



Saint Paul
the Apostle
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“No servant can serve two masters.”
- Lk 16:13

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - IT'S NEVER EVER TOO LATE!

BY MARY PENICH

Every week, I prepare to fill this space by reading the scriptures for the coming Sunday. Sometimes, as is the case today, I read them several times until the message sinks in. Usually, a recent event that relates to the theme comes to mind and I have my story. Today, I find myself struggling with the gospel, and I'm not quite sure where to go from here...

Though it's been 24 years since the attack and 10 days since we observed its anniversary, whenever I acknowledge the events of September 11, 2001, a chill runs down my spine. This date marks an extremely painful time for us all. Much to my dismay, similar suffering continues in our world. This past September 11, another horrible shooting occurred. When will we ever learn? Perhaps this is the reason I'm troubled by Jesus' words in today's gospel (Luke 16:1-13). Jesus references a man who was a petty

thief and then highlights this guy's crafty evildoing. Why?

That day, when the crowd gathered to listen, Jesus offered his parable about a steward who cheated his master. When the master discovered this, he called the man in. After hearing what that steward had to say, the master planned to fire him. Now the dishonest steward realized the gravity of his situation, and he took action. The steward's goal was to save himself from a life of manual labor and to ensure his future. So, he went to his master's debtors. The steward told each one to cut his debt by the percentage that would have been his commission. That way, those debtors would be grateful to him, and he would have stolen no more from his master. The steward's newfound allies would certainly help him when his master eventually fired him. During that final accounting, the master acknowledged the steward's efforts. He wasn't surprised that his steward found a way to save himself. In this parable, Jesus focused on the creativity of the dishonest steward. I wondered what lesson could be found here. Then, I wondered again. Was Jesus suggesting that we should be equally creative when it comes to doing good?

Though we observed the anniversary of 9-11 ten days ago, I think we still have reason to remember. Most of us recall our whereabouts when we heard the news that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. My memories include the school half-full of military children where I taught. I'll never forget my fear as I worried that the Great Lakes Navy Base might be a subsequent target. How would we tell our students if their parents had been hurt? How would we help them

all? In the midst of these memories, I also recall what happened here at Saint Paul's the following weekend. As we gathered, our interactions with one another were somehow different. Was it my imagination or were young parents holding their babies a bit closer? Was it my imagination or were more children perched on a parent's knee than sat fidgeting at their sides? Was it my imagination or did couples hold hands long before and long after we recited the Lord's Prayer? Was it my imagination or did those to whom I offered communion have an intense longing in their eyes- a longing I felt with them?

In my most creative moments, my imagination is incapable of conjuring images as wholesome and Godlike as those that unfolded around me in this church that weekend and for many weeks afterward. Our entire country responded as one people united to love our wounds away. It occurs to me that nothing nourishes the human spirit more than love graciously given and love graciously received. The only antidote for evil at its worst is love. If we hope to conquer the horror that unfolded twenty-four years ago and the horror that threatens today, we must mobilize without delay! I've often heard, "Pray as though everything depends on God and work as though everything depends on you." Today, an alternative seems appropriate: Pray as though everything depends on God, and love as though everything depends on you, because, indeed, it does!

Those who plotted the 9/11 attacks and the many who have followed in their footsteps acted with unwavering conviction. Their commitment, though twisted and perverted, was unquestionable. Like the devious steward in today's gospel, they did precisely what was necessary to achieve their goals. Our challenge is to counter the hatred in this world with equally passionate resolve. We must become determined forces who extend God's love to all people every step of the way. We must mobilize as individuals, families, neighborhoods, parishes, towns, a country and a world to teach our children and to re-teach ourselves to love as completely as evildoers hate.

Like that steward's master, Jesus challenges us all to take an accounting. Jesus asks us all to be passionate and creative -like that steward- not in the ways of evil, but in the ways we find to love one another. Though this 9/11 reflection may be 10 days late, it's NEVER too late to commit ourselves to love.



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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. “Really great work, John,” he said. “I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay.” I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus’ brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the “master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently” (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don’t care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **All Are Welcome (All Belong)** by Jesse Manibusan and Jennah Manibusan

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #202 A Rightful Place** by Steve Angrisano

Gloria: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: **Praise the Lord, Who Lifts Up the Poor** by Tom Booth

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

Preparation Song: **Gather #652 We Will Serve the Lord** by Rory Cooney

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Gather #683 / Spirit & Song #220 I Will Choose Christ** by Tom Booth

Eucharistic Acclamations: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: **The Body of Christ** by Sarah Hart | **Spirit & Song #355 The Heart of Worship**

by Matt Redman

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

Closing Song: **Gather #527 Canticle of the Turning (STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN)** adapted

by Rory Cooney

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Praise** by Brandon Lake, Chandler Moore, Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Pat Barrett, and Steven Furtick

READING I

AMOS 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy
and destroy the poor of the land!
“When will the new moon be over,” you ask,
“that we may sell our grain,
and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?
We will diminish the ephah,
add to the shekel,
and fix our scales for cheating!
We will buy the lowly for silver,
and the poor for a pair of sandals;
even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!”
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Never will I forget a thing they have done!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

READING II

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-8

Beloved:
First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers,
petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone,
for kings and for all in authority,
that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life
in all devotion and dignity.
This is good and pleasing to God our savior,
who wills everyone to be saved
and to come to knowledge of the truth.
For there is one God.
There is also one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as ransom for all.
This was the testimony at the proper time.
For this I was appointed preacher and apostle
— I am speaking the truth, I am not lying —,
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

It is my wish, then, that in every place the men
should pray,
lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

GOSPEL

LUKE 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples:
“The person who is trustworthy in very small matters
is also trustworthy in great ones;
and the person who is dishonest in very small matters
is also dishonest in great ones.
If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest
wealth,
who will trust you with true wealth?
If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another,
who will give you what is yours?
No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon.”



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: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6
The Lord has done marvels for us.

Tuesday: Psalm 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: Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
The Lord takes delight in his people.

Friday: Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4
Hope in God; I will praise him, my savior and my God.

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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Monday: National Migration Week

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Rusty Turano | Doris & Gaston Lee Tung | Olive D'Souza | Ruby Bodame | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Martin Polit | Raymond & Ada Lee | William Netz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

7:30am: Jozef Rybka
9:30am: Joan Slak | Patrick Gibbons
11:30am: Ralph Cuasay | Azucena Raymundo | Emerito Vergara | Joseph & Yolanda Leahy
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

7:30am: Jose L. Rivera | Scott Kohler

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

7:30am: Roy Hilo, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

7:30am: Harry Pulvermacher | Michael Kinahan

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Gerena O. Monis | Martin Polit | Thomas J. Minich

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli
9:30am: Marcella Rutell | Winston Casis | Howard Klemann | Craig Nielsen | Kinga Szymoniak
11:30am: Our Parish Family
5:00pm: Isabel Ramos Gonzales

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of September 15, 2025

Sunday- \$26,948	Online Sunday- \$17,126
Sharing- \$20	Online Sharing- \$995
SVdP- \$174	Online SVdP- \$650
People of Gaza- \$2,806	

Month to Date - September

Sunday- \$41,163
Online Sunday- \$20,251
Sharing- \$140
Online Sharing- \$1,116
SVdP- \$481
Online SVdP- \$730
People of Gaza- \$4,089



SCAN TO DONATE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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	Eduardo Perez
Stephanie Rappe	Maria Domitila Zambrano de Polanco
Vicki Shafer	Rafael Gloria
Ruth Blood	Collen Wishall
Maria Delannoy	Silvia Pinedo
Tom Asma	Consuelo Vargas
Karla Arce	Juan Miguel Currea
Jeanne Sypien	Gloria de Cardenas
Glenn Garamoni	Helena Sznicer
Daniel Schmelz	George Lawrence
Russell Yanow	Michael Miller
Victoria Sofia	Cynthia D. Caudell
Luquez Mogollon	Daniel Pawlak III
Kinga Szymoniak	Glafira Bunsen
Chris Lucy	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Donna O'Brien	Gino LaBellarte
Norilyn Querubin	Dianne Scirri
Rey Querubin	

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.

Bill Vasilius

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
3:00PM WEDDING - PAULY
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM BAPTISM - SOSA
1:30PM BAPTISM - MORENO
3:30PM CF 1-2-HS & SCU2
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

7:30AM MASS
10:00AM CHOSEN SEASON 5

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
5:00PM KID'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:30PM HANDBELL ENSEMBLE
6:30PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM BIBLE STUDY - AM
5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU 1
6:30PM BIBLE STUDY - PM
7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

7:30AM MASS
8:00AM HOLY HOUR
6:00PM CHOSEN SEASON 5
7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

8:30AM BCBP MEETING
11:00AM RECONCILIATION
1:00PM WEDDING - LOMIBAO/PATEL
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM OCIA
9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
9:30AM MASS
11:30AM MASS
1:00PM ANIMAL BLESSING
1:00PM BAPTISM - GWALTNEY
1:30PM BAPTISM - JACHYM
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:00PM MASS
6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

SEPTEMBER 27/28 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	USHERS	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	J. Miller L. Miller A. Barrie K. Gaston B. Murphy M. Mohrfeld	Warren Kati Debbie Williams	Minich, Mary Anne Grzesiak, Shannon Hauck, Janet	Kati, William Rusnak, Tom Wincinski, Carol Wincinski, Ed	M. Emshwiller H. Gloria	Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 7:30AM	T. Burns R. Dizon J. Siegel T. Shurtleff G. Aranas J. Climaco	Nancy O'Keefe Tom Krissek	Chandy, Lyla Janik, Margaret Nelsen, Eric Overcash, Kay	Rafael- Azcueta, Teo Wodek, Alberta Zdenahlik, Tammia	T. Rafael- Azcueta R. Azcueta	Fr. Chris
SUNDAY 9:30AM	D. Scheffler D. Tomasiewicz Dn. Tomasiewicz M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe K. King	Jerry Donahue Nancy Tayborn	Beaudoin, Michael Belk. Karen Brennan, Tom Latza, Cathy	Maus, Tom O'Keefe, Nancy Pratscher, George	T. Maus M. Maus	Fr. Martin Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 11:30AM	G. Galano S. Fragassi P. Watson C. Haines R. Cuasay R. Terrazas	Terry Denecke- Dattalo Sheila Tinetti	Auguste, Romie Colcol, Emery Fernandes, Melissa Ramirez, Maricel	Richardt, Annelise Schoenherr, Julie Tebbetts, Sue	D. Moseley A. Brown	Fr. Martin Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 5:00PM	B. Marchioni JJ Plamoottil V. Bate-Ambrus OPEN x 3	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector I	Gayton, Marisol Robb, Tom		B. Marchioni T. Marlowe	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob



All teens, grades 8-12, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

ORIENTATION & 1ST REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
5:00PM - 6:00PM

Register today
on our website!



FIREPLACE TALKS

FR. JOHN GUTHRIE

Mercy and the
Jubilee Year

TUESDAY - 7PM - 9.23.25



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF LAKE COUNTY

For all Catholic Women in Lake County, Illinois

We have been in existence for over 75 years.

Meetings: Rosary and Potluck lunch every month—2nd Thursday

(regular attendance is not mandatory)

Where: A parish in Northern Lake County

Special events: Memorial Mass and Lunch, Christmas Lunch, Valentines Lunch & Installation lunch. Summer bus pilgrimages to nearby shrines

Any age : Most are between 50 and 90

Membership for the year is \$10. if interested please email Pam
for more info cwclakecounty@gmail.com



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BLESSING of ANIMALS

In celebration of the
Feast of Saint Francis
of Assisi, Deacon
Mike will bless pets
and animals of every
kind, Sunday,
September 28,
at 1:00 P.M.
on the west side of
the church.
Please join us as we
continue this
heartwarming
tradition.

Senior Luncheon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

11:00AM-1:00PM

COME FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN
FATHER PAUL WACHDORF
WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER

RSVP TO MARY JO URQUHART

BY OCTOBER 12TH

MURQUHART@SPA.CHURCH

847-816-8677

FREE WILL DONATIONS
ACCEPTED AND
APPRECIATED

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From Wednesday, September 24th, through
Sunday, November 2nd, you're invited to join other
Christians for 40 Days for Life –
40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.
You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray
during a 40-day vigil, 7 AM to 7 PM daily
in the public right-of-way outside
Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 N. Lewis Ave.,
Waukegan, Illinois, and also to help spread the
word about this important community outreach.
If you'd like more information – and especially if
you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:
Leslie at (847)951-1064 or hazfam6@comcast.net.

Please see our website:

www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan



Got Junk? OOPs – We Meant Treasures?

SVdP Trailer Collection Event

Saturday – October 11
(9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) and
Sunday, October 12
(9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.)

Donation Collection

They say . . . One person's trash is another's treasure! Let us help you clean out those closets, basements and garages! AND help others in the process too!!!

St. Paul the Apostle's Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry will be collecting your treasures that you wish to recycle. We will have a trailer parked in the west end of the church parking lot on the days above (or until the trailer is full.) Just pull your car up near the trailer and someone will assist you in unloading your donations and provide you with a receipt.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions about this event, leave a message on our hotline at (847) 347-0832.

Items we accept:

Baby items, backpacks and purses, books, CDs, vinyl albums, DVDs, clothing, shoes, slippers, household items, lamps, draperies, lines, drapes, blankets, jewelry, accessories, kitchenware, knickknacks, office supplies, rugs, school supplies (new and used), small furniture, suitcases, tools, toys.

Items we do not accept:

Baby cribs, bassinets (over 1yo), car seats (over 2 yo), electronics and large appliances such as cameras, cell phones, computer/laptops, hard drives, keyboards/mouse, printers/scanners, speakers/stereo equipment, telecommunications equipment, TVs (tube or flat screen) or VCRs, bedroom furniture, ink/toner cartridges, mattresses/box springs, sleeper sofas/futons, networking equipment, pianos and organs.

Any large items can be dropped off at the thrift store located at 168 Peterson, Libertyville.

Circle of Women



We, the Circle of Women, are women rooted in faith, called to share our faith with one another. 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 October 11 th.**

Each month is a different topic, each session is separate so consistent attendance is not required. Come as you are, share with us, or just listen if that is what you need. Our cornerstones come from the word saint: safe, accepting, inclusive, nurturing and trust. Our space is sacred and what we share at Circle of Women stays at Circle of Women. All women are welcome—bring your friends!



KnightsCorner



St Paul the Apostle Parish, Knights of Columbus, Divine Mercy Council 11112 has received the distinction of Star Council for the 2nd year in a row, the international organization's top award for local councils. The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, sponsorship of faith formation programs, service-oriented activities, and promotion of fraternal insurance benefits.

To achieve this award, Divine Mercy Council 11112 worked closely with St. Paul the Apostle Parish to promote Catholic values and support worthy organizations throughout our local community. The council supports several organizations, including SPRED and Warren Special Recreation Association (WSRA), through our three Tootsie Roll (ID) Drives for individuals with intellectual disabilities. For the past two years, we have supported six seminarians with their personal expenses through the Vocation Raffle program. Council brothers participate in the 40 Days for Life – Waukegan mission throughout the year to pray for the sanctity of life. For over 30 years, our council has sold Christmas trees and other decorations with our Cub Scout troop to "Keep Christ in Christmas" and support all our different programs. We welcome men 18 years or older to join our council. Can you imagine what more our council could achieve if we had another brother or two in our council? Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

Additionally, for the month of September, our Council Tootsie Roll ID Website is available for donations. Use the QR code below. Please consider donating to the Intellectually Disabled Children!



Vivat Jesus, Steve Bilas
Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #11112



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER! CLASSES BEGINNING SOON!

*Are you, or do you know someone,
interested in becoming Catholic?*

*Do you, or someone you know, desire to receive
any or all of the sacraments of initiation:
Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?*

*Have you been away from the Church and feel
the need to be refreshed in 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 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation
for Adults) IS FOR YOU!**

Please register for St. Paul the Apostle OCIA program at
www.saintpaultheapostle.church.

Weekly classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9-11:00am beginning
late September and run until April 4, 2026 when the sacraments will be
received at the Great Easter Vigil.

Contact Deacon Bob Birck with any questions at deaconbob@spa.church.

Wednesday BIBLE STUDY

We will be doing an 8 week
course on *MARY: A Biblical Walk
with the Blessed Mother*, filmed
on location in Nazareth with Dr.
Edward Sri. There is a Workbook
cost of \$25 payable at class.

**TWO IDENTICAL CLASSES START ON
WED, SEPT 10TH, 9:30 AM AND
6:30 PM AT THE PARISH HOUSE.**

Also, we will have 3 short classes on
WHAT is in the Catechism and HOW to
navigate it. Many people own one and
don't use it, and if you don't own one,
you'll want to after this introduction! It is
a powerful reference tool and will answer
all your questions about our faith. Don't
have time for Fr Mike Schmitt's
Catechism in a year? Come to these
3 weeks and get started on your own!

**SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR CALL
BARBARA WAGNER (847) 767 - 1202 TO REGISTER.**



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF THE IMMACULATE HEART



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Vision Dinner Gala

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Westin Chicago North Shore
601 N Milwaukee Avenue Wheeling, IL 60090

Dinner is complimentary - Adults only event - Formal attire preferred

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Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.

Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956.

Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

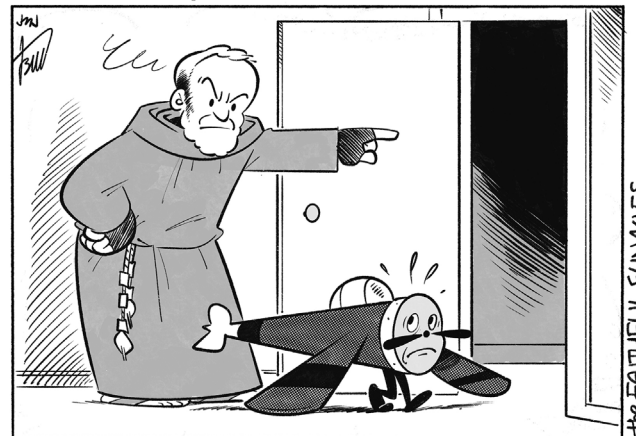
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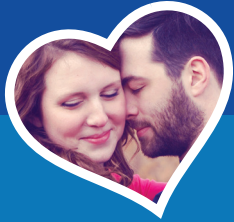


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