



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle



John the Baptist saw  
Jesus coming toward him  
and said, "Behold,  
the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin  
of the world." JOHN 1:29

**SECOND**  
SUNDAY IN  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

**JANUARY 15, 2023**

# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT- WHAT CAN I DO? A LOT!

BY: MARY PENICH

When I sat to write for you today, I laughed as I read the name given to this Sunday: *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*. I'm grateful that I found humor in this designation rather than giving in to the feelings of sadness which attempted to set the tone for New Year 2023 for me. I looked upward and asked, "I am correct, aren't I? The misery of the past three years isn't meant to be *ordinary*, right?" I didn't wait for a response because movement just beyond the window caught my eye. At least a dozen birds fluttered near our back fence. Cold as it was, they took turns feeding from the ground and the tiny perches on the feeder my husband had filled that morning. Though snow threatened, or perhaps because it did, those birds went about the business of getting themselves fed. They did what was needed to do to prepare for whatever lay ahead, and they seemed quite content with the process.



Before continuing to write, I strolled into the living room. I sat in the chair which rests where our Christmas Tree had stood just a week earlier. We'd delayed taking it down so my family could enjoy it during a belated New Year's Day gathering. Though I normally miss our Christmas Trees for weeks after they come down, this time, I acknowledged that it was time to let it go and to move on. *Ordinary Time* suddenly seemed extraordinarily comforting to me.

Here at church, we'll observe Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday. *Ordinary Time* references the weeks between liturgical seasons when we count Sundays in *ordinal* fashion, one after another. As for me, I find Ordinary Time to be the perfect time to acknowledge our ordinary selves and our ordinary efforts to live our typically ordinary lives as best we can. Yes, the *ordinary* felt quite comforting that afternoon...

When I returned to today's scriptures, I realized that this is nothing new. The first reading (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6) was written by an anonymous prophet who'd continued Isaiah's work. He hoped to encourage the people to embrace their ordinary lives and to live those lives as best they could. God would keep watch all the while. The prophet wrote, "*The Lord said to me: You are my servant... I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to*

*the ends of the earth.*" Now there was nothing ordinary about God's hope for this second Isaiah. Indeed, God had the poor man's work cut out for him. As I read, I became convinced that this prophet must have questioned his efforts often, especially when things went awry. Yet, he carried on as best he could...

The second reading (1 Corinthians 1:1-3) tells us that Paul opened this letter by announcing that he was "*an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God*". Throughout his writings, Paul insisted that he did what he did as the result of God's intervention in his life. Because Paul believed that God was with him, he behaved quite bravely. Even from his prison cell, Paul preached to those who could hear him. As I read, it occurred to me that, when we truly accept that God is with us, anything is possible!

Today's gospel (John 1:29-34) features John the Baptist who insisted that he preached and baptized to pave the way for the one who would follow him. All the while, John watched events unfold around him and he listened to God's voice deep within him. Finally, when he saw Jesus, John knew. He courageously announced, "*He is the Son of God.*" With that, Jesus set out to do his life's work, just as Isaiah and John had done before him and just as Paul and so many others would do one day. In the process, Jesus inspired Peter to be The Rock. Lazarus and Mary Magdalene became dear friends who took Jesus' message to heart and lived accordingly. Hundreds of disciples did the same. With all their imperfections intact, Jesus assured each one that his or her efforts were good enough to get the job done.



It occurs to me that Ordinary Time offers far more than a reason to count the Sundays until Lent begins. Ordinary Time provides us the perfect opportunity to acknowledge our ordinary selves, our ordinary efforts, and our ordinary lives just as God does. Though none of us is perfect, God remains with us as we do what only we can to make this world a better place. Imagine what we might accomplish if only we believe in ourselves as God does! Like those birds who simply dug into that seed to prepare for the coming snow, we can dig into the moment at hand. We can make life in that moment better for all concerned as only we can...

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**POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**  
 APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

IN MEMORIAM

In Memoriam

**POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI**

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Papacy:

April 19, 2005 – February 28, 2013

Joseph Alois Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, Bavaria, on April 16, 1927—Holy Saturday—and baptized that same day—the first person baptized in the new Easter water. It was a sign of blessing, he wrote in a memoir, that his life from the beginning was thus immersed in the Easter mystery. He entered the minor seminary in 1939 at the age of twelve, but his studies were interrupted by World War II, when the seminary was closed and Joseph, along with most of his class, was drafted into the army at the age of sixteen.

After the war he resumed his education in philosophy and theology, and together with his brother, Georg, was ordained a priest in 1951. During the course of a twenty-year career as a professor of dogma and theology at several German universities, he earned a reputation as a gifted lecturer and learned scholar, and was present as a *peritus*, or theological advisor, at all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council.

He was ordained an archbishop in May of 1977 and elevated to the College of Cardinals a month later. He settled in Rome in 1981 and went on to become one of the most influential men in the Roman curia. Of the many offices he held, he was best known as the Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an authoritative advisor on doctrinal issues during his predecessor's pontificate. When he was elected the 265th successor of Peter in 2005 at the age of seventy-eight, he became the first German pope since Victor II in the eleventh century. A central theme of his papacy was the staunch defense of core Christian values against what he saw as moral decline across much of Europe. At the same time, he sought to improve relations with other religions, trying to determine if a "cultural synthesis" was possible without losing the identity of the faith while engaged in discourse with the Lutheran World Federation, Judaism, Islam, the Anglican Communion, and Christian Orthodox Churches. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and ongoing political conflicts and warfare, and advocated better protection of the environment. He called for a radical rethinking of the global economy, criticizing the growing divide between rich and poor, and pressed for a "true world political authority" to oversee the economy and work for the common good.

Ever true to his episcopal motto, "Fellow Worker in the Truth," Pope Benedict XVI's teaching and prolific writings always defended traditional Catholic doctrine and values.

On February 11, 2013, Pope Benedict XVI announced that on February 28, 2013, he would resign as supreme pontiff due to his advanced age and deteriorating health and that a conclave would be convened shortly thereafter to elect a new pope. He returned to Rome and remained there as Pope Emeritus after Jorge Bergoglio succeeded him as Bishop of Rome.

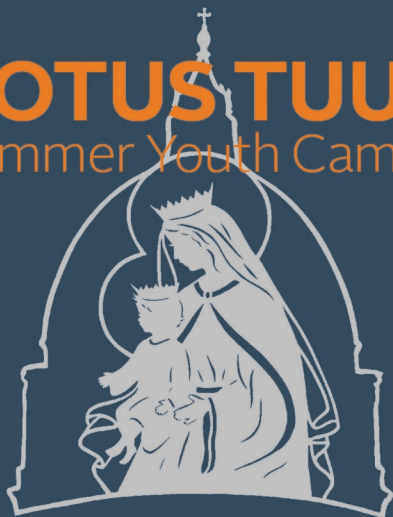
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

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**TOTUS TUUS**  
 Summer Youth Camps



Save the Date

**FIRST GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL**

**June 11th - June 16th**

**St. Paul's annual baby bottle and baby shower campaign is almost here! Baby bottles will be distributed at all masses the weekend of January 28th and 29th.**

**Fill your empty baby bottles with change, bills, or a check made out to St. Paul the Apostle.**

**If you're unable to pick up a bottle or would like to make an online donation, check out the parish website for more information to make a donation!**

**All proceeds from the baby bottle collection go to "Aid for Women" in Gurnee! Thank You!**

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The Filipino Community of St. Paul the Apostle, Gurnee  
and  
The Santo Niño Prayer Group of Lake country  
cordially invite you to celebrate  
the Feast of the Holy Child Jesus  
at St. Paul the Apostle church.



January 15, 2023  
Prayer Novena – 1PM  
Mass - 2PM  
“Sinulog” dancing to follow

Celebrant: Fr. Don Cambe

You are invited to bring your personal Sto. Niños for blessing





## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

The call to discipleship, inherent in Baptism, finds its expression through ministerial involvement. If you feel a calling or tug on your heart, we would love to have you join this ministry! Please come for a training session on Saturday, February 4th from 9am to 1pm here in the church.

Our Parish is deeply grateful to those who have chosen to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. What an honor to serve our Lord in this most praiseworthy gift of love.

As an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you will serve once or twice a month at the Mass time of your choosing. Our greatest need is for communion ministers at the 11:30 and 5pm masses on Sundays however, we would appreciate your service at any of our Masses which you might prefer.



The Hospitality Sunday ministry is seeking additional volunteers after each weekend mass on the 2nd weekend of the month. Hospitality is offered September through May. Duties include setting up snacks, coffee, and juice, with some housekeeping. Sign ups can be done through the parish website under the Parish Life Commission. For additional information, contact Ellen Reilly.

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## TASTE OF ST. PAUL?

**Are you interested in having a night of ethnic tastes?**

**Do you have a special recipe you would love to share?**

**We are looking for people willing to share their favorite ethnic specialty for an evening of tastes.**

**INTERESTED? Check out the website for more information or Contact**

**Charlotte Nielsen at**

**[cnielsen@SaintPaulTheApostle.church](mailto:cnielsen@SaintPaulTheApostle.church)**





## Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet or have interest in learning?

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry for its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 17th from 7-8:30 PM in the lower level gathering space.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets and other items to provide comfort to those in need in our church community.

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

Questions? Contact Sue Allen  
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Have you ever wondered if you have more to offer? Does your soul yearn for more meaning? God has created each of us to do more. One of our parishioners has donated over 100 copies of the book, "Holy Moments" by Matthew Kelly from Dynamic Catholic. Please feel free to take one of these books from the gathering space.

Holiness is possible for each and every one of us if only we are willing to collaborate with God in our daily life. This little book will teach you just that... please take a copy today and start off the New Year creating a wave of Holy Moments! Make 2023 your best year yet!

## Carmel Catholic High School's 'Street Scenes' is February 10 and 11

### Endless Entertainment

Each year, Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein is transformed into a spectacular, fun-filled venue featuring more than 50 bands, activities, improv, theater, a cabaret-style student show, local food and beverage vendors, and much more for ages 21+.

**Support the Students of Carmel Catholic**  
Street Scenes has contributed more than \$11.8 million to assist Carmel Catholic High School students in meeting their educational goals by keeping tuition as low as possible and ensuring the best programming and activities are offered.

### Hope to See You There!

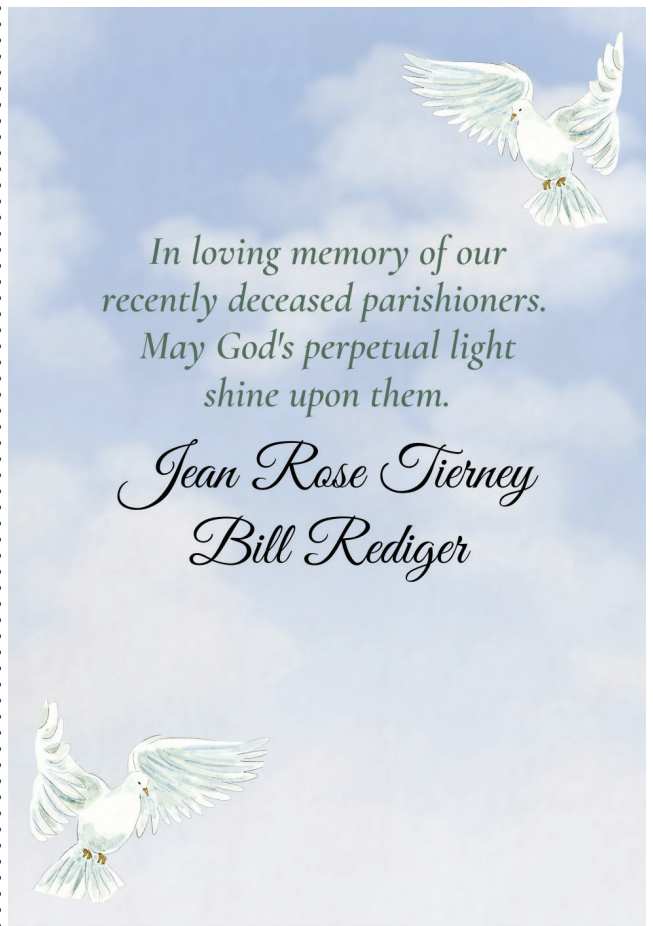
Join in on the fun at Carmel Catholic High School's largest annual fundraiser. Beat the lines at the door and purchase tickets in advance. This event is ages 21+. Family-friendly student show performances will be offered on February 5 and 9. Learn more at [carmelstreetscenes.com](http://carmelstreetscenes.com)







Men's Legacy held it's 6th Annual Magi ("Wise Guys") Dinner on January 6. After a two year absence due to the pandemic, it was wonderful to resume this great tradition. All men of St. Paul the Apostle, you're invited to join this motley crew of "wise guys" and be part of the legacy!



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

*Jean Rose Tierney  
Bill Rediger*

JANUARY 22   LITURGY SCHEDULE				
	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS		PRESIDER'S SCHEDULE
SATURDAY 5:00PM	LURA JOHNSON	T. BOSWELL G. JOHNSON T. OBERSTAR	T. RUSNAK M. SMITH	FR. JOE
	BRUCE MARCHIONI			
SUNDAY 7:30AM	THOMAS KRISSEK	L. CHANDY C. KARL D. NIEMAN M. PIEPER		FR. CHRIS
	LIZANNE RIDAO			
SUNDAY 9:30AM	MARY MAUS	T. BRENNAN K. KIBITLEWSKI T. MAUS	C. NIELSEN P. WILSON	FR. CHRIS
	JEANNE ROBACH			
SUNDAY 11:30AM	MELISSA FERNANDES	T. DENECKE-DATTALO G. GALANO A. RICHARDT S. TEBBETTS		FR. JOE
	CONCHITA MANALO			
SUNDAY 5:00PM	JERRY SIMPSON	A. IGNACIO C. KARL C. BERTKE	J. MARINO JJ PLAMOOTTIL	FR. JOHN
	TEEN			



## MASS INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023**

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023**

7:30am: Eileen Sutton | Frederick | Victor Peccioli  
Eva Romanowski & Sylvester Jamrozik

9:30am: Christine Tarchala | Stanislaw & Franciszek Sas  
Jerome Lux | Stanislaw & Franciszek Kot  
Eric Woronowicz | Joseph Sas

11:30am: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo  
Primo Pedrola

5:00pm: The Richter & Yerkes Family

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023**

7:30am: Thomas Mauro

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023- SAINT ANTHONY**

7:30am: Erlinda Saballa | John Carter Bennett

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023**

7:30am: Cristina Jacobo | Consolacion Garibay  
Elvira Reyes Camacho

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023**

7:30am: Harry Pulvermacher | The Casis Family

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023**

7:30am: Alex & Beth Corros | Zofia Nieplocha

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2023- SAINT AGNES**

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Joanne Johnson  
Julia Burkel | John Carter Bennett

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023**

7:30am: Dolores Killian

9:30am: Michele Dulak Beye | Christine Tarchala  
Stanislaw & Franciszek Sas | Jerome Lux  
Stanislaw & Franciszek Kot | Joseph Sas

11:30am: Victor & Joyce Schwartz | Paulina Negrillo  
Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante

5:00pm: Anna Caputo

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The glory of the Lord shows through Israel, a light to all nations, that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (Isaiah 49:3, 5-6).

Psalm — I am here to do as you ask, O Lord (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — All those who call upon the name of the Lord are called to be holy (1 Corinthians 1:1-3).

Gospel — John the Baptist testifies: The one who comes after me, on whom the Spirit comes down and remains, is the Son of God (John 1:29-34).

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anthony Porreca  
The LaBellarte Family  
Joseph Inendino  
Tom Rusnak  
Francisco Andrade  
Al Bruehl  
Sharon Felt  
Robert Felt  
Luz Angela Arboleda  
Babette Tilden  
Jose Torres  
Marife Lacson Bihasa  
Duke Wyatt Haraf  
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Sofia Cosentino  
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Kirk Steinhuis  
Fr. Marty Zielinski  
Austin Keating  
Rod Reyes  
Kimberly Liwanag  
Brian Reynolds Jr  
Donna Bukantis  
Patricia Wells  
Barry Fleming  
Dianne Scirri  
Ivan Siap  
Grace Zablocki  
Andrew Lowe

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.  
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“Some people see more in a walk around the block than others see in a trip around the world.”  
—Anonymous

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:**

Heb 5:1-10  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mk 2:18-22

**TUESDAY:**

Heb 6:10-20  
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10C  
Mk 2:23-28

**WEDNESDAY:**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17  
Ps 110:1-4  
Mk 3:1-6

**THURSDAY:**

Heb 7:25 — 8:6  
Ps 40:7-10, 17  
Mk 3:7-12

**FRIDAY:**

Heb 8:6-13  
Ps 85:8, 10-14  
Mk 3:13-19

**SATURDAY:**

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9  
Mk 3:20-21

**SUNDAY:**

Is 8:23 — 9:3  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

## Calendar of Events

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
1:00PM BAPTISM  
1:30PM BAPTISM  
5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

7:30AM MASS  
9:00AM RCIA  
9:30AM MASS  
11:30AM MASS  
1:00PM SANTO NINO NOVENA  
2:00PM SANTO NINO MASS  
3:00PM SANTO NINO DINNER  
4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
5:00PM MASS

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

7:30AM MASS  
10:00AM THE CHOSEN

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

7:30AM MASS/HOLY HOUR  
10:00AM FUNERAL- MISIORA  
2:30PM FAITH SHARING  
5:00PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
7:00PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING  
7:00PM SVDP MEETING

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

7:30AM MASS  
6:00PM K-12/LIFE NIGHT TEENS  
LURES PREVENTION TRAINING  
7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

7:30AM MASS/HOLY HOUR  
6:30PM THE CHOSEN  
6:30PM SVDP MEETING  
7:00PM LITURGY MEETING

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

7:30AM MASS

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY  
9:30AM FUNERAL- MIKUS  
11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
2:00PM 1ST RECONCILIATION  
5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

## DONATIONS SUMMARY



Thank you for  
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## WEEK OF 1/8/2023

Sunday- \$9,460  
Online Sunday- \$27,492  
Sharing- \$75  
Online Sharing- \$2,270  
SVdP- \$75  
Online SVdP- \$1,157  
Christmas- \$5,467

## MONTH TO DATE JANUARY

Sunday- \$22,292  
Online Sunday- \$36,195  
Sharing- \$310  
Online Sharing- \$2,706  
SVdP- \$1,565  
Online SVdP- \$1,497  
Christmas- \$20,270



**847-347-0832**

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## 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

### 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, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY  
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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
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## 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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