Commission

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING  
for new Ministers of Care



Minister of Care to the sick is a pastoral ministry of caring for those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or confined to private homes.

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

Saturdays, September 30 and October 7, 2023

Sign-in: 8:45 – 9 a.m.

Session: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

St. Edna Catholic Church  
Fr. James Doherty Center  
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004



Contact Maryalice Smith, the Ministry of Care Coordinator at Saint Paul the Apostle, at 847-918-1240 prior to registering for this workshop.



## KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. Divine Mercy Council #11112 will be holding a membership drive after all Masses the weekend of October 7-8th. When you become a member of our council you will find that a Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Please scan the QR code above or contact a council member to learn more about our council.

Some of you have family members who have gone to college this fall or previously. Did you know the Illinois Knights of Columbus have supported Newman Centers at college and universities in Illinois for over 100 years. Newman Centers provide a Catholic faith-based environment while college students are away from their home parish. Join our council in supporting Newman Center here: [https://4agc.com/fundraiser\\_pages/503ef9b7-448c-457e-aeff-e6a711aeebed](https://4agc.com/fundraiser_pages/503ef9b7-448c-457e-aeff-e6a711aeebed).

*Vivat Jesus,  
Greg Johnson  
Grand Knight*

## Ninth Annual Quilt Raffle

*in memory of Joe Falotico  
who helped Santa Claus for 60+ years.*

Diane Kennedy will be here **September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** before and after Masses to give you the opportunity to buy raffle tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. All proceeds will be donated to Celebration of Giving.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.



## IT'S TIME TO REGISTER! CLASSES BEGINNING SOON!

Are you, or someone you know, interested in

- becoming Catholic?
- receiving any or all of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?
- refreshing your knowledge and understanding of the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church?

Are you a fully participating cradle-Catholic who might want to serve as a witness and mentor to others who are on their journey of faith?

**Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for YOU!**

Please register for St. Paul the Apostle RCIA program at [www.saintpaultheapostle.church](http://www.saintpaultheapostle.church).

Weekly classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:00AM - 11:00AM beginning in early October and will run until March 30, 2024 when the sacraments will be received at the Great Easter Vigil.

Contact Deacon Bob Birck with any questions at [deaconbob@saintpaultheapostle.church](mailto:deaconbob@saintpaultheapostle.church).





40 DAYS FOR LIFE aims to end abortion through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil across from the Waukegan Planned Parenthood center.

The Fall 2023 40 Days campaign runs every day from September 27th to November 5th, 6:00am-6:00pm.

Sign up for a vigil hour with your fellow prayer volunteers! Visit [40daysforlife.com/Waukegan](http://40daysforlife.com/Waukegan) or contact Leslie at [hazfam6@comcast.net](mailto:hazfam6@comcast.net).

# SENIOR LUNCHEONS

## SAVE THESE DATES!

**OCT FALL LUNCHEON**  
**18** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**DEC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**  
**13** 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

**MAR SPRING LUNCHEON**  
**13** 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WATCH THE BULLETIN / WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS.

## 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:

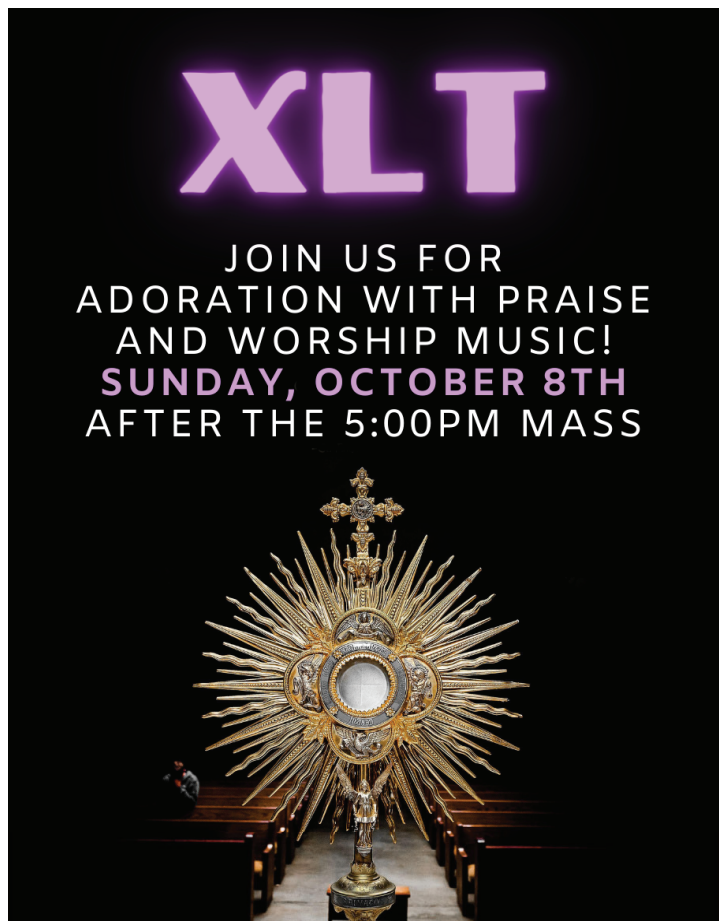
me  another parishioner/friend

Shawl recipient is a:

male  female

# XLT

JOIN US FOR  
ADORATION WITH PRAISE  
AND WORSHIP MUSIC!  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH  
AFTER THE 5:00PM MASS



## BRICK ORDER FORM

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

up to **18 characters per line** (spaces and punctuation are considered characters).  
**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**


**4" X 8" brick (up to 3 lines) ----- 8" X 8" brick (up to 6 lines)**



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.



Candlelight Rosary Walk

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:00 PM

Gather outside the St. Titus Brandsma, O.Carm. Chapel

Join the first-ever Carmel Catholic High School Candlelight Rosary Walk as we pray the rosary on the school's new, walkable prayer path. Easy-to-follow guides to help with the prayers of the rosary, along with extra rosaries, will be provided. There will also be an opportunity to include special intentions. All are welcome.



## STAFF BIO - CASSIE BERTKE



My name is Cassie Bertke and I am the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade thru High School Confirmation Coordinator, the Communion Minister Coordinator, and the wife of Deacon Brent! Brent and I have been married for 46 years (come this October) and we have 3 wonderful children and 6 beautiful grandchildren. We became part of the St. Paul family, joining the parish in 1996. Two of our children were confirmed here, two were married here, and all 6 grandchildren were baptized here. Over the years, Brent and I have been involved in bible studies, Pastoral Council, LifeTeen, volunteer catechists, and LifeTeen core members. We have been blessed with friendships to last a lifetime, grounded in a shared faith. I spent 25 years in the travel business then 18 years with Habitat for Humanity. Retiring from Habitat gave me a little time to ponder... what's next? And then Fr. Chris called which started another extremely rewarding journey! St. Paul's is more than just our church, it is our home.

## 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](mailto:business@saintpaultheapostle.church) or contact **Marguerite Q. Zappa**, **Planned Giving Officer**, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or [mzappa@archchicago.org](mailto:mzappa@archchicago.org).



### 847-347-0832

EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE, FISCAL SUPPORT, HELP 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



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MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY  
HOURS: 8:30AM - 5:00PM  
FRIDAY HOURS: 8:30AM - 12:00PM  
**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**

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