



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

PRAY FOR US



“

...A LIGHT FOR REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, AND GLORY FOR YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL...

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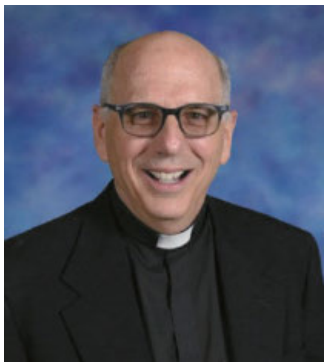
- THE HOLY FAMILY

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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



Today marks the last calendar day for Year 2023...and it has been quite a year. I don't know if it had more ups and downs than years past, but I am looking forward to flipping the calendar page and seeing 2024. I think it is because we tend to dwell on the opportunities that await and kind of block out any challenges that might be on the horizon. (Or we are just so tired from all our Christmas celebrations that we are looking forward to a long winter's January nap!)

As we enter 2024, let us take a bit of time to reflect on how far we have come these past two and a half years since we became St. Paul VI parish. Father Matt and I enjoy seeing more and more people venturing across First Avenue in both directions, our Music and Hispanic ministry groups are growing, and our Youth Ministry program finally seems to be taking root both in service and witness as demonstrated by the successful outings to Appalachia and Indianapolis.

Looking forward, I know that 2024 will see more growth and change. Spanish Mass will begin at Mater Christi at 8:00 AM on Sunday January 14, we will start a third season of Alpha, and several groups have expressed the desire to start some additional small group faith sharing opportunities. We are proclaiming the Good News and having fun doing it – what more could a Pastor ask?

I want to thank my staff especially for all of the patience and perseverance they have shown this past year. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes and they keep it all going with joyful hearts and good humor. I recently asked Chris Alfred to take over the role of Business Manager and Jane Birmingham to become the Operations Director. Thankfully they both accepted.

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Christmas collection. If you have not done so, there is still time – Christmas doesn't end until January 6th!

I wish you all a very blessed, peaceful, and happy new year. Whatever happens in the coming days and months, good or not so good, I know that the community of St. Paul VI will make the journey together and continue to grow in faith and love for our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A prayer for the New Year: "Eternal God, you gave us the gift of life. In the coming year, help us to use it wisely. May we grow in generosity, kindness and forgiveness, hope, faith, and love. Amen.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



This New Year of 2024 we can look at Pope Francis for 12 points for the months of the years. This list reflects a selection of writings and addresses from Pope Francis, which we excerpt below from *Aleteia*.

1. Build bridges, not walls

A Christian should always seek the path of listening, the path of reconciliation, with humility and meekness, because that's what the Son of God has taught us. (Santa Marta homily, January 23, 2015)

2. Let yourself be moved by suffering ... and then do something

You know, brothers, that hypocrites do not know how to weep, they have forgotten how to weep, they do not ask for the gift of tears. Jesus calls us to rely solely on the reward of the Father "who sees in secret" (Matthew 6:4, 6, 18). (Ash Wednesday homily, February 18, 2015)

3. Don't be afraid to be ashamed of yourself and recognize when you've done wrong

We must learn the science and wisdom of accusing ourselves ... I accuse myself, feel the pain caused by the wound, learn where it has come from, and then indict myself regarding it. (Santa Marta homily, September 28, 2017)

4. Dream of love

"You can't have a family without dreams," Francis said in Manila in 2015. "Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. ... Dreaming is very important. Especially dreaming in families. Do not lose this ability to dream!"

5. Avoid attachment to riches

Riches have the ability to seduce and make us believe that we are in a paradise on Earth. That "paradise" is a place without horizon. (Santa Marta homily, May 25, 2015)

6. Pray daily for your health and that of your loved ones

The Church invites constant prayer for her own loved ones stricken with suffering. There must never be a lack of prayer for the sick. But rather, we must pray more, both personally and as a community. (General audience, June 10, 2015)

7. Be strong in faith so as to overcome division

When we give of ourselves, we discover our true identity as children of God in the image of the Father and, like him, givers of life; we discover that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus, to whom we bear witness. (July 7, 2015, Mass in Ecuador)

8. Work hard for your dignity and that of your family

Work — I repeat, in its many forms — is proper to the human person. It expresses the dignity of being created in the image of God. Thus, it is said that work is sacred.. (General audience, August 19, 2015)

9. Don't let yourself be robbed of hope

Everyone sometimes dreams of things which are never going to happen. But dream them anyway, desire them, seek new horizons, be open to great things. (Pope Francis in Havana, Cuba, September 20, 2015)

10. Remember that God never abandons us

Jesus has always shown us that God is full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. And therefore, we can and we should have an immense confidence in him. (Santa Marta homily, November 20, 2017)

11. Find happiness by creating harmony

"Jesus' attitude," however, "is to include. ... The path that Jesus shows us, that he teaches us, is completely different, and it is opposed to the other: to include." (Santa Marta homily, November 5, 2015)

12. Know that you are loved, so that you can give love and forgiveness

God says "do not be afraid of your sins, I love you; I am here to forgive you. This is the mercy of God, yes, you've made a mistake but don't worry, don't be afraid. I forgive you." (Santa Marta homily, December 10, 2015)

Fr. Matt Nemchausky, Associate Pastor

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

5:00 pm Church

MASS LIVESTREAM LINK ON YOUTUBE:

[youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA)

(no set Mass time for livestream)

Sunday Drive-Up Holy Communion

St. Mary Church side parking lot near the elevator entrance

9:15 to 9:30 am

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

RECONCILIATION

Mater Christi Church

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 pm, before

5:00 pm Mass or by appointment

St. Mary Church

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm, before

4:00 pm Mass or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm

St. Mary Church

Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 pm

ROSARY

Mater Christi Church

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am

St. Mary Church

Monday - Friday After 8:30 am Daily Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND JAN 6 & JAN 7:

St. Mary Church

Presider:

Saturday **Jan 6** 4:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Sunday **Jan 7** 8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

10:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Mater Christi Church

Presider:

Saturday **Jan 6** 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday **Jan 7** 8:00 AM Fr. Vittorio Bruscella

9:30 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

11:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz

**Presider schedule is subject to change.*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:

1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12

-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/

Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

1,701,448

Come pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Please keep sending in your prayers for healing and join us for the Zoom Rosary Sundays at 7:30pm.

Join us at this link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQT09)

[pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQT09)

Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468

Passcode: 949134

Please submit your count to stmarymarys@gmail.com.

The counts received are tabulated for inclusion in upcoming communications.

VIRTUAL PRAYER WALL

Share your prayer request so others can pray for you, or pray for the needs on the wall. Remember, this is a public forum. Be sure you have permission to share the personal details of others, especially names.

All prayer intentions will be moderated before posting.

Virtual Prayer Wall requests can be made by visiting

www.stpaulviparish.org or call the parish office at

708-447-1020.

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

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), Celestine Casper

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

Year Anniversary (The Sblendorio Family)

Monday, January 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(New Year's Day)

(MC) 9:30 am † Fr. M Cyril Nemecek (Ludmila Vavrinec)

(SM) 10:00 am † Lorraine Kwiatkowski

Tuesday, January 2 - *St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Anne Lysaught)

Wednesday, January 3 - *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Eugene Koszala (Vabro, Sexon & White

Families), Thomas M. Wilcox (Margaret O'Brien), Corrine Yetter (Deb Yetter)

Thursday, January 4 - *St. Elizabeth Ann of Seton*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Cynthia Schuette (Peter Kourim), Rev. M Cyril

Nemecek

Friday, January 5 - *St. John Neumann*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Emil Wengren (Patricia Madai),

Simon Mireles, Sr.

Saturday, January 6 - *St. André Bessette*

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm † Celestine Casper, Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne

Stach), St. Paul VI Women's Society, Barbara Dilelio (Dilelio Family), Meg

McSheehy O'Brien

(MC) 5:00 pm † Helen & August Ondrejka (Ludmilla Vavrinek), Jim Burns (Del

Burns), Cecylia Bucko (Scot & Ann Baikie)

Sunday, January 7 - **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Catherine (Kay) Falbo (SPVI Bereavement), Members of

the Stumpo Family (Dorothy Conjura), Barbara Dilelio

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

Teresa Santillan (Dorothy Hathaway), Ofelia Villafuerte (Evelina Villafuerte),

Carmen Orozco (Evelina Villafuerte)

(SM) 10:00 am † Mr. & Mrs Paul & Kimberly Carrabotta (Anne Lysaught),

Barbara Dilelio

(MC) 11:00 am † Gene Koszala (Dvorak Family), Wilma Pecka (Roseann

Lorenz), Eileen Sweeney (Mary Sweeney)

(SM) 5:00 pm † Fr. Charles Igechi (Anne Lysaught), Barbara Dilelio



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
Adela Obregón.**

May they rest in peace.

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Virginia Alba	Russell Klemp
Cheryl Albertsen	Jerry Kosik
Christine Alvarado	Virginia Kott
Jim Arndt	Donald J. Kotrba, Sr.
Antonio Arredondo	Mary Kratochvil
Neenah B.	Joseph Kratochvil
Arlene Batek	Diane Kretz
Mary Binder	Dorothy Kraus
Alberto Blasi	Christina Lee
Anita Blasi	Ramon Lehnen
Deacon Bob Boharic	Anthony Lindauer
Jennifer Borow	Charlotte Lindauer
Lauri Bukowski	Ashley Marlow
Del Burns	Eileen Marquetti
Patti Bzdyl	Emily Martinez
Raybon Carroll	Harper Faith McGee
Al Cimino	Spencer Mehr
Victorino Herrera Corral	Dolores Messlein
Glen Cox	Lizzie Mooney
Gloria DeSanto	Rita Morrissey
Margarita Diaz	Freda Murphy
Carol Dvorak	Annie Nystrom
Alex Dynako	Margaret O.
David Dynako	Russ O'Brien
Elliott Franche	Beth Pennacchio
Midge Galloro	Dean Pennacchio
Terry Giblin	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

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.

Worship

2023

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

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

La Parroquia St. Paul VI

se complace en anunciar que celebraremos

la Misa en español

a las 8 am

en la Iglesia Mater Christi

2401 S 10th Ave
North Riverside

a partir del

14 de enero de 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, monaguillos 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

**St. Paul VI Parish
is pleased to announce that we
will celebrate,**

Mass in Spanish

8:00 am

**Mater Christi Church
2401 S 10th Ave
North Riverside**

**beginning
January 14, 2024**

**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 contact**

**María Ramos at
marramos@archchicago.org.**

Faith Formation

An Invitation to Peace

Even though the sun sets within ten minutes of leaving work in December, the sunset fills my nearby church with the most ethereal glow. The warmth of the church envelops me as I genuflect and kneel in the pew, my mind racing over my day in the silence.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



A while ago, I decided I would stop at the Catholic church off my street after work every day for a week. Months later, I am still challenged to embrace silence in the presence of the Lord. Yet it's comforting to know that even the greatest saints knew this struggle. Saint John Paul II articulated it perfectly: "In order to do, we must first learn 'to be'... in the sweet company of Jesus in Adoration."

Once I began the search for the Eucharistic Prince of Peace each day, my world calmed in surprising ways. The headlines in my inbox every day became instances to intercede for others I would never meet. Hard

conversations evolved into humble moments of honest conversation with God. I even noticed I would ache to sit with Jesus in the tabernacle at the end of the day.

The Lord means it when he says to us in the Gospel of Matthew, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I shall give you rest" (Mt 11:28). If we give God the chance to ease our burdens, he provides what we need. And that includes peace in our ever-chaotic world and our aching hearts.

Jesus calms the seas with a word in the Gospels; he frees us from our shackles and our worries. He reminds us that we have no need for worry: "do not be afraid, for you are worth more than many sparrows" (Mt 10:31).

So, take heart this Christmas season! The Prince of Peace invites you to sit with him and receive. As you pray for world peace, you are also called to cultivate it in your own heart. How beautiful it is that, when you rest in Peace himself, your prayers for peace in your family, your nation, and your world mean all the more.

Colleen Schena is a writer at Relevant Radio with a passion for the stories of disciples moved to action by the Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD RETURNS TO SUNDAY MASS

If you are a family with children ages 2-7, please make plans to join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays at the 10am Mass at St. Mary or the 11am Mass at Mater Christi. Children will have the opportunity to leave the Mass during the Liturgy of the Word with trained and background-checked teachers and assistants that will help them understand the week's readings and celebrations in a fun and interactive way! Your children will then return to you in the pews after the Prayers of the Faithful. There is no need to sign up in advance, all are welcome! If you are a teen or an adult and would like to help with this ministry, please contact Elizabeth Kos at ebkos@stpaulviparishg.org.



SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

In our parish, all children and adults have the opportunity to receive the sacraments! For our friends with special needs, we offer the Special Religious Development Program or SPRED. This program is offered around the world for students who are six or older and would benefit from a faith formation program designed specifically for students who have developmental disabilities. To offer this wonderful opportunity to all our parishioners in need, we need volunteers who are willing to give their time to these extraordinary people as one-on-one catechists or teachers. Volunteers do not need to have any experience; training is given to everyone who wants to help. If you are a person who experiences joy in your faith and wants to share this joy in a meaningful way with others, please contact Elizabeth Kos at ebkos@stpaulviparish.org for more information about how you can volunteer!



Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

2023 LEGACY PLANNING

If your family's needs are being met, please be a light to others by considering a gift through your individual retirement account (IRA) in support of our parish. By naming St. Paul VI Parish as a beneficiary, you'll provide crucial financial support to our parish and the entire value of your gift will be transferred to us free from federal estate and income tax. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your retirement plan and will mean everything to our future parish community.

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.

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 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!

1st Place (\$75)
#224 - Megan McGovern

2nd Place (\$25)
#221 - John McGovern

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.

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 or 708-853-1421. Thank you in advance for supporting the parish and GOOD LUCK!

2023

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:

Anagnostopoulos Family
Castrogiovanni Family
Mary & Buddy Castrogiovanni
Anna Marie Guinta
Lena Marie Guinta

Thomas J. Guinta
Marie Guinta Nowell
Angeline Harpst
Mangiantini Family
Wanda Manika
Marchetti Family

Jim Marchetti
David, Mary Jo, Gay, Gage and James Marino
James Robert Murphy
Bernice Margentina
Andrea Racibozynski

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

Parish Announcements & Events



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!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING AND MASS

Our Holy Name Society (HNS) meeting will be held on **Friday, January 12, 2024** at the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center in Menarik Hall (lower level). Please join us for the first meeting of the new year and to purchase your HNS Smoker tickets. Doors open at 7pm with the meeting commencing at 7:30pm. Join us for an Italian-themed meal!



On Sunday, **January 14, 2024** our HNS Mass will be celebrated at the 9:30am service at the Mater Christi Church followed by hospitality.

New members welcome! Please bring a neighbor or friend.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY SMOKER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024
St. Hugh Faith Formation Center
Menarik Hall
Doors open at 6:30pm
Dinner at 7:00pm

The Holy Name Smoker is back! The Smoker is a *smokeless* social event for men including a family-style dinner that features a general merchandise raffle, a 50/50 raffle and card playing after dinner. It will be a fun night!

Smoker tickets are available for sale starting at the Holy Name meeting on January 12, 2024. Tickets are \$50 each and that price includes a fully-catered Harrington's corned beef dinner and beverages. The smoker is open to all men of the parish and their family and friends. Grab your friends and families! Please spread the word.

Donations for the general merchandise raffle are welcome and would be greatly appreciated to help make this a successful fund-raising event. Donations are welcome beginning with the January HNS meeting. Contact Matt Radek at (312) 576-4572 regarding merchandise donations. For tickets, please contact George Zdarsky at (708) 220-7005. Thank you in advance for your support.

REQUEST FOR TAX STATEMENT OF DONATIONS

If you wish to receive a statement of your donations, please stop by the parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside or call 708-447-1020. You can also complete this form and place it in the collection basket. You can choose to pick it up at the office, mailed to your home address or emailed to you. You can also submit it online by using this link, <https://forms.office.com/r/cbZhYY2fYa>.

(Please print clearly)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Check here to have your statement emailed.

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

**“PREPARING A GREAT
HOLYDAY MENU”**

WITH VENERATION OF THE ARM RELIC OF ST. JUDE

PRESENTED BY FR. MIKE FORD, O.P. – DIRECTOR OF
THE DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE, CHICAGO, IL
HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND HOLY NAME SOCIETY

AT

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
RETREAT CENTER**

13820 MAIN STREET
LEMONT, IL

COST \$45/PERSON INCLUDES LIGHT BREAKFAST & LUNCH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY JANUARY 16TH, 2024
CONTACT DAVID POKRAKA (224) 217-0576 OR
RICH SIMA (708) 446-6394 FOR INFORMATION



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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 3rd 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 3rd 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!

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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



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
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.

Please sign up by Wednesday, January 3rd.

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; or Co-President Theresa Mendez, 815-383-8841, thrmndz2055@gmail.com.

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.

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 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 o llame al 708-447-1020.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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>

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 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.

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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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