



ST. PAUL VI PARISH



Fourth Sunday of
Advent

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

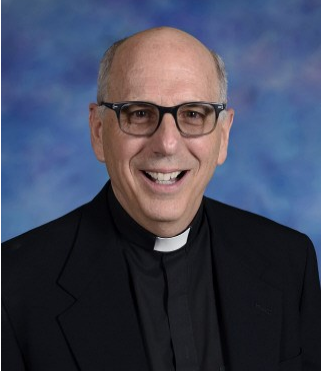
Luke 1:41-42

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St. Mary Church
105 Herrick Road
Riverside

Mater Christi Church
2401 S. 10th Avenue
North Riverside

A message from our Pastor



Advent is nearly over, and the anniversary of Christ's birth is almost here. It's too early perhaps to say Merry Christmas, we still have preparations to make in our parish, our homes, and our hearts. The final days of Advent can be rich ones for our hearts and spirits as we ready ourselves for the celebrations of Mass, and dinner, and gift exchanges.

The anniversary of Christ's birth, like other birthdays, is not just about "Oh, yes, you were born and we're glad about that." Every birthday is about what a person has brought throughout their years, whether it has been 4 years since their birth or 54 or 84. This Christmas we celebrate Christ's two-thousand twenty-first birthday. Even focusing on the baby in the manger in our Christmas creches, we can't help but remember his life and all he taught us, and we are aware that there is the shadow of the cross even at his birth. And we know there is a glorious resurrection in his future too!

We will hear the Christmas story again as we have each year, yet we are different this year—having experienced joys and sorrows, successes and losses, births, and deaths. So, the Christmas story speaks to us anew. Children from our religious education program and school will present a Christmas pageant. A new generation will perform the story and help us to remember the innkeepers and shepherds and angels and Mary and Joseph and the baby lying in the manger.

Whatever other Christmas stories we see and hear, whether the traditional "A Christmas Carol" or "It's a Wonderful Life" or a newer version, the Gospel story is the foundation. All the other stories of love and conversion and giving find their source in the story of God's love becoming incarnate in his Son, Jesus.

We have almost a week left to prepare. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to prepare and is available on Monday evening, December 20, 6-6:45 at both of our churches. There is still time to give to those who are in need, still time to mend relationships, still time to show God's love to those we meet.

The Christmas story isn't the end, it's just the beginning, and Jesus, once born in Bethlehem lives today, Emmanuel, God with us, is present in the liturgy, in God's word, in the sacraments, in the community of faith. The good news that the angels proclaimed to the shepherds is alive among us as we respond to all that Jesus taught. The good news is that Jesus was not only born in Bethlehem but that he will come again in glory and we have this Christmas and every day to "prepare the way of the Lord."

May all the blessings of the Christmas season be yours!

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



We have just begun our *O Antiphons* on Friday. Fr Jacob Bertrand Janczyk OP helps us better understand this tradition. Since the 8th century, these chants have been sung at the beginning of the Magnificat each evening from December 17 through December 23.

The season of Advent is full of mystery and anticipation. During these weeks, the Church's liturgy leads the faithful patiently, yet deliberately, through the prophecies of the Old Testament, particularly the prophet Isaiah, to the silence and beauty of the Nativity. Our incarnate Lord, lying in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, is the fulfillment of all hope, and these

last days of Advent are ushered in by the great *O Antiphons* — seven antiphons, or short chants, that is sung at the beginning of the *Magnificat* each evening at Vespers (Evening Prayer) from December 17 through December 23. The *O Antiphons* have been chanted in the Church since at least the 8th century. There are many levels to the symbolism and foreshadowing of the antiphons. Individually, they each speak on their own, addressing our Lord by a different title or name given to him in Old Testament prophecies, imploring him to come and save his people. These antiphons are called the "*O Antiphons*" because each chant begins with a great cry, "O ...":

Sapientia — O Wisdom
O Adonai — O Lord
O Radix Jesse — O Root of Jesse
O Clavis David — O Key of David
O Oriens — O Dayspring
O Rex Gentium — O King of the Nations
O Emmanuel — O God with Us

Collectively, they speak too. Looking at the titles, we find an acrostic. Taking the first letter of each antiphon, working in reverse, we see the Latin words *ERO CRAS*. Literally, these words translate to, "Tomorrow I will be," or perhaps more appropriately for Advent and the impending Nativity, "Tomorrow I will come."

The text of each antiphon is scriptural and prophetic—the words of the chant are all based on passages from Isaiah that introduce us to the coming Christ-child. It seems every Christian knows the hymn setting of the *O Antiphons*: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Over the next seven days of Advent, we will dive into each of these antiphons with the help of the pope and outstanding preacher, St. Leo the Great (d. 461), whose 21-year pontificate Pope Benedict XVI called, "Undoubtedly one of the most important in the Church's history."

No matter the form in which we know the antiphons, these remaining days of Advent should—with the help of these beautiful and ancient chants—draw our minds and hearts to the King of Kings as we explore our Catholic tradition and prophecy from of old, joyfully awaiting the coming of our Savior.

Fr. Matt Nemchausky, Associate Pastor

This Week's Scripture Reading

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions



In our hearts and prayers, we pray...

Saturday, December 18

(MC) 8:00 am † St Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm † Charles Labotka Jr (Margaret Labotka), Fernando Solis, Helen & Stephen Kubiczky, Gene Swift, Mary Jo Marino (Charles Marino)

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Jolita & Marian Mazurkiewicz, Lillian Seils (Altobello), Arsenia Lim

Sunday, December 19

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Leona & Paul Carrabota, Rudolf, Yolana & Miroslav Vavrinek, Members of the Stumpo Family (D. Conjuna)

(MC) 9:30 am † Rosa Guzman Jaso, Jose Gonzalez Monroy

(SM) 10:00 am † Madai & Wengren Families, Nicoline Shields, Dr. Horatius Browne

(MC) 11:00 am † Susan McCauley (Koszala Family), Joseph Karasek

(SM) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners

Monday, December 20

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Joan Branecki (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Darnstadt Family

Tuesday, December 21

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † All Mothers & Fathers

Wednesday, December 22

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Purgatorial Society, Virginia Sanders (Mary Hoff)

Thursday, December 23

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Eileen Herbstritt (John & Susie O'Brien), Gene Holzmeister (Kay Holzmeister), Robert Stake, Danny McGovern

Friday, December 24

(MC) 8:00 am and (SM) 8:30 am † Wengren & Madai families

(SM-PC) 3:00 pm † Danny & Jack McGovern

(SM-CH) 3:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners

(MC) 4:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Joseph Karasek (Sue Kahler)

(SM) 5:00 pm † Karen Blackaller (Sharmayne Stach)

(SM) 10:00 pm † Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach)

(MC) 12:00 am (Midnight) † St Paul VI Parishioners

Saturday, December 25

(MC) 8:00 am † St Paul VI Parishioners

(MC) 9:30 am † St Paul VI Parishioners, Ray Rompala

(SM) 10:00 am † Rocotello, Roebuck & Spagnoletti Families, Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach)

(MC) 11:00 am † Bob Shermack (Sue Kahler)

(SM) 12:00 pm † Bill Polich (Sue Kahler)

Sunday, December 26

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Charles Labotka, Jr (Margaret Labotka)

(MC) 9:30 am † Rosa Guzman Jaso, Jose Gonzalez Monroy

(SM) 10:00 am † Thelma Lennan (Jim Pendowski), Patricia Liska (Bradt Family), Ann Karasek, Joseph & Stephanie Dziobas (Ray & Carol Borowski)

(MC) 11:00 am † Lorenz Family (Roseann Lorenz)

For the deceased

PRAYER FOR THE ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**For Charles Koblick and for all those
who have died.**

May they rest in Peace.

For the sick and homebound

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| Virginia Alba | Mary Kratchovil |
| Jinnie Allan | Joseph Kratchovil |
| Leo Augustinas | Ramon Lehnen |
| Arlene Batek | Charlotte Lindauer |
| Jorge Blackaller | Emily Martinez |
| Linda Bronsteader | Spencer Mehr |
| John Brophy | Dolores Messlein |
| Del Burns | Lizzie Mooney |
| Joseph Carrabotta | Freda Murphy |
| Dorothy Dunajcik | Annie Nystrom |
| Midge Galloro | Beth Pennacchio |
| Anthony Gorski | Dean Pennacchio |
| Elena Gorski | Rafaela Perez |
| Irene Gorski | Elsie Piszczor |
| Robert Holas | Carol Schaffer |
| Irene Horacek | Lorraine Schmecht |
| Olga Horacek | Eugenia Valdivia Infante |
| Juan Infante | Jorge Valdivia |
| Noel Keen | Jennifer Walden |
| Patricia King | John Leo Wilson |
| Norman Kirkley | Tommy Witteman |
| Theresa Kleddek | Pat Zdarsky |

If you have a loved one that you would like to be remembered for a special intention during Mass, please visit our parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside or call 708-447-1020 to schedule one.

To request your Mass Intention to be included in the bulletin, please submit at least 2 weeks in advance.

Worship

MASS SCHEDULE

Mater Christi Church

Daily Mass
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am
Church (Live replay on YouTube)

Anticipated Mass
Saturday 5:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass
8:00 am Church
(Live replay on YouTube)
9:30 am Church
11:00 am Church

St. Mary Church

Daily Mass
Monday-Friday 8:30 am Church

Anticipated Mass
Saturday 4:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass
8:00 am Church
10:00 am Church & Livestream
5:00 pm Church

Sunday Drive-thru Holy Communion

40 E. Burlington St., Riverside

11:00 to 11:30 am

Please remain in your vehicle and the volunteers will guide you.

RECONCILIATION

Mater Christi Church

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm
or by appointment

St. Mary Church

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 pm, before
4:00 pm Mass or by appointment

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 24, 25 & 26:

Christmas Eve Mass - Friday, December 24

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| 8:00 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Matthew Nemchausk |
| 8:30 am | St. Mary Church | Fr. Thomas May |
| 3:00 pm | St. Mary Church | Fr. Robert Banzin |
| 3:00 pm | St. Mary Parish Center | Fr. Thomas May |

Children's Christmas Pageant

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| 4:00 pm | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Matthew Nemchausky |
| 5:00 pm | St. Mary Church | Fr. Brian Taber, SJ |
| 10:00 pm | St. Mary Church | Fr. Thomas May |
| 12:00 Midnight | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Matthew Nemchausky |

Christmas Day Mass - Saturday, December 25

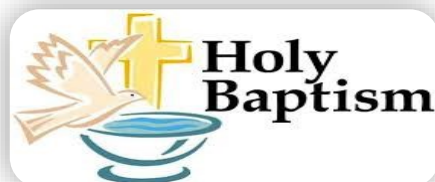
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| 8:00 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Thomas May |
| 9:30 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Thomas May |
| 10:00 am | St. Mary Church | Bishop Kevin Birmingham |
| 11:00 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Matthew Nemchausky |
| 12:00 Noon | St. Mary Church | Fr. Thomas Unz |

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26

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| 8:00 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Matthew Nemchausky |
| 8:00 am | St. Mary Church | Fr. Thomas May |
| 9:30 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Thomas Unz |
| 10:00 am | St. Mary Church | Fr. Brian Taber, SJ |
| 11:00 am | Mater Christi Church | Fr. Thomas May |

***Presider schedule is subject to change.**

**May the Lord
Bless You
and Keep You,
and continue to watch
over you.**



December 11, 2021 - Angelstar Muncal Tabaloc
November 12, 2021 - Victor Thomas Hanson

ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm



St. Mary Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

3:00 to 9:00 pm



One Million *Hail Mary* Challenge

As of December 2, 2021 we have prayed
913,769 Hail Marys.

Come pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Join us on this link: Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468 Passcode: 949134

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUILVFVhYWVBQT09>

2021 Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

SIMBANG GABI

Saturday, December 18

7:00 PM Mater Christi Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:30 AM St. Mary Church

3:00 PM St. Mary Church

3:00 PM St. Mary Parish Center

Children's Christmas Pageant

4:00 – 4:30 PM Drive-thru Communion

4:00 PM Mater Christi Church

(Livestream)

5:00 PM St. Mary Church

10:00 PM St. Mary Church

(Livestream)

12:00 Midnight Mater Christi Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

11:00–11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

12:00 Noon St. Mary Church

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:00 AM St. Mary Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

11:00–11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

* NO 5:00 PM Mass at St. Mary Church

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:30 AM St. Mary Church

4:00 PM St. Mary Church

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00–11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

*NO anticipated Mass on either campus for

Sunday, January 2

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:00 AM St. Mary Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

11:00–11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

5:00 PM St. Mary Church

HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Christmas Eve:

Friday, December 24

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

New Year's Eve:

Friday, January 31

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure



Elderly religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes—often for little to no pay. Now, many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide medications, nursing care, and more.

A sister writes, “Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors whose donations have made this financial assistance possible.” Thank you for supporting last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

If you would still like to make a donation, please send it by mail, online, text or stop by the parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside.

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MAIL - DROP OFF - CALL

- Bishop Lyne Pastoral Center
40 E Burlington St.
Riverside IL 60546
- (708) 447-1020

ONLINE

- Click the donate button at www.stpaulviparish.org to set up an EFT or credit/debit card donation.

TEXT-TO-GIVE

- Text dollar amount you wish to donate to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).
- A verification and an email will be sent to you.

Are you considering a Year-End Gift to St Paul VI Parish?

Let us help you make your Year-End giving as simple and easy as possible. Gift giving is as easy as 1,2,3!

For a 2021 Tax Deduction, here are options on how you can make your donation:

1. Gifts sent by US Postal Service mail *must be postmarked* by December 31.
2. Gifts sent by other couriers should be delivered to our office by December 31. Our office will be open on New Year’s Eve, December 31st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
3. Gifts sent online using a credit card should be completed and transmitted by December 31. To make your online gift, visit our website at www.stpaulviparish.org and click the Donate button.
4. Gifts sent by a mobile device; text **DONATE** to **708-55-4PAUL** (708-554-7285).

For a year-end donation from your IRA:

Contact your IRA plan administrator and advise him/her of your intention to transfer funds. Provide our Tax ID to your plan administrator, Tax ID #36-2755671. A check issued directly from your IRA account should be mailed to:

St. Paul VI Parish
40 E. Burlington Street
Riverside, IL 60546
Attn: Rev. Thomas P. May

If you have any questions, please contact:

Jane Birmingham at 708-447-1020 or jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org

To make a stock gift, please call Christine O’Connor or Jen Pondel at 708-447-1020.

Thank you for remembering St. Paul VI when determining your charitable giving decisions. We are grateful for your generosity and your continued support.

Parish Announcements



Welcome

New Parishioners



Rogelio Pantoja, Maribel Salazar, Pablo Pantoja
Salazar, Paulina DelReal
Alexander, Heather, Grace, & Eleanor Kuzma
Carmen Harris
Joseph & Alissa Lambert
Michael & Mary Mullen
Domenica, Kyle, and Guiliana Mikesch

- ♦ **Didn't receive our Christmas mailer?** Let us know and we will drop one in the mail. Please call the Parish office at 708-447-1020.
- ♦ **Are you a budding cinematographer?** We are seeking volunteers that would like to become a part of the livestreaming team for masses. Please reach out to Bryant Rouleau brouleau@stpaulviparish.org for additional information.
- ♦ **Calling all book lovers**, we need help putting the St Mary School Library together. We are looking for volunteers to unpack and to shelve books one Saturday morning in December. If you love to organize please reach out to Nicole Nolzco: nnolzco@stmaryriverside.org to volunteer.



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Visit: www.stpaulviparish.org

300 CLUB RAFFLE WINNERS

November 21, 2021

1st Prize Elizabeth & Dvorak Family

2nd Prize Pat Brown

November 28, 2021

1st Prize Maureen Ferriter

2nd Prize Megan Kroc

December 5, 2021

1st Prize Ken & Bonnie Krochmal

2nd Prize Geraldine Dulik

Parish Events



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

This Christmas wafer is a central European holiday tradition celebrated in Poland, Lithuania, and Slovakia during Wigilia, or the Christmas Eve Vigil.

If you would like to purchase some Oplatki Christmas Wafers, they will be available for purchase at both worship sites during Advent starting November 28, for \$2 an envelope.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We celebrated the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on December 4th and 5th. A record number of people took advantage of the graces of this sacrament. We pray that every person who was

anointed has experienced the comfort offered by our healing Lord.

If you were not able to come for the anointing, or you know someone who would like to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office (708-447-1020) to arrange for a priest to come.

Pagdiriwang ng Paskong Pilipino
(Filipino Christmas Celebration)

Simbang Gabi

(Night Mass)

Sabado, Disyembre 18
(Saturday, December 18)

7:00 PM

Mater Christi Church

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Filipino Christmas Celebration

Please join us for a Night Mass on Saturday, December 18 at 7:00 PM at Mater Christi Church. Our celebrant will be Fr. Xamie Reyes.

The tradition of Simbang Gabi is a devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas practiced by Filipino Catholics. It is an advent tradition that dates back in the Spanish era since the 1960's. It is celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Parish Events



ADVENT SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Christmas lights seem to be going up earlier this year. It appears we are eager to dispel the darkness as we await the birth of the Light of the World.

We have been given a gift that graces us to dispel other darkness's in our hearts, in our lives. Pope Francis wrote, "The Lord never tires of forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace not to tire of asking forgiveness because he never tires of forgiving."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday evening of December 20th from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM. It will be celebrated at both Mater Christi church and St. Mary church. An online video to help us prepare for confession is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwnipmICl4Y>

Come to the Light!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore life, spirituality, and faith through a Christian lens. Alpha provides a non-judgmental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is skeptical or curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends.

How it works

Welcome: 6:30-6:45 PM Welcome, meet some new people.

Dine: 6:45-7:15 PM A light meal is shared

Watch: 7:15-7:45 PM Each Alpha meeting features a 25-minute film. Designed to inspire questions rather than provide answers, these films explore big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. Do the films address questions such as Who is Jesus? And How can we have faith?

Discuss: 7:45-8:30 PM The evening builds to the time of discussion. Your host will facilitate the group where you can share your thoughts about faith and life and hear from others in the group. You can share as little or as much as you like.

Location: Mater Christi Church Marian Room 2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside

Dates and Times - Winter dates are to be determined soon!

To sign up or for more information, contact Carole Eipers at ceipers@stpaulVIparish.org or call at 708-447-1020.



Due to recent health setbacks, Fr. Cy Nemecek is having difficulty preparing meals.

Father became Pastor of Mater Christi Church in 1992 and has been Pastor Emeritus since 2004.

Please help us and together we can provide nutritious meals for Fr. Cy so that he may be strengthened and kept as healthy as can be.

If you would like to volunteer to make some meals for Fr. Cy:

Call or Text Patti Jo Meyer at 708-334-6263 (Please leave a voicemail if no answer.)

Or you may email her at pjmeh14@gmail.com and she can send you the link. Thank You!



JOIN THE TEAM!
Volunteers needed for a repack session.

SATURDAY, January 8, 2022
1:00 to 3:45 pm

Must be 11 years or older with a parent or guardian. Age 16+ can come on their own. Only 15 slots available so sign up now!

Contact John Legan at bishopse5a@gmail.com or call/text 708-870-0045 to register or for questions.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) TUESDAY SUPPER

The CC Cicero office and Service Outreach provides monthly hot meals to those in need in the local community every third Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, shop, assemble containers, clean-up and food delivery.

The next Tuesday Supper will be on **Tuesday, December 21**. Job details and food items needed for supper can be found on the Sign-Up Genius. Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic38>

FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!

Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule of the Pastoral Office located at 40 E. Burlington during business hours. Place Gift Cards in the office mailbox and clearly marked for Catholic Charities food drive.

For a list of the most requested items or to sign up to volunteer, please use the Sign-Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic44>

Feel free to leave any non-perishable items.



SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

The Service Outreach Group of St. Paul VI Parish, will be collecting new socks for the homeless, **January 3rd through the 17th**. New men's, women's and children's socks can be dropped off at the Lyne Parish Office, 40 E. Burlington, St. Mary School, or the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center at Mater Christi.

Socks are seldom donated for the homeless, yet socks are one of the most important clothing items needed. This is especially true for the colder months, and provide warmth and prevent disease. We ask that you drop off your new men's , women's children's socks the first 2 weeks in January 3rd thru the 17th. These will be donated to Guardian Corps of America, where they seek out the homeless under viaducts, at camps, or on the street. Thank you for your caring and generosity.

For questions, please contact Pat Madai at 708-484-2047.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help in the food pantry at 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero. Staff, volunteers, and clients are screened for COVID and wear masks.

Volunteer shifts:

Mondays: 9:15-11:15 a.m.; 12:15-2:15 p.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.

Tuesdays: 9:15-11:15 a.m. and 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Thursdays: 1:45-4 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

Volunteers also are needed on delivery days:

2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Wednesdays from 10:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For information, contact Claudia Andrade at candrade@catholiccharities.net or (708) 329-4023.



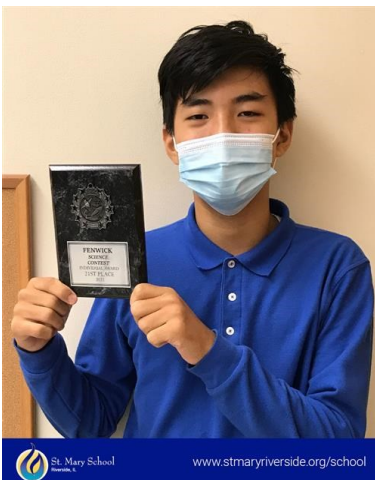
GIVE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Fund a Child's Future

Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Matching Donation Program Begins Dec. 1, 2021

The Archdiocese of Chicago has once again secured matching donors for the Empower Illinois Scholarship Program. St. Mary School will receive an additional \$2 for every dollar that you contribute between Dec. 1, 2021 and Jan. 10, 2022 (when funds typically run out). Here's how the program works:

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2. **RESERVE** your tax credit for the current calendar year (2021 if you donate in Dec and 2022 if you donate in Jan.). Once your account is set up, log into your online account at mytax.illinois.gov (Empowerillinois.org will eventually take you to the same page.). Click on the link to your individual account under the "Accounts" tab. Then, under "I Want to" in the top right corner of the page, select "Contribute to Invest in Kids". Navigate through the form, selecting Cook County, Empower Illinois as the scholarship granting organization, and the amount you will be donating (to all schools). **You will have the opportunity to select St. Mary School when you make your donation.** You will then receive your Contribution Authorization Certificate under your mytax.illinois.gov account correspondence tab almost immediately.
3. **DONATE:** Make your donation between Dec. 1, 2021 and Jan. 10, 2022 (So that we can get our 2:1 matching funds). You will receive 75% of your donation that can be used as a tax credit on your Illinois tax bill. Our goal this year is to secure the full \$100,000 in matching funds available to each school. Here is a [step by step guide](#) to make your donation. Contact Mrs. Vrablik or Mrs. Nolzco with any questions.



Fenwick Science Contest

Congratulations to 7th grader Oliver Liu for placing 21st of 340 students in the 45th Annual Fenwick Science Contest. 24 schools participated in this year's competition. St. Mary School had 18 students participate in the contest. Our team placed 8th overall!

Thank you to Mr. Crosswhite for preparing our students.



Alumni News

St. Mary School is very proud of Will Przybylski, Class of 2018, for his latest accomplishment.

Congratulations to Will Przybylski '22 on being promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Learn more at <https://www.brotherrice.org>.

Parish & Community Resources

ST. PAUL VI PARISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The new St. Paul VI Women's Society monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm in the Mater Christi Church followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm in the Marian room (lower level). To join, contact Teresa Hall, 708-525-3082, hallrts@comcast.net; Carol Dvorak, 708-280-6406, ccdvorak123@yahoo.com; and Susan Kahler, 708-805-1007, sclarekahler@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Ketteler Council 1628
Catholic men 18 and older are invited to our monthly meeting held the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

For information: <http://stmaryriverside.org/kofc> or contact Roger Jensen at (630) 418-3308.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

St. Mary Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month to pray, knit and crochet. Please let us know when someone in your family or neighborhood is in need of the comfort these prayer filled shawls, hats & scarves provide.

For information, call Marilyn Havlik at 708-485-7538.

Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

The Latino Advisory Council Meets every Friday on the third Friday of each Monday. Join us to talk about promoting our Latino faith and share with the parish community.

For questions, contact Matthew Brophy mbrophy@archchicago.org or call 708-447-1020.

El Consejo Asesor Latino se reúne todos los viernes el tercer viernes de cada lunes. Únase a nosotros para hablar sobre promover nuestra fe latina y compartir con los comunidad parroquial.

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This process begins with an interview with a Pastoral Staff member. No date for the ceremony can be reserved until this interview is completed. For more information, call the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

Home or Hospital Visitation and Anointing Calls

If you would like a priest, deacon or minister of care to visit, or if you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

FUNERAL PLANNING & ARRANGEMENTS

St. Paul VI Parish will assist you in preparing and customizing the Funeral Mass for your loved one. We are here to be of service to you during your time of sorrow.

Please contact the parish office at 708-447-1020 to make arrangements.

The staff of St Paul VI parish which consists of the communities of Mater Christi, St Mary, and St Hugh is here to assist you in preparing and celebrating the funeral Mass for your loved one. This is a simple outline of choices you may use to personalize the mass for you and your family. All of these are suggestions; you may choose any sacred music that is familiar or important to you.

Fr. Matt Nemchausky will assist in any musical questions or special requests you have.

For a complete list of the Outline of Funeral Mass, please visit <https://www.stpaulviparish.org/funerals.html>

COUNSELING SERVICES

St. Paul VI offers counseling services to our parishioners. All issues are treated with respect and confidentiality. Appointments are set at your convenience and are held at the Pastoral Center or other suitable location.

Clients are served on a sliding scale and whenever possible insurance reimbursement will be encouraged and supported.

Visit stmaryriverside.org for reading resources or contact Damaris Colòn-Soto at 787-940-6283. Se habla español.

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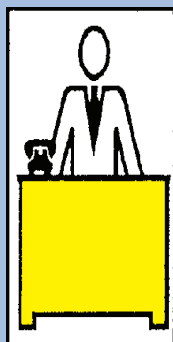
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