



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle  
AUGUST 3, 2025

## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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“Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God.” - Lk 12:21



## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - WHAT DO WE TREASURE?

BY MARY PENICH

One month ago, we celebrated our eldest grandchild's 18th birthday. A few weeks later, we celebrated our youngest grandchild's 7th birthday. These gatherings eased me into gratitude-mode. The other day, when stormy weather urged me indoors, I decided to relax by enjoying the things for which I'm most grateful. As you might suspect, my family tops that list. Since my dear husband was otherwise engaged (The poor guy was working out!), and our kids and grandkids were busy with their own schedules, I settled in with the next best thing: our family photo albums. Though I have hundreds of photos stored on my phone, they can't compete with the treasures that fill those albums.

I began my trek down Memory Lane with Mike's and my first album together. It features engagement and bridal shower photos. Our sons' baby albums caught my eye next. After moving on to their school age photos, I turned to the newer albums that are filled with our grandchildren's photos. I admit that I shed tears off and on throughout the two hours I spent enjoying those photos. I was amazed at how often I couldn't tell the difference between our sons' photos, while each of our grandchildren has a unique look. More amazing were my recollections of holding our sons and then each of their offspring as they slept.

For me, there is nothing more precious and peaceful than holding a sleeping baby. Every time I held my sons and each of my grandchildren, I instinctively swayed back and forth, back and forth as they breathed peacefully in my arms. My movement was in sync with their every exhalation. Even today, I absent-mindedly sway whenever I stand - a remnant from those loving encounters.

When I finally set those albums aside, it occurred to me that I'd found such joy in holding those little ones because it was then that my love for them seemed most tangible. For the moments they rested in my arms, I could ensure that all was well in their little worlds. When I began preparing for this writing, I did so in gratitude-mode. You see, my reasons for giving thanks have grown exponentially. In the midst of that thought, another image of a babe in arms has caught my eye. It's a small paper sculpture displayed on my wall that I've had for two decades. This image suggests our being held in God's hands. This artwork is as precious to me as those family albums because I consider each one of us to be that baby. I can't say or write this often enough!

God's loving hands embrace every one of us. Just as I couldn't help being absorbed by the rhythm of my grandbabies' breathing, God's love draws us closer and closer. From that loving stant, God remains in sync with each one of us day after day. This is the reason Jesus persisted in revealing God's love for us in everything he said and did. Jesus knew and knows firsthand just how completely God loves each one of us. Jesus simply had to spread the news!

God is love

In today's gospel (Luke 12:13-21), Luke shares another of Jesus' parables. This time, Jesus speaks in detail about the efforts of a wealthy farmer. While that farmer demonstrated his capacity to work very hard, he didn't seem to know very much about loving his fellow humans. Jesus told his friends, "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, 'Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

That poor rich man didn't understand that he was what mattered to God. Though he had likely worked very hard to accumulate his wealth, that farmer seems not to have attended to other, more important matters. Had he taken the time to care for those God had given him to love? Had he taken the time to talk to God? Though I don't believe God expects us to remain on bent knees twenty-four seven, I do think God enjoys being with us as we share our good news and our worries. Though we always rest in God's embrace, taking the time to be in sync with God makes the very best of those precious moments. Trust this grandma; I know!

It occurs to me that I'm not the only one who has albums full of photos of the people I love. Though God may not display hardcopies of you and me on a heavenly coffee table, rest assured that our images are always on God's mind and etched into God's heart. All God asks in return is that we tend to the things that matter most. We can begin by caring for one another. Why? Because we're happiest when we do this, and nothing is more pleasing to God than seeing us happy. As I wrote earlier, trust this grandma; I know!

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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### GOSPEL MEDITATION



Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would

having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #742 Gather Your People** by Bob Hurd

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #353 Sweet Redeemer** by Steve Angrisano and Sarah Hart

Gloria: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc

At Sunday 5:00pm: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: **If Today You Hear His Voice** by Ben Walther

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #81 If Today You Hear His Voice** by Jesse Manibusan

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE** by Sarah Hart

Preparation Song: **Spirit & Song #320 In Christ Alone** by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Lord, I Need You** by Jesse Reeves, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson

Eucharistic Acclamations: **MASS OF SAINT ANN** by Ed Bolduc

At Sunday 5:00pm: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: **Gather #813 / Spirit & Song #249 One Bread, One Body** by John Foley

**Spirit & Song #365 You Alone** by Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #322 Just Like You** by Matt Maher

## READING I

*ECCLESIASTES 1:2; 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,  
vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and  
knowledge and skill,  
and yet to another who has not labored over it,  
he must leave property.

This also is vanity and a great misfortune.

For what profit comes to man from all the toil and  
anxiety of heart

with which he has labored under the sun?

All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation;  
even at night his mind is not at rest.

This also is vanity.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*PSALM 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 AND 17*

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## READING II

*COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11*

Brothers and sisters:

If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.  
Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

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

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly:  
immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire,  
and the greed that is idolatry.

Stop lying to one another,  
since you have taken off the old self with its practices  
and have put on the new self,  
which is being renewed, for knowledge,  
in the image of its creator.

Here there is not Greek and Jew,  
circumcision and uncircumcision,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free;  
but Christ is all and in all.

## GOSPEL

*LUKE 12:13-21*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus,  
“Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with  
me.”

He replied to him,

“Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?”

Then he said to the crowd,

“Take care to guard against all greed,  
for though one may be rich,  
one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable.

“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful  
harvest.

He asked himself, ‘What shall I do,  
for I do not have space to store my harvest?’

And he said, ‘This is what I shall do:

I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones.

There I shall store all my grain and other goods

and I shall say to myself, ‘Now as for you,  
you have so many good things stored up for many years,  
rest, eat, drink, be merry!’”

But God said to him,

‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you;  
and the things you have prepared, to whom will they  
belong?’

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves  
but are not rich in what matters to God.”



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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:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17**  
Sing with joy to God our help.

**Tuesday: Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13**  
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

**Wednesday: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9**  
The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

**Thursday: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Friday: Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21**  
I remember the deeds of the Lord.

**Saturday: Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51**  
I love you, Lord, my strength.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** St. John Vianney, Priest

**Tuesday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

**Wednesday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Thursday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;  
St. Cajetan, Priest

**Friday:** St. Dominic, Priest

**Saturday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

**Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Loida Buse Phelps | Edward Skowron | John Carter Bennett

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

7:30am: Walter Krissek | Michael Kinahan  
9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | Patrick Gibbons | Brian Hickey | Ossie Moss | Efren Gelera  
11:30am: Rose Lundberg | Mikko Bautista | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Pauina Begrillo | Sabina Taquilar | Sid Manalo | Glenn Kriestch  
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

7:30am: Mariano Doroza | Dave Gabrael

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

7:30am: Maria Dominguez

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

7:30am: Janie Jaworck

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

7:30am: Scott Kohler | Virginia Sison Lopez

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | William Zorzy | Walter & Emily Macrowski | John Carter Bennett

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

7:30am: Honesto & Consolacion Garibay  
9:30am: Steven Dulak | Frank & Dois Paizer | John & Katheryn Gorman | Tom & Susan Cucuzza | John & Lori Reagan  
11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Michael, Marie & Frank Bena  
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

### Week of July 28, 2025

Sunday- \$12,457	Online Sunday- \$11,373
Sharing- \$95	Online Sharing- \$374
SVdP- \$194	Online SVdP- \$761
Peter's Pence- n/a	
Priest Retirement- \$5	

### Month to Date - July

Sunday- \$63,402  
Online Sunday- \$40,702  
Sharing- \$215  
Online Sharing- \$1,595  
SVdP- \$2,176  
Online SVdP- \$1,854  
Peter's Pence- \$1,161  
Priest Retirement- \$250



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kathy Hunt	Daniel Schmelz
Jackie Herrera-Giron	Russell Yanow
Kaz Wilk	Victoria Sofia
Rose Scarpelli	Luquez Mogollon
Portia Tinker	Kinga Szymoniak
Donna Kalinoski	Chris Lucy
Kathy Pozniecki	Donna O'Brien
Frank Shade	Norilyn Querubin
Roberto Dacumos	Rey Querubin
Alfredo "Doy" Martija	Obdulia Elizalde
Antonio "Tony" Alvarado	Jovita Menes
William Otero	Reginald Dulaca
Marcy Davis	Melody Cook
Emily Meyer	Brian Smolicek
Laura Hopkins	Roberto Movilla
Rosa LaBellarte	Shani Stahnke
Ruben Querubin	Abby Swygard
Rachel Ciullo	Rod Reyes
Patricia Freeman	Betty Falotico
Toni Lynn Mengarelli	Keith Kellogg
Shannon Bremmer	Lisa Mischke
Karen Swazas	Linda Smith
April Grandgeorge	David Zilligen
Alma De Torres	Craig Nielsen
Stephanie Rappe	Eduardo Perez
Vicki Shafer	Alice DeSilvia
Ruth Blood	Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Maria Delannoy	Rafael Gloria
Tom Asma	Collen Wishall
Karla Arce	Silvia Pinedo
Jeanne Sypien	
Glenn Garamoni	

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](mailto:info@spa.church) or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Steve Whitaker  
Howard Klemann  
Leo Talentino  
Regina Godlewska  
Tim Wojciehowski  
Frank Pieczkiewicz*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP  
5:00PM MASS  
6:00PM DISCO BINGO

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

7:30AM MASS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

7:30AM MASS  
8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
1:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

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

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

7:30AM MASS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
12:30PM BAPTISM - ESTELA  
1:00PM BAPTISM - RINGOR  
1:30PM BAPTISM - PEREZ  
5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
9:30AM MASS  
11:00AM SPRED - PICNIC  
11:30AM MASS  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS

## AUGUST 9/10 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	J. Miller L. Miller K. Gaston G. Johnson B. Murphy OPEN	Warren Kati Maryalice Smith	Drexler, Eric Kamps, Trish Herchenbach, Dan	Rago, Bill Wells, Dawn Hauck, Janet	H. Gloria D. Wells	Fr. Martin Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 7:30AM	T. Burns G Aranas J. Climaco J. Siegel R. Dizon T. Shurtleff	Sharon Brabson Keith Kouba	Chandy, Lyla Janik, Margaret Nelsen, Eric Overcash, Kay	Wodek, Alberta Zdenahik, Tammia	P. Bland K. Sekany	Fr. Joe
SUNDAY 9:30AM	G. Pratcher K. King D. Shuppert B. Shuppert M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe	Claress Pettengill Matthew Schwarz	Belk, Karen Estorque-Del, Sherryl Ignacio, Arnold Ignacio, Riza	Latza, Cathy Martinez, Edwin Martinez, Nida	G. Rajchel R. Rajchel	Fr. John Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 11:30AM	C. Karl P. Watson R. Cuasay OPEN x 3	Sheila Tinetti Danny Castro	Auguste, Romie Auguste, Silvia Colcol, Emery Parreno, Monica	Ramirez, Maricel Schoenherr, Julie Plamoottill, JJ	D. Moseley S. Lechowicz	Fr. Martin Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni JJ. Plamoottill V. Bate-Ambrus C. Johnson OPEN x 2	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector I	Crow, Christine Gayton, Marisol Murawski, Greg Murawski, Mary Caren	Roberts, Jason Robb, Tom Serek, Agata	T. Marlowe Open	Fr. Martin Dn. Bob





# BAPTISM PREP CLASS

The **Baptism Preparation Ministry** prepares parents for their children's baptisms by reflecting on the Sacrament of Baptism, the roles of parents and godparents after the 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 August 7, 2025 at 7pm in the Church.**

For information about Faith Formation classes, contact  
Tammy Oberstar  
[toberstar@spa.church](mailto:toberstar@spa.church)

K-6 **FAITH FORMATION**

7-8 **2025-2026**

HIGH SCHOOL  
CONFIRMATION

*Now Enrolling*



**WE NEED YOU!**  
**You Make a Difference!**

Share Your Faith With Our Youngest Church Members. Catechists Needed for the 2025/2026 Classes. Lesson Plans Provided  
Contact Mary Jo with questions/interest in teaching  
(847) 816-8677  
[murquhart@spa.church](mailto:murquhart@spa.church)

Sunday (9am-10am weekly)

**5th Grade**

Sunday Confirmation  
(3:30-6pm 3x/month)

**YRI Confirmation**

Wednesday (5:30-7pm 2x/month)

**YRI First Communion**

We also need:

**Teens helpers for Sundays and  
Wednesdays**

**Subs for all sessions**

## Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?

**Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on August 5, at 1 pm in the lower level.**

Ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need within our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome, and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

**Questions?**

**Contact the parish office:**  
[info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church)

## 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  
August 6, 2025 at 3pm.

Sandy Gbur,  
Certified Grief Educator  
[sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church](mailto:sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church)  
708-217-2209

**All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor**





**BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY  
PRESENTS**

## **MOVIE NIGHT**

**Tuesdays - 7 pm  
Lower Level**

**Aug 12 - I CAN ONLY IMAGINE**

The amazing story behind the famous song we all love. Bart Millard grew up with abuse and neglect and his music was rejected. Watch how God worked one miracle after another. A beautiful and emotionally powerful film! Rated PG



All high school teens, grades 9-12, are invited to register for our Youth Ministry program: LifeTeen, which meets on Sunday evenings starting with the 5:00pm Mass and then LifeNight immediately following downstairs from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Dinner is provided each evening, and LifeNights consist of games, talks, discussions, prayer time, and socialization. The LifeTeen year begins on September 7. Registration is on the parish website.



## **TRY-OUTS FOR OUR HAND-BELL ENSEMBLE!**

**Can you read basic  
music notation?  
Do you love the sound  
of handbells?  
Come join us!**

**We will be holding handbell try-outs on Tuesday, August 12 (in the lower level choir room) from 6:30pm-7:45 pm for any interested in joining St. Paul's Hand Bell Ensemble.**

**Requirements: Must be able to read basic music notation well, & must be able to attend Tuesday evening rehearsals from 6:30-7:45 PM and lastly, must be available to ring for our Christmas Concert on Friday, December 19th @7:00 PM.**

**This is a multi-generational group, this means our ringers can be in Middle School, in High School, as well as an Adult Ringer.  
We hope you will try out!**



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Sister Miriam Therese Ezike and Sister Anastasia Mmeke, of The Daughters of Divine Love, will speak at all Masses this weekend, August 2 & 3, as part of the annual Mission

Co-Op Appeal. Please help support the order's work.

The Daughters of Divine Love Congregation, a Pontifical and International order of religious women, was founded by Bishop Godfrey Mary Paul Okoye, CSSP, in 1969 in Nigeria.

"The sisters adapt their mission to the needs of their communities. This means that the sisters' ministry looks very different in every location. Some are involved in feeding the hungry, some are involved in education, or more heavily invested in building housing for the homeless. Our sisters are encouraged to continue to put their vocational skills at the disposal of their community. We have active lawyers, builders, and educators using their gifts to serve."

To learn more: [www.daughtersofdivine.com](http://www.daughtersofdivine.com)



## SPA GOLF CLASSIC V

Sun., Aug. 24, 2025, 11am

Valley Ridge Golf Course Antioch, IL

**\$10,000 Hole-in-One Contest**  
**Best Ball Scramble**  
**Putting Contest**  
**Longest Drive,**  
**Closest to the Pin,**  
**& Longest Putt**  
**Goodie Bag**  
**Cannon-shot your tee shot**

**Golf, Cart, Lunch & Dinner \$135**

**Join our Golfers for Dinner only \$35**

Register @

[www.SaintPaulTheApostle.Church/GolfClassic](http://www.SaintPaulTheApostle.Church/GolfClassic)



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Among the many wonderful evangelization and catechetical ministries we have here at St. Paul the Apostle, our OCIA program is perhaps the one that most directly supports the great mission of the Church - the building of God's Kingdom on Earth. Christ instituted the Church and gave us the Sacraments to be the vehicles for our pilgrimage to his Kingdom in Heaven.

OCIA, or the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a journey of faith formation that leads 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.

So, OCIA 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. So, even if you, yourself, don't fall into one of these categories of people seeking full initiation and communion with the Catholic Church, it's likely you know people who do - your spouse or fiancé, your adult son or daughter, a parent, a sibling, a friend or neighbor, a coworker or classmate. Most people who have gone through OCIA and are now active members of our faith community were led to OCIA by a trusted Catholic in their lives.

And, so, we appeal to you to boldly approach each and every person you know who might benefit from joining our OCIA program:

1. Tell them what being a practicing Catholic and participating in the Sacraments means to you.
2. Invite them to consider exploring OCIA at St Paul.
3. Hand them a bulletin or show them our website at [www.saintpaultheapostle.church](http://www.saintpaultheapostle.church) with our contact and registration information.
4. Have them call or email our Parish Office (or Deacon Bob directly at [deaconbob@spa.church](mailto:deaconbob@spa.church)) to request more information about OCIA and how to register.

Our weekly Sunday morning classes will begin in late September... and will run until April 4, 2026, when the Sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated at the Great Easter Vigil.

Please do your part now to fill our church with new and renewed Catholics... as we rejoice together with them as the Kingdom of God... his pilgrim Church on Earth!



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Women's Fellowship is sponsoring "Cents for Summer" on behalf of ElderCARE. You can support them this summer by filling up a prescription bottle with dollars - coins - a check; checks can be written to ElderCARE.

Please, help out and pick up a bottle this weekend! Please return the bottles on August 16 & 17 weekend to St. Paul the Apostle.



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN!

**Question:**  
*How many times did Peter deny knowing Jesus?*

**Answer:**  
*Three times.*

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## We Are Hiring!

### Weekend Custodian

#### REQUIREMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Clean and sanitize restrooms
- Vacuum and mop floors
- Dust and wipe surfaces
- Empty trash and recycling bins
- Ensure that all areas are presentable and ready for use
- Assist with setting up and taking down equipment for events and activities
- Report any maintenance or repair needs to the appropriate person
- Perform other duties as assigned
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team, for extended periods of time, and perform repetitive motions
- The position may require bending, stooping, and reaching
- Strong attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Ability to lift and move tables and chairs
- Ability to work weekends (Saturdays 4-7pm, Sundays 7am-2pm)



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#### JOB SUMMARY:

The Weekend Custodian is responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and orderliness of the church facilities.

This includes cleaning and sanitizing restrooms, vacuuming and mopping floors, dusting and wiping surfaces, and ensuring that all areas are presentable and ready for use. The Weekend Custodian also assists with setting up and taking down equipment for events and activities held in the church during the weekend.

The Church Custodian will work primarily indoors but may be required to work outdoors for special events and activities.

The position requires working in areas with cleaning solutions and may require handling potentially hazardous materials.

#### HOW TO APPLY?

please call the parish office at **847.918.0600**  
and/or send an email to our Business Manager, Joe Perry  
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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### What We Store in the Barn

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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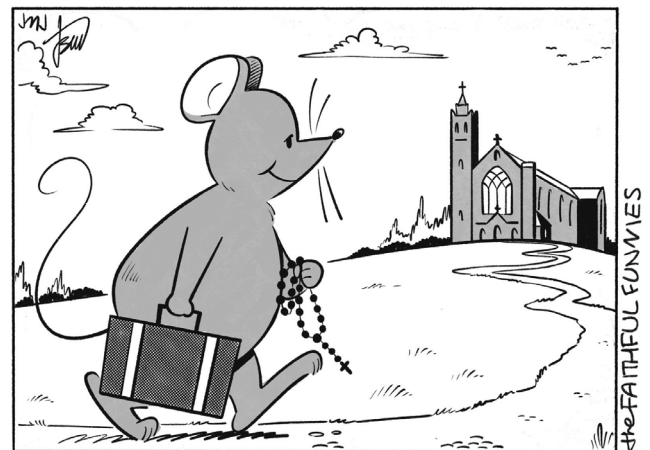
## PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

### Prayer for Open Hands

Lord, I do not know what any day holds,  
I cannot take for granted any of the gifts You have given.  
Help me to use them, then, as You would have me.  
Help me to live according to Your invitations.  
Amen.

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"What's gray, has four legs and a trunk?"



"A mouse on a pilgrimage!"



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## Crisis Support Resources

### DOMESTIC ABUSE

A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

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Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

### POST-ABORTION

### EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

### EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-689-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

### COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

### SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911  
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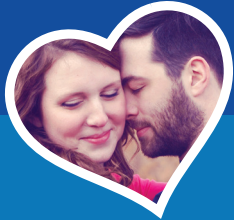
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