## 29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

## Saint Paul the Apostle October 22, 2023

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - RENDER TO GOD WITH LOVE BY MARY PENICH

My eyes filled with tears as I listened to the newscast. That morning, Israel had been bombarded by thousands of small rockets. At the same time, armed invaders crossed the border and assaulted small towns. They killed many of those in their path and made hostages of others. As I watched, I recognized places we'd visited while in Israel a few years ago. The devastation before me was all the more painful because I'd met so many Israelis and Palestinians who make their homes there.

I could do nothing to undo the horror that unfolded. Still, I had to acknowledge the suffering. I went to my



drawer for my widow's mite. It is my only souvenir from Israel. I've preserved this two-thousand-year-old coin in a simple locket. I wear it often. Though it was worth less than a penny in Jesus' day, this coin is precious to me. Jesus once observed a widow offering a coin like mine. Jesus

considered the woman's offering quite generous because it was all that she had to give. Those who lost their homes, their freedom and even their lives in Israel that morning had given all they had as well.

I fastened the clasp on the chain that holds my locket. Though it hung safely on my neck, I held the coin between my fingers. Then, I turned to every newscast I could find to learn more about what was unfolding. All the while, I prayed. Many people were dying, and I begged God to meet each one...

Today's gospel (Matthew 22:15-21) is inspired by another coin from the same era as my widow's mite. At the time, some Pharisees were prepared to do whatever was

necessary to discredit Jesus before the people and before the governing Romans. They'd hoped to use their coin to rid themselves of Jesus once and for all. That day, they asked Jesus about taxes: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Now if Jesus advised them not to pay, he would have placed himself in political jeopardy. If Jesus advised the people to pay their taxes, he would appear to support



their homage to the Roman emperor who considered himself a god. Once again, the Pharisees underestimated Jesus. Jesus asked for a Roman coin and then held it up. Jesus asked: "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When the Pharisees answered, "Caesar's!" Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God..."

You and I "repay to Caesar" every day. We work. We file our taxes. We vote. We obey traffic laws. We do our best to manage the nitty-gritty of this life sensibly and

lawfully. At the same time, we tend to the things which matter to us: our loved ones, our families, the causes we support and the things we love to do.



In the process, we repay "...to God what belongs to God." It occurs to me that innocent Israelis, Palestinians and local citizens of the Gaza Strip who were wakened by that attack two weeks ago hoped to do the same. Still, their lives were turned upside-down, and, in some cases, taken away by the efforts of others to repay *someone* other than the God of Love.

I'm wearing my widow's mite today as I try to make sense of the world around us and the world within us. When unforeseen tragedy or loss, violence or change touch us, we wonder how we'll go on. The people of Ukraine have struggled with this for twenty months. The people of both Israel and Gaza have just begun. Those who have been ravaged by hurricanes and earthquakes, wildfires, and ongoing poverty in too many places in this world do the same day after day. Jesus himself suffered these things with the people of his day.

As I reconsider today's gospel in light of all of this, I realize that the Pharisees who tested Jesus had lost sight of rendering to God. They had abandoned their efforts to do good in order to hoard their own wealth and to maintain their own power over the people. They rendered to themselves quite well, but not to God. It seems that this world's troubles and all our own stem from similar misguided efforts.

This is the reason my widow's mite is so precious to me. It helps me to remember that even my smallest efforts to do good are important. Today and every day, God offers the same message to each one of us. Though we or those around us sometimes question our efforts, God smiles and urges us on. Rendering to God isn't as difficult as we sometimes think. It brings us joy and it makes all the difference in the world wherever we are!

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## YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**



With little more than a year until the United States' national elections, I find myself feeling, like many Catholics, both dread and energized. Dread, because our democratic republic can be a messy endeavor and campaigns a long, nasty, and unedifying slog; energized, because hope for positive societal change can be enticing and engaging. As a pastor, I see similar conflicting attitudes in those whom I serve. How can Catholics best engage our political arena in a way which is truly helpful and worthwhile?

This weeks' gospel reading offers wisdom in this regard. Jesus says, "Render therefore to Caesar the things are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." This riddle forces us to answer for ourselves a hidden question: what is the relationship between political and divine authority? Two common but false answers lead to mischief. If we answer that the two are equivalent, politics becomes our absolute authority. This happens whenever religion is slave to the state, as in the travesty of the pro-Nazi German Christian movement in the 1930s and 40s. It also usually occurs when there is an official state religion. If we answer that the two are totally unrelated, we end up with an unchecked aggressive secularist state as we often experience now. Thus, religion becomes a weak and private pastime.

What's a better alternative? At our best, Christians hold that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate that political authority does indeed have its own legitimate pr.'s respect for politics while also being able to criticize unjust human laws because he recognized a higher heavenly law. In other words, Caesar owns politics — and God owns Caesar. So, we should allow Jesus' words to lead us to have a deep respect and willingness to peacefully engage in politics without making that engagement our religion. We bring our faith to bear on our politics knowing confidently that Caesar isn't God — but he is indeed God's.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

#### MASS HYMNS

- Opening Song: Spirit & Song #226 Our God Is Here by Chris Muglia At Sunday 5:00PM: O Praise the Name (Anástasis) by Marty Sampson, Benjamin Hastings, and Dean Ussher
- Glory to God: Mass of Restoration by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough
- Responsorial Psalm: Give the Lord Glory and Honor by Timothy Smith
- Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Give the Glory by Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd At Sunday 11:30am & 5:00pm: Mass of Endless Mercy by Steve Angrisano

Presentation & Preparation of the Gifts: Spirit & Song #365 You Alone by Sarah Hart and Dwight Liles At Sunday 11:30am: Bless the Lord by Dan Brennan, Marc Cavallero, Kevin Roth, and Ken Canedo At Sunday 5:00pm: You Call Me (Here Am I) by Cooper Ray and Ben Walther

Mass Setting: Mass of Restoration by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion: Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, and Jenn Johnson At Sunday 11:30am: Spirit & Song #233 Table of Plenty by Dan Schutte At Sunday 5:00pm: Remember Me by Sarah Hart

Closing Song: Spirit & Song #196 He Is Exalted by Twila Paris At Sunday 5:00pm: Build My Life by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Elizabeth Kaple, Matt Redman, and Pat Barrett

#### **READING I**

#### ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PSALM 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Give the Lord glory and honor.

#### **READING II**

1 THES 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians

in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you,

remembering you in our prayers,

unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love

and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father,

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

MT 22:15-21

Alleluia, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them,

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs 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. vou 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:* ls 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/I Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

*Monday:* Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

*Tuesday:* Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

*Thursday:* Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

*Friday:* Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

#### WEEKDAY PSALMS

*Monday:* Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people.

*Tuesday:* Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

*Wednesday:* Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Thursday:* Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

*Friday:* Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 Lord, teach me your statutes.

*Saturday:* Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Their message goes out through all the earth.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

*Sunday:* 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Tuesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

*Saturday:* Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

5:00рм: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Sue Simpson | John Carter Bennett | Kenneth Knauf | Gerena Olaya Monis

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

7:30AM: Victor Peccioli | Charlotte V. Siegel 9:30AM: Victor & Joyce Schwartz | Beau Dell | Inigo Relova | Ruben Querubin | Violeta Querubin 11:30AM: Salome Kalaw | Jeannyne & Wayne Regan Violeta Querubin | Ruben Querubin 5:00PM: For the Parish Family

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

7:30AM: Barbara Mikolitis | Sue Simpson

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

7:30AM: George & Bea Tebbetts | Heidi Schneider

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

7:30AM: Narcisco Hilo, Sr. | Harry Pulvermacher | Eileen Sutton | Rey Galsim, Sr.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023 7:30AM: Daniel Ross | Josephine Shook

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

7:30AM: Scott Kohler | Cristeta Sison

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

5:00рм: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Cathy Parzygnat | Bob Sutton | Cecile Harris | The Casis Family | Nancy Minich Benedict

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

7:30AM: Richard P. Siegel | Linoa S. Shepard | Jossie Chandy 9:30AM: Thomas R. Rajchel | Winston Casis | Fr. Al Adamich | Ruel Ignacio | Ray E. Wisdom 11:30AM: Oscar Perez | Jose Perez | Ben Dango | Ceperino Fernando 5:00PM: For the Parish Family

#### **DONATIONS SUMMARY**

Week of 10/15/2023 Sunday- \$10,525 Sharing- \$0 SVdP- \$185

Online Sunday- \$13,087 Online Sharing- \$433 Online SVdP- 717

Month to Date - OctoberSunday- \$36,452Online Sunday- \$26,967Sharing- \$290Online Sharing- \$1,399SVdP- 840Online SVdP- \$2,730

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Al Bruehl Sharon Felt Robert Felt Luz Angela Arboleda Babette Tilden Jose Torres Marife Lacson Bihasa Denise Perez Earl Nicholas Sofia Cosentino Karen Swazas Cristina Soriano Robert Santagata Ruth Blood Sheila DeFazio Peyton Newman Richard Lahey Ted Stanulis Angela Bank Orietta Giannetti Mary Johnson Joanne Trentadue Carol Simpson Gill Sara Kang Barbara Prendergast Kirk Steinhaus Rod Reyes Kimberly Liwanag Brian Reynolds, Jr. Dianne Scirri Grace Zablocki Ted Jameson Tom Ohlwein

Betty Falotico Michael Bockstahler Edward Machak Bryon Patterson Inesa Bekeris Cortney Kinahan Alice DeSilvia Bernadette Gaffney Stephanie Rappe Angie Toon Jeff Klemann Jeanine Hudson Shannon Fleece Jacob Alderman Enrique Figueroa Ross Gube Jason Govednik Rosa LaBellarte Russ Lawson Roberta Becker Emily Meyer Robert Bloom **Betsy Hastings** Monica Parreno Phil Wilson Lou Porreca Rev. John M. Ryan Donna Lee Kalinoski Dawn Tsarpalas Anna L. Schmidt Elsie Roberts Margi Kahan Brittney March

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



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 MINISTRY FAIR - ESP COMMISSION 6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY **11:00AM** RECONCILIATION **1:00PM** BAPTISM- VELASQUEZ 1:00PM BCBP MEETING 1:30PM BAPTISM- GJELSTEN 5:00PM MASS 6:00PM COVALIDATION - SIENES

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 MINISTRY FAIR - ESP COMMISSION

7:30AM MASS 9:00AM RCIA 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 1:00PM BAPTISM - ZARATE 1:30PM BAPTISM - CALLAGHAN **3:30PM** CF | Y1 & Y2 | 7-8 GRADE 3:45PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM CF | HIGH SCHOOL CONF. 5:00PM MASS 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 **7:30AM** MASS 10:00AM THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3 6:30PM CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIFT TAG WRITING

6:3 OPM CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ONLY | CHOSEN: SEASON 1

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 **7:30AM** MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 2:30PM FAITH SHARING 6:30PM C.C. GIFT TAG WRITING

6:30PM SPRED ADULTS 7:00PM PARISH LIFE COMMISSION MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

**7:30AM** MASS 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY 5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU : WED (K-6, SCU) 6:30PM C.C. GIFT TAG WRITING 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY 7:00PM LIFE TEEN CORE MTG 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30AM MASS 8:00AM HOLY HOUR 6:30PM THE CHOSEN - SEASON 3 6:30PM C.C. GIFT TAG WRITING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 7:30AM MASS 5:30PM CUB SCOUTS TRUNK OR TREAT

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL -MEMBERS DRIVE 8:00AM BCBP MEETING **11:00AM** RECONCILIATION 5:00PM MASS

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

**7:30AM** MASS 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6 9:00AM RCIA 9:30AM MASS 11:30AM MASS 3:45PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00PM MASS 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

#### CTOBER 28TH & 29TH | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER		
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Lura Johnson Maryalice Smith	T. Boswell E. Drexler G. Johnson M. Minich M. Smith	Joe & Christine Limas	Fr. Joe Dcn. Andy		
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Elsa Kurien Keith Kouba	D. Mumm E. Nelsen D. Nieman T. Rafael -Azcueta B.Toomey	Nancy Vincent Mary Pieper	Fr. Joe Dcn. Bob		
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Mary Maus Tom Maus	T. Brennan S. Corr Arnold Ignacio T. Maus P. Wilson		Fr. John Dcn. Ivan		
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Gerald Galano Anna Richardt	G. Galano M. Parreno A. Richardt B. Russell S. Tebbetts		Fr. John Dcn. Mike		
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Cathi Roberts Teen or Lector 1	C. Karl T. Marchioni G. Murawski M. Murawski JJ Plamoottil		Fr. Joe Dcn. Brent		



## We Need Your Help to Continue Our Mission Helping Neighbors in Need Sharing Our Gifts with those less Fortunate

We know the help you give is largely unseen, but we can't stress enough how badly it is needed. Your donations are changing, and sometimes saving, the lives of our neighbors in need.

The needs in our community have increased dramatically as inflation has made it harder and harder for the needy to meet basic living expenses. When a crisis happens in their lives, SVdP is often their only hope.

*In August 2023, SVdP's funds were depleted.* We had to shut down our help line and try to find other sources to help these neighbors. We simply must build enough reserve to carry us through the fiscal year.

Over the years you have given so many of our neighbors a bridge over troubled waters.

#### Please consider increasing your donation this year, if you can do so. If you are a first-time donor to SVdP, please consider giving generously.

#### Meet Mandy

Mandy endured spousal verbal abuse for years but was trying to make it work to keep the family together. Everything changed in December of 2022, right before Christmas. The violence in the home escalated to physical abuse. Police were called and a restraining order was issued against the husband. Mandy was beaten - badly - by her now ex and she received urgent medical treatment and fled her home.

Finding herself awash in a new environment, looking for help wherever available, she struggled to survive. Government resources helped for a few weeks, but those resources ran out and she began living in her car with her son.

Determined to get her life back on track, Mandy was not about to be defeated by her situation. After two months in the car, eating at gas stations and surviving on quick snacks, Mandy's relentless search finally resulted in finding an affordable apartment for her and her son. But there was one final hurdle. She needed first month's rent and a security deposit. Thanks to your generosity, our Saint Paul the Apostle SVdP group was able to help Mandy secure this new apartment and break the cycle of violence.

Are you looking for ways to experience God? Members of Saint Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry in serving people living in poverty. We see Christ in our friends in need, and when we see Christ, we experience God.



Please contact Sue Lucas, SVdP President at 847-610-7913 / Maryalice Smith, SVDP Vice President at 847-918-1240.

### Simbang Gabi



is looking for volunteers (children, teens, adults) to be a part of this year's mass on Thursday, December 21st at 7pm. Please contact Catherine Karl at

#### ckarl@saintpaultheapostle.church

St. Paul's Faith Formation students for the 3rd Annual

## HOOFIN' IT FOR HUNGER

Thank you to all who have donated to "Hoofn' It for Hunger!" We have currently raised close to \$1500.00 for St. Anastasia's Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen! We will continue to accept donations until October 31st. We are truly taking care of those that Jesus has asked us to care for! God Bless and Thank you for your generosity!

#### SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

#### SPRED MASS A SPECIAL LITURGY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Please join in the celebration of SPRED (Special Religious Development for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities) mass on Saturday, October 28 at 5 p.m. Our special friends of the St. Paul community will participate in a special liturgy, giving life to God's words through animation, gesture, song, and personal expression. The SPRED program wishes to thank the parish and the community for their continued support of our special needs children and adults and for providing an environment to foster their awareness of God and help them grow in faith. If you are interested in learning more about SPRED and would like to volunteer, please call Lyla Chandy, SPRED Chairperson, at 224.717.0613.

## FAITH Sharing

will resume meetings on Tuesday, October 17th, in the lower level of the church from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.



## The Catholic Charities Christmas Gift Program is back!

As always, we will need help writing gift tags October 16th-19th and October 23rd-26th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

The gift tags will be out for selection at all Masses starting the first weekend in November until they are all gone. Gift Weekend (return of the gifts) is on or before Dec 10th.



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

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

Sign up for a vigil hour with your fellow prayer volunteers! Visit 40daysforlife.com/Waukegan or contact Leslie at hazfam6@comcast.net.

# St. Paul the Apostle Craft Show & Sale

Saturday, Nov. 4th 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL (lower level Gathering Space) FREE ADMISSION & FREE PARKING



# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

JOIN US FOR REHEARSALS ON TUESDAYS 5:00PM - 6:00PM

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





## **Prayer Shawl Request**

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl? Please complete the following information and place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls' weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding pickup/delivery of the shawl.

Name:

Phone:

eMail:

The prayer shawl is for:

\_\_ me \_\_ another parishioner/friend

Shawl recipient is a:

\_\_ male \_\_ female

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#### PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE APRIL 8 – 17, 2024

Join us for a 10-day tour which includes visits to Ars-sur-Formans, c Shrine of St. John Vianney, Chartres, Lisieux, D-Day beaches, Paris and more! Hosted by



Vocation Director Fr. Timothy Monahan. Cardinal Blase Cupich will join us April 12 for the remainder of the pilgrimage.

Cost is \$4,269 per person, based on double occupancy (\$879 supplement for a single room).

For more information about what is included, visit vocations.archchicago.org/events/pilgrimage-to-france. The inquiry form is at bit.ly/3qrcGWS.





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

The Vocations Raffle will begin in October. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to 6 seminarians. We hope to repeat if not give to additional seminarians this year. Please see a council member to get raffle tickets. You can return your completed booklet and donation to our basket at the information desk. You are also able to buy raffle books online here: https://4agc.com/commerce\_pages/b34a6ea2-485e-4e15-b861-1faaecc81be2. Please enter our council number, 11112, to credit Divine Mercy Council at St. Paul the Apostle.

Vivat Jesus, Greg Johnson Grand Knight



EARLIER THIS YEAR WE HELD A LUAU TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR SIMBANG GABI CHARITIES. THESE SUPPORT CHARITIES FOR ORPHANS, ELDERLY, & HUMAN TRAFFICKING VICTIMS. AFTER ALL THE DONATIONS AND ALL THE EXPENSES, WE NETTED \$7383. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

#### Please Consider a QCD gift for Our Parish

You can help to support our parish and cover our increased operating costs by making a qualified charitable distribution ("QCD") gift from your individual retirement account.

A QCD gift (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover) allows individuals age 70<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. This way of giving does not generate taxable income, which may lower your annual income level. If you are age 73 or older, the amount you transfer may count towards your required minimum distribution.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to Saint Paul the Apostle parish please contact **Bob Sekany** at **business@saintpaultheapostle.church** or contact **Marguerite Q. Zappa, Philanthropy Giving Officer,** Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or **mzappa@archchicago.org**.

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#### **STAFF BIO - BOB SEKANY**



My name is Bob Sekany. I have been the business manager at St. Paul's for the past eight years. Prior to coming to work here, I worked in both public accounting and private industry for 30+ years. My wife Kathleen and I are charter members of the parish. Our children Michael, Kerianne and Matthew have attended the wonderful religious education program at St. Paul's through their early teens. I have been on the finance council for many years. I always marvel at the generosity of the parishioners not only from week to week but also on the occasions where we have asked for support for special projects. St. Paul's has been a huge part of my adult life, and I am grateful to be a part of the warm, welcoming community that has been built here.

#### **PRIESTS**

have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support.

Please consider including a legacy gift for **Priests' Health and Retirement** to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

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#### **Crisis Support Resources**

DOMESTIC ABUSE A Safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

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

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

EMERGENCY SHELTER: PADS: 847-698-4357 Catholic Charities: 847-782-4000 COUNSELING: Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725 SUICIDE PREVENTION Emergency: 911

800-411-0103 440-953-8255

FOOD PANTRIES: Avon Township: 847-546-1446 Holy Family: 847-782-4166 Saint Anastasia: 847-623-2112 Warren Township: 847-244-1101



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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7:30AM

5:00PM

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