



# ST. PAUL VI PARISH

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023



St. Mary Church  
105 Herrick Road  
Riverside

Mater Christi Church  
2401 S. 10th Avenue  
North Riverside

## *A message from our Pastor*



We no sooner lit the 4th Advent candle this morning and four hours later we began celebrating Christmas! I know everyone says the season goes quickly, but this was light speed! And in a funny way, it is actually preparing us for how quickly Lent will be here.

Let us take a moment and breathe. Let us be thankful to be here, alive on Christmas Day 2023. Let us remember those who are no longer with us who will always be part of our Christmas memories.

Let us celebrate today and feel the presence of God's love and peace in our hearts in the days and weeks to come. I am so very blessed to be part of the family of St. Paul VI Parish. Merry Christmas!

*Fr. Tom May, Pastor*

### **The True Christmas Spirit**

-Ina G. Roberts

A long time ago, down Bethlehem way,  
A star shown in the night sky as bright as the day.  
The shepherds were watching their flocks with care  
When a host of angels appeared in the air,  
Proclaiming the son of God had been born  
To deliver our souls on that cold Christmas morn.  
You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes,  
Lying in a manger while the cattle lows.

A few short decades later, he died on a cross.  
Without his sacrifice, we would all be lost.  
So as you're running around, buying gifts and treats  
To have a big party when your family meets,

Stop and remember why we celebrate this day,  
It's not about gifts and food and games to play.  
I think of that; we all have enough.  
When you think about it, it's all just stuff.

The gift of love is what Jesus gave,  
And salvation the day he arose from the grave.  
To love each other is all that he asks.  
I know that at times that can be a big task.

Just humble yourself and look all around.  
I think what you find will be profound.  
There are many who can only afford the gift of love.  
No presents, no tree with a star up above.

Look into your life, and you will find you are blessed  
By many who love you; that gift is the best.  
So when it comes time to bless your meal,  
Ask for your family to be blessed as well.

Not with gifts or money or material stuff,  
but that love and tolerance will be enough.  
Remember the loved ones who cannot be there,  
But rejoice they're in heaven and not suffering here.

And when you see someone who is down and out,  
Don't put them down or have any doubt.  
Just do what you think Jesus would do.  
Give what you can to help them get through.

If they misuse it, that's between them and God.  
In Jesus' eyes you have done your job.  
God bless you and enjoy your family  
Christmas day, May peace, love, and happiness come your way.

### **La Parroquia St. Paul VI / St. Paul VI Parish**

se complace en anunciar que celebraremos / is pleased to announce that we will celebrate,

### *la Misa en español / Mass in Spanish*

a las 8:00 am / 8:00 am

en la Iglesia Mater Christi / Mater Christi Church  
2401 S 10th Ave., North Riverside

**a partir del / beginning**

**14 de enero de 2024 / January 14, 2024**

Estamos formando un equipo de liturgia en español y necesitamos de su ayuda con el ministerio de la música, lectores, ujieres, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Comunión, monarguillos y hospitalidad. Si desea servir en alguno de estos ministerios favor de asistir a la reunión el martes 19 de diciembre alas 7:00pm en Mater Christi o comuníquese con María Ramos [marramos@archchicago.org](mailto:marramos@archchicago.org).

We are forming a Spanish liturgy team and need your help with the music ministry, readers, ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, altar servers and hospitality. If you wish to serve in any of these ministries please attend the meeting on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00pm at Mater Christi or contact María Ramos [marramos@archchicago.org](mailto:marramos@archchicago.org).

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## *A message from our Associate Pastor*



Happy 4th Sunday of Advent and, depending on when you read this, Merry Christmas or Happy Christ like in Harry Potter. My nephew excitedly said that for a couple of years before he grew out of it. The Christmas Octave is strange in that we are rarely wearing the white of celebration but often the red of martyrdom. Pope Francis helps us understand why that is in an article from Aleteia by Kathleen N. Hattrup.

On the day after Christmas, the pope traditionally leads the midday Angelus in St. Peter's Square, as he does on Sundays. That day is the feast of the first Christian martyr, St. Stephen, whose death is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles.

In his reflection, Pope Francis noted the celebration of martyrs – St. Stephen, and then the Holy Innocents – during the Christmas Octave: “The liturgy really seems to want to steer us away from the world of lights, lunches, and gifts in which we might indulge somewhat in these days. Why?”

Because Christmas is not the fairytale of the birth of a king, but it is the coming of the Saviour, who frees us from evil by taking upon himself our evil: selfishness, sin, death. This is our evil: the selfishness we carry within us, sin, because we are all sinners, and death. And the martyrs are those most similar to Jesus. Indeed, the word martyr means witness: the martyrs are witnesses, that is, brothers and sisters who, through their lives, show us Jesus, who conquered evil with mercy.

The Holy Father noted that in our own day, there are more martyrs than in the early times, and he urged us to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters.

But he also suggested a question: “It will do us good to ask ourselves: **Do I bear witness to Christ?** And how can we improve in this? Pope Francis suggested three concrete steps, following St. Stephen's example:

### **Charity**

Stephen's “first witness was not given in words, but through the love with which he served those most in need.”

### **Welcoming the Word of God and sharing it**

Stephen shared faith in the light of the Word of God and the teaching of the Apostles (cf. Acts 7:1-53, 56).

### **Forgiveness**

Stephen's greatest testimony is yet another: that he knew how to unite charity and proclamation. He left it to us at the point of his death when, following the example of Jesus, he forgave his killers (cf. Mt 60; Lk 23, 34).

### **A greater gift**

The Pope said:

Here, then, is our answer to the question: We can improve our witness through charity towards our brothers and sisters, fidelity to the Word of God, and forgiveness. Charity, Word, forgiveness. It is forgiveness that tells whether we truly practice charity towards others, and if we live the Word of God. Forgiveness [in Italian *perdono*], is indeed as the word itself suggests, a greater gift [*dono*], a gift we give to others because we belong to Jesus, forgiven by him. I forgive because I have been forgiven: let us not forget this...

Let us think, let each one of us think of his or her own capacity to forgive: How is my capacity to forgive, in these days in which perhaps we encounter, among the many, some people with whom we have not gotten along, who have hurt us, with whom we have never patched up our relationship.

Let us ask the newborn Jesus for the newness of a heart capable of forgiveness: We all need a forgiving heart! Let us ask the Lord for this grace: Lord, may I learn to forgive. Let us ask for the strength to pray for those who have hurt us, to pray for those who have harmed us, and to take steps of openness and reconciliation. May the Lord give us today this grace.

May Mary, Queen of martyrs, help us to grow in charity, in love of the Word and in forgiveness.

*Fr. Matt Nemchausky, Associate Pastor*



## Worship

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 23 - St. John of Kanty**

(MC) 8:00 am † Eileen Herbstritt (John & Susie O'Brien)

(SM) 4:00 pm † Eileen Herbstritt (John & Susie O'Brien), Marge & Bill Fuetterer, Robert Keehn III

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Eugene Koszala (Koszala Family)

**Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent (Christmas Eve)**

(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jasso, Andrew Garcia, Celestine Casper, Stephen Laskowski (Del Burns), Fr. Cyril Nemecek (Ludmila Vavrinec), Sandra Zdenek

(SM) 10:00 am † Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach), Enedina Arredondo (Letty Arredondo)

(SM) 3:00 pm † St. Paul VI Volunteers

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

(MC) 3:30 pm † Healing for those sick in our parish

(SM) 5:00 pm † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Anne Lysaught)

(SM) 10:00 pm † For the first responders & their families

(MC) 12:00 am † Edward & Henriette Kwiek

**Monday, December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**

(SM) 8:00 am † Fr. Cy Nemecek (Joanne Suba)

(MC) 9:30 am † St. Paul VI Parishioners and families

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

(MC) 11:00 am † Jessica Albertsen & Robert Swift (Cheryl Albertson)

**Tuesday, December 26 - St. Stephen**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Healing for those sick in our parish

**Wednesday, December 27 - St. John**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Jasper Mitchell (SPVI), Don & Mary Miller (Bob & Judy Finn)

**Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Mary Lou Atkinson (Steven Lifka), Rev. John B. Murphy

**Friday, December 29 - 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Thomas Becket**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Anthony LaPorte (SPVI), Alexas Herminia Bagdonas, Bernice D. Gorski (Flight Family)

**Saturday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm † Delwin & Elaine Stednitz, Bryan Wengren (Patricia Madai)

(MC) 5:00 pm † The Lorenz Family (Rosann Lorenz), Jim Burns (Del Burns), Ken Wright (Genevieve Wright), Henriette Kwiek (Nancy Kwiek)

**Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Deceased members of the Tangorra & Dituri Family (Joanne Suba), Rev. Thomas Moran (Shelley Drogos)

(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jasso, Andrew Garcia

(SM) 10:00 am † Sandra Guiheen (Jack & Joan Wiaduck)

(MC) 11:00 am † Gene Koszala (The Dvorak Family), Anna Sblendorio 1st Year Anniversary (The Sblendorio Family)

(SM) 4:00 pm † Celestine Casper

(MC) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parish Families



*In our hearts and prayers, we pray...*

### 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 all those who have died, especially for Curtiss Klimes and Bishop Raymond Goedert, may they rest in peace.**

### FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Virginia Alba	Jerry Kosik
Cheryl Albertsen	Virginia Kott
Christine Alvarado	Donald J. Kotrba, Sr.
Jim Arndt	Mary Kratochvil
Antonio Arredondo	Joseph Kratochvil
Neenah B.	Diane Kretz
Arlene Batek	Dorothy Kraus
Mary Binder	Christina Lee
Alberto Blasi	Ramon Lehnen
Anita Blasi	Anthony Lindauer
Deacon Bob Boharic	Charlotte Lindauer
Jennifer Borow	Ashley Marlow
Lauri Bukowski	Eileen Marquetti
Del Burns	Emily Martinez
Patti Bzdyl	Harper Faith McGee
Raybon Carroll	Spencer Mehr
Al Cimino	Dolores Messlein
Victorino Herrera Corral	Lizzie Mooney
Glen Cox	Rita Morrissey
Gloria DeSanto	Freda Murphy
Margarita Diaz	Annie Nystrom
Carol Dvorak	Margaret O.
Alex Dynako	Russ O'Brien
David Dynako	Beth Pennacchio
Elliott Franche	Dean Pennacchio
Midge Galloro	Rafaela Perez
Jayme Girard	Deacon Ron Pilarski
Dawn Gmitro	Elsie Piszczor
Mimi Gnolfo	Maria Pura
Bern Gordus	Dennis Raleigh
Anthony Gorski	Lucia Ramirez
Elena Gorski	Maria Retana
Irene Gorski	Roberto Requena
Chris Green	Dolores Rieber
Bob Gurski	George Rieber Sr.
Katie Hassberger	Al Riebock
Thomas Higgins	Rogelio Rojas
Marilynne Higgins	Vivian Santoro
Robert Holas	Maria Consuelo Serrano
Irene Horacek	Carol Schaffer
Olga Horacek	Lorraine Schmecht
Juan Infante	Ann Stauffer
Peggy K	Nicholas John Stiso
Wassyl Kalin	Ethan Tkalec
Noel Keen	Maria Villafuerte
Bill Kernan	Jennifer Walden
Patricia King	Carina Willems
Norman Kirkley	Henry & Dorothy Zalabak
Theresa Kledek	Pat Zdarsky
Russell Klemp	

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 minimum 2 weeks prior to the requested Sunday bulletin date.



2023

# ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

5:00 PM Vigil Mater Christi Church

Sunday, December 24

*\*No 8 AM or 11:00 AM Masses*

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

3:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

3:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Parish Center

Children's Christmas Pageant

3:30 PM Vigil Mater Christi Church

5:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

*\*10:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church*

*\*12:00 Midnight Mater Christi Church*

*\*Christmas carols 30 minutes  
before Masses*

## CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

8:00 AM St. Mary Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

*\*No 5:00 PM Sunday Mass at St. Mary  
Church*

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

*\*No 8 AM or 8:30 AM Masses*

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

## EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 AM (English) St. Mary Church

8:00 AM (Spanish) Mater Christi Church

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSICIANS  
IN MEMORIAM

This Christmas parishioners were invited to assist in creating a small, yet tangible, remembrance of their family members and/or friends while helping to fund Christmas Flowers and Musicians that enhance our parish liturgies.

*Parishioners have taken the special opportunity to remember the following people:*

Joe & Elsie Abramowski	Klancir Family	Anton Machalek	Salvador Quezada
Sandra Abramowski	Tobolaski Family	Frank Machalek	Rosa Quezada
Joseph Alba	De Nicola Family	Thomas & Irene Madai	Fernando Quezada
Francisco Alba	Marra Family	Charlotte Majerczak	Jose Luis Quezada
Joe Aone	Hipsman Family	Bishop John Manz	Irene Rehak
Lillian & Charles Batek	Corrigan Family	Frank Margelewski	Mary Rizzo
Clara Behrendt	Zarbock Family	Eugene & Eleanor Matuszewski	Joseph Rizzo
Chester F. Behrendt	Motto Family	Agnes Mazur	Rev. Robert Roll
William & Mary Elaine Bensfield	Dynako Family	Anne Mazur	Margaret Ryan
Bruce Edward Bensfield	Kubiczky Family	Michael Mazur	Dolores Sabatino
Dennis William Bensfield	Zak Family	Michael P. Mazur	Ogarita Saldaña
Theresa & Ed Bialas	Kish Family	Henrietta Mazur	Richard Schnorr
Jack Bigane	Michniewicz Family	Bill McCarthy	Berenice & Ed Scully
Margaret Bigane	Lesniak Family	Danny McGovern	The Sewing Circle
Jim Bigane	Feigl Family	Mary Carole McGovern	Joe & Sally Shannon
Bishop Kevin Birmingham	Bern Felke	Joseph A. McHatton	Mary Ellen Shannon
Dorothy Bogan, son and grandson	George & Rose Ferraro	Richard McLain	Andrew & Geraldine Sherwin
Anne Brokenshire	Patricia Fitzpatrick	Mary Jane McMahan	Thomas J. Shields, Jr.
John Brokenshire	Edward Flowers	Jack McMahan	Nicoline M. Shields
Philip Brokenshire	Jean Folz	Audrey Mehr	Adelaide G. Shields
Dalton Lee Brown	Walter Folz, Jr.	Jim Mehr	Margie & Teddy Sipiora
Jim Burns	Marge & Bill Fuetterer	Richard Melanson	Geri Smith
Bob & Charlotte Byrnes	Concetta (Connie) & Anthony	Brendan Melanson	Duane Smith
Luis Cabrera	Gattuso	Peter & Dorothy Messlein	James Smith
Martin Cabrera, Sr.	Bishop Raymond Goedert	David & Michelle Messlein	Anna & Alex Sniakas
Robert F. Carey	Frank Gorski	Peter & Loretta Messlein	Madeline Solik
Charlotte Castaldo	Rosina Grano	Vickie & Ed Michniewicz	Kevin Spellman
Jerome Cheop	John Grimes	Dec'd Mireles & Hronec Families	Marty Stratman
Pearl & Bill Cheop	Ron Gryzlak	Guy Miska	Mary M. Stulik
Katie Chomic	John & Klara Grzelak	Daniel Mokrzycki	Joseph & Cathy Suchan
John Chomic	Joe Grzelak	Ed & Lillian Mokrzycki	Vincent & Geraldine Sullivan
Angela Cimino	Rosann Gutierrez	Kerry Morrissey	Tim & Eileen Sweeney
Jim Cleveland	Tristan Hall	Motto Family	Ruth J. Teal
Bill Cooney	Ray Hickey	Magdalena Muñoz Medina	Dr. Nunzio Tedesco
Michael Cox	Bill & Dorothy Hough	Pat Murray	Ray Tonini
Leo & Thomas Crotty	Leonard & Marian Jelinek	Marie Nadle	Joseph Trauskas
Lillian David	James & Bessie Jes	Agnesa & Karol Nedorost	Emilio, Celestino & Angelina
Dale Day	JoAnn Jones	Fr. Cy Nemecek	Trevino
Ruperto De Loera	Joe & Anna Jurasek	Bob & Helen Nickola	Carole & Joseph Turek
Salvador De Loera	Tony, Helen, & Wayne Kates	Elsie & Jim Novak	Timothy Joseph Turek
Horacio De Loera	Kiki Katsikas	Frank & Eleanora Nushardt	Herbert & Sophie Ulbert
Florence DeBower	Robert Keehn, III	Claude Ohanesian	Katherine (Kay)Vabro
Walter DeBower	Marie & Bob Keehn, Sr.	Helen & August Ondrejka	Mildred Valek
Tony DeMark	Walter & Stella Kenar	Dr. Frank J. Orland	Anton & Emily Valek
Barbara DeMark	Ann & George Kepka	Dr. Phyllis Orland	Yolana & Rudolf Vavrinec
Ronald DeMark	Pearl Kirkley	Our Deceased Family and Friends	Miroslav Vavrinec
William & Mary Denis	John Kirkley	Carl Perrecone	Anna & Joseph Vavrinec
Barbara Dilelio	Jon Kirkley	Irene Perrecone	Art & Pat Vladika
Joan Dobbs	Marty Kirkley	Kerry Pill	Eugene Warta
Virginia Dudkiewicz	Joseph Kmet	Elizabeth (Liz) Polhemus	Emil & Lottie Wengren
Edwin Dulik	Joseph & Cathy Kmet	William J. Polich	Philip Wengren
Rudy & Frances Dulik	Angie Kutz	Jeff Potter	Ramona Wierciak
Armella & Ed Ebeling	Edward & Henriette Kwiek	Jim Potter	Chester F. Wierciak, Sr.
Lorenz & Pindak Families	Lancir Family	Joe & Helen Prepura	Rick Williams
Kovacevic Family	Julia Lopez Lara	Lillian & Henry Prusa	Jack Yamich
Drenth Family	John & Marie Lesauskas	Helen Puccini	Alice Yetter
O'Brien Family	Locigno Family	Ofelia Puccini	Jim Zak
Coha Family	William & Agnes Lorr	Fred Puccini	Frank & Ethel Zaviska
	George & Jean Lunt	Mary & Ted Purvin	George R. Zdarsky

WE REMEMBER ALL OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, LIVING AND DECEASED,  
AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM.

# Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

2023 LEGACY PLANNING

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Paul VI parish located in Riverside, Illinois. However, if St. Paul VI parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Paul VI Parish, please contact Jane Birmingham at 708-447-1020 or [jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org](mailto:jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org).

## Ways to give

### 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](http://www.stpaulviparish.org) to set up an EFT or credit/debit card donation.

### TEXT-TO-GIVE

- Text **DONATE** to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).
- A verification and an email will be sent to you.



### SCAN TO DONATE

How to scan a QR code using your iPhone or Android phone:

- Open the Camera app on your phone.
- Then point your phone on the QR code to scan.
- Tap on the pop-up banner to open St. Paul VI Donate page.



December 18, 2023  
WINNERS!

Due to the early bulletin submission, winner for this day will be announced on the next bulletin.

### THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE!

ALL proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray regular operating costs in the parish budget. The parish FUNDRAISING GOAL for 2023-2024 is \$35,000.

For the official rules, terms and conditions, visit our website at [www.stpaulviparish.org](http://www.stpaulviparish.org).

Tickets will also be available for purchase at 40 E. Burlington, Riverside. [Visit our website to download and print the order form.](#) Ticket numbers are assigned in the order payments are received.

Any questions? Please contact Jane Birmingham at [jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org](mailto:jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org) or 708-853-1421. Thank you in advance for supporting the parish and GOOD LUCK!

### PLEASE HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND AT CHRISTMAS!

We are all familiar with what is happening in the Holy Land. This conflict has had a devastating impact on the Christians living in the Holy Land. Their sole source of income is tourism from Christian pilgrims visiting the area. In addition to not receiving any income, families are not able to provide for themselves. Their children are being homeschooled.

*The Holy Land is silent this Advent and Christmas Season...*

There are no Christmas lights anywhere.

No musical processions preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior.

No Christmas tree in Manger Square where Christ was born.

In spite of all of these difficulties, these Christian families choose to stay because they feel strongly that these sacred sites have a Christian presence.

Our parish has the opportunity to help support the families in the Holy Land this Christmas season by sponsoring 60 Christian children (ages 4-11). With our help, these children can receive a gift of hope on Christmas morning! Our goal is to raise \$25 for each child so that they can receive much needed items like clothing and school supplies and maybe even something fun. Any money we raise above and beyond this amount will be used to help their families through this difficult time.

In this season of Advent where we are asked to give to so many worthy causes, please prayerfully consider using the QR code or link to help sponsor a child in the Holy Land this Christmas. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to these Christian families in the Holy Land.

[Make a donation by clicking here or scanning the QR code with your phone.](#)

You can also drop a check off at the office or in the collection labeled. Please make the check out to St. Paul VI Parish with a memo, "Christmas in the Holy Land."





## *Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure*

### *Christmas 2023*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

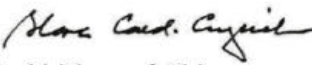
The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

# Parish Announcements & Events

## CHRISTMAS PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the office will have shortened hours or will be closed during the following dates:

- Monday, December 25 - CLOSED
- Tuesday, December 26 - CLOSED
- Wednesday, December 27 - 3 pm to 6 pm
- Friday, December 29 - 10 am to 1 pm
- January 1, 2024 - CLOSED

## Oplatki Christmas Wafers (Oplatek)

Oplatki will be available at both churches and the Parish Office until supplies last.

Envelopes of wafers (2 white and 1 pink) are \$3 each.

The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland during Early Christian times. This Christmas Custom began with a simple white wafer, baked from flour and water. The wafers are wonderfully designed to display Christmas images, such as the Nativity.



## CELEBRATE THE FIFTH SUNDAY MASS WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Members of St. Paul VI Knights of Columbus Bishop Ketteler Council 1628 and their family members recite the Rosary on the Fifth Sunday of the Month. This occurred only five times in 2023. Because the final Fifth Sunday for 2023 occurs on New Years Eve and because the 5 PM Mass will not be offered we will be reciting the Rosary after the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary. We invite all parishioners to take 15-20 minutes out of their busy schedules to prayerfully close out 2023, and ring in 2024 by joining us in reciting this beautiful prayer to our Lord's Mother Mary on Sunday December 31. Members also recite the Rosary at 6:30 PM prior to our meetings which are held at 7 PM on the first Wednesday of the month in the Oak Room. All men 18 & older are invited to attend our meetings to find out more about our Order. See our article in the parish bulletin under "Parish & Community Resources" for more information. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and New Year, and Vivat Jesus! which translates into Jesus Lives!

## MEN OF ST. PAUL VI'S 4TH ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT JANUARY 27, 2024 - 9AM TO 4PM



NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival

## Save the Date: Explanatory Mass!

January 23, 2024  
6:30pm in St. Mary Church



Have you ever thought about the prayers and responses of the Mass... what do they mean? What's the "why" behind what we do in the Mass? Are you ever bored or find your mind wandering off in Mass? In January, our parish will have an explanatory Mass where Fr. Luke will walk through the prayers and gestures, explain the background and meaning of different parts of the Mass, and give some helpful tips for prayer and participating more deeply in our greatest celebration each Sunday-- the Holy Mass!

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2024

Join St. Paul VI Parish as we pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. We will host an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 6pm in Menarik Hall in the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center on Mater Christi Campus. Elizabeth Kos ebkos@stpaulviparish.org .

## Service Opportunities

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) - TUESDAY SUPPER

CC Cicero began the Tuesday Supper program at the beginning of the pandemic in October 2020. The geographic area that is served is mostly the near-west suburbs of Berwyn, Cicero, and South Oak Park. The CC clients served are seniors and the working poor. **St. Paul VI**

**Parish is a monthly sponsor.** The Service Outreach Committee coordinates a supper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month; different menus are planned. Thank you to all who have helped us to help others, especially those who help on a regular monthly basis.



#### Volunteers are needed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month

1. **Cooks & Bakers** – Prepare food for 24, ready to serve in disposable trays delivered between 4:45 – 5 pm to St. Mary's Parking Lot near the entrance off of Herrick Street.
2. **Drivers** – needed at 4:40 pm to meet at St. Mary's Parking Lot to load up prepared food and drop off by 5:30 pm at the CC Cicero location where the food is served.

**Our next supper will be on Tuesday, January 16th.** Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA62AAFC1-catholic66#/>



### FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!

The Food Pantry stays open year round. Please continue to support the Food Pantry by keeping it stocked year round. Bring your donation for the Catholic Charities Pantry items to the Parish Office at 40 E. Burlington, Riverside. Canned goods: soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, and pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, and mac n cheese are welcome. In addition, gift cards can be placed in an envelope and dropped at the office mailbox. Please label the envelope CC Food Pantry Collection.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLLECTING DIAPERS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

**Thank You** for your generous donations to the ongoing Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities. Any sizes will help families and babies in need but **sizes 5 & 6 are the most needed.** Please drop off your donations at the parish office located at 40 E Burlington St, Riverside, or Mater Christi Church at 2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside.



### SERVICE OUTREACH

How can I volunteer to serve others? Is there a group at St. Paul VI Parish that helps others outside our parish?

These questions may come to mind when you see and hear of hardships that others in our community and in the world are enduring. The St. Paul VI Service Outreach Committee (SOC) focus is to inspire and lead the parish faith community in ministering to those in poverty, service members in the military, the elderly, community families and the environment. Visit our page on the St. Paul VI [website](#), see what we have done, projects that are ongoing and how you can help.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please consider helping serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or by making a donation in the donation box found in the back of both Churches. Thank You for your generosity!

*If you know of someone who needs assistance, or would like to join St. Vincent DePaul, please call the office at 708-447-1020, X217.*



### SAINT KATERI'S CLOSET

We are still accepting First Communion outfits for our St. Kateri's Closet. Items can then be returned freshly laundered for the next family to use. There is no cost to the families. Donations can be dropped off at:

St. Hugh Faith Formation Center  
2400 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside

St. Paul VI Parish Office (Lyne Parish Office)  
40 E. Burlington St., Riverside

Questions? Contact Chris at 708-224-9993 or [jcvalfred@outlook.com](mailto:jcvalfred@outlook.com)



### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Looking for volunteers to help feed 40 meals to the hungry for a homeless shelter located on Lake Street in Oak Park on the first Friday of each month. Each volunteer makes 5-10 dinners on a menu of their choosing comprising of an entree, a vegetable, and a dessert. Containers are supplied. Meals are delivered.

Interested? Contact Kathy Burns, [burns.kathleen@comcast.net](mailto:burns.kathleen@comcast.net)  
Sponsored by the St Paul VI Women's Society.



### REPACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The next session is Saturday, Jan. 6th, from 1:00 - 3:45 pm.

Kids 11+ must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For questions or to register contact John Legan via text or call at 708-870-0045 or email at [bishopse5a@gmail.com](mailto:bishopse5a@gmail.com).

Please sign up by Wednesday, January 3rd.

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## *Parish & Community Resources*

### **ST. PAUL VI PARISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

The St. Paul VI Women's Society holds its monthly gatherings on the first Wednesday of every month, September through June, unless otherwise noted. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room (lower level) of Mater Christi Church. Prior to the meeting, everyone is invited to church for the Rosary at 6:30 pm. For information, contact Co-President Nicki Mendez, 708-539-6575, [nicki828@myyahoo.com](mailto:nicki828@myyahoo.com); or Co-President Theresa Mendez, 815-383-8841, [thrmndz2055@gmail.com](mailto:thrmndz2055@gmail.com).

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*Bishop Ketteler Council 1628* Catholic men 18 and older are invited to our monthly meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary Church (Oak Room). Info: Roger Jensen at (630) 418-3308.

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### **HISPANIC MINISTRY / MINISTERIO HISPANO**

Join the St. Paul VI Hispanic Committee to talk about promoting our Latino faith and share with the parish community.

For questions, contact Matthew Brophy [mbrophy@archchicago.org](mailto:mbrophy@archchicago.org) or call 708-447-1020.

Únase al Comité Hispano de St. Paul VI para hablar sobre promover nuestra fe latina y compartir con la comunidad Parroquial.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Matthew Brophy [mbrophy@archchicago.org](mailto:mbrophy@archchicago.org) o llame al 708-447-1020.

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### **ST. PAUL VI HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

St Paul VI Parish Holy Name Society (HNS) meets monthly from September through May each term. General meetings are held on the second Friday of each month with a Mass celebrated the Sunday immediately following the meeting. Other HNS events are held throughout the calendar year with information posted in advance in the bulletin. For information contact Ted Watylyk at [stpaulvihns@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulvihns@gmail.com).

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### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

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 the parish office at 708-447-1020.

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### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

St. Paul VI's Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society helps those in the surrounding areas with assistance. If you need assistance or know someone that needs assistance, please call the parish office and leave a message for St. Vincent DePaul and a volunteer will contact you.

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### **BAPTISM OF INFANTS**

Second and fourth Sundays at St. Mary, first and third Sundays at Mater Christi. Register for Parent Preparation Session by calling the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

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### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

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.

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### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you would like to receive an anointing, or you know someone who would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the parish office (708-447-1020) to schedule an appointment to arrange a visit.

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### **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.

There 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.

Contact the parish office for assistance in any musical questions or special requests.

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

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### **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.

Meet our parish counselor Damaris Colón-Soto. She is now available for confidential counseling in person at the Lyne Pastoral Center or St. Hugh Faith Formation Center from 9 am-4 pm. To schedule an appointment, please email [damariscolon.claret@gmail.com](mailto:damariscolon.claret@gmail.com) or call 773-313-2492 (Se habla español). She will be available to meet in person at the Lyne Parish Office on Fridays.

For reading resources, visit [stpaulviparish.org](http://stpaulviparish.org).

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RESOURCE**

#### **FOR HELP 24/7**

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Love is Respect (For Teens) 1-866-331-9474

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