

God wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint Paul the Apostle

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Dear SPA Family,

How contemporary are Jesus' words in this Sunday's Gospel: You cannot serve God and mammon! We really can't. Why? Anybody can be rich and a believer. He can strive for money, care for the family, for the future by working, earning money, and being a disciple of Jesus. However, Christ highlights a certain danger of wealth, or rather an attitude, that tends to have, accumulate, and feel safe.



Unfortunately, it happens that what was supposed

to give freedom enslaves. What was supposed to secure our future, what was supposed to be a means to a purpose, becomes a purpose in itself. Some of us want to be free, so we work and earn money, and after a while it turns out that we're enslaved to it. Some of us have no time for our family, friends, no time for rest, no time for prayer, Holy Mass. God stays on the margins of our lives. How often, when talking to people, you can hear the words, *I do not have time for Sunday Mass, prayer, because I am overworked, and I want to rest on Sunday. But I do believe, I am a believer, I'm spiritual.*

But what is this faith that is not practiced? What about God in our lives, in our hierarchy of values? What about a quick prayer just before going to bed, maybe in the morning on the run, Mass from time to time, confession once a year... a minimum of Christian life.

People strive for everything necessary for life but what about spiritual life, what about eternity? Such a state is not often a lack of good will or a desire to meet God, but a lack of reflection, stopping, shallow life on the run, the result of living according to the schedule of meetings, activities to be performed. We cannot serve two masters!

We don't want to serve, but sometimes we turn out to be slaves without even knowing it. What to do in relation to the above? Stop working, make money, relying entirely on God? Go to church instead of going to work and everything will work out by itself? No, of course not! First of all, we need to stop, think where we're going and if we are really free in what we're doing. And let's trust God, rely on Him. He knows what we need. He knows! That's what faith is all about.

I once read an interview in one of the weekly magazines about a man who was the president of a large company. He had money, he could do a lot, almost anything. But when his wife contracted cancer, despite his influence, the use of the best drugs and the most modern treatments, it was not possible to save her life. When she died, he sold his stocks and shares in the company, left it all and bought a house in the countryside. He said that he understood that the greatest money, what he had been striving for so much, could not save his wife's life. He also realized how busy and focused on his work he was, and the only thing he could do was to change his life.

It is better to serve God, to have Him first in our life. If this is the case, there is certainty that money, wealth, or this generally understood evangelical mammon will not overwhelm us, it will not lead to our enslavement. God doesn't take our freedom, He doesn't manipulate us. He just shows that we are important to Him.strength to bear constant witness.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Chris Ciastoń

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is seeking singers and instrumentalists ages 13 - 18 to sing and play at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass.

Rehearsals are at 4:00pm every Sunday afternoon and service hours can be earned through regular participation. Please contact Tom Wattelet for more details.

TWattelet@saintpaultheapostle.church

ANIMAL BLESSING



IN CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DEACON MIKE WILL BLESS PETS AND ANIMALS OF EVERY KIND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, AT 1:30PM ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CHURCH.

PLEASE JOIN US ONCE AGAIN AS WE CONTINUE THIS HEARTWARMING TRADITION!



Meet our new Seminarian- Louis Kuchar (Left)

My Name is Louis Kuchar. I was born in Boise, Idaho, and I am the second youngest of nine kids. When I was a junior in high school, me and my parents moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa because of work. Being very catholic my whole life, I had always considered priesthood a distant possibility. I finally chose to enter seminary formation after beating around the bush for about three years at the end of high school. In large part, my decision was influenced by the intercession and example of St. John Paul II. Being my favorite saint, I looked to him frequently for inspiration and encouragement. One day, it struck me clearly that what made JP II a great saint who touched so many lives is due to his unwavering willingness to say yes to whatever God asked of him – just one yes after another. I began to think that I could do that too. If I just keep saying yes, who knows where I might end up? Thus far, I truly believe that God has led me to where I am, and I have done my imperfect best to say yes.

As soon as I entered seminary, I studied philosophy for four years at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Now I am beginning my first year of theological studies at Mundelein Seminary. I am joyful that I get to spend this time of formation with the parish family of St. Paul the Apostle. Thank you for having me!



OUR FIRST LIFENIGHT IS THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 5PM MASS!

High-schoolers, join Youth Ministry and learn about God's love, mercy, and promises for your life! LifeTeen provides an opportunity for teens to grow in relationship with Christ, and grow in identity as a child of God to prepare them for mission in the world. Questions? Contact our Youth Minister, Tom Wattelet





RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

special ministry. 847-404-2329

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 initia-tion: 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 RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) IS FOR YOU!

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

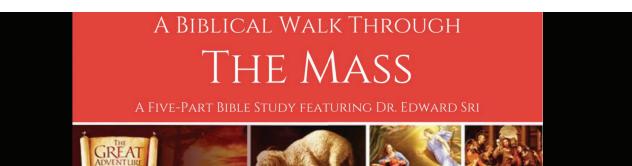
Weekly classes will be held on a day and time to be determined beginning late September and run until April 8, 2023 when the sacraments will be received at the Great Easter Vigil.

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

SEEKING CATHECISTS FOR SP

We are looking for catechists to join our SPRED ministry starting in September. We meet Tuesday evenings and have two age groups (11-16 and 17-21) that support special needs religious Please contact **Scott Vrabel** if you are interested in serving this development for our community. Training is minimal and the ministry is very rewarding!!

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPT 21 A 9-week course called "A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS' will begin Sept 21

A 9-week course called "A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS' will begin Sept 21 for morning (9:30–11am) and evening (6:30–8pm) groups. Using the book and video lectures by Dr. Edward Sri, we will learn how much of our Mass is rooted in the OT and NT scriptures, from the beginning sign of the cross, to the ending, thanks be to God! Seeing the Mass through this Biblical lens will help us grasp the reality of what God is doing in our souls through the Liturgy, and help us encounter Him more deeply in these mysteries. We will meet at the Parish House (6:30pm) for the evenings, and in Room 32 behind the kitchen (9:30am) for the morning group. Please REGISTER ONLINE on our website as soon as possible (for # of books needed), but pay for the book \$15 at the first class. Any questions, please call Barbara Wagner at (847) 767 – 1202 or email **barbarawagner25@earthlink.net** for questions.

Based on The Chosen, a critically acclaimed series on the life of Jesus, St. Paul's presents Following Jesus: Then and Now

Following Jesus: Then and Now is a new discipleship course that explores how people have followed Jesus in the past and how we can follow Him today. Spanning 9 weeks, this course will:

- Provide you with a fresh encounter with Jesus Christ & the Gospel
- Create a space for you to explore the topic & teachings of discipleship
- Equip you with helpful tools & resources to support you in your faith journey







Mondays, 10 AM - 11:30 AM (September 12 to November 14) Or Thursdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (September 15 to November 17) Weekly at St. Paul the Apostle, Gurnee (lower level)

Questions? Contact Cassie Bertke at cbertke@saintpaultheapostle.church Register on our website: www.saintpaultheapostle.church





Local contact: Leslie

for prayer times by visiting our campaign at

the web address shown below!

You can protect mothers and children by joining Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an community: Vigil location: Waukegan Planned end to abortion! Parenthood, 1601 N. Lewis Ave., Waukegan,

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired Vigil hours: 6 am - 6 pm daily 1.000.000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 hazfam6@comcast.net Call/text: 847-951-1064 coordinated campaigns: Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up

- Over 20.000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

40davsforlife.com/Waukegan



KNIGHTS CORNER

Since it has been a while since our last edition, here is a brief summary of the Summer events:



OUR GOLF OUTING was held on 7/16/2022 and a good time was had by one and all and we raised \$1000 for our Knights of Columbus Charities.

OUR CAR SHOW was held on 8/27/2022 and we had great weather, a lot of fun and raised over \$1500 for our Knights of Columbus Charities

OUR TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVES benefiting Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities concluded over Labor Day weekend and over all three drives we raised \$3318. That will result in our State Council funding the State Charities, (Special Olympics, Wheelchair assistance, etc..) as well as almost \$1000 to each of our local charities: SPRED here at St. Paul the Apostle, Warren Special Recreation Association, & Riverside Foundation. Thanks to all for their generosity for all 3 of these events.

We will be holding a **RECRUITMENT DRIVE** at St. Paul's the first 3 weekends of October. We encourage all men 18 years of age or older who are in good standing with the Church, and who have a desire to put their Faith into action in a meaningful way, to take this opportunity to get to know the Men we call Knights here at St Paul the Apostle and consider joining the Order. We will be in the Gathering Space the first 2 weekends meeting with potential candidates and discussing what we do as Knights as well as the benefits of being a brother knight. We will then culminate the drive with an Exemplification to the 1st - 3rd Degree of the Order after the 9:30 mass on 10/16/2022. This ceremony is now open to the public so we welcome all parishioners to attend and witness our Exemplification ceremony.

> Sincerely, George Behr, Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus-**Divine Mercy Council**

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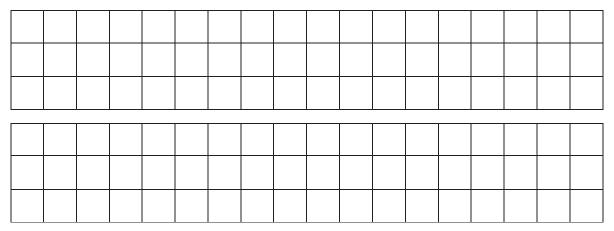
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4" x 8" brick = \$200

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* Two similar engraved bricks will be ordered: one brick will be installed in Memorial Garden, and another brick will be sent to your home.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 5:00pm: Juan Abear Jr. | Judith Burley | Winston Casis Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Richard Thorsen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Eileen Sutton
9:30am: Cesare Menniti | Mary Soenksen | Joan Slak Robert Norman Buttrey
11:30am: Procopio Cabuay | Becca Moore Terasita Sanchez | Sergio & Eufemia Genteliso
5:00pm: For the Parish Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 7:30am: COMMUNION SERVICE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022- SAINTS ANDREW KIM, PAUL CHONG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS 7:30am: Rusty Turano | Olive D'Souza | Corazon Centeno

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022- SAINT MATTHEW 7:30am: Arsenia Lagahid | Ralph Joshua Cuasay

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 7:30am: COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022- SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA 7:30am: Demetria Cabuay | John Hilo Jack & Dorisann Flynn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 5:00pm: Gerry Suhling | James Kraft | Thomas Guthrie Ruby & Bud Reed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

7:30am: Wayne Barazowski | Marilou Tirona
9:30am: The Schwartz Family | Joseph Fricano Nancy & Dennis Vaseloff
11:30am: Jack & Dorisann Flynn | Maria A. Quiroz
5:00pm: For the Parish Family

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord never forgets the sins of those who take advantage of the poor (Amos 8:4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor (Psalm 113).

Second Reading —Pray to the Lord, who wants everyone to be saved (1 Timothy 2:1-8).

Gospel — Be trustworthy in all things. Serve God, the only master, not mammon (Luke 16:1-13 [10-13]).

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr. Marty Zielinski Austin Keating Rod Reyes Erlinda Sáballa Anthony Porreca The LaBellarte Family Joseph Inendino Tom Rusnak Francisco Andrade Al Bruehl Sharon Felt Robert Felt Luz Angela Arboleda Jason Festenstein Babette Tilden Jose Torres Marife Lacson Bihasa Duke Wyatt Haraf Denise Perez Earl Nicholas Sofia Cosentino

Karen Swazas Harry Pulvermacher Cortney Kinahan Cristina Soriano Robert Santagata Ruth Blood Sheila DeFazio Renata Biondi Peyton Newman Pete Mikolitis Barbara Mikolitis Richard Lahey Ted Stanulis Renee Pratscher Terry Simpson Monica Max Angela Bank Orietta Giannetti Audriano Giannetti Sr. Mary Johnson Ioanné Trentadue

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

The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.
—Thomas Carlyle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13

THURSDAY: Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc Lk 9:7-9 *FRIDAY:* Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY: Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY 11:00AM RECONCILIATION 12:30PM BAPTISM 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30AM MASS 9:00AM CATECHIST BREAKFAST 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM MASS 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:30AM MASS 10:00AM FOLLOWING JESUS: THEN AND NOW

SEPTEMBER 2022 DONATIONS





TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 7:30AM MASS 8:00AM ADORATION 5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00PM SPRED 7:00PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 7:00PM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP BINGO NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30AM MASŚ 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30PM FF K-6/SACRAMENTAL CATCH UP 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE MEETING 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 7:30AM MASS

8:00AM ADORATION 6:30PM FOLLOWING JESUS: THEN AND NOW 7:00PM PARISH LIFE MEETING 7:30PM LITURGY MEETING

WEEK OF 9/12/2022

Sunday- \$8,529 Online Sunday- \$13,131 Sharing- \$40 Online Sharing- \$901 SVdP- \$185 Online SVdP- \$795 Seminarians- \$290

Crisis Support Resources

DOMESTIC ABUSE A Safe Place Hot line: 847-249-4450 Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION EMOTIONAL SUPPORT: Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER: PADS: 847-698-4357 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 7:30AM MASS 4:00PM WEDDING REHEARSAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 11:00AM RECONCILIATION 1:00PM WEDDING-GALANO/ZUNIGA 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30AM MASS 9:00AM FF SUNDAY A K-6 9:00AM RCIA 9:30AM RCIA 9:30AM MASS 10:30AM FF SUNDAY B K-6 11:30AM MASS 1:00PM BAPTISM 1:30PM BAPTISM 3:30PM CONFIRMATION YR 1/2 | 7-8 GRADE 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM MASS 5:00PM HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

MONTH TO DATE SEPTEMBER

Sunday- \$21,504 Online Sunday- \$18,126 Sharing- \$780 Online Sharing- \$1,413 SVdP- \$1,128 Online SVdP- \$951 Seminarians- \$445

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 Saint Vincent dePaul: 847-347-0832



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 8:30AM - 5:00PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 847-918-0600

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HOURS: 9:00AM - 4:00PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY **847-918-0600**

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

HOURS: 8:30AM - 3:00PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY **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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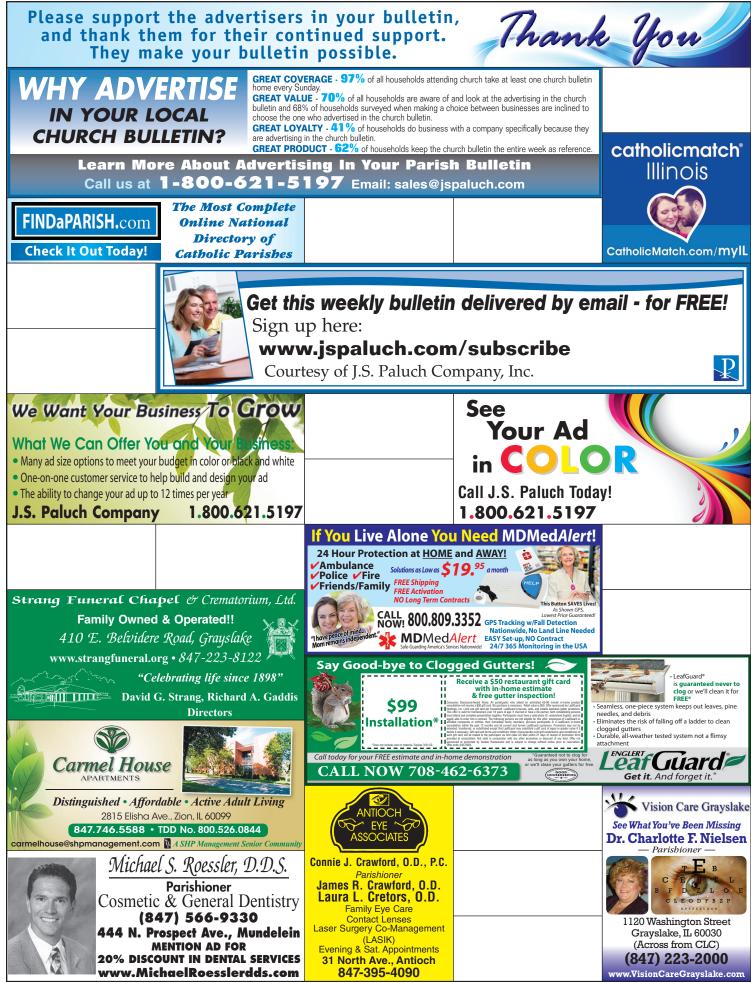
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